Principal’s Page प्रिंसिपल पृष्ठ

Report Finds schools under-resourced

A report from the Productivity Commission has revealed a growing gap between funding for the Victorian education system and that of other States.

According to Minister for Education, James Merlino the findings show Victorian schools to be "drastically under-resourced" with students suffering as a result.

He said that in recent times the gap between what Victorian students received compared to students in other States had increased by 1.1 per cent for primary students between 2010-11 and 2012-13, and 1.4 per cent for secondary students between 2010-11 and 2012-13.

Mr Merlino said Victoria's retention rate for Indigenous students between Years 10 and 12 was 55 per cent, placing Victoria below the national average and below Queensland, South Australia and the ACT.

He promised that the Government would build and upgrade schools across the State, including eight new schools in outer-suburban, high-growth corridors, and would support low-income parents with the costs of uniforms, breakfasts, camps, sport and excursions.

"Victoria's education system should be the pride of our State, but the gaps in literacy and numeracy results between our Koorie students and all other Victorian students are far too great," Mr Merlino said.

"The Government will invest in education, rebuild our schools and help our kids get the best start in life."

Change of Dates

Apologies, but we must change two dates on our calendar.

1. New Parents afternoon tea is now on the following Thursday, 26th February at 2:30.
2. Our Introducing Compass evening for parents is now 16th April not 26th Feb. This will allow staff to make ready the new reports for students. An announcement will be coming soon.

Colin Avery—Principal of a beautiful school

Our motto: Dream, Believe, Strive, Achieve
Our Vision: To grow our student's learning from their point of need with the triple Ps in mind—Personalisation, Precision and Professional Learning.
Parenting Advice 2015

A recent survey by YouGov gives a fascinating insight to a clear divide in personality traits amongst first and last borns in British families.

In fact, 54% of oldest siblings were move likely to think they are more responsible compared to 31% of youngest siblings.

On the flipside 46% of youngest siblings were more likely to think they are more funny, compared to 36% of oldest siblings.

So how does birth order come into play in your family?

Is your youngest the joker?

Youngest and middles are often the family jokesters as they need to find a way to be heard. For the youngest, that can often be the only way! Funny builds relationships and gets you your place.

Does your eldest feel the weight of responsibility?

The expectations are high for first borns, particularly first-born boys, so pressure is something they know all about.

The position a child in his family holds is a predictor only of personality, but a powerful predictor nonetheless. It is definitely a factor that parents need to consider as we look for ways to raise happy, well-adjusted and confident children.

Check out my book Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It so you can understand how the dynamics of birth order are working in your family, and get parenting tips for understanding your kids and managing siblings.

And if you’ve got birth order covered, why not add my book Thriving to your parenting road map, for practical advice on how to give your kids strong, confident leadership and develop real character and resilience in your kids.

Here’s to great parenting, and exceptional kids,

Take care,

Michael Grose

Canteen Rosters Term 1

Friday 20th February

Jenelle Proudlock, Rita Jenkins, Natalie Goodman, Rebecca Halton, Loo Lawrence & Janet Adams

Friday 27th February

Barbara Shoesmith, Sam Macumber, Nicole Gilligan, Kelly Ludwig, Rebecca Halton & Janet Adams & Janet Adams

Friday 6th March

Shelly Lynch, Kylie Gray, Christine Willerton, Loo Lawrence, Denise Joseph & Janet Adams

Friday 13th March

Jenelle Proudlock, Sam Gaskin, Natalie Goodman, Rita Jenkins, Rebecca Halton & Janet Adams

Friday 20th March

Barbara Shoesmith, Cameron Jeffs Lisa Smith, Kelly Ludwig, Sam Macumber & Janet Adams

Breakfast Club

Serving Every Monday

8.00am till 8.45pm

CRANBOURNE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
PLUS
CRANBOURNE EAGLES AUSKICK

(New Fridays, 5.6.30pm)

REGISTRATION DAY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22ND
9.30AM - 12PM
JP Cum Reserve
Fairbairn Rd, Cranbourne

All enquiries can be made to the club via email: cranbournejuniorfc@iprimus.com.au
or 0419 357 571
www.cjfc.sportingpulse.net

