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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**

**URGENT - Parent Email Addresses:**

Please be aware that an active email address should be registered with the school ASAP.

**SRS 2014**

All forms are to be completed by the 28th March with full payment to be eligible for the 10% discount.

Please contact the BSM if you would like to arrange alternative payments.

**Reminder:** If your child is wanting to participate in Interschool Sport, they cannot be a part of any extra curriculum activities unless full or part payment of the SRS has been made. Please see the ladies in the office for assistance.

**Oral Language Donations Required**
Our school is setting up an Oral Literacy room. If you have any old toys that are good quality, indoor play equipment or games that you are willing to donate it would be appreciated. Please drop off your equipment to the office.

**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.


Congratulations to those 150 parents who have completed the Permission Survey – Your child will be able to attend the Cross Country and other activities. Time is running out if you do not want you child to miss out.

**Agenda for Improvement – 2014**

With our year well underway I will share some of the work we are doing to help improve our school in 2014. Our 2012 to 2015 Strategic Plan is the main driver for all improvement within this timeframe and this year is certainly a year of introduction that sees all of our Strategic Plan components being met during 2014. In the following two years a phase of strengthening and consolidation will be entered into. The agenda for improvement is broken into 4 main areas which directly link to Education Queensland’s ‘agenda for improvement’ of ‘United in the Pursuit of Excellence’:

- **School and community partnerships** - High levels of student, parent, staff and school community confidence in the school’s performance and achievement
- **School curriculum** - Consistent curriculum, planning and implementation to improve learning
- **Teaching practice** - High quality teaching focused on the achievement of every student
- **Principal leadership and school capability** - Instructional leadership, with an unrelenting focus on improvement

Cranbrook’s first area - **School and community partnerships** - High levels of student, parent, staff and broader community confidence in Cranbrook State School’s performance and achievement will be delivered through:
• Establish and implement a Parent Class Representative Framework and implementation model.
• Establish and implement a Parent Volunteering Induction Course.
• Continue enacting the school’s attendance strategy
• Continue engaging the school stakeholders in the daily business of teaching and learning through the communication strategies of the following Teaching and Learning Policies:
  - Reading, Spelling, Writing and Numeracy

Next week we will look at each of these in further detail.

Please be aware that teachers CANNOT leave their classes during class time for an impromptu discussion with you. Teaching begins at 8.50am, so after this time teachers are NOT available for discussions or messages.

If you would like a meeting with your child's teacher please arrange a suitable time to meet with them.

The staff carpark is for staff - Please do not park in there when picking up your children after school. Parents are reminded that the school staff car park is not a safe place for children to be delivered or collected from school.

A reminder also, that dropping students off on or near the pedestrian crossing on Bergin Road is also very unsafe as it endangers the lives of children using the crossing correctly.

Responsible Behaviour at Cranbrook

Students are provided with ongoing support in understanding and demonstrating expected behaviours. To help all parents and carers understand what a Cranbrook Learner looks like or sounds like, the following behaviours and settings will be included in every weeks newsletter.

SAFE - Classroom

• Uses equipment for learning as directed
• Asks permission to exit
• Tucks chairs in when not using them
• Keeps all four legs of the chair on the ground
• Walks calmly and orderly
• Picks up items on the floor
• Enters when a staff member is present

FURNITURE FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION

EXCESS FURNITURE: The school has some student chairs and desks in storage which are excess to our requirements. If you would like to purchase either a desk or chair for your student/s for them to use at home,
please ask at the general office next week (Mon-Thurs) 10 to 13 March between the hours of 8:00-9:00 am and be directed to the storage area. We are asking for a gold coin donation per item.

Jeff Capell - Principal

ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS)

The tests are for students in Years 3 - 7. They will continue to provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

Entry is available for the following subjects:

Computer Skills, Science, Mathematics, Writing, Spelling and English.

Students who participate will each receive a Certificate and a detailed results letter indicating questions answered correctly and skills tested. Participation is by parent nomination.

Entry forms for children in years 3 - 7 are available from the Administration Office. Although some tests will not be sat until later in the year we still require the entries and payments by Wednesday, 2nd April.

NO LATE ENTRIES/PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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FROM THE SPORTS DESK

**Interschool Sport**

Permission notes have been sent out to the Year 5, 6 & 7 children who have been selected in Rugby League, Hockey and Netball. Payment is due to the office by Friday, 7th March. If you are unable to make this date please contact the office to arrange payment. Please complete ALL sections on the permission form (3 places for League & Hockey and 2 places for Netball). Protective equipment MUST be worn at games and training.

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM
**Fanfare – Tuesday 6th May**

Fanfare is a biennial festival for bands and orchestras from QLD State Schools. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain performance experience and develop their ensemble skills.

Students participating in the concert band and string orchestra will be competing at Fanfare on Tuesday 6th May.

Project Consent Forms have been sent home this week and must be returned to Mrs Nichols by 12th March.

