FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

**Woolworths KooWeeRup:**
Woolworths of KooWeeRup is supporting our school in 2013 in a couple of ways and we thank them for their generosity and support. Once again in 2013 they will be providing us with some Fresh Fruit each Friday to continue the very successful “Fresh Fruit Friday” initiative to get children eating fruit on a regular basis.

They are also sponsoring our School as part of the Clean Up Australia Day campaign on Friday 1st of March to “Clean Up Your local Community”. They will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch and refreshments and be cooking the meal for the students on this day. After lunch the various grades will clean up various areas around the school and areas adjacent to the school, such as at the plantation and Hall area.

**School Council Elections:**
Each year half of the existing School council Membership is up for re-election / nomination. The following Councillors are in this category: Dean Alderson (Parent) Catherine Manning (Parent) Ray Weinzierl (Parent) Raelene Stokkel (Parent) Liz Alderson (DEECD) Michelle Henson (DEECD) Meaghan McNeill (Community Member) and Andrea Kendall (Community Member).

The Timeline for the process is as follows:
- 20th February: Nominations called for. Nomination Forms distributed.
- 27th February: Close of Nominations
- 6th March: Ballot Papers sent out if required
- 13th March: Ballot Closes. (Election and vote counting.)
- 20th March: AGM and New Council Meets for the first time.

### Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 13th February**
  - Grade 1 / 2 Information Afternoon
  - 3–45 pm onwards. Room 9 (2W Classroom)

- **Thursday 14th February**
  - AEU Teacher Stop Work Action Day
  - NO MEAL DEAL due to Whole School picnic

- **Friday 15th February**
  - Whole School Picnic – Cowes

- **Wednesday 20th February**
  - School Council Meeting
  - 8.00 pm – Staffroom – Everyone welcome to attend.

- **Friday 22nd February**
  - Pink Stumps Day – Gold Coin donation
  - Inter-School Swimming Sports – selected squad from Grades 3-6

- **Friday 1st March**
  - Grade 6 Excursion – Sovereign Hill
  - Clean Up Australia – Community Activity
  - Grades Prep – 5 Cleaning up our School Environment
  - Sponsored by Woolworths – KooWeeRup

- **Thursday 7th March**
  - District Swimming Event

- **Sunday 21st April**
  - Yakkerboo Parade – Australiana theme.
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 Mrs Chidlow and Mrs Young who celebrated their Birthdays on Monday. We trust they had a great day and enjoyed lots of presents.
➢ To Miss Kerslake and Mrs Mattingley for all their efforts in organising the Buddy Program for 2013. Great work ladies.
➢ To Miss Kerslake for taking on the role of co-ordinator for the Yakkerboo Parade in 2013 after her success of last year.
➢ To all the Parents/Friends who have volunteered to assist with various programs across the school. Very much appreciated.
➢ To Grade 6TE and Grade 5C who were joint leaders of the “Mrs Smith Attendance Cup” for week 2.
➢ To the Students who were elected House Captain last week:

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Congratulations to these students and trust they have a great year in their capacity of being School Leaders for 2013.

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 Reminders:

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 students 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.

Parents and Friends of students are reminded that smoking and the consumption of alcohol is not permitted on school grounds or when participating in school activities when students are present. This applies on days such as the Whole School Picnic.

If you haven’t brought along your two boxes of tissues for student use in 2013 could you please do so as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated.

Lollies and sugary drinks (particularly soft drinks) are not to be ordered as part of School Lunches. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

AEU Stop work Action:

This Thursday 14 February 2013, the Australian Education Union has called on its members to take strike action in relation to the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement. The school will be open and your children will be safe and cared for should you choose to send them to school on that day. All students in attendance will be supervised. Your children will not be penalised if you choose to keep them at home.

Based upon the information provided to me by school staff, 9 staff Members will be taking Stop Work Action, with 8 teaching staff in attendance and all aides reporting for duty. As a consequence:

- **Students in Years Prep A** (Mrs Alderson), Grade 1H (Miss Henson), Grade 2W (Mr White), Grade 3E (Miss Esler), Grade 5D (Miss Dart) and Grade 6E (Mrs Esler) will have a normal program, though there may have to be modifications.

- **Students in Years Prep M** (Mrs Mattingley), Grade 1C (Mrs Cruse), Grade 2B (Mr Briginshaw), Grade 3A (Mr Adams), Grade 4K (Miss Kerslake), Grade 5C (Mrs Chidlow) and Grade 6KE (Miss Edwards) are not required to attend, however, those that do attend will be supervised and provided with work.

