CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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

### 2015 PREP ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Prep next year are now welcome. Children born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are eligible to enrol. Remember a copy of a birth certificate is essential for enrolment.
**Student Resource Scheme**

If you have OUTSTANDING Student Resource fees, **these are due by the end of this term**. We are in the process of sending home forms to parents who have not paid their students fees. If your student receives a form, please come to the office to make payment ASAP. There are a few payment options, so please contact the office to find out about these.

**Investment Earns Interest**

Most parents know, instinctively, that spending more time with their children and being actively involved in their education makes a valuable investment in their child's future. As many parents have to juggle competing demands at work and at home, there never seems to be enough time to give. Often, too, parents are reluctant to offer to help their children with schoolwork because they feel they lack some of the skills that would make a difference to their children's success in school.

The good news coming from analyses of PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) data is that it does not require a university degree or unlimited hours for parents to make a difference. In fact, many parent-child activities that are associated with better reading performance among students involve relatively little time and no specialised knowledge. What these activities do demand, though, is genuine interest and active engagement.

The PISA 2013 assessment not only gathered data from students and school principals but also addressed questions to the students' parents. Some of these questions focused on the kinds of activities parents did with their children when the children were in their first year of primary school; other questions concentrated on activities parents were engaged in with their children at the time of the PISA test, that is, when their children were 15 years old.

Differences in performance that are associated with parental involvement partly mirror differences in the socio-economic backgrounds of households since, on average, students in socio-economically advantaged households enjoy an environment that is more conducive to learning in many ways, including having more involved parents. However, even when comparing students of similar socio-economic backgrounds, those students whose parents regularly read books to them in their first year of primary school score 14 points higher, on average, than students whose parents did not. Interestingly, different types of parent-child activities have different relationships with reading performance. For example, on average, the score point difference in reading that is associated with parental involvement is largest when parents read a book with their child, when they talk about things they have done during the day, and when they tell stories to their children. The score point difference is smallest when parental involvement takes the form of parents playing with alphabet toys with their children.

Results from PISA also show a strong association between some parent-child activities when the children are 15 and students' reading performance in PISA. For example, students whose parents discuss political or social
issues with them either weekly or daily score 28 points higher, on average, than those whose parents discuss these issues less often or not at all.

PISA findings also show that other parent-child activities such as 'discussing books, films or television programs', 'discussing how well children are doing at school', 'eating main meals together around the table' and 'spending time just talking with one's children' are also associated with better student reading performance in school.

PISA - the Program for International Student Assessment - is an internationally standardised assessment that was jointly developed by participating OECD countries and administered to 15-year-olds in schools. It recently released Let's Read Them a Story! The Parent Factor in Education from which this article is sourced.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Jeff Capell
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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**Curriculum Update**

**HOMEWORK**

Homework is due next Friday 19th September as per the school website.

You can download a copy of the homework sheet from our [school website homework tab](http://publish.newsserv.com.au/epublisher/printfriendly.php?id=214748454462&sch...).

Please be aware that although homework is not compulsory, it is imperative that children [read every night](http://publish.newsserv.com.au/epublisher/printfriendly.php?id=214748454462&sch...) to ensure success with reading.
There will be minor changes occurring to the homework sheet for next term based on feedback from staff and parents. We appreciate your patience and support during this new approach to homework.

SCHOOL WEBSITE UPDATES

Curriculum – Teaching and Learning – Reading and Spelling tab

Powerpoints have been uploaded to help you work with your children on LEM Phonics and assist in your understanding of our school phonics program. These documents are locked for copyright reasons however the password for our school community to use is - cranbrook

Unit 6 English and Mathematics tasks are now available for you to request.

You can now request your child’s assessment tasks for the term to support them at home. The purpose of this is not to have your child memorise the test (as this would give a false indication of their understanding) but to allow you to complete similar problems at home to reinforce their learning. Please click Request Assessment Tasks to access this option.

You can now view when your child’s assessment tasks are due for Unit 3 & 6 for all subjects. Download the relevant year level from the Testing and Assessment Term 3 tab for relevant information.

Please remember the school website is one of our major communication tools we are using to encourage community involvement at Cranbrook State School.

TERM 3 UNITS

This week and next week students will be completing their assessment tasks for their current units.

Tammy Haupt

A/Head of Curriculum

FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

EISTEDDFOD DATE CLAIMER

Please find a list of remaining performance dates and times for the 2014 Townsville Eisteddfod.

| Senior Choir | 9am on Monday 15th September |

| Junior Choir | 12:30pm on Monday 15th September |

P & C NEWS
Cranbrook's Community Spring Fair
Friday, 17 October

Do you have anything for our bric-a-brac stall?
2nd hand books will be great too!

DODGERS
Your book of Dodgers are coming home this week
The prizes are amazing and it's only $1 per ticket!

