Unfortunately our “Meet and Greet/Twilight Sports” had to be cancelled earlier this week, due to bad weather. We have postponed this event to next Tuesday March 5th, from 5.00 – 7.00pm.

We hope that all of our families attend the evening as it will be a great opportunity for you to meet and chat to the staff in your child’s learning space and to hear a bit about what is happening throughout the school. Our Special Events team have been working hard to plan and organise the sport events for the evening, and I am sure that we will all have a lot of fun on the night. So bring along your picnic dinner and don’t forget we will be selling choc tops for $2.00 each.

If you would like to be more involved in the school, there are many opportunities available to you, such as PFA, School Council, excursions and camps, assisting in learning spaces, helping with PMP and sporting events. We would love to see more of our parents, carers or grandparents working with us in the school. If you are interested, make sure you have a current ‘Working with Children check’ and speak to your child’s Home Group teacher to organise a time and activity that you would be able to help with.

Cheryl Van Deursen - Principal

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
- Nelson Mandela
SCHOOL NEWS

Student Birthdays

Ronan E.
Sharni L.
David W.
Thushager S.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations on all your wonderful efforts this week!

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CAMP PAYMENTS
Payments for both 3/4 and 5/6 must be finalised by Wednesday 6th March. Please send your final payments in an envelope to your child’s teacher.

STUDENT PICK UP TIME
Please note that school dismisses at 3.15pm each day and students need to be picked up at this time. The school does not conduct an After School Care Program.

CURRICULUM NEWS

A key area of our Literacy program is ‘Speaking and Listening’. Being able to communicate effectively with others and to listen and understand information being received are vital skills we need to develop in our students.

At school, these skills are developed in a variety of ways – Reading, News/Show and Tell, Role play, Drama activities, Circle Time, are just a few.

We often get comments from parents that their child never tells them about their day at school. Quite often it is the question being asked. “What did you do at school today?” will usually get the answer “Nothing!” Changing the question may help to get a more informative response.

Use a variety of questions that start with WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, or HOW. – “Who did you play with today?” “Where did you have Sport?”

- Be specific in what you ask - ”Tell me about what you did in Maths today.” ”Tell me something new you learnt today”

- Discuss your day with your child, so that they listen to information from you. If you discuss your day first, this will provide them with an example of how to share their daily events with you.

- Tell your child one thing about your day, and then ask them for one thing about their day, and so on. This may help them to break a day's information down into easily retrievable chunks.

- Engage your child in family discussions – perhaps at dinner time when it is quiet and easier to listen to others.

- When asking your child to do something for you, start with simple one step instructions and try to gradually work up to more complex instructions. This could help them to develop their ability to retain more information at one time.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child’s Home Group teacher.

Di Fernand – Assistant Principal
The students in the Middle Learning Community have had a fantastic start to 2013! The Grade 3 students are adjusting to their new learning environment and the Grade 4 students are enjoying the new look and feel of the learning spaces.

Please do not hesitate to come and see your child’s home group teacher for an informal chat after school on Mondays and Fridays.
Anaphylaxis Product Recall
A product recall has been issued for Koala Popcorn Chicken Flavour by food standards Australia, New Zealand. This product contains an undeclared allergen. The product is in a foil sealed bag weight is 25 g net the bag has a picture of a large koala on the front and a best before date up to and including 07/07/13. If you require further information you can contact Food Recalls at food standards Australia on (02)6271 2222.

School Photographs
School photos will be taken on Thursday 14th March. The photo envelopes were sent home last Monday.

Please read the instructions on the envelope carefully, noting that:
- correct money should be included – change will not be available
- a $20 surcharge will apply to late orders/payments

News from the PFA
Cookie Dough Drive:
Cookie Dough Orders need to be returned to your child’s teacher by Friday this week (1st March). Spare order forms are available from the General Office.

Committee Meeting:
PFA is having their Annual General Meeting and their first meeting for 2013’s committee on Tuesday 12th March at 7pm in the staff room. Any parents who are interested in supporting the school by being a member of PFA for 2013 are invited to attend these meetings. We look forward to having lots of new parents joining, to help raise extra funds to support the students.

School Council
The Annual General Meeting for our 2013 School Council will be held on Tuesday 26th March at 7.00pm in the staff room. If you are interested in being a parent member this year, please collect a nomination form from the office and return it by Friday 8th March to be eligible for nomination.

Uniform Update
Beleza is selling their current stock of our school bomber jackets at a 20% discount at the moment. This is to make way for new stock of bomber jackets which will have the logo embroidered, rather than printed.

The 20% discount only applies to bomber jackets – NOT windcheaters or polo shirts.
For any further information, please contact Beleza directly.

Melbourne Demons visit Cranbourne Primary School
On Tuesday 12th February Bridget Hanson from the Melbourne Football Club came to Cranbourne PS with Tom Gillies, James Sellar and Jake Spencer. The AFL Players worked with the School Captains and House Captains to help each child with literacy activities. At the end of these activities the children were able to have posters and stickers signed by the players. A most valuable experience and a great opportunity for our school to support the Read and Write like a Demon Program. We look forward to future visits from the Melbourne Football Club.