BOOK WEEK celebrations

During the past two weeks, staff and students have been using time at school to celebrate Children’s Book Week and Literacy/Numeracy week. They have been reading the 12 books selected by the Children’s Book Council of Australia as the ‘2014 - Children’s book of the year winners’.


Today staff and students were invited to dress up as book characters and I was very impressed with everybody’s outstanding efforts.

The parade this afternoon gave students the opportunity to ‘showcase’ their creative costumes.

We saw characters from traditional stories and modern stories; Snow White, Red Riding Hood, the Big Bad Wolf, Charlotte the spider, witches, Harry Potter, Angelina Ballerina and Bob The Builder.

Congratulations to staff members, Sharon and Gail, who got into the theme of ‘literacy’ and transformed the office into a ‘Wonderland’.

Cheryl Van Deursen
Principal

Quote of the Week

‘Literacy is the building block of learning’
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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**CURRICULUM**

**The Great Homework Debate!**

You may have heard discussions in the media over the last week regarding homework, and in particular, homework for primary school aged children. Research points to the fact that formal homework for primary school aged children has little to no academic value. There have been lots of discussions and interviews taking place to gain opinions on this topic.

Some of the points raised were:

- Homework tasks for younger students become a battle between the child and the parent.
- The tasks do not necessarily add to the academic growth of the child.
- Homework tasks do not always relate to the learning taking place at school.
- Children need ‘down time’ and time to be children and PLAY!
- It is not so much the task that is important, but more about setting positive attitudes and routines.
- Reading is a focus, because reading is a part of every subject.
- Tasks need to be interesting and challenging so children WANT to do them.
- Children need to be engaged in family activities, learning from daily practical applications.

When you look at our Homework Policy (available on school web site) you can see that we are aligned with these points and homework is all about adding to the learning taking place at school and READING!

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**Stars of the Week**

_Congratulations on all your wonderful efforts this week!_

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**From The Office**

Happy Birthday to those students who celebrate their birthday this week.

**JOSEPH K. KHIEM N. CHETHYA G. JORDAN H. K OBY W.**
Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 Hoop Time

On Wednesday 6th August and Monday 11th August, 57 students competed against other schools in the Cranbourne District Hoop Time competition. The students played four games and some teams made the finals. Our students did us proud. They all tried their hardest and showed excellent skills. The students improved greatly over the day and their attitude and behaviour was excellent. Thank you to all the parents who made the effort to attend it was wonderful for the children to have such support. A special thank you, to all those children who did their best and had a lot of fun on the day.

Literacy & Numeracy Week
Thank-you to all the families and friends who have shopped at the Good Guys and earned donation credits to support our school. Remember every time you shop at Good Guys, ask for your Cranbourne cash credits to go to our school.

Bunnings Free Father’s Day Family night
Thursday 4th of September 6-8 pm
Jumping castle, pop corn & fairy floss, balloonist, face painting, Little Munchkins Dance Crew, make a gift for dad & a sausage sizzle
Bookings essential – for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store. Or phone 5991 3100
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School Uniform!

- Winter beanies are now part of our school uniform and are available from Beleza. Generic beanies may also be worn, but must be navy blue and have no brands, logos, sporting names/teams on them.
- Yellow is no longer a part of our school uniform and items with yellow bands or previous logo should no longer be worn.
- Our lost property cupboard is extremely full. If your child has misplaced their jumper please check the big red cupboard located in the BER building. Most items are not named – please remember to write your child’s name clearly on their school jumper.

JSC Helping the Lost Dogs Home

Our JSC have embarked on a campaign to help the Lost Dogs Home on Thompson’s Road, Cranbourne North. If you could help this would be very much appreciated. The JSC children are asking for donations of old blankets and towels to help keep the lost dogs sheltered at the centre warm this winter. Please bring these items into school and the JSC children will collect them, and on the 4th of September they will make a visit to the Lost Dogs Home to donate all items.
Thanks - JSC

If you are looking for a sporting club or community activity for your child please check our website under the community activities tab.
www.cranbourne-ps.vic.edu.au