FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Most parents and guardians would be aware that the Australian Education Union is asking its members to enforce a number of Work Bans over the remaining weeks of the 2012 School Year. These bans can only be enforced by Union Members and subsequently non-union members will not be enforcing any work place bans. As to how staff at Cardinia Primary School (AEU Members) will be supporting each of the bans as they arise will be conveyed to Parents/Guardians as soon as possible.

The two main Work Place Bans is the proposed Half Day Stoppage on Wednesday the 5th of December. AEU Members who are supprting this action won't be in attendance for the first half of the day. Parents/guardians will be informed as to which Grades will be affected and the arrangements that will be put into place to supervise students closer to the date. The Grade 6 Graduation activity at Luna Park will not be disrupted.

The other ban that will be supprted by some of our AEU Members at this stage will be not including written comments on the December Report. However the A-E Grading and progression points must appear and all staff are expected to carry out their usual assessment regime, transition documentation and conduct Parent information interviews on the progress of each student. As a result it is important that Parents/Guardians ensure they attend these sessions to obtain the information that may not be included in the end of year Report Format.

Please take the time to read the AEU letter to Parents attached to this Newsletter or the DEECD Website. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to see me. Please remember that no member of staff takes the decision lightly to implement any of the Work Place Bans.

## Dates to Remember

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**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- PLEASE take care at all times in the Car Park areas. Caution and alertness needs to be uppermost in everyone’s minds when in these areas.
- It is very important that if any parent or friend of the school has any concerns, queries or problems regarding any aspect of the school to bring it to the attention of your child’s teacher or Allan straight away.
- Anyone wishing to put an item in the newsletter is asked to send it as an email to cardinia.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au by Tuesday evening.
- Students are reminded that the bringing of electronic games and other valuable items to school do so at their own risk. If such items are misplaced or damaged then the owners of such items are responsible for any cost incurred.
- Mobile phones and ipods need to be handed into the office on arrival to school and then collected at the end of the day. Students don’t require these items during the normal school day.
- Deb Beale the School Chaplain is available on a weekly basis to support children, parents or families in a wide variety of areas. Please feel free to contact Deb or the school if you would like to use this service. Deb is in attendance every second Thursday and every Wednesday of the month this Term.

**THUMBS UP**

- To the students from Marnebeck who came along today to show us their impressive skills with the skipping ropes. Well done guys and a real treat for us.
- To the many people who pop in over the weekend to care for the animals, keep an eye on things and keep everything in such good order.
- To the Grade 4 students who did some fantastic Cherry Blossom pictures in Art. The students are very proud of their creations that are on display in the Admin Building.
- To everyone who has indicated they will be supporting the working Bee on Saturday. Hope to see you all there!!!

**WORKING BEE:**

Don’t forget that we have a Working Bee planned for this Saturday – commencing at 8.30 am. Even if you can only spare us an hour or two of your time, it will be greatly appreciated. Some of the jobs we have planned include:
- Trimming of low tree branches / Cleaning up Garden areas / Makeover of Animal Farm / Completing seating on new court area / Repairing playground / Mowing and whipper-snippering / Checking speakers / Re-painting picnic tables / cleaning gutters / minor maintenance work.

Morning tea and lunch, along with refreshments will be provided for all our hard workers.

**Slip Slop Slap:**

During Fourth Term and First Term all students and staff are expected to wear a hat while outside at recess, lunchtime and during sport or other outdoor activities. Children who are not wearing a hat at these times will be expected to play in a shaded area around the school and will not participate in sport or outdoor class activities. Children are also asked to remember to apply sun screen before coming to school and to re-apply, if necessary, during the day from the lotion contained in the First Aid room. If your child is allergic to certain types of sunscreen can you please inform the office and your child’s teacher. Everyones co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

**Online Safety Strategy**

eSmart is a cybersafety and cyberbullying system developed by The Alannah and Madeline Foundation (who also developed the Better Buddies Program we run). It assists school communities to promote the safe, smart and responsible use of digital technologies, manage cybersafety and deal with cyberbullying and bullying. It is expected that every school will commence eSmart by the end of 2013.

Here is the website if parents would like to visit www.esmart.org.au. It provides lots of useful strategies, resources, tools and case studies about keeping safe online and safe use of Facebook, Twitter, etc.
**Kooweerup Secondary College Transition Day**

On Monday 12th November, our grade six students who are attending Kooweerup Secondary College next year are required to attend Transition Day. On the day they should be travelling to school using the method of transport they will use next year.

Students will meet at the gazebo behind the front building at 9am, wearing their Cardinia Primary School uniform, with runners, as they will be doing practical subjects. They also need to bring their pencil case and lunch, or some money to place a lunch order.

This is an additional Transition Day being conducted by Koo Wee Rup Secondary College. All other Grade 6 students are required to attend school as usual and follow their normal program.

Please contact Mrs Chidlow if you need any more information.

**POPPY APPEAL**

The school currently has wrist bands and “Poppies “for sale that children, parents and friends of the school can purchase and thus play their part in commemorating Rememberance Day and support the valuable work carried out by the RSL. Prices range from $2.00 to $5.00 and these items can be purchased from the office or the School Captains.

