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# NEWSLINK

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The teaching and learning pedagogy at Cranbourne Primary School is developed on a <a href="RECIPE"><u>RECIPE</u></a> (Relevant Engaging Challenging Innovative Personalized Enjoyable)

based curriculum that supports the members of the school community to develop intrinsic

PRIDE (Persistence Responsibility Independence Discipline Enthusiasm) in their learning.

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### **CALENDAR**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

### <u>Friday, 4th December</u>

Parent Helper Morning Tea 11-11:30 am

#### Monday, 7th December

Final School Council Meeting

### Tuesday, 8th December

Grade 6 Transition Day

2016 Foundation Orientation Day

No swimming today

### Thursday, 10th December

School Community Evening End of Year Concert

5:15 pm for 5:30 pm start

### Tuesday, 15th December

Swimming /Gr 6 graduation

### Friday, 18th December

Last day of term 2:30 pm finish

## House Points

1<sup>st</sup> Cameron 2nd Russell 3rd Childers 4th Bakewell

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

With the commencement of December, our event schedule is looking very busy.

We have our final school council meeting, transition day (at all year levels), the final swimming session, and our school community concert. This year tickets for the end of year fundraising raffle will not be sold in advance—they will be sold on the night of our concert. Tickets will be 50 cents each or 5 for \$2.00 so make sure you bring your loose change.

We invite families to be at school on Thursday December 10th at 5.15pm for a 5.30 start. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the evening's performances.

Grade 6 graduation is scheduled for Tuesday December the 15th For some of our families this will be their eldest child leaving primary school and for others, it will be their youngest.

Please note - we are having some construction completed next week in the grounds—some development of our garden beds, which is very exciting.



Cheryl Van Deursen Principal

### **Quote of the Week**

Slip, Slop, slap—it's Summer

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR DECEMBER BABIES!

Chris D Josh S

Happy Birthday to those students who celebrate their birthday this week!



The office will close at 3.30pm every Tuesday due to Staff Meeting.

Last Foundation 2016
Transition Date

Times are 11:30-12:15 on Tuesday, 8th December

### **Stars of the Week**

These students have demonstrated intrinsic PRIDE (Persistence, Responsibility, Independence, Discipline, Enthusiasm) in their learning:

Learning community	Student
FOUNDATION	Nila H
	Bailey A
JUNIOR	Claire P
	Axle B
	Michael L
MIDDLE	Nathan S
	Caitlyn C
	Daniel M
SENIOR	Ali A
	Kayla P-T
	Joseph K
Art	Jordan Mc
Physical Ed	Ali P (MSG)
Assistant Principal	Jordan H (SMD)
Principal	Zachary (FER)

### FROM THE OFFICE

If you have or know of anybody who plans to enrol for 2016, we need Enrolment Forms ASAP.

If you are <u>LEAVING</u> CPS at the end of the year, *please* let the Office know ASAP.

Thank you to the families who have already paid for next years Essential Items and those who have made a payment plan. If you have outstanding fees you can pay by cash, EFT or directly into our bank acct:

### CPS BANK DETAILS

BSB 013 593

Account Number 499102494

Please put your child's name in the subject line

### **Curriculum**





### The holidays are coming!!

As we quickly approach the end of the school year, many students and their families will be getting excited about holiday plans. Many families have trips planned, special events organised or busy schedules at home.

Family activities are a great learning opportunity for young children. They provide real life experiences, socialising opportunities, educational value, as well as time together as a family.

Dutings, activities and family "get togethers" can help with:

- Speaking and Listening skills
- Conversation and communication
- Developing vocabulary
- Expanding general knowledge
- The application of mathematical concepts
- Developing co-operative skills

Routine and structure are also important for young children. So as much as the holidays are a time to relax and re-energise, children benefit from maintaining regular routines, such as bedtimes and meal times.

Provide time during the holiday period for your child to practise their reading – maintain time for reading as a part of their routine.

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Assistant Principal



# MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

As we approach the end of the year we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the happenings in the Middle Learning Community this year.



Throughout 2015 it has been very satisfying to see the progress our students have made in relation to cooperative learning.

Students are able to work together in a range of contexts including pair work and small group work to reach agreed and shared goals.

It has also been extremely gratifying to see the development in their inquiry skills and the increase in their abilities to ask questions and employ a range of strategies to find the answers.



We are preparing to farewell our Grade 4 students as they embark on their journey to senior school and move our Grade 3 students up to the next level of learning. Very soon we will be welcoming a new cohort of Grade 3 students from the junior area to 'learn the ropes' of middle school.

**GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE FOR 2016!!** 

### It's a (Christmas) wrap!

### By Michael Grose

It's that time of year again!

The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

"Where did the last twelve months go?" That's the adult viewpoint.

Kids think, "What took so long?" Different ages, different perspectives.

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That's only natural.

But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you'll round out the year, and bring it to a close.

If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives.

The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next.

Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

- 1. **Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year**: Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year's end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.
- 2. **Celebrate improvement and success**: Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It's important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.
- 3. **Show appreciation**: Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.
- 4. **Look forward**: It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn't like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn't end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.
- 5. **Now relax**: It's time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn't one of your child's best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it's a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year!





School Banking will continue this week - 4/12 and final banking day will be next week







# Christmas Family Night



## THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER 6-8PM

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### **BUNNINGS CRANBOURNE**

- Visit from Santa
- Jumping Castle
- Face painting & balloonist
- Pop corn & fairy floss
- Christmas Craft
- Photo booth
- Little Munchkins Dance Crew
- Sausage sizzle

**Bookings essential** — for more information or to book speak to a team member in-store.



