FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

SOLAR PANELS:
Over the holiday break we have had our solar panels installed. The new panels have been placed on the BER Building and not on the Basketball roof as previously planned due to the availability of three phase power. The unit is now fully operational and we are just awaiting approval and final checks before we start utilising the power we can generate from this system. The system should go a long way in reducing our electricity costs on an annual basis.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS:
Australia Day Awards were awarded to Mitchell Alderson and Lucinda Manning on the 26th of January by the KooWeeRup Australia Day Committee. They received their awards at the KooWeeRup ceremony on Australia Day. I’d like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the way the KooWeeRup community make us part of their special events, allowing our students to participate and receive awards that would otherwise not be available to them. Also a special thank you to Jess Dart for the commendation she put forward on behalf of these students to the KooWeerup Township Committee as part of the award ceremony. Congratulations again to Mitchell and Lucinda on being nominated and receiving their awards, a fantastic effort and a credit to them.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS – 2013:
As announced at the end of last year our School Captains for 2013 are Mitchell Alderson and Lucinda Manning, with their Deputies being Blake Taylor and Mikaela Stokkel. Congratulations to these students on the recognition they have received from their peers and teachers alike. We wish them all the best in their leadership roles this year.

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.
- 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 Wednesday of the month this term.

THUMBS UP

- To Lucinda Manning and Mitchell Alderson for receiving Australia Day Awards from the KooWeeRup township committee. A great recognition for these students and a credit to the way they have conducted themselves.
- To our New School Captains – Mitchell Alderson and Lucinda Manning and our Vice Captains Blake Taylor and Mikaela Stokkel. All very worthy recipients of this honour bestowed upon them by their peers and teachers.
- To all of our new Preps who have made a terrific start to the year and doing some fantastic work.
- To Grade 2B and Prep M for being the worthy recipients of the Mrs Smith Attendance Cup for Week 1. Remember it is important that children attend school as regularly as possible to reach their full potential.
- To the various parents who coach and organise a number of basketball and netball teams that compete at the Cranbourne complex on various nights after school.
- To the senior students who are doing such a great job with their new Buddies, making the transition of our new Preps into school a lot easier for them. It’s great to see the relationship that they are developing between the Buddies.
- To the girls in Grade 5 who have taken over caring for the animals in the Farm Yard and assisting the younger children in this area. Great job guys!
- To Mel who is doing a fantastic job assisting and volunteering her time in the junior school. Your efforts and work is very much appreciated.

Slip Slop Slap:
For the 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 container in the First Aid room. If your child is allergic to certain types of sunscreen, please inform the office and your child’s teacher. Every one’s co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

FREE TO GOOD HOME
1 month old white rat with cage and accessories.
Contact Dylan Ryan-Orchard (5D) or Zel on 0421570142.

FOR SALE
Girls summer dresses (1x size 6, 4x size 8, 3x size 10) Good to very good condition. $15 each
Please contact Andrea on 5629 2088
Friendly Reminder:
When parking on Cardinia Road – school side please leave space between the fence and your car to allow for a clear walkway for parents and children to walk in safety to the school entrance. Walking along Cardinia Road needs to be avoided as much as possible.

Please be mindful of our neighbours when picking up or dropping of students at Cardinia Primary School. Undoubtedly you are aware that parking and parking spaces are a premium at certain times but please don’t park across driveways or on Nature Strips. Parking behind the hall is mainly for staff and given we have 30 staff, this area is full on most occasions and there is limited turning space in this area.

Cardinia road and the front of the Hall car park are available for parents to park and pick up student or there are limited spaces in the Church Car park, located off Dalmore Road but please don’t park on the Nature Strip or block the driveways in this area.

It is School policy that all students need to be collected by an adult, at the end of the day, to avoid an accident from occurring in these congested areas, which get very hectic at the end of the day for 15-20 minutes. Your assistance, patience and understanding in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

**AEU Stop work Action:**

On Thursday the 14th of February, the Australian Education Union has organised a day of Action in their on-going dispute with the Victoria Government and their claims for salary and conditions improvement. At this stage we will have seven teachers supporting this day of action, which will directly affect 6 grades.
At the moment you may be aware that the Government is taking Court action to prevent the Stop Work and other Bans from taking place. Early next week a separate notice will be sent home to all families detailing the arrangements for the 14th, if the Stop works Action proceeds.
Please remember that children in classes where their teachers are taking action will be supervised on the day but may not necessarily follow their normal program.

