## Calendar of Events

### 10th February
- 2.40pm Parade
- 3.00pm **Parent Class Representative Meeting** - Resource Centre

### 11th February
- 3.15pm **Class Information Sessions** (Classrooms)
  - PA, PB, PC, 1B, 2B, 2/3D, 3A, 4A, 7A

### 12th February
- 2.30pm **Parent Volunteer Course**
- 3.15pm **Class Information Sessions** (Classrooms)
  - 1/2C, 2A, 3C, 4B, 4C, 6A, 6B, 6C
- 5.30 pm Reading @ Cranbrook

### 13th February
- 3.15pm **Class Information Sessions** (Classrooms)
  - 1A, 5A, 5B, 5C

### 14th February
- 8.00am **Parent Volunteer Course**
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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

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone to the start of the 2014 school year. I would like to especially welcome all the new families who are joining Cranbrook this year. A warm welcome is also extended to three classes of Prep children who are embarking on their first year of primary schooling. Our staff were very busy at school the week before school started and have been working hard participating in professional development activities and making sure they gave an exciting and memorable welcome for the start of Term One.
Cranbrook State School enjoys a very strong reputation for providing a quality learning environment that assumes high expectations for each learner and is both safe and supportive. Our Cranbrook Learner Code reflects school expectations regarding respectful conduct and I can assure you that the safety and wellbeing of your child/ren is of major concern to us all. Therefore, I make no apology for ensuring that inappropriate behaviour is dealt with swiftly and decisively while understanding that for some students an educative approach is, at times, required. However, if we don’t know that there is an issue we can’t help to find a solution.

Thank you for having your children ready for school. They look neat and tidy in their school uniforms and it is wonderful to see the universal support for our school Dress Code.

Staffing – Day 8

This year sees a new staffing model being implemented by the Department of Education and Training which must be implemented after Day 8 (Thursday 6th February). Because of student numbers we will need to reduce our class numbers to 21. It also means that the class or classes that need to be rearranged will require a composite structure and our usual practice of placing high performing students and independent learners into these classes will be implemented for the day 8 process.

Please understand there is a process to go through to determine the final decision, and there are factors such as student needs, staffing requirements, disruption minimisation as well as staff members’ personal circumstances. I can assure you that the school community will be kept informed of any decisions made.

These classes have been formed and will begin their transition on Friday 7th February, with the new classes beginning Monday 10th February.

Parent Teacher Communication

All parents should have received an introductory letter or information sheet from their student classroom teacher. Parent/teacher meetings are also encouraged and will be held in Week 3 onwards to explain to parents the classroom expectations and routines for 2014.

2014 Permissions

Our 2014 permission procedure will see a survey link sent to your registered email address for you to complete. Please complete the 3 minute survey ASAP so your child does not miss out on special events such as Cross Country etc.

The following link and Smart Phone QR will allow you to complete your permissions for 2014. The link is also available on our website.

Traffic Problems

Many schools face the challenge of traffic congestion at drop off and pick up times with regard to finding a car park. Please don’t forget that you can make use of the numerous car parking spaces on Bergin Road and Albert Street. Patience is needed at these very busy times to maximise the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

Class Information Sessions

Come along to your child's class information session in Week 3 on the 11th, 12th and 13th February. Please refer to the calendar above to see which day your child's class is scheduled. These sessions will be in your child's classroom.

Parent Class Representatives

Due to the class changes we have had to shuffle these nominations around. It is expected that the class representatives will be contacted on Monday to confirm your nomination.

Parent Class Representative Meeting - Monday 10th February 3.00pm in the Resource Centre

Welcome to all our new staff at Cranbrook

Our new deputy principal is Alison Abbey.

Our new teachers are:

Cate West  6A

Tiffany Foggarty  Friday  6B

Judith Rollinson  Wednesday  Special Education

Jess Church  Special Education

Jenny McCaskill  Monday / Tuesday  Guidance Officer

Luke Thomas  Intervention and Wellbeing Teacher Aide

Welcome back Maureen Peach and Jane Balanzategui.

Staff Changes
4B will see Ms Kylie Stark teaching on Mondays while Mrs Natasha Walsh continues to develop the school numeracy program.

**Free Parent Reading Information Evening**

Wednesday 12th February, 5.30pm

I look forward to meeting you and working with you throughout 2014 to make your child’s time at our school both happy and successful.

Jeff Capell - Principal

**Home Reading at Cranbrook State School**

Our Philosophy is – “Every child, should read every night – no excuse!”

During the next two weeks your child will receive their home reading books – lower school.

For those students in the middle and upper school we would expect that they will read any form of literature that is of particular interest to them. Some examples are; library books, chapter books, comics, magazines, web pages etc. It doesn’t have to be a reader from school.

For recording home reading students are expected to use the R.E.A.D It Home Reading Diary. In the lower years we expect that parents will sign the books and return these to school each day.

However, each classroom teacher may have a different expectation for number of books read and frequency of return each week – please go to the Parent Information Sessions for further clarification or ask your child’s teacher.

