Community News

Dads to Dads
The Dads to Dads program offers fathers (and other significant male carers) of people with a disability or chronic illness the opportunity to meet other dads and to develop the confidence, skills and networks they need to take an active role in the support of their son or daughter. A weekend of “Hot Thermal Springs” on the Peninsula, 17th-19th May, 2013. Contact Kylie on 5435 3158 or email: perin-dads@bigpond.com
www.trybooking.com/CGVD

Keeping Kids in School
Is your primary school child having a tough time at school? Bouncing back after difficult times?
Most parents want their children to go to school and enjoy school. But it can be hard work getting them there if they’re having a tough time for whatever reason. If you want to talk about ways to support your child with school and set them up well for eventually moving to secondary school, then come along to Keeping Kids in School.
When: Mondays 22nd April – 27th May (6 weeks) Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm
Where: Frankston South Comm Recreation Centre 55 Towner Road, Frankston 5th
Bookings: Skye Sutherland – Healey ph: 9781 6722 mob: 0458 500 867
Skye.sutherland-healey@anglicarevic.org.au
Cost: Free, but booking is essential as numbers are limited!

Cruden Farm Family Fun Day
A charity fundraising event for Mental Health Foundation Australia.
Sunday 28th April between 11am and 4 pm. 60 Cranbourne Rd Langwarrin.
Bookings on 9826 1422
admin@mentalhealthvic.org.au

Call for spare uniforms
If you have any items of school uniform that are no longer needed by your child, please consider sending them in to school for use by other students.
We keep a collection of uniforms for emergency situations, and we also like to distribute uniform items to families in need.

Naranga School Events
Term 2, 2013
Thu 25th Apr Anzac Day Public Holiday
Tues 14th May School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Wed 15th May Curriculum Day-
This is a Student Free Day
Mon 10th Jun Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Term 3, 2013
Mon 12th Aug Curriculum Day-
This is a Student Free Day

Principals Report
Dear students and families,
Welcome back to the new term! We have a great time ahead of us with lots of learning activities planned for students across the school community. The calendar that appears in this Newsletter each week will help you keep up to date with all our activities and excursions.
At the end of last term, the Individual Learning Plans for each student were sent home. I hope that by now you have had a chance to read through your child’s plan. You are welcome to contact your child’s teacher at any time if you have any questions or ideas that you would like to discuss in regard to your child’s learning. At the end of this term you will receive a mid-year report on your child’s progress towards achieving those goals, and at the start of term 3 you will be invited to discuss your child’s progress and goals with classroom and specialist teachers. Please make the most of these opportunities, as we aim to achieve the most appropriate outcomes by working closely with each student and their family.
On Tuesday we hosted a visit from a group of teachers from Samoa. The visitors – including teachers from a local primary school – were very impressed with the work that is undertaken here at Naranga, and we received a great deal of positive feedback about our welfare and positive behaviours approach.
We will be welcoming the Mayor of Frankston, Councillor Sandra Mayer, to our school at Assembly next Monday (22nd April). Ms Mayer will be presenting our Aussie of the Month award. This award is designed to encourage students to be proud of themselves, proud of their school and to understand the responsibilities and rewards of community participation. Come along to assembly on Monday to see who gets the award this month!

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ANZAC Appeal
The ANZAC Appeal raises much needed funds to assist former and serving members of the Australian Defence Forces and their dependents when in need.
The following items are available to be purchased from the Naranga School office.
Badges
- $1, $2, $5 & $10
Wrist Bands $3
Bag Tags $4

Coloured Commemorative Coin
Australia’s first commemorative $2 coin in colour has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. A unique Australian legal tender, this ground breaking $2 coin is a keepsake for every Australian. The coin depicts the red Flanders Poppy, which is synonymous with Remembrance Day and the sacrifices made by Australians in conflict. All funds raised go to support our vital RSL programs helping thousands of Veterans’ and serving Defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia.
Call 02 6248 7199, min. postage $5.
Thank you Ben A.

We would like to thank Ben A. and his family for the donation of books. Our students will enjoy reading the collection of novels from the Andy Griffiths and the Goosebumps series.

Janine and Cristina
Library Staff

**Library News**

**Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge 2013**

The Reading Challenge is well underway at Naranga. Congratulations to all the students taking part in this rewarding experience. We have 42 registered participants so far!

If your child would like to register for the Reading Challenge please request a consent form from your class teacher. We have had further interest from some students in the primary grades this week. A participation form must be completed by a parent/guardian and returned to school for Cristina to process.

Sharing a book is a nurturing activity for parent and child. Reading assists with speech and communication skills, it helps develop abstract concepts (like cause and effect) and enhances concentration and comprehension. This is all achieved with the knowledge that reading is fun!!! Thank you to all parents for supporting and encouraging your child in this event. We wish you much fun over the next five months.

**Happy Reading to our Reading Challenge students for 2013.**

**Class Name**

PA  Amy G, Brodie A, Kane M, Josh M
PG  Cale D, Codie S, Liam J, Lucy A, Sheena E, Titan C
PL  Teagan A
PR  Ella W, Jake D, Michael H
PS  Charli H, Sahn A
MH  Joshua S, Lliam B, Lucas P
MM  Alex K
MW1  Andrea B, Byron P, Casey H, Jacob G, Jesse B, Jordan J, Lachlan M, Liam W
MW2  Mathor G
SG  Crystal K, Kirsten L, Tara L
SI  Ashliegh L, Zachary W
SN  Jordan R, Patrick S

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**Beginners ICT course for Parents**

There are still a few places left on the Beginners ICT for Parents course. The course is for parents with limited or no ICT skills and knowledge. The course will take place in the ICT Lab on Friday mornings from 9am to 10.20am. The lessons will cover a range of basic ICT skills such as learning different ways to copy and paste text and images, to finding out which software package is needed for a specific task. There are 14 places available so you will need to be quick.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

A big thank you to all the families involved in last year’s program. A delivery of wonderful, educational resources were delivered recently, with more still to come. The same process has started again so start collecting stickers and send them to school on Points Sheets.

**RCH Good Friday Appeal**

On Thursday 28th March, the last day of Term 1, we had a free dress day to raise money for the RCH Good Friday Appeal. The students were to wear either orange, green or purple and bring a gold coin donation along. We also had a “Guess the Baby” competition where a student or staff member had to guess the details of Mrs Louder’s new baby (the winners were Ashliegh Lynch & Mr Meehan). Each entry was $1 and this money was added to the Free Dress Day money which made a total of $210 which was donated on behalf of the school.

A big thank you to everybody who contributed to this worthy cause.

**Sign of the Week: “YES” & “NO”**

**How to sign “no”:**

1. Hold pointer finger & thumb together (or in a fist)
2. Shake from side to side.

**How to sign “Yes”:**

1. Hold fist out in front of you.
2. Move up and down (like nodding)