**SCHOOL CAPTAIN SPEECHES**

School Captain speeches are to be conducted at assembly in the following weeks.

- **Monday 12th November**
  - Hayley W
  - Nicola S
  - Rhiannon B
  - Blake T
  - Mitchell A

- **Monday 19th November**
  - Teagan T
  - Tahlee M
  - Lucinda M
  - Jacob G
  - Trent P
  - Adrian G

It is part of the process, in selecting its Student Leaders for the following year, that all students wishing to fill these roles present a speech to the student body at assembly prior to students and staff casting their votes.

**CARINIA PUBLIC HALL MEETING:**

The Cardinia Public Hall Committee is conducting a Hall Meeting on 21st Nov. At 5.00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Hall. Tim Cooper from the Shire and a Councillor should be attending this meeting. Everyone is more than welcome to come along to this meeting and support this local facility.

Regards,

Joy de Jong
Secretary.
CAMP 2012

Camp is fast approaching. Students attending camp will have received the final permission note and medical form for camp. This must be completed and returned as soon as possible.

The cost of camp for the full week is $320.00. So far payments of $150 have been requested for each student attending camp. The full camp payment is to be paid prior to departure for camp on Monday 26th November. The itinerary for camp and a “bring list” have also been distributed. If you require another copy, they are available at the office. A final camp meeting will be held in the BER Building on Monday 19th November regarding final camp arrangements and medicine.

If you have any other questions do not hesitate to come and see me.

Thanks
Jess.

CAMP MEDICATION

Friday 23rd Nov 3.30pm Camp Medication to be handed in - Staffroom

Please note there is a camp meeting on Monday 19th November which will explain the following points fully.

If your child requires medicine at camp, this needs to be handed in prior to camp week. You need to fill out a MEDICATION PERMISSION FORM when you hand in medicine. (We cannot accept medication on the morning of camp unless your child has been prescribed a medicine on the weekend before camp)

Medication can be handed in at the Camp meeting on 19th November, or on Friday the 23rd November at 3.30 p.m. in the staffroom.

MEDICATION PERMISSION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THESE TIMES. If you cannot make either of these times please see Jodie Mattingley or Trudie Esler to make alternative arrangements.

REGULAR- MUST HAVE MEDICATION
If your child requires any form of medicine DAILY or REGULARLY (i.e. daily asthma preventative, antibiotics, a daily vitamin tablet, daily panadol or daily antihistamine, panadol every second day, Ritalin 3 times per day per day etc)
You must supply this in a BLISTER pack available from your chemist. Your pharmacist needs a minimum of 3 days to prepare this, so please do it well before camp week.
This needs to be handed in at the above times NOT on the morning of camp please. You can see a sample of a blister pack at the front office. There is a cost of approximately $3 per blister pack.

Medication required on a “If Needed” basis
This may be asthma medication if your child requires it, (i.e. panadol for aches and pains, antihistamine if they develop hay fever, claratyne, nurofen, etc)
We only give this medication if your child NEEDS it throughout camp week. We document all medication given.
Please note this medication is to be handed in at the above times and NOT on the morning of camp please.

(If your child requires an epipen, their school epipen bag will be taken on camp. You do not need to fill out further forms, as we will use their current anaphylaxis action plan).

Please see Jodie Mattingley or Trudie Esler if you have any questions. We ask for your co-operation and understanding. It is important that all children receive their medication correctly on camp, with proper documentation and checks. We have over 40 students requiring medication of some form and it is a big job to ensure the proper processes are adhered to.
ATTENTION : CARDINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL MOTHERS, DAUGHTERS & FRIENDS

As part of National Donate Your Hair Week, Cardinia Primary School will be hosting our very own hair-cutting event on Friday 16th November (from 4pm onwards).

We are asking that anyone interested in donating their hair please contact Kym Britton (4K) on mobile 0413 733 529 or alternatively see Virginia at the office.

To donate all you need to do is cut at least 20cm off, there will be professional hairdressers on the day to assist all our generous donors with their new style.

Stop in for the afternoon to help out this incredible cause or even just to support the wonderful ladies donating to benefit others.

TO US IT’S HAIR, BUT TO WOMEN WITH CANCER, IT’S HOPE………………

Strong, healthy hair can make us feel confident and beautiful. So imagine how you would feel if you lost your hair through cancer treatment?

Through the Beautiful lengths program, Pantene is transforming the lives of cancer patients across Australia by collecting hair to make free real-hair wigs to help women feel like themselves again.

In partnership with the charity, “Look Good ….Feel Better”, a free national community service program dedicated to teaching cancer patients techniques to help restore their appearance during chemotherapy and radiotherapy – Pantene will fund the creation of real-hair wigs by helping women grow beautiful hair to donate to the program. These wigs will be distributed across Australia at no cost to cancer patients.

With your help we can help these remarkable women feel like themselves again by giving them free real-hair wigs. Many women with cancer say that putting on a wig helps them feel like themselves again, but real-hair wigs are a luxury that few can afford.

