**Principal’s News**

*Remember: Curriculum Day Friday 15th August*

Students are not required at school on this day

**An update on our plumbing.**

Yesterday morning our attention was drawn to the undercover area at the oval end of the main building by water flooding out from beneath the concrete. Plumbers detected a leak in the pipes, which has been addressed with urgency.

The construction workers who have been on site today have been making repairs to underground pipes which has required a great deal of digging and excavating.

Access to the area was sealed off and extra staff supervision was put in place during the recess and lunch break to ensure students did not enter the restricted area.

Portable toilets were brought onto the school site yesterday for staff as water into the buildings was cut off.

Students had access to their regular portable toilet block and bottled water was available.

We would encourage all students to bring their own bottled water to school every day.

We have also arranged for the repairs to pipes at the other end of the building to be completed next Friday (our curriculum day)

*Cheryl Van Deursen Principal*

**Quote of the Week**

‘Human nature is like water.
It takes the shape of its container’

- Wallace Stevens
We've all made mistakes when disciplining kids. Tiredness, emotion and lack of skill can get in the way of effective discipline. But part of the evolution and growth of you as a parent involves eradicating some of your old ways, and replacing them with new, more effective, more sophisticated ways of managing yourself and your kids.

For better, more sophisticated and more effective discipline techniques visit Michael's online parenting manual – the parenting ideas Club. There are 1,000s of strategies waiting to be used. Take your FREE trial now at parentingideasclub.com.au

Or visit the school website for links to Michaels parenting ideas blog and magazine.

**CURRICULUM**

**Maths.**

Maths is an area of the curriculum that often conjures up negative thoughts. Many children say “I don’t like Maths”, or “I am no good at Maths”. As educators it is sometimes difficult to break through these negative thoughts. Often the problem is that students do not make the connection between the concepts and skills they are learning at school with their real life applications.

To assist with this, teachers provide learning opportunities that are open ended and challenging. Activities are planned to engage students and relate to real life situations. To support your child’s interest and development in Maths you could:

- Play board games such as Chess and Checkers, to develop strategic thinking
- Play games such as Trouble and Snakes and Ladders that reinforce counting
- Play Monopoly to help with money, strategic thinking
- Encourage your child to help with shopping, counting money, working out change.
- Identify shapes and patterns around the home/local community
- Ensure you have clocks (analogue and digital) around the home and refer to times when planning family outings
- Have your child check the TV guide for start times and duration of shows
- Encourage your child to help with cooking meals to help weigh and measure ingredients
- Have your child help with ‘odd jobs’ around the house, such as gardening, repairs, etc to help with measurements and units of measurement.

These are just a few suggestions for you to consider. If you would like any more ideas please speak to your child’s Home Group teacher.
On Wednesday the 23rd July, the School Leadership group went to the local library to do the Read like a Demon program. When we were there some of the leaders, Jade T, Nick W, Kaylah D and Jemma C read out their book reports that we wrote on the book we were reading. We met three Melbourne players Colin Garland, Jack Fitzpatrick and Melissa Hickey. They read us a book called the ‘Night of the Clown’ written by a Year 5 girl. We had to answer questions about the book and if you got the answer right you got a pencil case with stickers and the book that they read to us in it. Some people have put their book reports on the Read like a Demon website and they might get a prize for their great work. We all would just like to say thank you to Miss Biram for taking us to the Library. If you would like to put a book report on the Read like a Demon website, the address is http://www.deezone.com.au/

Written by Jemma and Nick
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.

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.

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.

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MY SKILLS CAN SUPPORT CRANBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

My child’s name_______________________ home group ___________

My name ______________________________ contact no. ____________

My skills are (please tick or add to skill list)

Building                           Fencing                      Concreting
Paving                              Garden edging                Planting
Pruning                             Tree trimming                Landscaping
Gardening                           

☐ I would be willing to help do minor jobs

Days and times I could be available to help at school:-

Monday     Tuesday   Wednesday   Thursday   Friday    Working Bee

Times available:-: ____________________________________

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