



IMPORTANT DATES 2015

December

Friday 11 th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony. Last Dollarmite banking activity for 2015. Last Day for Canteen – canteen closes after this day.
Monday 14 th December	Year 1 Woolworths Walking Excursion.
Wednesday 16 th December	Whole School Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 17 th December	CEPS Choir Shopping Centre Visits
Friday 18 th December	Whole School Assembly 9:30am in the Gym Last Day of School – School Dismissed at 2:30pm

January 2016

Friday 29 th January	School Resumes 9:00am Canteen reopens
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi Everyone

Student Free days, commonly known as Curriculum Days, are vital and valuable days where staff complete a range of professional learning activities or as in this year offer a reporting day to parents. Last night the School Council approved the 2016 professional learning days. The DET mandated student free day is always the first day of the school year and in 2016 the first student free day will be Wednesday 27th January. The second student free day is scheduled for Thursday 28th January. Students will commence school on Friday 29th January 2016 at 9:00am sharp.

It is on these two days the staff complete final preparation for the commencement of the school year ready for the arrival of students. It is here we as a whole staff, revisit some of the key aspects of our successful teaching and learning programs including delivery of teaching and learning through the Co-Teaching model. While you see learning improvement in your child, it does not just happen, it happens with teachers continuing to participate in best practice learning, planning the curriculum together, developing and evaluating student assessment data and using the data to provide rich learning tasks aimed at the student point of entry and point of need in their learning. The next student free day will be Monday 15th February. The final student free day in 2016 is pending approval once additional information is confirmed.

School Council Report: At the meeting held last night, the DET contracted reviewer presented a summary of the recent School Peer Review. The report focused on student achievement, student engagement, wellbeing and productivity. The school received a highly positive report in all respects based on the achievement of goals and targets identified in the four year Strategic Plan (2012-2015). The Victorian Registrations and Qualifications Authority (school operational compliance, operating policies and procedures) assessment of the school was regarded as outstanding and the best ever presented for a school review. A report is to be published on the school website in early term 1 2016. The confirmed 2016 school budget was presented and approved followed by the Principal's Report and Parent's Association Report. General business included approving School Council Approved Parent Helpers. I wish all families a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year –
Tony West School Council President.

This will be the last newsletter for 2016. I thank from the ground up, our students for their enthusiasm and engagement in their learning and to our parents for the variety of support you provide the school. To our teaching teams, specialist teachers, intervention teachers and Integration Aides a special thank you. To our office staff I extend special thanks and special mention for your tireless work in administering the school and completing the vast amount of work required to keep our school operating effectively and efficiently. To the leadership team of Leading Teachers and Assistant Principals thank you for going above and beyond in supporting my leadership of the school and making 'things' happen. I also thank the external agencies and specialist staff who visit the school to provide specialist care and support to our students. It is with the dedication, passion and tireless commitment, often-late nights and long hours we all work together to provide the very best in learning for our students. For this I thank you sincerely. Enjoy a well-deserved rest, stay safe over the Christmas break, relax and revitalize and return to school refreshed for an exciting 2016 school year.

Kind regards
Garry Rolfe
Principal

From the Welfare Officer

Video games the reality

Please read the following information that the school has received from a social worker who works with children at schools in our network. Rita has felt it necessary to inform us that she is seeing a lot of children who are spending far too much time playing Xbox and PlayStation games with high level ratings namely, Assassins Creed, Grand Theft Auto and call of Duty.

Studies show that video games with violent content are linked to more aggressive behaviour in teens and children. This is a concern because most of the games mentioned above are highly popular and I am beginning to see a strong correlation between my referrals for "Anger Management" and the use of these video games.

Part of the increase in aggressive behaviour is linked to the amount of time children are allowed to play video games. I understand some of our parents *may not know or may not be aware of these high level ratings* however this is where as a school we can start to inform them about the dangers of long term subjective exposure to these types of games.

Playing video games for long periods of times on a daily basis, (like I am seeing with some of my referrals) does increase aggressive behaviours, because violent acts are continually repeated throughout the video game. This method of repetition has long been considered an effective teaching method in reinforcing learning patterns. Their brains are like sponges hence why we are seeing an increase in reactive violent behaviours.

Bare in mind, Assassins Creed and Grand Theft Auto are 18+ Games. Call of Duty is 16+, I understand we have no final say, however we can **support** parents in making informed decisions around the use of these games and the affects it can be having on their child's behaviour and ability to regulate their own emotions.

I have successfully seen positive results with Anger Management/Emotional Regulation with some of my parents who have taken on board my advice. However - there are also some parents who will continue to lose the battle with their child regarding Video Games.

