



Above: Principal Joe Kelly visiting MAC 18

Our Principal Mr. Joe Kelly has announced his intention to retire from the Education Department. A whole-school assembly to farewell Mr. Kelly will be held on the last day of term at 2pm. Please read Mr. Kelly's final report next page.



Important Dates

PFA NEEDS YOUR HELP

The PFA is holding a sausage sizzle on the last day of term and needs helpers. If you can help please contact the Office.



REMINDER: Orders due no later than 3:30pm next Monday, 21

Last day of Term
Thursday, 24 March
Students dismissed at
2:30pm

DANCE FEVER MultiSport Dance Fever Presentation Day Friday, 18 March

MAC 3 & 4
Period 1, 9.00-9.50am
MAC 17, 19 & 20
Period 2, 9.50-10.40am
MAC 18 & 21
Period 3, 11.10-12.00pm
MAC 11, 12 & 22
Period 4, 12.00-12.50pm
MAC 10, 13 & 14
Period 5, 1.50-2.40pm
MAC 15 & 16
Period 6, 2.40-3.30pm
Parents welcome
Please check our website
for more info!

Friday, 18 March
Dance Fever Presentation Day
Wednesday, 23 March
District Athletics
Thursday, 24 March
PFA Sausage Sizzle
Last Day of Term 1
Whole school assembly 2:00pm
Students dismissed 2:30pm

TERM 2

Monday, 11 April
Term 2 Commences
Friday, 15 April
House Cross Country
Friday, 22 April
Curriculum Day - Student free day
Monday, 25 April
ANZAC Day
Friday, 29 April
District Cross Country

A Message From The Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last week I informed the Education Department, staff and School Council that I will be resigning my position of principal here at Cranny South. My resignation will take effect first day of Term-2 (Monday, 11 April 2016). After 40 years of service to public school education, I feel the time is right to pursue other opportunities to contribute to education. Hence, my preference in using the word 'resigning' rather than 'retiring'. A recent invitation to apply for a Teaching Associate position at Monash University is one such opportunity that I'm very keen to explore.

It has been without any doubt, a privilege and honor to have been the principal of Cranny South for the past 18 years. Under my leadership the school has been thoroughly committed to providing all children with a safe and engaging learning environment. Many years ago I coined the phrase, "we don't teach grades, we teach children". This phrase underscored our total commitment to supporting the learning and growing of ALL our students through innovative teaching methods and a genuinely caring approach to student wellbeing. We have also achieved significant improvements in curriculum particularly in reference to our recognition nationally and internationally, as a 'cooperative learning' school.

During this 18 year period, the school has grown from a small semi-rural school into a growing 'suburban school' with the obvious challenges and opportunities created by such change. The growth of the school has coincided with the ever-increasing demands of Government accountability requirements and community expectations. We have met these challenges because of two important factors – our highly dedicated and professional staff and our wonderfully supportive parents.

Finally, I'd like to pay a special tribute to the staff. The school community has been very fortunate to have had over this period a highly qualified, motivated and dedicated team of people whose primary goal has always been to provide the very best learning environment for our students.

I'd like to pay a special tribute to our 'quiet achievers' - our non-teaching staff. They go about their work in an unassuming manner, providing the solid support that teachers and administrators rely on so much. Our Business Manager Carol Cross deserves special mention. Carols has been at Cranny South for almost as long as I have. She has provided me, the staff and School Council outstanding service and support often under enormous pressure of deadlines and departmental requirements.

Throughout the period of my recent leave of absence and indeed throughout her entire time at Cranbourne South, my Assistant Principal Elene Archbold has provided me, the staff, parents and the children, the most passionate, genuine care and support that one could ever expect. Elene has with unbounding energy, supported us all professionally and with integrity, even in the face of many challenging situations. I thank Elene most sincerely for all her support.

My resignation from the Education Department provides me an opportunity to explore new avenues of work in education. I look forward very much to building on my passion and commitment to education but in a different way.

The Department and School Council will oversee the selection of a new principal in Term 2. In the meantime, the Regional Office shall announce the appointment of an acting principal shortly.

I sincerely wish the staff, students and the entire school community the very best for the future.

JOE KELLY