As the holidays are approaching and the weather is improving, it is a good time to start investigating things to do around Cranbourne and in Melbourne. There are many ‘free’ activities offered around Melbourne which you can find on the following website.

http://www.visitvictoria.com/Regions/Melbourne/Activities-and-attract.../Free-Melbourne

Some of my time over the past week has been spent working through issues between students. We all go through stages in our lives where we are challenged by others’ behaviour and/or opinions. Many parents are doing an excellent job using examples of school yard arguments/disagreements as learning opportunities to assist in the development of skills for dealing with social conflict, which is preparing their children for life. Staff intervention occurs when they are informed of incidents but it has been brought to my attention that many incidents go unreported to staff. Please encourage your child to report incidents to staff and if your child has reported to you that they have a problem but have not informed a teacher, please contact their home group teacher and let us know so it can be followed up.

Please refer to the Welfare & Discipline policy and the community code of conduct policy on the school website for school procedures.

Cheryl Van Deursen
Principal

Quote of the Week

‘The opposite of a problem would likely be the correct solution.’

Joey Lawsin
The second instalments of EMA cheques are now available at the office. If you chose to have this payment paid directly into your bank account, this should have happened on or around the 17th of August. If this did not happen please contact the school office to see if we have received a cheque for you.

We have been advised that the (EMA) Education Maintenance Payment (EMA) will cease to exist at the end of 2014. Please note that if you have used this payment in the past to purchase your books and pay your contributions, this will no longer be an option.

CURRICULUM

Read!!!

I have spoken about the importance of reading before, and would like to commend all of those families that already have regular reading with their child as part of the family routine.

Learning to read is vital to all areas of a child’s learning. So often we see children who are ‘good’ at Maths but struggle with mathematical word problems because their reading skills let them down.

Below are some strategies and suggestions to help you with reading at home with your child:

• Develop a routine that suits your family and commitments.
• Set aside a quiet time and space in the home to focus on reading
• Do not get stressed – if it is becoming too stressful – take a break.
• Encourage your child to read a variety of material.
• Model reading to your child.
• Demonstrate reading for a purpose/fun/relaxation.
• Ensure your child’s nightly reading is recorded in their student diary.
• Ask them questions about what they are reading and ask them to predict what might happen next.
• Most importantly - make it a fun and enjoyable time with your child.
The students in Junior School have been making minibeasts out of clay. Some of the minibeasts students made were butterflies, dragonflies, spiders, scorpions and ladybugs. Students added legs made from pipe cleaners, antennae’s made from matchsticks and then painted their minibeasts to complete it. They look fabulous!
COMMUNITY NEWS

Lost Dogs’ Home Visit

The Junior School Council would like to thank the Cranbourne Primary School Community for their support with their blanket and towel donations. On Thursday the 4th of September the Junior School Council members visited the Lost Dogs’ Home and presented our donations to a very grateful staff who gave us a wonderful tour of the facilities.

What would you like to see on our Web site?

We are continually looking for ways to make our Web site more informative and user friendly, so we are inviting the school community to have a look and tell us if there is something you would like us to add, or do differently. If you have some ideas just fill in the slip and return this to the school. You can put your name on the slip or leave it anonymous its up to you. www.cranbourne-ps.vic.edu.au

Name:..............................................................................................................

If you are looking for some school holiday ideas please check our website.

www.cranbourne-ps.vic.edu.au

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.