That time of year has come again where parent feedback is sought by the DEECD on school performance. 40 families will be randomly selected to participate in the parent opinion survey. This is highly valued and follows a level of strict anonymity to ensure honest feedback. If you receive a survey, please take the time to consider the questions carefully and return the completed survey to school in the sealed envelope provided.

During discussions about policy reviews at our School council meeting this week, a suggestion was presented from one of our parents, Nichelle Davis. Her proposal was to add winter beanies to the uniform list. The motion was discussed and carried. Thank you to Nichelle for this suggestion. We will be communicating with the school uniform shop to get these added to the stock. Beanies will need to be navy blue with or without the school logo. No other logos, pictures or modifications will be accepted. Final details will be in next week’s newsletter following confirmation from the uniform shop.

Cheryl Van Deursen
Principal

Quote of the Week

‘Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much’
- Helen Keller
**Student Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to the students who celebrate their birthdays this week:

- **Vithum S.**
- **Axle B.**
- **BAAHES D.**
- **Logan C.**
- **Tamekah M.**

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**Maths**
- Making patterns with colours and blocks

**Construction**

**Problem Solving**

**Bakery**

**Writing**

**Collage**

**Tinkering**

**Nature**
- Investigating snails

**School**
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.

Thank you to all our families and friends who have been purchasing products at The Good Guys – our school has accumulated over $4000 to spend on supporting the Well Being of the school. Past purchases have included fridges, microwaves, toasters, kettles, etc. for supporting the Breakfast club, Science and cooking programs.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE:
REMEMBER – Literacy starts at 9.00am. Your child’s learning in every subject is impacted by their literacy capabilities. If your child is absent or late, their access to the daily literacy session is impacted. (See centre page in today’s newsletter).

Aim for being ON TIME every day!

Lost And Found: A hand knitted blanket has been handed in to the office. This was found in the yard last week. If this belongs to you please see the administration staff.

School Uniform Reminder!
Bomber jackets and windcheaters with yellow bands and the old logo are no longer part of our school uniform and should no longer be worn. New items with our new school logo can be purchased from Beleza.

Please note: “Hoodies” are not part of our school uniform.