



IMPORTANT DATES 2017

March

Thursday 9 th March	District Athletics
Sunday 12 th March	Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Monday 13 th March	Labour Day Public Holiday – No School
Monday 20 th March	CEPS Cross Country
Wednesday 22 nd March	Prep Alpha Show payment Due
Thurs 23 rd & Friday 24 th March	Whole School Photos
Friday 31 st March	End of Term Progress Reports Published on Compass
Friday 31 st March	Last Day of Term 1 – School Dismissed at 2:30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hi everyone

School attendance and why It's Not Okay To Be Away. It is most important that students attend school every day with the exception being for genuine illness. Absenteeism has become a big issue and it's an issue that is not owned exclusively by schools. The wider school community, parents and students need to fully understand the impact of missing school days. If your child is not at school we cannot educate them.

A key message that needs to be embraced by schools, parents and the wider community is that **It's Not Okay to be Away**. The 'fallout' of poor attendance is very real. These students will be at risk of not achieving their potential and therefore limit their life choices and success in life. Other real consequences are:

- Social isolation
- Students will have detrimental gaps in their learning of knowledge and basic concepts and may feel insecure in the school environment
- Students may place themselves at risk of harm while absent and could get too easily involved in socially unacceptable and/ or illegal activities
- Students are more likely to leave school early during the secondary years
- Be over-represented in the juvenile justice system or be the victims of bullying and harassment.

When you consider all the above, schools, parents and the wider community need to work in partnership with each other to ensure students regularly attend school, are on time to commence their learning and enjoy school success and as a consequence more enriched life choices in life.

School Council Elections. Following on from the call for nominations for the annual School Council vacancies I can announce and congratulate the following parent representatives: Barry Taylor, Roz Coles, Pawan Kumar and Amanda Woodhouse. I also congratulate Michelle Wrigley for her successful nomination as staff member representative of the School Council.

Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). The Annual Implementation Plan is taken from the School Strategic Plan and clearly details how the school will work to improve student outcomes in 2017. The AIP shows the improvement priorities and initiatives, 12 month achievement targets and specifically the key improvement strategies. The school improvement priorities include excellence in teaching and learning and curriculum planning and assessment (building practice excellence) and building leadership teams (professional leadership). Both the AIP and School Strategic Plan are on the school website for viewing. Please familiarize yourself with both documents.

A note from Mr Ross our Digital Technologies Leader. *This term in ICT we are delivering a new and engaging Digital Technologies curriculum to students from Foundation through to Year 6. The new curriculum enables students to be more 'connected' through lessons that focus on problem solving, patterns, coding, robotics, and organising data. Throughout the term, students will learn to create, communicate and collaborate offline in a safe and supportive environment. Here at CEPS we pride ourselves on providing an outstanding ICT program that engages all students in a safe and exciting curriculum. We look forward to sharing our experiences through both the school newsletters, Student Digital Portfolios and Online Assembly.*

From the Welfare Officer

HOW PARENTS AND CARERS CAN HELP THEIR CHILDREN'S LEARNING

Parents and carers scaffold children's learning by leading and coaching them towards coming up with their own answers. This shows children how to learn, and makes it more likely that they will succeed. The next time your child asks for help, you might try some of the following ways to scaffold thinking and learning.

- **Prompt children to extend their thinking**
 - Ask them to think about something relevant: "Why do you think...?"
 - Ask them to think through alternatives: "That would be one way, what's another way we could try?"
 - Provide support for thinking through difficult tasks: "Let's have a think about this together."
- **Ask them to explain the steps**
 - Help children to plan their approach: "What is it that we need to do?"
 - Ask them to review their steps so far: "Tell me more about what you have already tried?"
- **Demonstrate**
 - Show an example and talk it through: "First, I will..., and then I will..., and then I can..."
- **Break it into steps**
 - Help children who are stuck by breaking the task into smaller steps.
 - It's a good idea to ensure the first step involves something that children can already do. This way they will experience success early which helps their confidence.
 - Be sure to provide praise for completing each step as they work through a task.

Mrs Jones

Primary Welfare Officer

Science News

Congratulations to this wonderful and dedicated group of students who have been helpful cleaning up our school, especially during Clean up Australia week!



