

Welcome to what is officially the start of Week 3!

It has been lovely over the past week to meet many of our school families, carers and friends at morning drop off and afternoon pick up, a school filled with happy people is a wonderful place to be! In particular we have enjoyed seeing our Foundation students, dressed smartly in their new uniforms walking confidently to their classrooms with school bags almost as big as the children!

Feedback from our families and teachers is that the start of the year has been incredibly smooth and positive. Our commitment to ensuring class time in the first few weeks focuses specifically on creating a school-wide approach to inclusion, support and calmness where there are clear expectations for all, should assist us to maintain this positive climate for learning.

Last Friday a small group of parents met to learn more about becoming involved in the life of our school. We discussed school council elections as well as establishing a Cranbourne Carlisle Community Group where interested parents, carers and friends can come together to support our school to plan events and consider programs that will continue to enrich the educational experience of our students. We hope to have many more opportunities this year to meet as a community, network with parents and carers and have interested families become involved in school decision making.

#### School Council

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of **Cranbourne Carlisle Primary School**. Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**. Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

Ballot papers will be prepared and distributed to all families on or before **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2021**.

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

| Membership category    | Term of Office  | Number of positions |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Parent / carer member  | From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023. | 3                   |
| School employee member | From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2021 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023. | 3                   |

### Road safety

The safety of all our community members is an absolute priority for us at Cranbourne Carlisle PS, as such, it is pleasing to see so many families using our designated crossing areas. After school some children have been seen running across the road at different points and we are concerned about their safety. Some children are being called to cars parked across the road and children have run out without looking for oncoming traffic. Research indicates that before the age of 11 years, children are unable to judge the speed of oncoming cars and this increases their risk of injury when crossing roads. Please encourage your children to use the designated crossing points, sometimes it means walking a little further but think of it as a pro-active approach to helping your child stay safe around traffic.

### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless you have had a child start in Foundation, you are new to our school or there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5991 3600 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

### Privacy collection statement

Our school values the privacy of every person. When collecting and managing personal and health information, all school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law. For more information about privacy including about how to access personal and health information held by the school about you or your child, see our school's privacy policy which can be found at the bottom of the page on our website  
<http://www.cranbournecarlisleps.vic.edu.au/>