Because of the popularity of video games, completely eliminating them from the child's life might be difficult. However, parents can decrease the negative impact that they have on their child. Here are a few tips, for parents:

- Know the rating of the video games your child is playing.
- Do not install video game equipment in your child's bedroom.
- Set limits on how often and how long your child is allowed to play video games.
- Supervise your child's Internet use—there are now many "video games" available for playing online.
- Take the time to discuss with your children the games they are playing or other media they are watching. Ask your children how they feel about what they observe in these video games, television programs or movies. This is an opportunity to share your feelings and grow closer with your child.
- Share with other parents' information about certain games or ideas for helping each other in parenting.

So just some food for thought, it may be a question worth exploring when working with children that are displaying difficult behaviours.

Rita Pietrosanto

Social Worker SSSO -Casey South Network

FROM THE CANTEEN

The last day for canteen orders and over-the-counter purchases is this Friday 11th December. The canteen will reopen again Friday 29th January 2016.

Mathletics News

Over the past two weeks, a total of 136 bronze Mathletics certificates were achieved and 33 silver certificates. Congratulations to the following students for earning gold certificates:

Prep – Anika G, Charlotte B, Anjali A, Jasmine S
Year 1 – Nandha A
Year 2 – Nuha M
Year 4 – Brodie K
Year 6 – Lamia K

House Points

The Year Total will be awarded to the winning House at the final school assembly. This week:

Ruffy	750
Hudson	1105
Lyall	1079
Donnelly	1040

Push-or-Pull-a-Thing-Along-Athon

Recently we held our first ever Push-or-Pull-a-Thing-Along-Athon Fundraiser which was an enormous success.

The students had a fantastic time, with many bringing along lots of home-made creations on the day. Our students put in a fantastic effort collecting sponsorship and donations which raised a grand total of \$5023.35. As a result, the school has been able to purchase **TWO** interactive televisions for students to use in our learning spaces.

The awards for the most money raised per year level went to the following students:

- Prep – Lily E (0F)
- Year 1 – Jaide S (1E)
- Year 2 – Thomas B (2C)
- Year 3 – Alazei L (3R)
- Year 4 – Jack M (4S)
- Year 5 – Hayley I (5W)
- Year 6 – Victoria W (6N)

The award for "Most Creative" went Joseph R (4H). Joseph received two Gold Class movie passes. This was a tough decision with many great inventions. Honorable mentions go to Zachary B (2C), Poppy D (3J), Sam H (2A), Cooper W (2B) and Taylah S (3R) who also put in a fantastic effort.

A special mention must go to Alazei L in Year 3 who not only took out the award for Year 3, but also raised the most money across the whole school, with a whopping \$518.00!

Congratulations to all our students and families for supporting this activity and to our wonderful Parents Association for their work in organising this event.

DOLLARMITE BANKING

To all our dedicated Dollarmite bankers, please note that this Friday 11th December will be the last day for banking. School banking will resume in 2016.





Shining Star Awards for 7th – 11th December 2015



Year	Shining Star Student	Award	Year	Shining Star Student	Award
Prep	Sehaj K	For using her reading strategies to improve her reading.	Year 3	Brodie L	For his enthusiasm working on our Maths project.
	Ethan P	For showing great relationships when resolving conflict.		3S	For a wonderful performance during the Christmas concert.
	Zane R	For his enthusiastic performance when practising for the Christmas concert.		Faye L	For creating a wonderful and inventive Christmas Maths project.
	Haitham L	For working very hard to learn the 100 Most Used Words.		Siddhi R	For creating a wonderful and inventive Christmas Maths project.
	Hargun K	For working hard to improve her reading!		Madison M	For being a well-mannered student who always follows the 5R's.
	Ronal R	For making great connections to texts during sustained reading.		Rishi B	For settling in very well at Cranbourne East Primary School!
	Indiana T	For showing great enthusiasm during our Prep Christmas Concert.		Aedan N	For his creative limerick.
	Lachlan G	For a fantastic beginning, middle and end retell of 'The Gigantic Turnip'.		Noah M	For a great start to his persuasive writing, as well as achieving his pen license.
	Jessica R	For always coming to school with a big smile.		Logan A	For a fabulous effort with his handwriting. Congratulations on getting your pen license!
Year 1	Charley V	For trying his best when singing and dancing at the Christmas Concert.	Year 4	Rajvir S	For his enthusiastic performance in our Christmas concert. Well done!
	Isabella D	For the effort she put into learning the words and actions for our Christmas concert.		Hasrat G	For performing an excerpt from "Fantastic Mr Fox" with excellent expression and enthusiasm this week. Well done!
	Kishore P	For experimenting with using different words and punctuation in his writing.		Mackenzie H	For always approaching school with a positive attitude and a smile on her face.
	Hamed A	For his enthusiastic performance during the Christmas Concert.		Satarra M	For her positive attitude and always demonstrating our school values.
	Sara Mcl	For confidently introducing a song at the Year 1 Christmas Concert.		Chloe C	Well done on her performance at the Christmas concert and for really getting into the Christmas spirit.
	Noah P	For being a great friend and excellent participation in reading this week.		Harmandeep K	For outstanding effort when working on her Shark Tank project. Well done Harmandeep.
	Darara O	For your fantastic narrative writing during our lightning writes this week.		Sarai R	For working hard on her Inquiry Learning project.
Year 2	Amahlya D-C	For doing a fantastic job at the Christmas Concert!	Year 5	Emmanuela G	For her great effort in her Christmas concert performance. Well done Emmanuela!
	Jermaine W-McG	For applying the strategy Cross Checking to improve the accuracy of his reading. Well done!		Jessica B	For her great performance during our Christmas concert. Well done Jess!
	Matthew K	For his wonderful effort with his speaking part at our Christmas concert.		Sophie F	For always approaching tasks with a positive attitude.
	Jaeli B	For her fantastic effort on her inquiry presentations.		Katerina V	For always completing 5 Star work.
	Amtoj K	For such an amazing effort with her speaking part when introducing our song for the Christmas Concert.		Shanelle T	For consistently producing 5 star work throughout the year.
	Ashlea H	For always being such a helpful member of our Learning Space.		Jamison C	For having a positive outlook to her learning.
	Raeese H	For working really hard with his group to research his Inquiry Learning question "How power was made".		Caitlin W	For being very brave and enjoying orientation.
	Rialize G	For doing a fantastic job at the Christmas Concert!		Sabah A	For making a big effort to improve in all areas of her learning.
			Year 6	Joel K	For a great term of dancing. His enthusiasm was infectious.
				Oliver P	For always helping his fellow classmates in and out of the classroom.