**Items That Might Be of Interest:**

- **School Council** is on Wednesday the 20th of February in the Staffroom – commencing at 8.00 pm. This will be the last meeting of our current Council as elections and nominations for positions for our 2013 council will take place before our March Meeting. If you are interested in becoming part of Council or would like to come along and find out about what Council does please don’t hesitate to come along on the 20th of February. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Don’t forget that a number of Parent Information afternoons are planned to occur over the next couple of weeks. Please take the opportunity to attend these very important sessions as staff will explain the programs being offered over the forth coming year and answer any queries you may have.
- Playgroup is being held each Tuesday morning in the Technology Room – if you want to participate in this activity please see Virginia or just turn up on a Tuesday morning and you will be made more than welcome.
- After School Care is available each evening after school until 6.00 pm. The cost is between $4.00 and $8.00 per evening – depending on the rebates available to you. Taya the co-ordinator of the program will only be too happy to explain the program and take you through the enrolment process.
WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC:

The Annual – Whole School Picnic – is taking place on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. This is a very traditional event of the Cardinia Primary School community and is held at the start of the year to give parents, students and staff the opportunity to meet and greet in a more informal atmosphere and is a great way to kick off the School Year.

Once again this year the picnic will be held at the Cowes Beach - Phillip Island commencing at 10.00 am. We encourage as many friends of the school and parents, grandparents to attend this event. Please complete the attached permission form to assist the Parents Club in meeting the catering needs of the day and arrange any transport that may be required.

Students who require a lift to this event need to be at school by 8.45 am and wait near the main entrance to the school. (Hall Car Park). All transport will be leaving the school at 9.00 am and returning to school as close to 3.30 pm as possible. Families who are going direct or providing their own transport do not need to come to school but can drive directly to the picnic area.

*** Remember if your child requires a lift and is 7 years or under then you will need to provide us with a booster seat for the trip. This is a legal requirement.

Following is a brief outline of the day:

10.00 am: Everyone arrives and rolls are taken by class teachers.
10.15 am: Slip slop Slap takes place and any announcements made.
10.30 am: Start our Walk along the beach.
11.00 am: Buddy Sandcastle / Beach sculpture competition
12.00 Noon: Lunch time for all – sausage in bread, corn, watermelon and cordial
12.30 pm: Beach activities
2.00 pm: Pack Up and return to school for those students requiring transport.

Things to bring along:

- Water Bottle / Drink Cup
- Bathers/ Worn under clothes
- T-shirt or Rash vest to be worn at all times – even when in the water
- Snack
- Hat
- Appropriate footwear for the beach. No Bare Feet under any circumstances
- Change of clothing / towel
- Sun Screen

Please Don’t Bring:
- Any extra beach toys, except for plastic buckets and spades.
- No flotation Devices or boogie boards.

Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> is a normal school day for all students attending the picnic and as such they will be under the supervision and direction of staff from 10.00 am to the conclusion of the activity at 2.00 pm. All children are expected to be part of the planned activities and parents and friends are more than welcome to join in. At 2.00 pm all children are expected to exit the beach area and we will pack up. Families who are staying longer can return to the beach area after the clean-up has been completed.
PARENTS CLUB NEWS:

We need help with the preparation for our Whole School Picnic.

Corn Chucking.

On Thursday 14th Feb. we will be peeling and cutting approx. 500 cobs of corn. It would be great to have plenty of hands on deck at 2.00pm in “Vizzari’s shed” (on the corner of Koo Wee Rup Rd and Ballarto Rd). If you are able to help (and don’t mind a chat while you work) please see Raelene (2W), Donna (2B) or Virginia.

Another way to help is picking up and transporting about 700 sausages OR 40 loaves of bread. These will both be ordered from a Pakenham store so, if you have room in your car and you are from this area, it would be a GREAT help to have a volunteer to do this.

