FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

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).

On behalf of School Council I invite any interested Parents/Guardians who are interested in being part of this very important governing body of the school to come along to our first meeting for the year on Wednesday evening. School Council is an integral component of the school and is responsible for the continued growth and development of the school’s physical environment, facilities and the programs offered and implemented by the school – in line with Department regulations and guidelines. Being part of School Council gives you a deeper understanding of the School’s finances and desired direction of the School over the short term and long term scenarios. You can find the nomination form by clicking [here](#), or looking under School Council on the website.

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

### Dates to Remember

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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.

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THUMBS UP

- To the members of the Parents and Friends Club and the executive for all their work in providing and cooking all that delicious food for the picnic. Very much appreciated by one and all.
- To the Vizzarri Family for donating the water melon and grapes for the picnic and organising the corn for us.
- To the Camerano Family for all that delicious corn, which was enjoyed by one and all.
- To all the families and friends who joined us on the Picnic on Friday. It was great to see you all and supporting this very traditional activity of the school.
- To Donna, Raelene and Lana for their organisation and planning for the picnic. A wonderful job ladies and appreciated by everyone who attended.
- To the students who trialled for the Swimming sports on Monday. Great job guys and a good way to cool down on such a hot day.
- To everyone who is supporting the Relay for Life and/or the Pink Stumps Day charity events that are being conducted at the moment.
- To Prep M who won the Mrs Smith – Attendance Cup for Week 3. Great job Preps and keep up the good work.
- To the Parents who provided transport for the Swimming Trials on Monday. Very much appreciated.
- To everyone who contributed in some way, in making Friday at Cowes such a great experience for all concerned.
- To Anne Pead and family for their generous donation to the Prep Grades. Anne’s donation will be used to revitalise the sandpit near the prep rooms and purchase sand equipment for learning activities and play. We are extremely grateful to the Pead family for this fantastic gesture.

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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.
ITEMS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST:

- **School Council** is on tonight 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 only be 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.

**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.

It is important that children arrive punctually at school, 5 – 10 minutes before bell time in the mornings so that their day can commence on time and in a casual manner.

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.

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. Please consider the nutritional value and healthy nature of the food items ordered from the shop when placing your orders. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

If you can assist with Meal Deals, please see Karen or the notice board outside the office. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.
Next Friday the 1st March, Portia Battiscombe (1H) and Isabella DeJong (1C) will be participating in the Cardinia Relay for Life. The two girls will be part of a team that will walk laps of the Toomuc Reserve for 18 hours to raise money for the Cancer Council.

The girls are hoping to raise funds by running a foneraiser. If anyone has any old mobile phones, working or not or even missing parts, it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring them to school and put them in the foneraising box at the office before next Monday.

Thank you very much.

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 this 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:


There is also a collection tin outside the office that additional donations for this cause can be made. Our School Captains will also be taking this around on the day to collect donations.

The activities will commence after lunch on Friday (2.00 -2.15 pm), with children progressing around the 8 “cricket themed” tabloid activities in their House Groups.

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

Swimming Sports

The swimming trials were held Monday with a team selected to represent Cardinia Primary School at the Koo Wee Rup pool on Friday 22nd February. Those students have been notified and permission forms have gone home. Please return these as soon as possible. Well done to all the students who tried out and a big thank you to all the parents who helped provide transport.
IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

CONVEYANCE ALLOWNACE:
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:
Recently we sent home student details and Ultranet permission forms. It is important for parents to return these forms to the office. Any changes need to be documented and returned to the office as soon as possible. If you require another set please let the office know.

YAKKERBOO MEETING
2013

If anybody has some thick calico material, approximately 6 metres long by 2 metres high, for the side of our Yakkerboo truck, could you please see Bec Kerslake. We would like to use material this year for the side of our float instead of cardboard as it hangs better.

If you have any other resources or ideas......Come see me in the BER building, Grade 4K 😊

Thank you to the parents who came along to our brief Yakkerboo meeting on Monday where we discussed ideas to get this project started. Your support is much appreciated!!!!

I will inform you of when we will be having our next Yakkerboo meeting.

REMEMBER....NEW PARENTS ARE WELCOME
Tooradin-Dalmore Football Club South East Junior best conducted club of 2012.

Come and play football in a family friendly environment with shared game time regardless of ability.

Our focus is on encouragement and continuous improvement for all involved within our club.

Some vacancy's for the following grades Auskick, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U16

Registration day 24/2/2013 at 11.00am ………..bring your friends

With excellent facilities at Tooradin Dalmore Football Club your experience here will be most enjoyable. Our club has a pathway from Auskick all the way through to senior football.

New players receive socks and shorts.

Please call Barry Purcell on 0404 204 924 or email tooradindalmore_register@hotmail.com to register your interest.
GRADE 1 BOXES
Thanks to all who have collected boxes for our models. We have begun making them today and have enough boxes – thank you very much!!!

Grade 1 and 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
Grade 1 and 2 Teachers will be holding Parent Teacher interviews beginning Monday 25th February. We would like to see all parents. Can you please write your names on the timetable outside your child’s classroom.

Thanks
Grade 1 & 2 Teachers

Catani Football Club believes a responsible well run Football / Netball club is one of great assistance to parents in bringing up a family and that by being a member of a team, is an excellent way to assist young people (especially boys) to develop positively into adulthood.

Seeking Juniors for u13’s, u15½’s and u18’s for season 2013. Plus expressions of interest for u9’s through u12’s to play in the SEDJ league from 2014.

No fees for any juniors. Under 18’s, u15 1/2’s or u13’s
$1,000,000 Quadriplegia and Paraplegia insurance for all players.
Club Jumpers with shorts and socks provided if required.
Female players welcomed and all players are guaranteed playing time.
Professional trainers on hand from the start of play
Under 11’s can play in under 13’s if parents agree.

One football day per week with all games on the Saturday morning.
Excellent social day with netball for girls available.
Junior coaching by qualified ex and current club players.
Social Thursday night dinners from 7:00pm.

$3.00 kids meals and $10.00 adult meals.
Transport to games can be arranged if necessary.

Registration & Fun Day
Sunday Feb 24th from 12:00 - 3:00 pm
At the clubrooms Taplins Rd, Catani. (approx. 15 mins from Pakenham)
Turn right off the Koowearup - Longwarry Rd, via Bayles

Club Contacts: Rooms 5629 4403 Coaching Staff

President Tony McFarlane 0418 393 818 Under 13's - Rick Wells 0408 131 405
Secretary Brian Edwards 0423 326 245 Under 15 1/2’s - Leigh Jose 0434 011 907

u13’s & u15 1/2’s start training 5:00pm Wed 27th Feb