



Cranbourne East Primary School No 5518

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES 2016

February

Friday 19 th February	Family Photos
Monday 22 nd February	Yr 5&6 Water Safety Day Payment Due Prep Responsible Pet Program
Thursday 25 th February	Year 3 & 4 Athletics Carnival
Friday 26 th February	Year 5 & 6 Athletics Carnival
Monday 29 th February	Camps, Sports, and Excursions Fund Application Forms Due

March

Thursday 3 rd March	Yr5 Water Safety Day
Friday 4 th March	Yr6 Water Safety Day
Wednesday 9 th March	Yr2 Travelling Kitchen Payment Due

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi everyone

School Council Elections 2016

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category** – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- **A mandated elected DET employee category** – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category** – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections. Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

All you need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. **A Notice of Election and Call for Nominations commences today.** All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt following the receipt of your completed nomination

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

At CEPS there are four parent category vacancies and three DET employee category vacancies.

Please contact the school for further information.

From the Welfare Officer

Friendships and stages

The people around us have a big impact on our lives, especially friends. Therefore, it's natural for parents to want to pay close attention to who their child is associating with. Just knowing what is normal age-related behaviour for kids and friendships can help relieve parents' concerns.

3-4 years (preschoolers): need familiar adults for security as they explore and play. For instance, they may often be reluctant to go to a friend's house alone. Preschoolers start to develop real friendships with other kids, but conflict is common, and they'll typically seek adult assistance to rectify the issues.

5-7 years: can manage feelings and social situations with greater independence, are more aware of other people's feelings, have improved skills for forming and maintaining friendships, start becoming self-conscious in social situations and are aware of being accepted by 'the group'.

8-12 years (tweenies): not yet a teenager, but no longer a little child, less reliant on parents as more inclined to want to sleep over at a friend's house, becomes more aware of their body (especially due to puberty), far more aware of the influence of peers' opinions, gossiping about friends also increases and they will likely have formed their 'in-group' of friends.

Summing up

Friends are an important part of your child's healthy development. Remember, only your child can pick their friends. You can create opportunities for them to spend time with certain kids (especially when they're younger), but your child will naturally be attracted to some kids over others. As long as they are safe, then it's important to allow and respect this, as forcing your opinion with friendships can lead them to rebel.

Article written by psychologist and father of two, Anthony Gunn. Anthony is the author of Raising Confident, Happy Children.

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements & private property brought to schools

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is assessed that it is likely, in all the circumstances, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts or omissions of its staff/volunteers. Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Library News

Introducing

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs LOOP
for Parents

AVAILABLE AS AN APP!

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, **LOOP** makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or get it on Google Play for Android.

- For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogues
- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.

Download on the App Store GET IT ON Google play

Book Club

There are eight issues this year, two per term. Each child will receive a single catalogue each issue. There is a new online ordering system (**LOOP**), instructions included.

Cash book club order forms must be filled in with each child's **full** name and class.

Orders will be collated and delivered to the school within a couple of weeks *after* the closing date.

Book care

All students are required to bring a Library bag for carrying library books to and from school; this need not be a special bag. Please make sure books are cared for while on loan. If anything should happen to a book please have your child return the book as soon as possible, we can often fix most books if these are returned immediately.

Phones

All students are required to bring mobile phones to the small window of the Library each morning, before school begins. They will receive a numbered tag in order to pick up their phone at the end of the day. If a student loses a tag, they must go to the office to reclaim their phone. Please note devices other than phones should not be brought to school.

For Students in School Years 4,5,6,7&8 Only

To be held at Cranbourne Public Hall
High Street, Cranbourne.

On Saturday 20th February 2016

NO PASSOUTS. POLICE IN ATTENDANCE

Parents to collect from the hall at end of Disco.

Times from 6:00-9:00pm

Cost \$8.00 with ticket or \$10.00 at the door.



