Principals Report

You may have noticed that all class teachers have been extremely busy completing training and development in a variety of areas including technology, numeracy and sport. We have tried to minimise the impact this has had on students by making sure that the class program is being followed by teachers.

The classroom teachers in K-2 are busy training in the areas of Teaching Early Numeracy Strategies, led by Mrs Sowter who has taken on the role of regional consultant. There has been much development in the new NSW Curriculum and Every School Every Student training which is evidenced by Mrs Trimmingham being highly visible in terms of supporting all students’ social, emotional, academic, health and wellbeing needs.

I would like to share with you that all staff are current holders of Emergency Care Certificates, CPR Certified, Anaphylaxis Certified and Asthma trained. Not only are the students busy learning but the staff are equally engaged in learning opportunities to maximise a safe school for everyone.

A continued Thank-You to the parents, carers and visitors for respecting the safety of the students at our school by not parking in the school grounds. Your cooperation has been overwhelming. The students have even commented about ‘feeling safer walking in and out of school gates’.

Mrs K. Smith
Debating Camp

This week four students from our debating team attended debating camp at the Conference Centre in Katoomba. The girls spent the two days working with many other students from other schools in the Western Sydney district bettering their debating skills. The camp concluded with each student participating in a debate. Our topic was “The School Day should be extended?” and they won - I was so proud of how well our girls represented our school and we are now looking forward to the start of the debating season.

Book Club News

Get Excited !!!!!

Schoolastic is having a SUPER SALE. All stock is at least 50% off recommended retail price. This is a once a year sale so don’t miss out.

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26th March 2013.

Thank you
Lyn Blahut
Book Club Co-Ordinator

Canteen News

Canteen Meal Deal $4.50

- Warm chicken roll
- Popper
- Triple Up

The winner of last week’s meal deal lunch is

JAMES P - 2P

Thank you for supporting our Canteen

Warning

It has been brought to our attention that some parents from our school have been parking in the Preschool car park next door. The Cranebrook Community Preschool is privately owned and parking on their premises is trespassing. They have contacted the Police and this car park will be monitored and fines will be received in the mail. As you can appreciate this is a safety issue as their parents are unable to park in the car park.

P & C Executive 2013

Crazy hair day was a huge success; Braddock Public School raised $252.00. Thank you to the teachers and staff for your support and encouragement also to the students for all your gold coin donations. It was great to see our ladies shaving for such a great cause. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade so make sure you have your raffle tickets in by the morning of the Easter Hat Parade.
Learning and Support Team

Please find the following advice from NSW Health on the importance of a healthy breakfast for school-age children to ensure all our students find it easier to settle into class and have a happier day.

Healthy Kids Importance of Breakfast – as advised by NSW Health

It’s the most important meal of the day – but one in four children in Australia skips breakfast. At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class, have no energy for playtime and snack on unhealthy foods, such as chips or biscuits. A calm and healthy breakfast every day is the best defense against this happening.

Breakfast can include all sorts of options: cereals, bread, fruit, dairy products (such as eggs, milk, yoghurt and cheese) and meats. A number of factors influence what people like to eat at breakfast, such as their food preferences, cultural background, religious beliefs and the time available before they have to head out the door. Quick and easy ideas may include:

- Cereal with milk, yoghurt and/or fruit
- Wholegrain toast, raisin bread or muffins with a little margarine, fruit spreads, Vegemite or sliced banana
- Fresh fruit with yoghurt
- Fruit smoothies made with fresh or canned fruit
- Porridge with warm milk and stewed fruit

It is also important to have healthy drinks with breakfast. Water or low fat milk (for children over 2 years) is best. Try and limit fruit juice – which may have a lot of sugar – to 1 small glass a day.

Handy tip: Discourage your child from eating breakfast in front of the television. This can also help speed up your morning routines!


Message from the Aboriginal Education Team

Braddock’s Aboriginal Education Team acknowledges that the school is built upon the traditional lands of the Darug people. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and ask for their guidance as we work towards improving outcomes for their descendants and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait students living on Darug land.

A big thank you to our Aboriginal students and their families for their contribution to the smooth running of our Personalised Learning Plan interviews last week. Lisa Holt and teachers arranged meetings forming partnerships with parents, carers and students to ensure the best possible outcomes for our Aboriginal students. Families will be contacted in July by the classroom teachers to follow up and review progress of students and assist in creating positive school experiences for all.

A group of Aboriginal senior students participated in the Maths Deadly Program held at Cranebrook High on Friday 15th March. Braddock children enjoyed the experience. Miss Almond supervised and attended with our Braddock team with support from our Aboriginal Education Officer Lisa Holt.

Miss Gillian Trimingham
Learning and Support
**AMF**

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