A huge thank you to the following businesses:
*Cathy Friel Photography  *Townsville Fleet Services
*John de Rooy Photography  *Ready, Steady, Go Kids
*Megan's Cakes and Candys  *Jesses Quality Paints
*Reef HQ  *Billabong Sanctuary
*Day Dawn Nursery  *Barefoot Reflexology
*Yvonne Anderson Hairdressing  *Warrina Ice Rink
*Sol Bella  *Scott Kennedy's Landscape & Garden Supplies
*Event Cinemas  *Toyota NQ Cowboys
*Joy Thai Restaurant  *Tobruk Pool
*Just for Paws

ALL tickets must be returned to the school, whether sold or not.
Please support these businesses – they are willing to support your school.

Thanks everyone.
Louise Ross
P&C President 2014
louiseandian@hotmail.com
0416261235
Brothers Soccer Six-a-side Summer Competition

Monday nights commencing 6th October (4th term)

U6 through to U14s

Put a team together with your friends or we can find you a team!

Nominations close by 12th September but get in quick as limited spots available.

Visit: www.brotherstsvfc.com for nomination forms and further information

Or contact: Megan Turner on 0417 778 729
Sign-on
Saturday 13th Sept
2pm to 5pm @
Kirwan Aquatic CTR

Townsville Brothers Swimming Club
Uniforms
Club Togs & Uniforms

Available

Free
TBSC swimming cap per membership

Annual Membership for 2014/15

1 swimmer $110
2 swimmers $200
3 swimmers $260
4 swimmers $300
(all from the same family)
Swimmers 7 years and under membership FREE

Term 4 bookings now Available
Cranbrook State School Newsletter

Disco

Friday 19th September

Prep to Grade 7 - 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Come along and bring your friends...
There are prizes to be won

$5 entry
Townsville Little Theatre presents
Butterfly Shoes
Author Geoff Bambr
Directed by Christine Scott

October 2014 10 am
Wednesday 1st &
Thursday 2nd 2 pm
Friday 3rd Daily
Saturday 4th

Kids 3 yrs and under FREE

ADULT: $10
CHILDREN: $5
CONCESSION: $5
T.L.T. MEMBERS: FREE
FAMILY (2 ADULTS/2 CHILDREN): $20

Pay at the door or book online
Tickets available at
Townsville Little Theatre
Townsville Folk Club
PRESENTED AT CASTLE HILL P.C.Y.C.
4 HUGH STREET, BELGIAN GARDENS

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Special Parent Event

You’re invited

Parents and friends are welcome to attend a special complimentary community presentation

“RAISING EMOTIONALLY RESILIENT CHILDREN”

Presented by Educational and Developmental Psychologist Terri Sheldon

MONDAY OCTOBER 13 2014

6:00 – 7:30pm

AITKENVALE STATE SCHOOL | 67-85 WOTTON STREET

AIKVENALE

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

With over 30 year’s experience as a Clinical and Educational/Developmental Psychologist, Terri will be talking about and providing tips on how parents can help their children overcome obstacles and build emotional resilience.

RSVP

For catering purposes, please

RSVP your spot via email
summer@mylittlefeet.com.au or
phone 07 4725 5322 for more info.

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**SPRING BREAK**

**MONDAY 22nd SEPT - FRIDAY 26th SEPT, 2014**

Spring Break Camp will be a fun filled week of swimming, games trips to the beach & great adventures for young people in Townsville and the surrounding area.

You'll make friends, try new stuff, laugh lots, take home tonnes of great memories & have the chance to discover amazing things about life & an Amazing God. Numbers are limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.

Activities include: beach & swimming, water bomb battle, The Amazing Race, Crystal Creek, Frosty Mango, & plenty more!!

**Price:** $200 (per head)

**Where:** Rollingstone Beach Caravan Resort (Big 4)
Hencamp Creek Road, Rollingstone

**Grades:** 5 - 8th Grade

**For:** Students from Townsville and surrounds

**Directors:** Christy Marlin & Kristin Martin

**Email:** springbreak@sucamps.org.au

**Enquiries:** Christy: 0450 376 748 / Kristin: 0431 271 401

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**REGISTER FOR THIS CAMP AT WWW.SUCAMPS.ORG.AU**

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This camp is brought to you by Scripture Union Queensland (www.suqld.org.au)

Phone: 1300 476 705 Tel: 07 3112 6400 Fax: 07 3112 6699 Email: info@sucamps.org.au

Address: Level 3, 128 Barry Parade, FORTITUDE VALLEY QL

Post: PO Box 1167, EAGLE FARM QL
Walk to Remember
We walk for the support they will never take.

Sands
miscarriage, stillbirth
and newborn death support
invite you to join us and walk... for the steps they will never take.

- Sunday 12th October 2014
- Anzac Park The Strand, Townsville
- 7.00 am Registration/BBQ Breakfast
- 8.00 am Welcome and Memorial Service
- 8.30 am Butterfly Release
- 8.40 am Walk to Remember along the Strand
- 9.30 am Morning Tea will be served

Butterflies and T-Shirts must be ordered by 25th August 2014
to avoid disappointment.

Sands would like to thank local businesses that lend their support to this important event:

You may register on line at www.sandstownsville.org
Contact Sandy Townsville on Facebook
Email: marie@sandstownsville.org
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Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills

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or call 1300 135 331 for more information

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