In the middle of these books are reward stickers for number of books read. These stickers will be placed on a certificate, which will be given out in class or on assembly.

The following certificates will be given out in class:

- 25 nights, 50 nights, 75 nights, 125 nights and 175 nights.

The following certificates will be given out on assembly:

- 100 nights, 150 nights and 200 nights.

These texts provide pages with tips for setting up a reading environment, ways of encouraging your child while reading, suggestions on increasing understanding of what is read, how to correct mistakes and advice on what students could be reading.
Prayer Morning reminder

Chappy Chrissy extends a warm welcome to anyone wishing to attend prayer time every Tuesday at 8.30 am in the Library’s green resource room.
From the Music Room

Welcome back for another year filled with music making!

A meeting was held last week for all students currently enrolled (and those interested) in the Instrumental Music Program, including students new to Cranbrook. Several notes have been sent home including loan agreements, enrolment forms, loan hire and music contribution forms. Please contact Mrs Nichols if you have any questions regarding the Instrumental Music Program or need a copy of these letters.

Instrumental music lessons for continuing students started this week, and students beginning instrumental lessons this year will start in week 3. Please make sure students have all their equipment to start their lessons - students that have their own instruments should take them out and check everything is in good working order.

Instrumental Days:

Monday - Percussion with Mr Brunskill
Tuesday - Woodwind with Mrs Gardner
Wednesday - Strings with Mrs Lloyd-Doolan
Friday - Brass with Mrs Hosking.

Choir

Meetings have been held this week for Junior Choir (gr 3 & 4) and Senior Choir (gr 5–7). Rehearsal times are below:

Junior Choir – Tuesday 2nd break (play), every 2nd Wednesday 2–3pm (odd weeks)
Senior Choir – Monday 8:15 – 8:45am, every 2nd Wednesday 2–4pm (even weeks)

P & C NEWS

On behalf of the P&C I would like to welcome all the new families to Cranbrook State School for 2014, hopefully by now you and your children have settled in well to our wonderful school community, the P&C is very proud of our school and we are sure you and your children will enjoy their learning experience at Cranbrook State School.

The P&C holds a monthly general meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month. The next general meeting for the P&C will be on Monday 17th February 2014. All parents new and old are welcome to attend. Meetings are held in the school staff room, the staff room is located at the end of the
administration building closest to the staff car park. The P&C Executive members can be contacted on PandC@cranbrooss.eq.edu.au

Have you considered becoming a member of the P&C in 2014? By joining your P&C you can add your voice to what’s happening around the school. All positions need to be filled again for the 2014 school year. Positions are: President, Vice President, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary, Grants Officer, P&C Qld Representative, Fundraising Co-Ordinator and Fete Co-ordinator. As well as these roles we also would love as many parents as possible to join the P&C. By joining the P&C you are entitled to vote at meetings and have your say on agenda items at each meeting. As well as the meetings, there is also heaps of opportunity during the year to assist in the many fundraising events the P&C run. The AGM will be on Monday 17th March 2014 at 7pm in the staffroom so please consider joining the P&C for 2014, the more members we get for the year, the more we can achieve for the school and our children.

2nd HAND UNIFORMS – Do you have uniforms you no longer require? or would you like to save some money and purchase some second hand uniforms? A Cranbrook parent has kindly offered her services to run a second hand uniform service on behalf of the P&C for the families at Cranbrook State School. So if you have outgrown your uniforms please consider donating them to the second hand uniform service. The organiser of this service is Kelly and she can be contacted on email colandkelly1@bigpond.com At the moment there will be no physical second hand shop established, but may be in the future if there is plenty of support for it. All requests will be processed via email until we have enough interest. We are asking families that are interested in donating uniforms to please leave the uniforms in the office in a bag marked with KELLY – 2nd HAND UNIFORMS so Kelly can collect them and sort ready for orders she receives. If you are wanting to purchase second hand uniforms please contact Kelly on the email above and let her know what you are after and once the stock comes in from families she will liaise with families regarding payment and collection of the uniforms and hope to fill everyone’s needs at the same time saving them a bit of money. Uniforms will be priced as per their condition ranging from approx. $3 to $10. Any funds raised in the sale of the second hand uniforms will be passed onto the P&C to support the school in their many ventures throughout the year.

Here is list of some of the second hand uniforms Kelly currently has available to purchase:

- polo shirts in size 6, 8, 10 and 12
- skorts in size 6
- boys shorts in size 6
- blue football shorts that do not have sizes but look about a 6 or 8

Regards,
COMMUNITY NEWS

Do you want to play sport?
Learn life skills like:
  Teamwork
Fairness    Communication
Leadership Determination
Focus      Goal Setting
And have FUN staying fit!
Cannons have a philosophy of coaching in a fun, supportive, trusting atmosphere in order to help children accomplish their objectives.
We are holding a come and try day
Monday 10th February
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Murray Basketball Stadium
Murray Lyons Crescent, Annandale
Bring a water bottle

ALL WELCOME!

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