UPCOMING EVENTS

Last day of term 1
Friday April 8 – 3.15pm finish

Term 2 commences
Wednesday 27th April (following Easter)

Official Opening of the BER Building
Monday 2nd May

Year 1/2 Woodwork Excursion
Friday 6th May

School Council
Monday 9th May

Term 1 has certainly flown. It only feels like yesterday that we were starting the year. The children have had many wonderful experiences, including camps, excursions and special visits.

The busy term is not over yet, with representatives from Year 4-6 attending the District Athletics on Thursday and another group of children attending the Religious Education excursion at the local Presbyterian Church.

If that is not enough, we have also got a wonderful DISCO in the evening. A reminder that this year’s disco will be a little different with both discos starting at 6.30 pm. and ending at 8.00 pm.

We are looking forward to ‘dancing’ with students.

Tamara Hance will be going on leave at the end of the term to have her second child. We are all very excited for Tamara, Chris (Tamara’s husband) and Clay (Tamara’s son). We cannot wait to meet the new arrival next term.

After 25 years of service to Cranbourne Primary School, partly interrupted with the birth of four children, Pam Dunkley-Price will be retiring at the end of this term. Pam has taught Year 1 – 4 and for 10 years she was our Reading Recovery teacher. This year she has been teaching Year 1. Thankfully, Pam has offered to do some casual teaching next term so we will still be able to see her around the school. On behalf of the entire school community we would like to acknowledge and thank Pam for her commitment and service to the children of our school.

When the children return to school we will be entering the cooler months of the year. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately and remember to name all their clothes because they are expensive to replace.

Finally, we would like to wish the entire school community a safe and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday 27th April, which is after the Easter break.

Cheryl Van Deursen (Principal) & Greg Parsons (Assistant Principal)

Thought of the week –

‘Don’t be afraid to give up the good to go for the great.’

John D. Rockefeller
**Birthdays**
The following students are celebrating birthdays this week and during the holidays: Layla P., James L., Shanelle T., Kaleb C., Jasmine W., Cassandra S., Esmeralda S., Callum R., Aprilina E., Madyson B., Ophelia H., Jade M., Hayden I., Tiffany I., Chloe E., Tatiana M., Chevelle A., James C.

**Stars of the Week**

| Prep ER  | Hayley T. - Persistent |
| Prep KB  | Kyle P. - Responsible  |
| Grade 1 HM | Imelda H. - Responsible |
| Grade 1 NP | Kayla H. - Confident |
| Grade 2 MC | Shanelle T. - Responsible |
| Grade 2 AS | Linda I. - Responsible |
| Grade 3 LB | Jack B. - Confident |
| Grade 3 MD | Emmitt C. - Responsible |
| Grade 4 BA | Andy R. - Respectful |
| Grade 4 MR | Hector B. - Supportive |
| Grade 5 MD | Rahni W. - Responsible |
| Grade 5 IW | Chantelle D. - Responsible |
| Grade 6 RP | Miguel D. - Adaptable |
| Grade 6 KL | Taylor G. - Responsible |
| Art      | Ryan B. - Creative |
| P.E.     | Zaelyn W. - Supportive |
| Social Skills | Jason H. - Responsible |
| Administration | Simone W - Caring |
| Leadership | Caitlyn R - Responsible |
| Support Staff | Dimitri P. - Respectful |

**Leadership**

On March 30, we attended the Casey Student Leaders Reception 2011 at Cranbourne Secondary College. Student leaders from primary and secondary school joined together for two hours to hear some inspiring speakers including Casey Youth Ambassadors, the Mayor and Stan Aves OAM. We were entertained by Madison Pritchett (X Factor) who sang two songs. Some of the stories that they shared made us feel special and helped us to realise how important and valuable our roles as School Captains are. We learnt that it is important to have a go and not let fear of failure stop us from trying. This has inspired us to keep being the best School Captains we can be.

*Jasmine & Miguel (School Captains)*

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Last Friday, 18 children went to Casey Fields to meet the famous author, Christopher Milne. Christopher Milne is the author of ‘The Naughty Stories for Good Girls’ and Boys’. He told us about his amazing adventure of becoming a writer. Christopher told us he got the ideas for his stories from his children and from where he lived. He explained that he self-published his first book because the publishing companies all said, “No thank you”. He finally got an opportunity when one book shop gave him one week to sell his books. One of his main messages for the day was to follow your dreams and never give up.

Three children were brave enough to ask Christopher some questions and we also got to have our books signed. We would like to thank the Melbourne Footy Club for organising this activity.

*Daniel and Brody Year 4*
Grade 4 Excursion

On Wednesday the 30th March, the grade 4 students had an exciting excursion to the city! We went to the Immigration Museum to explore how immigration has shaped Australia’s culture over the last several hundred years.

We travelled to the city on the train, which was a great experience for all involved. We got to see lots of interesting scenery and met a few interesting people! We also got to explore Federation Square, which was great!

At the Immigration Museum we met two lovely people named Dave and Leanne and they helped us to discover our immigration stories. Dave told us some stories about two immigrants from different periods of time and we got to dress up in different costumes.

We learnt a lot about where we came from, and also how every Australian has an immigration story somewhere in their family history.

What’s yours?

To The Immigration Museum
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.

**PTA NEWS**

*Thank you* to Swift Metal Fabrication for the donation of a Cook Book Stand and Bevilles Earings. These items will be extra prizes for the Mothers’ Day Raffle.

**DISCO:**
The Disco will be held tomorrow Thursday 7th April. The disco will commence at 6.30 p.m. and finish at 8.00 p.m. and Preps to Grade 3 will be in Room 1 and Grade 4 to Grade 6 will be held in the General Purpose Room.

**END OF TERM FINISH:** The end of term 1 finishes on Friday 8th April. School will be dismissed at 3.15 p.m. Please make arrangements for your children to be collected at this time. Please note that school commences for Term 2 on Wednesday 27th April – the day after Easter Tuesday.

**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION EXCURSION:** The excursion will take place tomorrow (Thursday) and students who have not yet returned their permission forms must do so in the morning otherwise they will be unable to attend.

**EMA CHEQUES:** Cheques are now available to be collected from the office for the eligible families who applied for the Education Maintenance Allowance. Parents **must** collect these cheques and sign for them. Families who ticked the EFTPOS please check the payment has gone into your bank account.

**SCHOOL BANKING:** Students are asked to leave their school banking books at the general office each Friday when they come to school. This arrangement will be more suitable for both students and the banking ladies who do the banking.

**REQUEST** – Could we have any old unused Melways street directories dated after 2004 please.

*Wishing all our families a safe & enjoyable holiday period and best wishes to those families who celebrate Easter*