Start of the Year

2012 has had a very smooth start. The Learning Communities are established in both buildings. Our junior students (grade 1 and grade 2) and our Middle students (grade 3 and grade 4) are in Building A whilst our Preps and senior students (grade 5 and grade 6) are in Building B.

Our Library is now set up and will be open at various times for students to access (Please see the insert for details of the Library operations for 2012.)

The canteen will be open for lunch orders and counter sales each Wednesday and Friday, commencing this Friday. We are disappointed that the removal and clean up of the portables was not able to be completed before school commenced for the year. We have arranged for the fencing to remain for a couple more weeks to allow the grass seeds to start growing. Hopefully this will prevent the area from being too dusty or muddy.

Please return your vote on the school logo – your vote counts.
Cheryl Van Deursen (Principal)

Thought of the week –
‘It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults’.

-Frederick Douglass
Happy Birthday!

We are getting opportunities to work cooperatively in groups and find spaces in our learning area that we can work best in – this means sometimes we can sit on cushions, bean bags or even the floor to do our work.

Our new Art room has lots of light coming in through the windows, which make the colours on our work stand out. The round tables are fun to work at because we can see everyone while we are working.

Being allowed to go into the learning spaces at 8.50 am allows us to unpack our bags, get out notices and books to get organised for the day so we can start learning right on 9.00am which maximises our learning at school.
Thank-you to all the families who shopped at the Good Guys over the holidays and brought in their Cranbourne Cash vouchers – congratulations to those families who had members of their extended family also shop and collect vouchers.

Thank you to the families who continue to shop at Ritchies and use the benefit card. The school continues to receive donations from the fundraising program.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

_School banking commences this Friday_

**Parent & Friends Association (PFA)**

Please feel welcome to attend any of the scheduled PFA meetings – as per the dates below.

- Tuesday 21st February
- Tuesday 20th March
- Tuesday 17th April
- Tuesday 22nd May
- Tuesday 19th June
- Tuesday 24th July
- Tuesday 21st August
- Tuesday 18th September
- Tuesday 23rd October
- Tuesday 20th November
- Tuesday 18th December

_Meetings will be held at 7pm in the Staff Room_