MEAL DEAL

This week’s Meal Deal is a Sausage in Bread and a Fun Bun, all for the small payment of $3.00.

Please make sure the bag is clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. This makes the delivery of your child’s lunch so much easier for our mums who assist with this fund raising activity.

If you would like to help out Karen and her team of helpers please don’t hesitate to see Karen or Virginia who will happily utilise your talents in the kitchen on a Thursday. If you can only help out for a small part of the day or just once a term it doesn’t matter. Every little bit of assistance will be graciously accepted and appreciated by everyone concerned.

For Sale
1 pair AND 1 brand basketball runners, black and white, size 4
1 pair AND 1 brand basketball runners, blue and white, size 5
Good condition, $10 each.
Only worn for one season.
Call Robyn on 5998 8417 or 0409 366 817.
Koo Wee Rup Netball Club
Registration Day

Thurs 6th December 2012
Starting 4PM til 7PM

KWRNC Clubrooms
Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve
Cnr Denhams & Boundary Drain RDs, KWR

2013 FEES

Seniors $160 = VNA $63 + Club Fees $97
(born on or before 31/12/1995)

Juniors $108 = VNA $43 + Club Fees $65
(born b/w 01/01/1996 and 31/12/2001)

Modified $53 = VNA $33 + Training Fee $20
(born on or after 01/01/2002)

NOTE: KWRNC’s Club Fee will remain unchanged from 2012 Season

- EFTPOS will be available on the day.
- Fitting for new dresses will be also available.
- Player evaluation days
  Thursday & Saturday (7th & 10th respectively) February 2013. Times TBA.

Any other enquiries please contact
Craig Font (Secretary) on mob. 0425711581 or email: cpf0404@gmail.com
Good Vision for Life

Did you know that along with allergies and asthma, eye disorders are the most common long term health problems experienced by children? Good vision is important for educational, physical and social development and to help young people reach their full learning potential.

Many young people experience undetected vision problems as they often assume that how they see is normal. The good news is that once detected, most eye problems are easy to correct. Incorporating regular eye examinations into your general health routine – just like visits to the dentist - can help to detect vision problems as well as other eye conditions that can threaten the health of eyes.

Signs your child may have a problem with their eyes include:

- Complaints of headaches or sore eyes
- A turned eye, red or watery eyes, and frequent blinking
- Delayed progress in reading ability
- Poor hand-eye coordination
- Skipping lines, losing their place or omitting words when reading
- Sensitivity to light
- Squinting when reading or watching television
- Difficulty recognising familiar people in the distance
- Difficulty concentrating.

Children’s eyes should be checked regularly throughout their school life, and immediately upon noticing any problems with their eyes or vision. You can see an optometrist without referral from a doctor, and most consultations attract a Medicare rebate. Visit [www.optometrists.asn.au](http://www.optometrists.asn.au) for more information on the things you can do to protect your eyes and to search for an optometrist in your area.
Dear parent/guardian,

We are writing to explain why the report you have received for your child is less detailed than you would normally expect.

On behalf of teachers, principals and support staff, the Australian Education Union has been negotiating with the Baillieu Government for a new enterprise agreement for over a year.

Still we have no agreement.

The Premier promised to make Victorian teachers the highest paid in the nation, but now offers only 2.5% while seeking to introduce performance pay which will break down the teamwork and collaboration which are so important in our schools.

He also seeks to sack 5% of our teachers — a move that would lead to higher class sizes and less individual attention for our students.

Twice now AEU members have voiced their disappointment in the Government by taking a day's stopwork action and voting to continue the campaign.

This term, therefore, AEU members have begun a ban on providing written comments and numerical assessments in student reports.

Parents and guardians will receive a written assessment of their child's achievement against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards, VCE, VCAL, VET or other equivalent standard and a record of attendance (if applicable). AEU members will not provide any other written information or comments.

Teachers will of course be available to meet should you wish to discuss your child’s progress.

AEU members do not take such action lightly, but we have been left no alternative.

We thank you for your support and appreciate you taking the time to learn why we are taking action. Our teachers, principals and education support staff are committed to providing the best education for your children. Our goal is to improve conditions across the government system so that we not only maintain but improve the quality of education we provide your children.

To show your support, we ask you to send your own message to Premier Baillieu and his government via our campaign website, www.keepthepromise.com.au. Please encourage other members of the school community to do likewise.

Once again, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

The AEU sub-branch
Cardinia Autism Support for Parents

Are you the parent of a child with an autism spectrum disorder?

- Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed by your child’s behaviour, or other people’s lack of understanding or tolerance?
- Do you have other children who are affected by your ASD child?
- Are you comfortable being your ASD child’s advocate through school?
- Do you know what support is available for all members of your family?

Come and Share your experiences and ideas in a support group for carers and parents of children with ASD

Facilitated by Delia Forrest. Delia has a wealth of experience and training, in working with students with autism spectrum disorders and their families. She established and taught in an ASD unit within a school, and has mentored mainstream and special school teachers in dealing with students with autism.

WHEN: Every Friday until December 14th 9:30 am to 11:30am

Where: Cardinia Primary School

Enquiries to: Delia Forrest - 9705 3903