*Friday 13th March*

*Market Night*

Monday 23rd March

Harmony Day—Bernard’s Show” The Spirit of Polynesia”
Cost $6.00

Thursday 26th March

Foundation Incursion/Responsible Pet Ownership
No cost

Thursday 16th April

Parent Info Night Introducing Compass—New reporting Compass program. Time 5.00pm to 6.00pm in the Multi Purpose Building

WHAT'S ON

Breakfast Club Every Monday
Start 8.00am till 8.45am

Friday 20th February
Bring a lucky jar – Dress up as a sports star

Monday 23rd February
First Aid for students – age appropriate training

Wednesday 25th February / Canteen Meeting @ 2.45pm
Thursday 26th February
Afternoon tea held for new parents from 2.30-3.15pm in the staffroom

Friday 27th February
Crazy Hair Day – Bring a soft drink bottle (grades 3 – 6) & a can of soft drink (grades foundation – 2)

Monday 2nd March
Foundation students attend school full time

Wednesday 4th March
School Interviews, grade foundation – 5 from 2.00-6.00pm
Year 6 Information Night from 5.45pm-6.30pm

Monday 9th March
Labour Day Holiday

*****************************************************************************

**Friday 13th March**

**Market Night**

*****************************************************************************

Monday 23rd March

Harmony Day—Bernard’s Show” The Spirit of Polynesia”
Cost $6.00
Ahead of lessons starting in week 3, we wanted to send a quick summary of key information (below).

Also, now that we are offering both keyboard and guitar (as of last week) we propose for lessons to run from the second session of the school day (i.e. 12noon) and continue after lunch given the level of student participation expected. I hope this is ok, and please email/call me on Monday if any issues with this approach.

Lessons commence on Tuesday 10 Feb, 2015. Your teacher for term 1 is Elzna Mynhardt (for keyboard and guitar).

We will create a revised timetable for lessons in week 5 if we receive additional enrolments.

If you ever need assistance, please don’t hesitate to call myself, Bevan (our other Co-Program Director) or Liana (Head of Schools and Teachers).

Any parent enquiries can be directed to our Parent Support team: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au or 1300 362 824

WE ARE NOW AT RANGEBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL!

Who we are?
A Family Owned Private Tuition Company. We have been servicing the suburbs of Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane for more than 15 years.

What we do?
Teach English and Mathematics for Prep to Year 10 students who require that extra help, or just wishing to learn in advance.

Where are we?
RANGEBANK Primary School on Saturdays during the School Term.

Class Times?
9.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.30pm
ENQUIRE NOW!
Web: www.nqt.com.au Phone: 1300 791 878

With every $25 spent you help the school achieve a $1 Cranbourne Cash Reward that will be put towards our monthly total. Just mention our school name at the time of purchase for our school to redeem this cash reward. For further information regarding to this program please contact Angela or Marcus at The Good Guys Cranbourne on 5991 6000 or email: promtions016@thegoodguys.com.au

There appears to be only one subject dominating dinner party real estate discussions this week - interest rates. The RBA announced last Tuesday that they were dropping the official cash rate to 2.25% p.a., paving the way for the cheapest home loans in 40 years.

The decision was one most experts were predicting, though the majority had pegged it to occur later in the year.

Schools are often looking for organisations who are able to assist us. Stockdale and Leggo Real Estate have very generously offered to assist us in marketing our school in the Cranbourne area. In return, we are very happy to encourage our community to use Stockdale and Leggo Cranbourne as a worthy company to contact if you are wishing to buy, sell or lease your home. Please speak to our fabulous office people who will forward your name onto Stockdale and Leggo. This also applies to family, friends or acquaintances.

The school then profits from a recommendation fee and of course the communication to new families ‘that Rangebank Primary is a great school’ is passed on by Stockdale and Leggo.
New Parents

Welcome Afternoon

2:30 - 3:15 pm in the Staffroom for afternoon tea

14-36 Lesdon Avenue, Cranbourne
03 5996 8900

You are cordially invited to attend the ‘Welcome Afternoon’ for all Foundation Parents and new parents to Rangebank on Thursday 26th February at 2:30 pm in the staffroom. This is an opportunity to meet and socialise with other new parents, an important part of school life. We pride ourselves in creating and maintaining good relationships between parents and staff and the purpose of the afternoon is to give you the opportunity to chat informally with Mr Avery, the Principal, Mr Humphrey and other available staff. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely,
Colin Avery (Principal)

Rangebank Primary School

Our services include: General Practitioners, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Dietitian, Dental, Speech Therapy, Psychology, Mental Health Nurse, Visiting Specialists, Industrial Medicine, Diabetes Education, Emergency Room, Pathology, Audiology, Mole Mapping, Radiology, Pharmacy and a Café.