Ms Singleton

Science and Sustainability Teacher

Mathletics News

In the last two weeks a total of 290 bronze Mathletics certificates were achieved and 40 silver certificates. Congratulations to the following students for earning gold certificates:

Year 1	Logan, Gaele
Year 2	Nirman, Zaina, Jasmine
Year 3	Tristian
Year 5	Majed
Year 6	Fernanda, Shenelle, Megan

Don't forget to log into Mathletics at home:

www.mathletics.com

House Points

This week

Ruffy	591
Hudson	566
Lyll	601
Donnelly	812

From the Sports Desk

CRANBOURNE EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 students had an excellent time on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th of February at Casey Fields Athletics Track competing in the House Athletics Carnival. It was with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship that our students participated.

In perfect weather conditions students competed for house points in a wide variety of events. These included high jump, triple jump, long jump, discus and shot put, as well as the 100m, hurdles and novelty races. It was an action packed day brimming with energy and school spirit. A terrific example of all that we celebrate about our CEPS school community.

It was also great to see so many of our parents there to cheer our students on and help with timekeeping or marshalling. Thank you to everyone who came out and assisted with events, we couldn't run these days without the support of all the fantastic parents!

The final house point scores will be announced during online assembly.

Well done again to all the students who competed!





Shining Star Awards for 6th – 10th March 2017



Year	Shining Star	Award	Year	Shining Star	Award
Prep	Franzelle P	For taking such care and pride in her work.	Year 3	Kayden S	For his excellent attitude and effort during our measurement activity in Maths.
	Jude L	For an excellent effort in his Monster Maths activities!		Anviddha S	For working extremely hard on developing her addition strategies.
	Mikayla F	For making new friends and helping others in the classroom.		Isabella D	For showing outstanding effort to solve two-digit addition problems through the use of partitioning.
	Pavana P D	For being helpful and supportive to her classmates.		Holly B	For working cooperatively with others on group activities. Well done!
	Aaron K	For showing great confidence when speaking in front of his class.		Leigh W	For his enthusiastic participation in the dictionary activity. Well done!
	Levi S	For working so hard in his writing and always trying his best.	Year 4	Izel G	For beginning to contribute more with great ideas in whole class discussions.
	Jasman L	For always taking her time to complete a task to ensure it is 5 Star.		Blessing R	For an outstanding performance at the Athletics Carnival.
	Shae McD	For completing tasks and helping others.		Sandy L	For always trying her best with her learning.
Year 1	Sahej W	For settling in well at CEPS. Welcome Sahej!	CJ H	For his amazing home reading efforts.	
	Jaibir S	For being a kind and considerate friend to others.	Jayden S	For persisting in Maths when it was challenging.	
	Aya E	For showing enthusiasm in her learning.	Jameson B	For writing a fantastic orientation for his narrative.	
	Logan H	For making excellent choices and always following the 5R's.	Makayla F	For being a great listener!	
	Ali K	For his eager participation in our learning environment.	Zavier D	For his fantastic focus during our writing sessions. Well done!	
	Charlotte P	For excellent participation in class discussions and always being eager to answer questions.	Year 5	Tylah B	For showing enthusiasm and persistence when working on multiplying double digits. Well done!
	Jye McC	For great sounding out when writing about soccer.		Lincoln K	For showing great enthusiasm and focus when researching Greece for our Inquiry. Well done!
	Kody H	For his amazing writing about Pokémon. Well done Kody!		Oliver L	For working hard to solve his division problems using arrays. Well done Oliver!
Ekamjit S	For his amazing effort in learning about place value in Maths.	Cohen M		For working really hard on long multiplication this week. Fantastic effort Cohen!	
Year 2	Tyler T	For showing great communication skills and making friends in Respectful Relationships.	Roughsar K	For being a great friend out in the yard and helping others. Well done Roughsar!	
	Anali T	For excellent spelling homework.	Avneet J	For continually producing high quality homework.	
	Roop V	For his fantastic effort with his Mascot entry!	Jorden K	For always striving to complete the best work he possibly can.	
	Max S	For his enthusiastic attitude towards learning. He always has a go, produces his best work and never gives up. Well done!	Year 6	Tamanna H	For outstanding effort in completing homework and classroom activities.
	Stephanie R-G	For putting great effort into improving her reading.		Wairua B	For a beautiful string poem about the Gold Rush.
	Jessa T	For showing great initiative and responsibility with her job as Recycling Bin Monitor.		Ian T	For always being a conscientious and engaged class member. Well done Ian!
	Phoenix W	For beginning to put her hand up to share in class discussions and read our learning intentions.		Bhoomi S	For your wonderful and enthusiastic participation in our school Athletics Carnival. A great effort!
	Vanessa T	For being a great member of the Learning Space.		Mackenzie H	For voluntarily contributing to all class discussions. Keep up the great work, Mackenzie!
Olivia T	For enthusiastically helping to present the Year 2 Assembly.	Hisham M	For a fantastic effort in the 100m sprint at Athletics.		
Year 3	Ryley C	For his fantastic effort when measuring and calculating length using a measuring tape. Well done!	Joshua A	For displaying excellent sportsmanship during the Athletic Carnival supporting and encouraging his classmates. Well done Joshua!	
	Charli T	For using some excellent descriptive words in her narrative writing.	Dipsa J	For a great attitude towards her reading.	
	Solenn C	For a superb effort with her weekly homework! Keep it up Solenn!			



