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Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS



*Information evening
Preps for 2013
7pm August 28th*

*Farm Excursion
Preps
September 7
Cut off: Aug 31*

*Junior Excursion –
Imax/Scienceworks
September 11
Cut off: Sept 6*

*'STARLAB' Incursion
P-6
October 10, 11, 12
Cut off: Sept 12*

*Melbourne Mascot
Visit – Prep children
September 14*

*Middle Camp
Sept 19 – 21
Final payment –
Sept 12*

*Swimming P-2
Dec 10-18
Cut off: 29th August
Swimming 3-6
Oct 16- Nov 27 (weekly)
Cut off: Today*

Principal's News

THE WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY

Children embrace technological gadgets such as I-pods, DS, I-phones, I-pads, Play Stations, X-box and computers without hesitation. They push buttons, flick switches, go between programs as quickly and efficiently as skipping or hopping. It is natural to them –they have grown up with mobile phones, remote controls, e-mail, and the internet.

They are ***digital natives***.

Adults have reservations, they hesitate, they ponder, they worry about breaking something. Technology is not natural – it is intimidating, challenging and costly.

We are ***digital aliens***.

The generation gap used to be restricted to clothes, music, hair styles – now it is influenced by gigs, ram, sticks, mice, wi-fi, 3G.

Teachers in schools work hard to keep up with the changes in our society and the greatest challenge we face at the moment is ***Technology***.

Last Friday the staff spent time on **Curriculum Day** reflecting on the progress and achievements in 2012, discussing plans for 2013 but more excitedly (*and nervously*) we were introduced to some new technology – I-pads!

The staff at Cranbourne Primary School is committed to not only keeping up with the world of technology, but to utilise it as best we can in the Teaching & Learning at the school.

How are you keeping up with the technological skills of your children?

Spend some time with your child this week on the computer or on one of their devices and get them to teach you something – you might be surprised at what they know and what they can do.

Cheryl Van Deursen (Principal)

"Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important."

- Bill Gates

SCHOOL NEWS

Student Birthdays
To students who celebrate their birthdays this week

Lucas M.

Lincoln K.

Natasha S.

Khiem N.

Jordan H.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations on all your wonderful efforts this week!

Grade	Student	Demonstrated
Prep PER	Virul M.	Persistence
Prep PAS	Nathan S.	Responsibility
Junior LB	Kyle P.	Persistence
Junior HM	Maria T.W.	Responsibility
Junior MC	Rithick M.	Persistence
Middle MR	Jemma C.	Responsibility
Middle NJ	Tahrah H.	Confidence
Middle MD	Jack S.M.	Cooperation
Middle BA	Bailey S.	Respectful
Senior IW	Finn J.	Respect
Senior GA	Emily F.	Respect
Senior GR	Cassandra S.	Creativity
Senior RP	Mikey F.	Persistence
Art	Danica F.	Creativity
P.E.	Erika N.	Persistence
Personal Dev	Sen S. (MMR)	Responsibility
Admin.	Chronix T.W. (PAS)	Responsibility
Leadership	Corey L (SGA) Eric Z (SGA)	Leadership

From the Office

SWIMMING:

Just a reminder that swimming notices and a **\$15 deposit** are due for Grade 3-6 Last day today
Prep – 2 Wed 29th August
The swimming program will be unable to run if we do not get enough numbers. At the moment, we have not had as many deposits paid as we need so please pay these ASAP. Remember if you are having difficulty meeting these deadlines contact the office so arrangements can be made.

HOOP TIME HELPERS:

We are still in need of parent helpers to attend Hoop Time on **Wednesday 29th August**. If you have any basketball experience and are able to help out on the day, please leave your details at the office. It doesn't matter if your child is not attending or not in that particular year level. We will be more than happy to have you!

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOOP TIME:

Hoop Time notices and money needs to be paid no later than Friday 24th August. If you are having difficulty meeting this deadline, contact the office ASAP so something can be made.

CURRICULUM NEWS

READING

Reading is often a tricky area of the curriculum in which to engage and motivate every student. It is crucial to tap into individual children's interests to encourage them to read regularly.

If your child is creative or sporty or has an interest in animals or gardening or cooking, then try to provide reading material that matches their interest.

And most importantly, be a positive role model. Let your child see you reading on a regular basis.

Having a variety of reading material at home such as newspapers, catalogues, fiction and nonfiction books is also a great way to stimulate your child's interest in reading.

When you are reading with your child, make sure it is a relaxed and fun time together.

Ask them questions about the text, to help improve their comprehension.

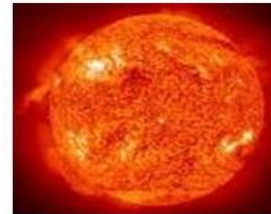
But above all – have fun with reading!

Di Fernand – Assistant Principal

STARLAB IS COMING!!!



STARLAB PLANETARIUM



STARLAB is a portable planetarium where the children are taken on a journey to discover the sun, moon, stars and planets. Observations are linked to the Earth's rotation, day, night and the seasons.



Wednesday 10th - Friday 12th October

STARLAB will be visiting the school during the first week for term 4. This is a whole school event and we are expecting all children to attend.

Please ensure you have returned the permission form and money by Wednesday 12th September.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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.

Parent & Friends Association (PFA)

Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 30th August

Items will be sold for \$2, \$3, and \$5.

Students will go to the stall in their home groups and will be permitted to purchase one item.

If your child needs to purchase a second gift (for a step father, grandfather or other male carer) they will have the opportunity to visit the stall again after all students have been through once.

Please provide a note to the teacher if this is the case so your child can be supported in this.

Please send the money with your child on the morning of the stall in an envelope with all details – name, home group and amount sent printed on the envelope



PFA Members



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.