UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 17th**
  - School photos

- **March 18th**
  - Read Like a Demon program starts

- **March 23rd – 25th**
  - Grade 5/6 camp (Briar’s Camp)

- **March 22nd**
  - PTA Meeting 7 pm

- **March 23rd**
  - Grade 1 Excursion local community

- **March 28th**
  - Grade 2 Excursion local community

- **March 28th**
  - School Council AGM 7 pm

- **March 30th**
  - Grade 4 Excursion
  - Immigration Museum

We have had a very physical week at school. It was great to see so many children from Year 3-6 bring their bike or scooter to school to celebrate National Ride2School day. A flyer was sent to all children in Years 3 to 6 highlighting the importance of safe riding practices. Please spend some time to discuss this with your child. We encourage children in Years 3 to 6 to ride their bikes or scooters to school, as long as they know the relevant safety rules and wear a helmet. All bikes are securely locked in our bike compound.

The second physical activity was seeing all the children in Years 3 to 6 trying out for our school athletics team. It was wonderful to see the children doing their best, encouraging their peers and having a good time.

Thanks to Mr. Jin and the senior teaching team for ensuring this extra-curricular event was a success.

The prep children were introduced to the world of technology by having the opportunity to Skype with children in Year 6. It is amazing the technology that is available in 2011. The children enjoyed the experience of talking to each other by electronic means.

You would be aware of the horrific events which occurred in Japan over the weekend. In this day and age, children have immediate access to information. If your child has access to information about Japan it is important that you spend time, with your child, discussing the situation so they can have an informed understanding about what is occurring.

The Year 5/6 children and teachers are getting very excited about camp. By this time next week, the children will be at the Briars having the time of their lives.

**Tomorrow is Photo Day.** We have arranged for the photographers to be here early, so photos will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp. We will be taking a whole school photo so please ensure correct school uniform. We would also encourage our Captains and SRC to wear their Leadership badges.

**Thought of the week –**

Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.

*Charles R. Swindoll*
**SCHOOL NEWS**

### Birthday News

The following students share their birthday week with this famous person in history: **Johan Vaaler 1866 – 1910** who invented the earliest design of a paper clip.

Kaiyan D. Jordana D. Dante P. Jason H.

### Stars of the Week

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### School Photos

The school photos are happening tomorrow **Thursday 17th March**. We will be having our whole school photo at 9.10am. Please ensure your child is on time so they can be part of our whole school photo. You might like to have some fun with your children by practising their smile in the mirror tonight.

### School Policies

As you are aware, our brand new school website is up and running. We are currently adding the homework policy and uniform policy to the website. Both these policies were ratified by School Council in 2009.

### Ultranet

We are currently in the process of providing each child in the school with an Ultranet log in. When this task is completed we will work towards giving the children the opportunity to work on the Ultranet. The final stage of the process is to give parents access to the Ultranet. This will occur later in the year.

### Grade 5 & 6 Camp

We look forward to the Camp being a successful and rewarding time for the students who will be attending.

- Medical forms and equipment list for next week’s camp will be sent home in the next few days.
- All payments **must** be finalised by **Friday 18th March**.
The Preps have been looking at the ways in which we change as we grow. It was a lot of fun to compare baby photos and see if we could guess who was who. We discovered that we have all changed a lot since we were born. Here’s what some of the students had to say:

“When I was a baby I could crawl, drink milk from a bottle and cry. Now I am five I can read, eat food and talk.” – Charlotte PBK

“When I was a baby I could suck on my dummies (I had two), lie in my cot and drink from a bottle. Now I am five I can read and go to school.” – Nicholas PBK

The Preps are now at school full-time and have been busy settling into their new school day routines. In class, students have been learning the numbers 1-10 and the letters a, g, d and c as well as practising the Golden words. It has been fantastic to see that so many of our students are practising these words and reading their readers every night at home. Well done Preps!

A highlight for Prep students since starting school has been meeting their grade 5 or 6 buddies. The Preps and their buddies have enjoyed spending time together in the classroom getting to know each other through play. It has been great to see the older students helping the Preps and share in their enthusiasm for learning.
We are pleased to support “Cranbourne Cash” The Good Guys Cranbourne incentive program with our school. With every $25 spent you will be presented with a $1 Cranbourne Cash voucher that can be passed onto the school. To take advantage of this offer, you need to mention our school before any payment is made and you will receive your Cranbourne Cash reward vouchers. For example if you purchase a coffee maker for $139 you will receive $5 Cranbourne Cash vouchers.

**School Council**
Nominations for parent membership on the School Council is now closed. We received one nomination to fill the vacancy, therefore a vote is not necessary. **Congratulations** to Lara Law who was the successful applicant. 
School Council will be conducting its **2011 Annual General Meeting on March 28th at 7.00pm** in the school staff room. 
Visitors are welcome to attend these meetings.

**Parent Teacher Association**

**Cookie Dough:** Please help make our first fundraiser a success by selling the Cookie Dough. All orders **MUST** be in by **tomorrow Thursday 17th March. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN!**

**Congratulations** to Rachael Newton who has been elected PTA Vice President for 2011.

**Second Hand Uniform Sale:** Items are for sale on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 3.10 and 3.30 pm in Room 5. Donations will still be accepted and a big thank you is extended to the families for their donations of clothing.

**Iron on Logos:** $2 each or 3 for $5.00.
**Student’s Name:** ................................................................. **Grade:** ............
**Amount Enclosed:** .................................................................

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**Fundraising:** Is there a certain fundraising activity you would like to see conducted by the PTA this year:

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