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Absence Hotline - 4726 1260

If students are absent please ring this number and leave a message detailing:

Child's name, Class and reason for absence.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
This week sees the beginning of the School Leadership selections for 2014. Please encourage your child to begin the process even if they are unsure if they want to be a School Leader in 2014, as they can always pull out of the process along the way.

Below is the Selection Process for applying for one of the Leadership positions and parents can assist their children in any way. We wish all students the very best in their endeavours.

**Selection Process**

1. Leadership Application and Nomination Forms distributed (paper and electronic) to Year 5 & 6 students - Wednesday 6th November
2. Submit the Nomination Form to the office prior to Monday 18th November.
3. Attend the Leadership Days - Thursday 14th & Friday 15th November
4. Complete the Leadership Application Form - Application Close Friday 22nd November Applications to be emailed to the.principal@cranbrooss.eq.edu.au
5. Observable criteria judging completed by current teaching staff (Classroom, HPE, Music, LOTE) - Monday 25th November
6. Written applications assessed by Selection Panels (Tuesday 26th November) consisting of:
   - **School Captains and Vice Captains** - Principal, P & C President, 2013 School Captains and a Year 5/6 teacher
   - **Indigenous Captains** - Principal, School Elder and one 2013 Indigenous Captain
   - **Music Captains** - Principal, 2013 Music Captains and Music Teacher
   - **Sports Captains** - Principal, two 2013 Sports Captains and HPE Teacher.
7. Students short listed by the Selection Panel and written notification given to students - Wednesday 27th November.
8. Students present their speech to all students, staff and other members of the school community at Parade and all students vote (Staff & Year 3 to 7 votes counted) - Monday 2nd December
9. Principal informs new leaders and short listed students in writing of the result based on the overall results of the Selection Criteria - Monday 2nd December

The student application form is available at [https://cranbrooss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx](https://cranbrooss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx)

**Every Day Counts -**

**Frequently asked questions - Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away?**

Yes - Parents must let the school know the reason for the absence, if not beforehand, then within two days of their child's return to school.
Can I take my child out of school for family or social occasions?

No - you should arrange leisure activities, visits to family and friends and shopping trips outside of school hours.

Does the occasional day away from school really affect my child’s education?

Yes - research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

What should I do if my child refuses to go to school?

Contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

After School Procedures

- Students riding or walking home after school should promptly leave the school grounds and be left by no later than 3:05pm
- No children (school age or not) are allowed on the playground equipment (including the Prep Area and the Prep Adventure Playground) after 3:00pm. This direction is for safety reasons as the students cannot be supervised by staff and they are not being supervised by parents.
- All other students will be supervised out the front in the pickup area until 3:20pm. Unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher or the office staff, all students should be collected by no later than 3.20pm.

Early Collection of Students

If you know you have an appointment or need to collect your students early, please send a note for the teacher so the student/s can be sent to the office at the appropriate time by the teacher.

Jeff Capell
PRINCIPAL

2014 PREP ENROLMENTS

Prep enrolments for 2014 are being accepted now.

If your child was born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009 he/she is eligible to start Prep in 2014.

Enrolment packages are available from the office.
The following are the steps to becoming a Cranbrook Learner Parent:

1. Collect an enrolment form from either
   . Cranbrook State School
   . Busy Kids Day Care
   . ABC Cranbrook
   . Village Kids Day Care or
   . Red Leaf Day Care

2. Book a 15 minute interview followed by a 15 minute activity session by Friday, 8th November

3. Attend our Prep Open Day on Monday, 9th December - 2:00 to 3:00pm

4. Attend our Ready Reader Parent Information Sessions on Wednesday, 11th December - 9:00 to 11:30am or 12:30 to 3:00pm

A Birth Certificate is required with Prep enrolments

STUDENT COUNCIL - FREE DRESS DAY

The next Free Dress Day will be held on Friday, 15th November (Week 6).

Week 6 is for Breast Cancer and the theme is "Pink"

FREE DRESS DAY

Theme is “PINK”

“PINK” treats for sale

at Tuckshop
50c each

Mini cupcakes, jelly slice, pink cake, strawberry cheesecake, pink biscuits, slices & cakes

Gold coin donation

Student Council - McDonald's Day

As the Tuckshop will be closed on 26th November the Student Council will be having a McDonald's Day. Notes will be going home shortly.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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**FROM THE SPORTS DESK**

**SWIMMING**

Swimming notes and payment MUST be returned by **Monday 18th November**. Every child needs to return a note whether they are attending or not. If you have misplaced the note please collect another from the office.
It is important that all children participate in the program as swimming is not just water confidence. Swimming is an essential skill and the ability to swim 50 metres may one day be imperative in saving a life. The 5 X 45 minute lessons will be held in Weeks 8 & 9 (Monday 25 November to Friday 6 December). Children will be instructed by the qualified and friendly staff of Long Tan Aquatics. All levels of skill will be catered for, from children who are lacking confidence in the water, through to competent swimmers who need stroke correction. Competent swimmers will not only participate in stroke technique, but will also be involved in water safety and lifesaving techniques.

Children will be transported by bus to and from the pool. The cost for the 5 X 45 minute lessons will be $40.00 and must be paid by MONDAY 18th November to allow for group organisation. No late payments can be accepted after Monday 4:00 pm, unless by arrangement with office staff. If you are unable to make this payment, please contact the school’s office to establish a payment plan.

I encourage all parents to ask themselves “Can my child swim 50m to be able to save themselves?” Being able to swim and be confident in the water enables children to enjoy and participate in all water based activities. Please ensure that you make every effort for your children to participate and not miss this opportunity.

A permission form must be returned to the office whether your child is attending or not.

