UPCOMING EVENTS

August 17th
Curriculum Day
No students attend School

August 28th
Preps for 2013
Information evening

14th September
Melbourne Mascot Visit – Prep children

10th to 12th October
‘STARLAB’

13th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Please take note that this **Friday, 17th August** is a **Curriculum Day** – students are **not required** at school. The staff will be spending part of the day working on the future directions of the Teaching & Learning of the school while the rest of the day will be used to develop the use of ICT resources in the school.

Students have been highly engaged over the past two weeks: tracking, discussing, evaluating and writing about the achievements of athletes at the Olympics in London.

We would like to thank one of our families who very generously collected donations of plants from some of the extended family members and their neighbours. These plants, along with others will be used to begin the planting of our gardens around the school. Winter is a great time to plant up your garden as it gives the plants time to settle in to their new surrounding and maximise the weather conditions getting all the rain and sun needed to become established.

Children need similar support to grow and flourish – they need to be:

- **nurtured**
- **nourished**
- **protected**
- **encouraged**
- **educated**

having their emotional needs met
provided with a balanced, healthy diet
within a safe environment
in a supportive environment where they are given opportunities to strive and achieve challenges /goals,
with reasonable expectations and clear boundaries

This can be challenging.

If you are looking for support or advice regarding ‘parenting’ Relationships Australia provided some great programs – go to [http://www.relationshipsvictoria.com.au/](http://www.relationshipsvictoria.com.au/)

**Cheryl Van Deursen (Principal)**

‘We may not be able to prepare the future for our children, but we can at least prepare our children for the future’

-Franklin D. Roosevelt
**SCHOOL NEWS**

### Student Birthdays
To students who celebrate their birthdays this week
- Logan H.
- Jasymyn B.
- Danica P.
- Kiannah B.

### Stars of the Week
*Congratulations on all your wonderful efforts this week!*

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### From the Office

**LATE STUDENTS**
A reminder to parents that children who arrive late to school **MUST** be signed into the office by a parent or guardian. Alternatively please provide your child with a signed note to be handed in to the office on arrival. Students must not arrive at school late and go directly to their class.

**EMA CHEQUES**
If you have become the holder of a health care card or the recipient of a pension and did not put in an EMA application at the start of the year, you may be eligible for the second instalment. Please contact the school office for further information.

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**CURRICULUM NEWS**

**Being Responsible**

One of the qualities that we are striving to develop in our students is to be more responsible. We want our students to be independent and to have choices in their learning. We are educating our students that they have rights – but with these rights come responsibilities. It is vital that we work together to educate our children to be responsible members of our learning community. Some simple ways that you can support your child to be more responsible are:

- Ensure your child/ren clean up after themselves
- have specific responsibilities/jobs to do at home
- get themselves ready for school, pack bag, help make lunch, hand in notices, etc.
- arrive at school on time
- be at school every day (unless ill)

Being at school on time and attending every day will help your child to fully understand new concepts and skills that are being introduced – whole group discussions usually take place first thing in the morning. It also helps them to connect with their peers and to feel part of their learning space.

*Di Fernand (Assistant Principal)*
Students in the Junior Learning Community started Term 3 learning about Minibeasts. We discussed the places where we might find Minibeasts and we found out about the differences between an insect and a spider. We are looking forward to going to the Museum and IMAX at the end of Term to find out more about Minibeasts.

We had a break from Minibeasts in Weeks 3 and 4 as we enjoyed the London 2012 Olympics. Many of the students were able to learn about sports they had never seen before. We particularly liked discussing the successes when Australia won some Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. We also had great fun participating in games and activities at our whole school Olympics Day on 7th August.
Thank-you to all the families who have shopped at the Good Guys 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 Ritchie’s and use the benefit card. The school continues to receive donations from the fundraising program.

Coles dockets can be sent to the office. The school benefits with a range of sporting equipment. Please deposit them in the box outside the General Office.

Support Service providers for families

City of Casey
http://www.casey.vic.gov.au/?nav=logo

Anglicare

Connections
www.connections.org.au/

The Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on **Thursday 30th August** from 9-11.00am.
Parent helpers are required to help man the stalls. If you can assist please leave your details at the office.

Toy Catalogue Order forms need to be returned to the school by **Friday 12th October** to receive in time for Christmas

**School Uniform**

A reminder to our school community that the school uniform is going through a transition – the following items are to be phased out by the end of 2012
- Yellow polo shirts
- Cobalt pants

Please also note that leggings, jeans and netball skirts are not part of our school uniform – girls are permitted to wear navy blue shorts with polo shirt or summer dresses in summer or long navy pants or navy blue winter calottes (with navy stockings) in winter.

Thank you for your support.

PFA members