If you have any queries please talk to your principal, freecall the Education Line on 1800 809 834 or visit www.education.vic.gov.au for more information
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.

- 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 be only too happy to explain the program and take you through the enrolment process.

- **Auslan** will be commencing next Tuesday for Grades 3-6. Elouise will again be taking students for these sessions each and every Tuesday.

- The Inter-School Swimming trials and events will take place over the next couple of weeks. The first part of this program are the trials on Monday the 18th of February. Children must be able to swim 50 metres and the produce the correct stroke to participate. A team will then be selected from the Trials to take place in the Inter-School Swimming Sports and then if successful go on to Zone and State level.

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**YAKKERBOO MEETING 2013**

Any parents that would like to come along to a meeting in Miss Kerslake’s room, Grade 4K in the BER Building after school on Monday 18th February, please please please come along to share your ideas and thoughts on what we could do for our float this year. New parents to Cardinia, we would love to see you come join our team and have some greatly appreciated help for the Yakkerboo Parade this year on the 21st of April in Pakenham.

**THEME: AUSTRALIANA**

*Monday 17th after assembly 3:30pm in Miss Kerslake’s room.*

Thank you and hope to see you Monday!

Bec Kerslake
WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC:

The Annual – Whole School Picnic – is taking place this Friday, the 15th of February. This is a 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 the picnic will be held at the Cowes Beach - Phillip Island commencing at 10.00 am. We encourage as many parents, grandparents and friends of the to attend this event. Thank you to the families who have already returned their forms, but if you haven’t already done so can you do it by Thursday.

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
12.30pm: 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.

The temperature on Friday is expected to be in the low 30’s, so it is essential everyone remembers to SLIP... SLOP... SLAP... and have a very enjoyable day at the beach.
All students 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.
Rotary District 9820 Ride to Conference
Geelong - 16th-22nd February 2013
Rotary Club of KooWeeRup Lang Lang
P O Box 18 Lang Lang 3984

The purpose of this letter is to request your support for the twelfth annual Rotary District 9820 Ride to Conference. This year the 60 riders will cover 600 kilometres approximately over six days arriving to a Civic reception in Geelong at the commencement of the Rotary District 9820 Conference on Friday 22nd February 2013.

To date our rides have raised approximately $660,000.00 for Rotary charities.

In 2013 the bike riders will be riding for Life Education, Australian Rotary Health, and Disaster Aid Australia.

Life Education is a non-government, independent, registered charity which motivates and encourages young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future, free from the harmful effects of drugs. website: www.lifeducation.org.au

Australian Rotary Health is one of the largest independent health research funds in Australia. Since its establishment in 1981, Australian Rotary Health has provided almost $29 million in funding for health research in Australia.

The funds provided are vital in supporting the research that seeks to cure or prevent ill health in the community. This is a cause that is fighting against a large number of health problems including arthritis, diabetes, kidney disease, spinal injury, mental illness and a number of different types of cancer. website: www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Disaster Aid Australia is a global humanitarian project that aims to provide shelter, warmth and comfort to people around the world who have been left homeless after natural disasters and wars. The Disaster Aid Boxes contain a ten person tent, thermal blankets, collapsible water container and other basic survival equipment. Disaster Aid Australia has been developed by the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills (District 9820). website: www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au

This year with your sponsorship and support the goal is to raise in excess of $60,000 for these three charities.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this request with us please contact Rudy or Joy de Jong on 5998 8220. Cheques should be written out to the Rotary Club of Kooweerup Lang Lang and sent to above address or bank details are - Bendigo Bank 633 000 A/c 108334665 for direct deposits if preferred.
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.

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.

CLASS OF 2014

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 you 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.
**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.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS**
Those students interested in trying out for the school swimming sports from Grades 3-6 may do so on Monday 18th February at the Koo Wee Rup pool. We will be leaving school at 1.00pm and returning to school at 2.30pm. A form has been sent home to those who expressed interest. Age groups are Under 10s, Under 11s, Under 12s&13s. From these trials we will select a squad to represent the school on Friday 22nd February.

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**An important cybersafety message**

Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cybersafety and wellbeing.

eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.

Funded by the Victorian Government, eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence.

Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we’ll be integrating cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

We’ll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter. More information is also available at [www.esmart.org.au](http://www.esmart.org.au)