Cranbrook’s Inter-house Swimming Carnival will be held in Week 10 on Wednesday 11th December and ALL children will be attending and participating in some way. The swim lessons are an important part of their preparation for the swimming carnival.

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Resource Centre News

**New Reading Series Online Home Access**

Our school has recently purchased new reading resources for classroom guided reading. Cranbrook now has access to Springboard Connect online digital books designed mainly for lower school or for students requiring modified texts. Students can access the online digital books from home to re-read and practise what they have read at school in their guided reading groups. Below are details of how you can access the digital books.
www.springboardconnect.com.au

Student Login: css

Student Password: cranbrook

Three icons will appear: Level 1-8, Level 9-16 and Level 17-23. When you click one of the icons a bookshelf will appear with the levelled digital books. Click on the book that the student has read in class. There are many functions that the student can use including highlighting words, having the book read to them and recording their reading of the text. We ask students not to click any of the save functions as they will show up when other students log in.

We also have a new Learn-About series and a Giggles mini novel series. Many students are already engaging in these new resources and I am hearing very excited feedback from the students and teachers. It is wonderful to see such enthusiasm about reading at Cranbrook.

Jodie Shepherd
Teacher Librarian

P & C NEWS

NEXT P&C MEETING

Reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 18th November at 7pm. Meetings are held in the staff room, everyone welcome. This will be the last meeting for 2013.

AVAILABLE GRANTS FOR THE P&C

Do you or a family member work for Telstra? Telstra Kid's Fund is a valuable means by which Telstra employees can direct Telstra's support into their local communities across Australia. Permanent Telstra Group employees can apply for a Telstra's Kids Fund grant of $1200 for Cranbrook State School P&C to support a project or activity run by the P&C. If you are a Telstra permanent employee and would love to help us please contact the P&C on pandc@cranbrooss.eq.edu.au or leave your name at the office for us to contact you with further details.

PINK DAY

Friday 15th November the P&C will be holding a fundraising event for Breast Cancer. Come in free dress, theme is “PINK”, please pay a gold coin donation. Also on the day there will be pink treats being sold at the tuckshop for 50c each. Cakes, biscuits, slices and more. Many thanks to the wonderful P&C members that have kindly
offered to bake for the day.

Kirwan State High School Transition Day.

Cranbrook students have been invited to attend Kirwan State High School on Monday 2 December 2013 from 9:00am-2:30pm.

This is open to all Year7 students who have enrolled in Kirwan SHS for 2014.

Each set of parents will be responsible for the transportation of students to and from Kirwan.

Please advise Cranbrook State School if your child will be attending in accordance with normal roll marking procedures.

Literacy and Numeracy Update

**Keys to Being Literate**

The core component of the Big 6 is for students to be ‘reading for meaning’. It is the central key for being literate; to read for meaning, students must simultaneously utilise clues from all cueing systems.

**Phonemic Awareness** is the second key stage to being literate. This involves the ability to hear, identify, manipulate and blend speech sounds.

At home parents can assist students to develop their phonemic awareness by:

- Make funny rhyming words – dog, bog, fog, nog
- Create tongue twisters using alliteration – all words starting with the same sound – Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers
- Read rhyming books at home
- Have your child tell you the initial sound of words in their home reader – then move on to the medial and end sounds, not the letter name
- Use counters to identify how many sounds are in each of their sight words or words from their reading book
Spelling Update

This week’s Whole School Focus for spelling is - *Never split a phonogram* (A phonogram is 1 sound). Some phonograms have 2 or more letters to make a sound or sounds (eg. ee, ir, aw, ch). Below is a short example of how words would be broken into syllables. Multiple Phonograms and successive Seventeen Phonograms have been underlined.

sh ow er de str oy ing pl ay er pat ch es la w ful ta ckle sta tion

**Prep – Yr 2**
Consonants are circled in blue, vowels in red

**Yr 3 – Yr 7**
C represents consonants and V represents vowels

CV CC VC V
s in cere

‘Twilight Parent Information Session on Spelling’

A major factor in student success at school is the partnership that is formed between both the school and the parents/carers. As a school we are continually looking to expand the opportunities to work with parents/carers to help improve student outcomes.

At the end of Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3, spelling data was collected on every child to assist teachers with their planning and support for your child in the classroom.

To support your child in reaching their spelling benchmark we would like to personally invite you to our ‘Twilight Parent Information Session on Spelling’ on **Wednesday 13th November from 5.30pm-6.30pm.** This is a repeat presentation from the highly successful session held in Term 2. This information session will provide you with some insight into how spelling is taught at Cranbrook State School along with activities you can do with your child at home and resources you can access to support your child with spelling.

The parent information session will include the following:
- Student Learning Goals
- Breaking down words into their parts
- Words Their Way Spelling Program
- Spelling at Home – strategies, how to, supporting their learning goal, text appropriateness and reading over the holidays
- Volunteering at school – upper and lower year levels
- Resources to support parents and guardians

We hope to see you at this information session.

From Cranbrook SS Spelling Committee
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Managing Asthma over the School Holidays

Although school holidays are a time to relax and unwind from the busy school term, it’s important to still remain vigilant to asthma management to ensure that your time off is enjoyable. Whether you’re planning a trip overseas, interstate or even just staying at home, here are a few tips to ensure your asthma, or your child’s asthma, is well managed during the school holidays:

- Continue to take preventer medication as prescribed on your Asthma Action Plan
- Carry blue reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin) and spacer with you at all times
- Visit your doctor for an asthma review prior to travelling and request an updated Asthma Action Plan
- Remember to take your Asthma Action Plan away with you, or keep in an easy to access location in your home
- Ensure you take enough medication to last your trip, and take repeat prescriptions with you in case you misplace or run out of medication whilst away
- Check that your travel insurance policy specifically includes asthma and that it offers the cover you need

For more information about asthma, please contact 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)