Welcome to the very first school newsletter from the Junior Learning Community (also know as the JLC).

This year has started with a bang! The new Prep students have been straight into learning all the routines of how to be at school, such as how to line up, where to put their bags and remember to put their hand up when they would like to say something. They are doing a fantastic job!

The Year 1 and 2 students are being great role models and showing wonderful leadership skills, especially the Year 1 students sharing a learning space with the new Preps. They are enjoying this role immensely.

A reminder that the doors to the Learning Spaces will open at 8:50am. Students should remember to bring a drink bottle with water and a piece of fruit for fruit break at 10:00am. The canteen will be open on Friday for lunch orders and snack purchases.

This newsletter will include some important information about upcoming events, so please be sure to read it carefully.

We are looking forward to a great Term 1 in the JLC!

Regards,
The JLC Teaching Team
Reading

Across the Junior Learning Community, students will be supported in their reading development through Guided Reading sessions every day. They will develop their fluency, word recognition, word attack skills and will be taught reading strategies that will develop their comprehension.

The Prep students will steadily work through letter recognition and reading of sight words through text immersion and daily reading practice.

Writing

During Writing sessions, students in the JLC will be focusing on personal writing such as diary writing, poetry and writing letters. Students will also be exploring story writing, or ‘narrative’. There will be an emphasis on the whole writing process: planning, drafting, editing and publishing.

Prep students will begin their writing experiences through modelled writing sessions leading on from our Reading focus. The correct formation of letters and numbers will be explicitly taught and practised through activities such as craft, sensory play and formal handwriting as they become more confident.

Remember - the Prep students won't be coming to school on Wednesday 12th, 14th and 26th February due to Prep Entrance Testing. Please refer to the noticeboard in the window of JLC Building B for your individual testing time.
Number Focus
During Term 1, our focus across all of the JLC will be on developing number sense. This includes counting forwards and backwards, skip counting, number recognition, simple addition and subtraction and place value.

Prep students will be learning some songs and rhymes to help with their counting. They will also be focussing on one-to-one correspondence, and recognising numbers in written and picture form.

Mathletics
This year students will still have access to Mathletics online. This website can be found at:

www.mathletics.com.au

Prep students and new students at Cranbourne Primary School will be provided with a log-on code. All other students can use the same log-on code they were previously allocated.

Maths At Home
To assist in the development of mathematical knowledge, practising counting, number recognition and one-to-one correspondence at home can be incredibly beneficial to your child and can give them an extra advantage at school.
Mrs Doolan
Mrs Doolan teaches in the JLC located in Building A. She also runs our twice weekly Breakfast Club. She loves to travel and spend time with her grandchildren!

Miss Radford
Miss Radford teaches in the JLC located in Building B. She is a keen Richmond Tigers supporter, and hopes they win the 2014 flag! She loves to cook, listen to music and travel around.

Mrs Chen
Mrs Chen teaches in the JLC located in Building A. She has been teaching Junior students for many years. Mrs Chen loves playing with her dog!

Mrs Hughes
Mrs Hughes teaches in the JLC located in Building B. She has a lovely dog called Bonnie and has recently bought her first house! She also loves to travel and shares lots of travel stories with Mrs Doolan.

Mrs Pedic
Mrs Pedic is our student support officer in the JLC. She is a great help in the learning space!

The primary school nurse Sally Plant from the Primary School Nursing Program will be visiting our school on the 14th February to collect the School Entrant Health Questionnaires distributed to the Prep students. Please ensure these questionnaires are filled out and promptly returned to the school. Thank you!