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Performing Arts Mr Beach	Alazei L 5Z	For your continued effort and enthusiasm in all Performing Arts lessons. Great work.	Mrs Simmonds	Bahar H 4R	For showing great relationships understanding.
Performing Arts Ms Purvis	Dominick L 3W	For your excellent understanding of 3/4 time in Performing Arts. You moved and played instruments confidently to this rhythm.	Mrs Price	Matthew K 4W	For contributing to group discussions and trying his best in class.
PE Mr Carey	Tajbir P 6F	For a great individual effort in the beep test. Well done!	Mrs Warren	Oliver L 5G	For showing kindness to other students.
PE Mr Shaw	Noah T 1C	For working hard during our activity rotations in PE. Keep up the great work Noah!	Mrs Harding	Ethan B 6D	For a fantastic effort during Maths. Keep up the good work Ethan.
PE Miss Edwards	Charlie Mac 6E	For a fantastic effort completing the beep test this week.	Mrs Wickramasinghe	Heidi B 6A	For displaying courage and enthusiasm at the Athletic Carnival.
ICT Mr Ross	Jonah P 6A	Jonah demonstrated outstanding use of the EV3 Lego Robotics kits today, completing our island challenge in five blocks of code.	Ms Charalambous	Ora D S 3B	For being a good friend to everyone.
ICT Mrs Wahid	Joshua B 4J	For his wonderful work in Google Sheets and always being willing to help his peers.	Ms Naismith	Manuela P 5X	For doing an amazing job on the beep test.
Visual Arts Ms Lloyd	Isula H K 6E	For a very detailed and informative reflection on his 'Songline' artwork.	Ms Hudson	Tarah McP Prep F	For staying on task and for doing a fantastic job in Maths. Well done!
Visual Arts Ms Pither	Thomas S 3B	For designing an African tribal mask with outstanding features.	Mrs Rento	Louisa W 2Z	Always being a polite and friendly classmate.
Science Ms Singleton	Adonai H & Tyson K 2H	For making sure everyone in their team is included in working on their poster.	Mrs Little	Emily B 2B	For being respectful to others in her class.
Visual Arts Ms Pitt	Cerys W 2H	For a fantastic effort with her outback landscape. Well done!	Mrs Hill	Keneka M 6E	For fantastic work during our Maths session. Great work!
ESL	Maritta Y 1K	For contributing to our group discussions. Keep it up!	Ms Burgess	Maia B 1K	For great reading!
Auslan	Amani D 1T	For showing her confidence with the Auslan Alphabet.	Ms Harris	Ekam S 1B	For trying his best to understand empathy.
Literacy Support Mrs Dunmall	Teeana V 1H	For the great effort she is putting into her reading and her ability to retell the story afterwards.	Ms Silva	Liam D P 1C	For working hard on your reading.
Literacy Support Mrs Healy	Samantha R 3T	For improved reading 'with expression'. Keep up the great effort with your home reading.	Ms Beck	Shabnam K 5C	For working hard on your Maths tests.

SCHOOL PHOTOS



All students were given a named photo envelope on 2.3.17. This year, families have the option to pay Online. The online payment receipt number must be written on the photo envelope and returned on photo day. **Please do not return photo envelopes prior to photo day.** If you choose to pay by cash, please ensure your envelope is correctly filled out, money inserted, and returned on photo day. The office is unable to provide change over the counter on this day. Sibling (family) photos envelopes are available from the office. Thank you

Ms Ablitt	Ronal R 2KVD	For fantastic expression and use of punctuation during reading.
Ms Whitehead	Jonathon E 4D	For displaying fantastic sportsmanship. Well done!
Ms Roberts	Karthik A P 1K	For using great manners during class time.
Mrs Bhasin	Banoo F 3S	For working hard on your Pie Graph in ICT.
Miss Karunathilake	Siona A Prep T	For sharing and using lovely manners during the activities.
Ms Heald	Harlee K 2H	For having a great writing session with some brilliant ideas.