**Band**

There is no band rehearsal this Friday (7th March). All students are expected to attend the following week.

**The 100 Club**

Well done Shanoa Milner! Shanoa is the first student to join the 100 club this term – she completed over 250 minutes of practice this week. What an outstanding effort!

The 100 club is an initiative to encourage students to achieve 100 minutes of quality practice of lesson and orchestra/band music each week. Practice books must be completed and signed by a parent, and a significant improvement must be seen during instrumental lessons.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDENTS**

- Please attend each weekly lesson on time with the correct equipment
- Equipment for lessons include
  - instrument
  - tutor book
  - pencil
  - practise book or sheet
- Home practise should be recorded and signed by a parent

**World's Greatest Shave**
Every year thousands of people are sponsored to shave, colour or wax their hair to help people with blood cancer.

Today, 31 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma or a related blood disorder.

World's Greatest Shave is your chance to help them by committing to shaving or colouring your hair between 13-16 March 2014 and asking sponsors to help you raise vital funds for the Leukaemia Foundation's important work.

For Cranbrook, there will be a "Wacky Hair Week" happening from Monday, 17th March.

Cranbrook State School students, who wish to shave their hair and have their parents' permission, will have their hair shaved on the 17th March.

Permission slips about 'Shave for a Cure' at Cranbrook are available from the office if your child is interested in shaving their hair.

Wacky Hair Dates

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RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

FIRST BOOK FAIR FOR 2014 COMING SOON TO CRANBROOK!

- Only 2 weeks away!
- All welcome!

WHEN: Buying days will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 19th – 21st March.

Below are some reminders about borrowing:
• Prep to Year 3 students **MUST** have a library bag to be able to borrow a book, these can be purchased through the school office or you may supply your own.

• Students in Prep to Year 2 are able to borrow **1 book**

• Students in Year 3 to Year 7 are able to borrow **2 books**.

• Books are borrowed for 1 week

And remember:  
**“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”** Dr Suess.

Mrs Shepherd & Mrs Davey

(Resource Centre Staff)

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**P & C NEWS**

**AGM** - Our next meeting is the AGM on Monday, 17th March 2014 in the staff room at 7:00pm. Everyone welcome. The AGM will then be followed by the March general meeting. Everyone welcome. Last week a P&C newsletter went out to all families regarding the AGM. If you are interested in becoming a member of the P&C for 2014 or taking on a position within the P&C, please ensure you complete the membership form and nomination form that was attached to the P&C newsletter last week. Please hand all forms into the office.

**STUDENT LEADERS PARADE** – Many thanks to the wonderful group of P&C parents that came forward to help cater for the morning tea after the Student Leaders Parade. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and all the leaders, their families and invited guests enjoyed your lovely morning tea. It is wonderful to have such great P&C supporters.

**HOMEWORK POLICY** – One of the agenda items for the general meeting that will run immediately after the AGM is the “Cranbrook State School Homework Policy”. The Homework Policy is due to be reviewed with some discussion commencing at the last general meeting. At the next general meeting further discussions will be had and then a vote will be held. The vote will be a “Yes” or “No” to Cranbrook State School providing homework to students. Only 2014 members can have a vote. Please note, students reading each night is in addition to homework and is a very important part of their learning. So if you are interested in having a say or listening to what others have to say regarding the homework policy, please come along to the AGM and general meeting and get your voice heard.

**GRANTS FOR THE P&C** - Do you or a family member work for Telstra? It can be a sibling, parent, grandparent, uncle, aunt, step parent or foster parent. 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
AMNQ
OPEN DAY

WHEN
Sunday, March 9th, 2014
10am - 2pm

WHERE
Army Museum North Queensland
Joziene Barracks
North Ward

FEATURING
♦ 1 RAR Band
♦ Re-enactments
♦ Historic Vehicles
♦ Sausage Sizzle
♦ Camouflage Face Painting & Dress-ups
♦ Museum Tours

FREE ENTRY
Debentures Welcome

OPENING OF NEW WORLD WAR ONE
INTERACTIVE TRENCH EXHIBITION
Townsville Table Tennis Association would like to advise all Townsville schools that the Association is registered with the Get Started Program. This program provides eligible children and young people from age 5 and under the age of 18 to a voucher worth $150. This voucher will pay for the child’s registration fee and four sessions of table tennis.

Applications close on 30 April 2014 or earlier if the allocation is fully subscribed. Attached are the Fact Sheets for Parents/Carers/Guardians and for Referral Agents. Further information regarding this Program can be found by visiting www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame
Townsville Table Tennis Association is located at 60 Charters Towers Road in Hermit Park and offers a sun safe venue for participants of all ages and abilities. Our coach, Gary Walmsley, actively encourages both private and public schools to use our facilities and interschool competitions are held each term.

Feel free to contact either Gary Walmsley on 0458 905 949 or myself on 0448 102 462 if you would like more information.