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PE Mr Carey	Maximillian S Prep V	For showing great enthusiasm and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.	Mrs Simmonds	Arianna S 2K	For working so well in your group project in Inquiry Learning.
PE Mr Shaw	Kai S 6H	For showing great leadership and compassion when working with the prep's during Phys Ed.	Mrs Price	Indiana T Prep V	For being a caring student by sharing her belongings with her peers.
PE Ms Purvis	Luka H 1P	For his excellent effort in playing "Rapidfire" and always show great sportsmanship.	Mrs Warren	Nate C 3R	For having a 'beyond outstanding' day.
Performing Arts Mr Beach	Joel K 6A	For displaying cool, funky and smooth dance moves during the Grade 6 Christmas concert rehearsal.	Mrs Harding	Emma B 6A	Well done Emma for being a positive contributor to 6A/E.
Performing Arts Ms Purvis	Ashlea H 2H	For performing the "Rock Around the Clock" dance so confidently, with great rhythm and so much enthusiasm.	Mrs Kamini	Albin M 4W	For working hard to earn his Pen License.
Visual Arts Ms Lloyd	Armaan S 6H	For his excellent portrait painting.	Ms Charalambous	Ryley G 2P	For working hard during his Writing session.
Visual Arts Ms Medwin	Jake S 2S	For a fantastic last lesson in Art.	Ms Naismith	Jasmyn B 3M	For working hard on her poem in Writing.
ICT Mr Ross	Harry H 2C	For his outstanding work in creating a "Pong" game using Scratch.	Ms Hudson	Dale G Prep K	For doing a lovely job at singing during the Christmas concert.
ICT Mrs Hunter	Oni A 3T	For working hard to create some fantastic animations using Scratch.	Ms Backhaus	Gungeet S 5O	For always completing 5 star work and showing respect to his peers.
Science Ms Singleton	Guneka G 2A	For great teamwork when building Knex models.	Mrs Rento	Rebecca F 1S	Always being a happy and friendly member of the learning space.
Science Ms Medwin	Majed Z 3B	For his improved attitude toward Science this semester.	Mrs Little	Sohail J 5G	For amazing work in his Inquiry Learning.
Literacy Support	Kyle S 1E	Fantastic improvement in both accuracy and fluency & support of others.	Mrs Mathai	Georgia F Prep K	For her fantastic performance at the Christmas concert.
ESL	Sabah A 6E	For working really hard during our sessions and always having a positive attitude.	Mrs Hill	Lantu M Prep M	For being a helpful classmate.
Auslan	Satarra M 4S	For always trying her best during Auslan session. Keep up the good work.	Mr Ahern	Emerson H Prep W	For her fantastic singing in the Christmas concert.
			Ms Burgess	Jay W 6N	For a fantastic effort in all Christmas concert practices.

LOST PROPERTY

The end of the school term is fast approaching and as part of the school routine to prepare for the next term, the Lost Property area is cleared out. All of the named items are quickly returned to students, but any unnamed items that are not claimed will be thrown out or sent to charity. Please find time to check Lost Property if you have lost any items of clothing or containers. Thank you.

Final, whole school assembly in the Gym commencing 9:30am on Friday 18th December. All parents and friends most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there on the day.

SCHOOL REPORTS AND COMPASS

Student reports will be available to view online from 4pm Wednesday 16th December. A letter will be sent home on the day reminding parents of their username and password.

Please note that the office will not be able to issue this information.

