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# CRANBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

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## Calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Prep Farm excursion**

16<sup>th</sup> September

#### **Grade 3 & 4 camp**

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October

#### **Swimming**

Term 4

#### **Last Day of Term 3**

23<sup>rd</sup> September  
(3:15pm finish)

## Principal's News

Another term is almost over! It has been a busy and very productive term. Our refurbishment of the original building is progressing well and the staff are engaged in discussions about the best way to utilise our new learning spaces.

The students have worked hard with their learning, and developing and maintaining friendships. As we approach the end of term, it is important to encourage students to continue working to their full potential and to remain focussed on their learning.

It is important that the school has the most up to date information relating to your family. Emergency contacts and phone numbers need to be current so that we can contact you quickly and easily if the need should arise. Please take a moment to contact our office staff to update any changes to your family's information.

Our PTA has arranged a fundraising event for this term – a Hot dog lunch and disco on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September! Please support this event and help us to raise funds to improve resources and equipment for our school.

Remember if you have any questions regarding your child's learning, please speak to the classroom teacher. We will achieve more for our students if we can work together to support our students' learning. Our door is always open for a chat!

***Cheryl Van Deursen, Principal  
& Di Fernand, Assistant Principal***

## Awards

**This week's Leadership award winners are:**

- ✓ Lillee (PBK)
- ✓ James (1NP)
- ✓ Shahid (2MC)
- ✓ Melissa (3LB)
- ✓ Tiffany (4BA)
- ✓ Lachlan Mc. (5MD)
- ✓ Dylan K. (6KL)



### Thought of the week -

Life, love, and laughter - what priceless gifts to give our children.

***- Phyllis Campbell Dryden***

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Student Birthdays

### Happy Birthday to:

Katrina M.

Jamie H.

Dashpreet C.

Luke Y.



## Stars of the Week

*Congratulations on all your wonderful efforts this week!*

Prep ER	Jay W.	Respectful
Prep BK	Harsheen	Responsible
1HM	Zander S.	Organised
1NP	Veronica N.	Confident
2MC	Rose A.	Persistent
2AS	Amity N.	Confident
3LB	Brandon H.	Confident
3MD	Rahima K.	Cooperative
4BA	Tanishq S.	Respectful
4MR	Kyle S.	Creative
5MD	Emily P.	Cooperative
5IW	Harrison G.	Cooperative
6RP	Maddi K.	Responsible
6KL	Tony W.	Confident
Art	Maddi K.	Confident
P.E.	Ophelia H.	Supportive
Social Skills	Jack T.	Responsible
Administration	Connor F.	Respectful
Leadership	Ophelia H.	Supportive
Support Staff	Zayne S.	Persistent

## House Points

1<sup>st</sup> – **RUSSELL**

2<sup>nd</sup> – **BAKEWELL**

3<sup>rd</sup> – **CHILDERS**

4<sup>th</sup> – **CAMERON**

*Congratulations*  
**RUSSELL!**

## *From the Office*

**EMA CHEQUES:** A reminder that EMA cheques are ready for collection at the General Office. Please make sure eligible recipients collect them before the end of the term.

### **SWIMMING NOTICES:**

**Expression of Interest forms** should have been returned to the office. At this stage as the response has been poor, we may not be able to conduct the swimming program this year. Please return the form **ASAP**.

# CURRICULUM NEWS

## Peer Mediation

We are currently training our Year 5 children to be Peer Mediators. Peer Mediation is a program which encourages children to support their peers to problem solve potential conflicts which occur in the yard. Throughout the peer mediation process the children are fully supported by the teachers.

### **Peer Mediation has 5 steps:**

- 1. Introduction:** Explain the process and the ground rules for mediation.
- 2. Telling the story:** Each party tells his/her side of the story uninterrupted. The mediators then reframe what they have heard.
- 3. Brainstorming:** Children think of as many solutions to the situation as possible. Mediators can offer suggestions. Often the solution is a combination of ideas.
- 4. Choosing a solution:** This is when a solution is selected and agreed upon by both parties.
- 5. Agreement:** Questions to ask –Is it fair for both parties? Does it solve the solution? What needs to be done? Who will do it? Is it realistic? When will we meet again to see if it has worked? The Agreement form is then completed.

If you would like more information, please visit our [school website](#) for a more detailed program outline.

**Greg Parsons**

# STUDENT NEWS

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Every week the year 1s work together in their literacy groups, doing a variety of activities. During this time, children work independently in groups, and also with the teachers.

Children work twice every 4 days with the teacher to develop reading strategies and skills on a book at their level. They also get a chance to practise reading quietly on books from their specific book box.

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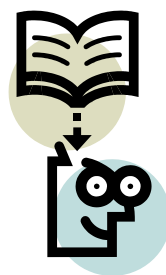
As part of the group activities, children practise their spelling words in an activity such as finding words in a magazine, and also on Spelling City on the computers.

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Students participate in a comprehension activity, and also a craft activity, usually based on the focus big book of the week. They also practise a handwriting sheet for the letter of the week.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



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.



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.

### **A CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS!**

Cranbourne Primary School will be developing our school gardens through a variety of different programs. We are looking for any parents or members of the community who would be willing to donate any plants, edging, pavers or gardening tools to the Gardening Club before this program commences.

If you have anything that you would be willing to donate, please either speak to the ladies in the office or any of the classroom teachers. We thank you for such a commitment to the school community!



## Parent Teacher Association

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September we will be having an all school disco between the times of 11am to 1.15pm. All students who would like to wear their favourite footy team jumper are encouraged to do so. There is also a special lunch on the day. A form was sent home with all students on Tuesday 13/9/11. Forms and money need to be returned by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September to ensure that students don't miss out on their hot dog and drink. If your child does not wish to have a hot dog lunch on this day, a gold coin donation would be appreciated, as this is a major fund raising event for our school. We would like to thank 'Cold Rock' in Cranbourne and 'Your Party Shop' for their donations.

This week we are sending home two catalogues of educational toys and supplies as a fundraiser. In these catalogues are some fantastic gift ideas for Christmas. All orders need to be back by October 14<sup>th</sup> so we are able to deliver your orders before Christmas.

Next PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm** in the staff room. New parents are welcome to attend the meeting.