It was a privilege to present the student leaders with their badges at Monday assembly. Thank you to all the parents who joined us at assembly for such a special presentation.

This has been my first introduction to Marbles March – out of nowhere on the first day of March, students arrived at school with bags, boxes, tins, containers filled with marbles of all shapes, sizes and colours. Walking around the yard at recess and lunch times, teachers are seeing and hearing students playing marble games. It is wonderful to see and hear all of the students interacting positively during this time. It is also pleasing to see that they are so organised with their marbles, they are respectful and fair when they are playing. Without realising it, all the students are discussing and agreeing on the terms and conditions of ‘play offs’ and are accepting of the results. These are all skills that will be beneficial in their lives.

Our students have completed the first month of the year demonstrating the values of respect, responsibility, honesty, confidence, co-operation, persistence, organisation and consideration. To assist and encourage our students to continue to demonstrate these qualities and make them part of their life, the ‘school is cool’ team have re-visited our school rules. We hope that, as a community, we can work together to instil these rules, which are based on ‘values’ and support our students to become responsible global citizens. Our 5 rules are:

1. Be a responsible and supportive member of your learning community
2. Communicate with others in a respectful and courteous manner
3. Stay within your own personal space
4. Use equipment for its correct purpose at the correct time
5. Follow all staff instructions.

We would also like to thank all the families who kindly donated their unused uniforms to the school. These will be used to support other families in need of assistance. This demonstration of ‘community’ support is not only greatly appreciated but an example for our students.

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

Thought of the week — “Education does not end at any point in our lives; it is an ongoing journey to be carried with us everyday throughout our lives.”

Thomas Powell
All of a sudden the weather has turned quite cold. For some families this has come as a surprise. Please ensure your child wears appropriate school clothing for the weather each day – whether the weather is hot or cold. If you need additional uniform items, the school now has a second hand uniform shop where all pieces are available for the bargain price of $2.

**REMINDER** – Don’t forget to send a box of tissues to school with your child.
The WOW Factor day in the 3/4 Area was fantastic! Here are some of the things the students had to say.

“With the elder, he painted my face like an aboriginal. He gave us some tools that the aboriginals used to use for fighting. It didn’t matter if they were boys or girls. The men got the ugly tools, because the women like the pretty ones. I had a fantastic day.”  
Jade 3MD

“We did some boomerang throwing on the oval and Jett threw it high in the air and it almost went over the fence. We made witchetty grubs out of marshmallows and sultanas. I got to play the didgeridoo but I couldn’t make any noise out of it – it was too hard”.  
Darcey 3MD

“We did a painting of Australia. We used traditional colours of red, yellow, brown and red. We went to Miss Armstrong’s room and made witchetty grubs and they looked quite real. They were made out of marshmallows and sultanas – they tasted gross, I didn’t like them! I had a great day doing all the different activities.”  
Lauren 3MD

Last Thursday the Grade 3 and 4 students had a fantastic day when they participated in a range of activities for the WOW Factor. The topic for Term 1 is related to Australia and our uniqueness in the world. In order to celebrate this we participated in several aboriginal activities to acknowledge our aboriginal heritage. The students spent some time with an Aboriginal elder where they learnt about bush tucker, tribal painting, bush medicine, how to play a didgeridoo and how to throw a boomerang. They also had the chance to do some aboriginal painting, learn about some Dreamtime legends and participate in a scavenger hunt to search for traditional foods and animals. The students had a fantastic day and the teachers learnt a lot too!
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.

**Parent Teacher Association**

*Congratulations* to the following parents who were elected as PTA representatives:
- **Secretary:** Maryelle Gillett
- **Minute Secretary:** Lara Law
- **Treasurer:** Tina Crundwell
- **Assistant Treasurer:** Sharon Casey
- **Rep School Council:** Tina Crundwell

The next PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday 22nd March** in room 5 at 2pm and 7pm in the staffroom. The 2pm meeting is for parents who wish to attend our meetings but are unable to make the later time slot at 7pm. At this meeting we will be deciding on our fundraising for 2011. We look forward to seeing you there with your ideas.

**ALL WELCOME**

**2nd hand uniform sale**
- **Tuesdays and Thursdays**
- **3.10pm -3.30pm**
- Room 5 – main building - All items $2.00
- Items available are dresses, t-shirts, jumpers, shorts, skirts, pants, bags
- If you aren’t sure what size your child needs, bring them with you after 3.15pm.