NEW FAMILIES ALWAYS WELCOME
Open 7 Days and Late Weeknights
Corner Thompson and Woodbine Roads
Cranbourne North Vic 3977
PH: 5996 9000

We aim to provide a wide range of services for our patients in an affordable, caring and friendly environment.

We bulk bill pensioners, HCC holders and children under 16 years of age.

Our website: www.thompsonroadclinic.com.au

111-36 Lesdon Avenue, Cranbourne
03 5996 8900

ON HOT DAYS, NEVER LEAVE KIDS ALONE IN CARS.
NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCUSES.

The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.

For more information kidsafevic.com.au

MARKET NIGHT

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH
If any parent’s are willing to help out on the stalls please see your child’s teacher
**Skills For Life—It’s free**

*Everyday Finances*

Want to stretch your income further? The tips given in this better money management workshop can help you.

Presented by: Lisa Hansen; Casey North CISS.

**Thursday 19th February 2015, 7.30 p.m.**

*The Young & Restless*

Working towards a better relationship with your young person.

Presented by: Kristy Morley

Windermere (community service organisation)

**Thursday 19th March 2015, 7.30 p.m.**

‘Relationships & Family’

Sessions will be held at:

The ‘Community Room’

Narre Warren North Uniting Church

1-13 Main Street,

Narre Warren North.

Contact:

Trevor Ratcliffe (‘Skills For Life’ Coordinator)

0428472030

Email: with better ‘communication’ our relationships improve. Let’s ‘keep it together’ by attending this presentation.

Presented by: Noreen O’Brien; Casey North CISS.

**Thursday 16th April 2015, 7.30 p.m.**

‘When A Child Is Born’

A life changing time in more ways than one.

Presented by: Shirley Floyd.

Registered Midwife, and Grief Counsellor.

**Thursday 7th May 2015, 7.30 p.m.**

‘Blakes Talk’

Discover solutions to life problems over seven informative sessions.

Presented by the following:

Casey North Community Information & Support Service:

Windermere, community service organisation

Shirley Floyd. Registered Midwife & Grief Counsellor

Alzheimer’s Australia Vic

Better Men Australia

Narre Warren North Uniting Church

Real Men can Do Anything... Can’t They?

Presented by: Ric Wakeling; Better Men Australia.

**Thursday 21st May 2015, 7.30 p.m.**

‘Life Struggles’

There is hope even when our problems seem to be insurmountable.

Presented by: Shirley Floyd.

Registered Midwife, and Grief Counsellor.

**Thursday 4th June 2015, 7.30 p.m.**

‘Age & Integrity’

Understanding Dementia.

Presented by: Cheryl Lyon;

Alzheimer’s Australia Vic. Thursday 18th June 2015, 7.30 p.m.

---

**Supper Soccer Kids**

S.S.K is a soccer clinic for boys & girls between the ages of 5-12 to come & learn the skills of the game in a fun & enjoyable environment.

Every session runs for 45 minutes with activities that will develop their skills in dribbling, passing, controlling the ball and working in a team. Every session will also end with a game. S.S.K is run during every school term and all sessions are indoors, so no matter what the weather is like it will always be on.

For clinic locations, session times and fees, please call Greg on 0413 919 727 or email at supersoccerclinic@gmail.com

---

**Crystal Temptations**

Healing Crystals, Salt Lamps, Chakra Products, 100% natural soy candles

Christmas is only around the corner. Are you looking for a small gift for a teacher, sporting coach, staff etc. Or even looking at making a hamper?

Let Crystal Temptations help you at affordable prices or to the amount you would like to spend.