Shining Star Awards for 15th – 19th February 2016



Year	Shining Star Student	Award	Year	Shining Star Student	Award
Prep	Shereen K	For always taking her time to complete tasks to ensure it is five star.	Year 3	Sri G	For having such wonderful manners, helping others and working very hard during class.
	Alarah R	For helping her peers within the classroom.		Chilly C	For showing great leadership skills as our MVP.
	Charlotte P	For being kind and helpful to other students in the learning space.		Brayden P	For creating an awesome Place Value Robot during Maths!
	Bhavik S	For being a keen and enthusiastic learner.		Anakin S	For his brilliant beginning to Year 3!
	Diya J	For identifying and counting numbers 1-10.		Thomas B	For using a great opening sentence to begin his recount.
	Ruby E	For entering the Learning Space with a smile and having a great week!		Sam H	For her creative writing piece during our Freaky Friday free writing time! Well-done Sam!
	Ashleigh W	For trying her best and always having a positive attitude.		Elijah A	For an improved effort and trying hard in AUSLAN.
	Eve O	For her great listening and contributions at story time.		Arianna S	For her organisation with her work and homework.
	Daniel A	For working hard on his letter sounds.		Jasmine L	For having an amazing start to year 3!
Year 1	Aiden S	For always completing his work.	Year 4	Charlie D	For always looking out for others.
	Mason W	For his terrific participation on WOW day.		Kushman K	For always doing the right thing in her learning and being a good friend.
	Alysha P	For her wonderful sounding out during writing.		Ryan A	For being thoughtful towards others.
	Spencer L	For amazing counting strategies when working on our "Treasure Box" activity.		Nate C	For doing great writing!
	Shelana H	For always having a positive attitude towards her work and peers.		Jon B	For making a great start at CEPS and working well with others.
	Rukshika C	For always trying her best and completing 5 star colouring.		Ellie M	For her hard work and enthusiasm during all writing sessions this week.
	Moza K	For being an enthusiastic participant during our Year 1 Wow Day.		Rudra P	For being a friendly member of our grade.
	Divjot R	For making a great start to her recount writing.		Chloe O	For her enthusiastic participation during class discussions.
	Vansh R	For making a great start to his new school.		Year 5	Shahraa F
Year 2	Charley V	Contributing his ideas to our brainstorm on the foods that superheroes eat.	Jessica B		For being a great friend by including her peers in games and conversations.
	Miley T	For always being an organised student.	Tia H		For creating an interesting starter for her narrative. Well-done Tia!
	Bianca H	For always being responsible and dependable within our Learning Space.	Yama M		For setting amazing SMART goal for his personal learning.
	Shabadjot C	For his great ideas on what Superheroes eat to fuel their bodies!	Husna A		For settling in really well and making friends with another new student.
	Tiearra M	For consistently completing 5 star work. Keep up the great effort!	Elian T		For a fantastic start to the year at CEPS.
	Joshua E	For his confident and entertaining reading of The Gruffalo to 2HE.	Jenica N		For always taking pride in her work and presenting it to a 5 star standard.
	Sashwat K	A great job at explaining what protein is and why it is important for a Superhero.	Itunu A		For working hard to produce 5 star writing this week. Great work Itunu!
	Isabella D	For always being a kind and polite member of the Learning Space.	Year 6		Ashley C
		Eisraa F		Welcome to the CEPS community. Congratulations on making a great start to Year 6.	
		Grace I		For enthusiasm in our CERES session today!	
		Chad M		For making new friends and having a fabulous first week at Cranbourne East Primary School.	
		Joshua W		For settling in well at his new school. Welcome to CEPS!	
		Tegan E		For her great sense of humour and being a good sport.	
		Hadija K		For settling in well to CEPS.	



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Performing Arts Mr Beach	Shahraa F 5C	For settling into Performing Arts really well. Great start.	Mrs Simmonds	Zavier D 3Y	For showing responsibility in the yard.
Performing Arts Ms Purvis	Ishneet U 5Z	For her great participation in all aspects of our first Performing Arts lesson for the year.	Mrs Price	Oscar A 3R	For being respectful and consistently following our 5 R's.
PE Mr Carey	Dieu J 3B	Well done on a fantastic first Phys Ed Lesson at your new school along with a great result in high jump.	Mrs Warren	Ryan T 4M	Great attitude towards your learning.
PE Mr Shaw	Alazei L 4A	Well-done Alazei for your outstanding start in P.E this year. Keep up the great work!	Mrs Harding	Disha P 4A	For being a very thoughtful person.
PE Ms Woods	Ashlea H 3H	For a fantastic effort learning high jump.	Mrs Kamini	Chloe C 5O	For great help.
ICT Mr Ross	Dalton R 3A	For his outstanding animation using Scratch.	Ms Charalambous	Kiara V 6S	For a great start to the year.
ICT Mrs Wahid	Stephanie R-G 1S	For confidently sharing her ideas during our class discussion about Cybersafety.	Ms Naismith	Zeke C 1G	For being a great friend in the yard.
Visual Arts Ms Lloyd	Selina S Prep K	For creating a colorful portrait in her sketchbook.	Ms Hudson	Cory P 3F	For having a go and not giving up.
Visual Arts Ms Medwin	Jaimilee McG Prep B	For showing kindness and helping others in Art this week!	Ms Backhaus	Nick F 6E	For showing confidence in his work.
Science Ms Singleton	Brock F 1E	For great sorting of materials in groups of what they are made of.	Mrs Rento	Joel L 1S	For being a good buddy during PE.
Science Ms Medwin	Noah C 4R	For his fantastic goal setting in Science this week!	Mrs Little	Tyler T 1L	For showing Mrs Little respect.
Literacy Support	Solomona F 2X	Fantastic improvement in his reading accuracy.	Mrs Mathai	Sevin A 1K	For taking responsibility in new areas.
ESL	Zaina A 1S	For making significant improvements with her speaking & listening.	Mrs Hill	Colin A 2B	For doing a great job on his words.
Auslan	Daniel G Prep M	For making a great start to his Auslan in 2016.	Ms Burgess	Noah C 4R	For a super fantastic holiday recount.

Mathletics News

Welcome to Mathletics for 2016!

Over the past two weeks, and during the holiday break, a total of 431 bronze Mathletics certificates were achieved and 57 silver certificates. Congratulations to the following students for earning gold certificates:

Year 1 – Maximillian, Anali, Inuka, Ronal
 Year 3 – Bimali, George, Ashlin
 Year 4 – Hanna, Netra, Kiara
 Year 5 – Lucky, Disari
 Year 6 – Madison

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

If you have submitted an application form without a copy of your Health Care Card, please send a copy of your card to the office so that the application can be processed.

Applications close on the 29th February, 2016.