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# CRANBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## CALENDAR

### Term 1 Dates

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February -  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

### Term 2 Dates

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April -  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

### Term 3 Dates

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July -  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

### Term 4 Dates

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October -  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March 16<sup>th</sup>

National Ride to School  
Day

#### March 17th

School photos

#### March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25th

Grade 5/6 camp  
(Briar's Camp)

## Awards

**Congratulations** to the following students, who demonstrated qualities of

**Leadership** within our school during the week

Prep - Amber  
Grade 1 - Tegan E.  
Grade 2 - Tegan C.  
Grade 3 - Jack B.  
Grade 4 - Maverick W.  
Grade 5 - Aaron L.  
Grade 6 - Luke S.

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

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**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### BIRTHDAYS

The following students have had or are celebrating birthdays this week:

**Zac N.  
Luke S.  
Leon L.  
Josh M.  
Jamie C.  
Alex W.  
Ryan B.**



### HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations  
**BAKEWELL**  
for earning the  
most points this  
week

### Stars of the Week

Prep ER	Paige D. - Persistent
Prep KB	Kaiyan D. - Persistent
Grade 1 HM	Imelda H. - Adaptable
Grade 1 PN	James L. - Confident
Grade 2 MC	Shahid S. - Confident
Grade 2 AS	Jailyn P. - Co-operative
Grade 3 LB	Melissa A. - Organised
Grade 3MD	Jade T. - Responsible
Grade 4 BA	Brody E. - Persistent
Grade 4 MR	Jack O. - Co-operative
Grade 5 MD	Kyle R. - Supportive
Grade 5 IW	Connor F. - Confident
Grade 6 KL	Chelsea A. - Responsible
Grade 6 RP	Aprilina E. - Co-operative
Art	Hannah R. - Creative
P.E.	Chanelle I. - Confident
Social Skills	Harjot C. - Considerate
Administration	Bonin S. - Cooperative
Leadership	Jasmine D - Responsible
Support Staff	Zayne S. - Co-operative

### Attendance

185 students had 100% attendance during the month of February. **Congratulations!**

This is an excellent start to the year for those students.

Attendance at school – all day, every day – is important for many reasons.

The teaching & learning that is lost on a day of absence is **never** made up.

This can have strong implications for future learning, especially when a 'new' concept has been introduced.



Arriving at school on time is also crucial as it sets the scene for the day of learning, establishing the schedule for the day, discussing and reviewing previous learning and re-visiting schedules and routines.

Consistent routines are very important to children – they help children be organised, not only in their day but their 'thinking'. The long term benefits influence future educational successes, career opportunities and life choices. Regular attendance at school, therefore, is setting your child up for a successful future.

*A reminder to parents that the school grounds are unsupervised before 8.30am – if you have need to drop your child earlier than this time, you may need to consider alternate arrangements.*

## WEATHER AND UNIFORM



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

## STUDENT NEWS

# 3/4 WOW FACTOR

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**

## CLASSROOM NEWS



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!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**REMINDER** – Cookie Dough orders are due back on  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**FRANK BUTERA**

**THE GOOD GUYS**  
CRANBOURNE

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South Gippsland  
Highway

**PAY LESS**

**PAY CAS**

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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:

<b>Secretary:</b>	Maryelle Gillett
<b>Minute Secretary:</b>	Lara Law
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Tina Crundwell
<b>Assistant Treasurer:</b>	Sharon Casey
<b>Rep School Council:</b>	Tina Crundwell

The next PTA meeting will be held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