Find us on Facebook / Gift Vouchers also available

Merry Christmas

Located Cranbourne North

---

**James An College**

James An College is Australia’s leading coaching college—every year hundreds of our students are offered scholarships in top private schools. A large number are also successful in tests for selective schools such as Melbourne High, MacRobertson Girls’ High, Nossal High & Suzanne Cory

We offer courses for:

- Year 1 to 10 (Maths, English & GA/Science)
- Scholarship Test Preparation (Year 9 to 11)
- Selective School Exam Preparation (Year 7 to 9)
- English Reading & Writing (Year 3 to 8)

Find out more at www.jamesancollege.com

---

**Chic Castles**

**Relaxing Men**

**Chic Castles**

**Relaxing Men”**

**Chic Castles**

**Relaxing Men**
TERM 1 Lunch Order Form

THIS IS A PRE-ORDER AND MUST BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY 24th
NO LATER THAN 9:30AM.

Date: Friday 27th February

Name: ………………………………. Grade: ………………

Please tick

Lunch Choices

........ Steak Sandwich (bread, lettuce, cheese, sauce, steak) $3.50
........ Cold Meat and Salad (ham, strasberg, lettuce, cucumber, tomato, cheese, carrot, dressing) $5.00
........ Home Made Nuggets and Salad (lettuce, cucumber, tomato, cheese, carrot, dressing) $5.00
........ Hamburger (meat pattice, cheese, lettuce, tomato, sauce) $3.00

Snack Choices

........ Jelly Cup $1.00
........ Banana Caramel Muffin $1.00
........ Fruit Salad $2.00

Snack Choices

Milk $1.50  Chocolate .......  Strawberry.......  Honeycomb........

Juices $1.00  Apple.......  Tropical.......  Orange Juice.......  Please add 20cents if you do not have your own brown bag to send

Total.................

Please place order and money in a paper bag. Limited stock is available over the counter. Please be aware that some items may contain traces of dairy products, eggs and nuts. If your child has allergies or intolerances please contact the canteen via the office for information on all items available.

FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Dress up as a sports star
Eg. AFL, basketball, cricket, netball, skateboarding, athletics, gridiron (NFL), rugby, tennis, hockey, motorcycles, cycling
Bring a lucky jar to donate to our market night. Fill it full of wonderful things such as marbles, lolly snakes, pencils and toys.

FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Come to school with your most craziest hair
(You must wear your school uniform)
We would appreciate it if all Foundation to grade 2 students could bring a can of soft drink and Grade 3 to 6 students bring a 1.25 litre or 2 litre bottle to donate to our Market Night.

Thank you.
School Council Elections 2015
The Rangebank School Council is an important organisation who decides policy and the financial spending and fund raising of our school. The past year we have had two vacancies. This year Rangebank is hoping for a school council with all positions taken.

School councils have three main responsibilities:
- Finance – overseeing the development of the school’s annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school’s financial operation.
- Strategic Planning – participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan.
- Policy Development and Review – developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school’s values and support the school’s broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

Other key functions of school councils include:
- raising funds for school-related purposes
- maintaining school grounds and facilities
- entering into contracts
- reporting annually to the school community and the Department
- representing and taking the views of the community into account
- regulating and facilitating after-hours use of school premises and grounds
- operating a children's service at the school.

Nomination forms are available at the Office.
At our Annual General Meeting in March, the following positions of the School Council are vacant.
Mrs Patricia Blake (Parent)
Mrs Lisa Smith (Co-opted Parent)
Mrs Helen Cooper (Parent)
Mrs Andrea Bond (DET)
Mr Lawrence Hamilton (Co-opted Community member)
Mrs Mary Litova (Co-opted Community member)

*** Nomination Forms are available at the Office and must be returned by 4:00 pm Friday 27th February, 2015.

Further Information

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:
A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.
In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
Consider standing for election to council this year
Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

CANTEEN
Please ensure lunch orders are handed in Tuesday by 9.30am.
NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED

LOST PROPERTY
Already lost property is building up. Please ensure your child’s name is written on the garment, so it can be returned if found. Please regularly check lost property which is located outside the office building.

CHANGE OF DETAILS
Please fill in one of these forms if any details have changed. It is extremely important that the office have the most up to date changes, in case of any emergency situation.