PINK STUMPS DAY – 2013:

This year the School will be supporting the McGrath Foundation by being part of the Pink Stumps Day – 2013 with children being encouraged to wear something Pink on Friday 22nd of February and be involved in Cricket Activities as part of their sports program for the day. Children are asked to bring along a gold coin donation on the day and further donations can be made through the fundraising page link: http://pinkstumpsday2013.gofundraise.com.au/page/CardiniaPrimarySchool

For further information about this community fundraising activity, please see Trudie Esler (Grade 6 – Vice Principal.)

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

EMA:
Education Maintenance allowance is paid ($235 per child) to any Parent who holds a current and valid Health Care Card or Pension card. Please see me at the office for a form to fill in. The deadline is the 28th February and no late applications can be accepted.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE:
If a student lives more than 4.8km from this school and this is their nearest school, the parent may be entitled to Conveyance Allowance. Please see me at the office for a form to fill in.

MEDICATION FORMS:
If your child needs to take any medication during school time we will need you to fill in a medication form giving us permission to administer the medication. Anyone who filled in a form last year will need a new form for this year. Also check that the medication we hold for your child is still within its expiry date.

PERSONAL DETAILS:
If your contact details have changed please also contact the office. It is important we have current information regarding telephone numbers. Please also return any outstanding permission or ultranet forms that were sent out last week.

PARENTS CLUB INFORMATION
Parents & Friends Club has been an integral component of the School and is relied upon by students, parents and staff to both raise funds for much needed extras such as subsidising costs of excursions, library books, supporting classroom and school activities, purchasing IT equipment and much, much more. To do this we need active members who are willing to help in organising events and assisting in fund-raising activities. If you are willing to assist please don’t hesitate to see Lana Van Bello (2B), Lisa Cartmel (Prep A) or the Office Ladies. We will be meeting this Friday 8th February at 2pm in the Staff Room. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat.
STUDENT BANKING
Anyone who would like to sign their child up for Student Banking can collect an information pack from the office.

Thank you
Kim Britton
Student Banking Co-ordinator

LOST AND FOUND
We have found a Grade 6 Jacket from last year which is a size 12. If anyone has lost or knows someone who has misplaced one please see Virginia or Sue in the office. Parents PLEASE remember to name all of your child’s clothing so if they are misplaced we can return them.

SOVEREIGN HILL GRADE 6 2013
As part of our Australian Studies in Grade 6, we are off to Sovereign Hill. This is not only a fantastic educational experience, but one where parents are invited as well to join their children in their final year of school and be involved in their adventure.

We will be leaving school very early – 6.30 on Friday 1st March. We are very fortunate and thank Cardinia Primary School, our School Council and Parents Club for covering the cost of the bus.

Activities besides looking around include Mine Tours, Confectionary Making, Gold Pouring and Candle Dipping Demonstrations, and a Class Session from the Good Old Days.
We will leave Sovereign Hill at 5pm and will return to school approximately 8.00-8.30pm.
Permission Slip went home last week. We asked that parents complete and return them by Friday 8th February if you are wishing to attend, as the bus will be booked on this day.

Thank you
Mrs Trudie Elser
2014 Prep Enrolments

With the 2013 Preps settling in, it is time to start planning our 2014 intake!

If you have a Pre-School child who will begin Prep at Cardinia Primary School in 2014, could you please visit the office as soon as possible to ensure we have your child’s details.

Please do not assume we know your child will be attending our school. With so many new families it is a huge job to keep track of all possible future Preps. You will need to provide the office with your current email address as well as your Preschool child’s full name, date of birth and the name of the Kindergarten she/he currently attends.

A 2014 enrolment form will then be given to you and these are due back fully completed by the end of term 1.

Please see Allan or Jodie if you have any questions regarding the 2014 Prep Enrolment procedure.

ART REQUEST

Could all children from Grades Prep to 4 please bring an Art Smock to use during Art lessons. An old shirt will suffice if you have nothing else. Please name them and hand them to their class teacher.

We are also needing pieces of long cardboard rolls, like the inside of material bolts, approximately 80cm to 1 meter long in size. If you can get access to any of these Mrs Parker would love to hear from you as we require about 46.

Could all parents of Grades 5 and 6 of 2012 please check to see if any of our reading cards (SRA) have been mixed up in books. We are missing about 30 cards from our box and will need to use them for this year’s students.

Thanks
Mrs Trudie Esler