FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

I’d like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our students and families back to Cardinia Primary School for the 2013 School Year and trust you all had a fantastic break and enjoyed the festive season.

Hayley Stapley returns from Family Leave and will be working for 2 days a week mainly in the Prep area of the school. It’s great having Hayley back and her professionalism and skill as a teacher will be an added asset to our Junior Learning Team.

I’d also like to welcome Sue Friend to staff. Sue will be working in the office, assisting Virginia 5 days a week from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm each day. Sue comes to us with a wealth of experience after spending a number of years at Pakenham Secondary College. Please make Sue feel welcome and I’m sure you’ll all get to know her as you visit the office from time to time.

Please pencil in Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February as our Whole School Picnic Event. This is an annual highlight of the School Community when we invite all children and their families to join us at the Cowes Foreshore for a Picnic and various activities on the beach. Our Parents Club provide a sausage sizzle lunch, fruit, corn and cordial for all to enjoy. It’s a great way for parents to get to know each other and be welcomed into our School Community. It would be fantastic if everyone can come along and join us in this activity. More details will be included in next week’s newsletter for this activity.

Our Parents and Friends Club is an integral component of our School community and needs all the support that it can obtain to remain vibrant and committed to providing many of the threads that makes our school such a wonderful place for your children. If you can help them in any way please don’t hesitate to offer, go along to their meeting or support them in their many and varied activities. With your support and assistance they can continue to provide such a wonderful contribution to the school.

We would also like to welcome Jess Thalas a student Teacher who will be with us through Term 1. Jess has previously worked with our Preps in 2012 and this year will be with our Grade 6.

**Dates to Remember**

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| Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February  | Prep Information Afternoon  
|            | 2.30pm - 3.30pm Prep A Classroom            |
| Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February | Grade 2 Information Afternoon  
|            | 3.40pm – 4.10pm – Room 9 (2W Classroom)          |
| Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February  | Proposed Date for Whole School Picnic – Cowes  
|            | More details to come.                                |
| Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February | School Council Meeting  
|            | 8.00 pm – Staffroom – Everyone welcome to attend.    |
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 is done 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 Donna for all the assistance she gave over the holiday period caring for the animals in our Farm Yard. Very much appreciated.
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 To Merv and Nathan for putting the Basketball goal ring back last night – ready for our enthusiastic basketballers today. Great job guys.
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 To members of our hard working Parents Club for putting on such a great morning tea to welcome all of our parents back to the school for the 2013 School Year.
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 To Sharon and Mitchell for their commitment to the Animal Farm over the break – you guys did a tremendous job over the break.
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 To Nathan Eager for mowing the oval over the break and making sure this area of the school is well kept – all year round.
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 To the many members of staff who were in over the holiday period preparing their rooms and programs for the year ahead. Very much appreciated guys and will ensure a smooth start to the year.
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 To Virginia for all the extra effort she made over the break to allow for the installation of our new Solar Panels, which will be up and running in the near future.
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 To everyone who kept a watchful eye on the school over the break, ensuring we had little damage occur over the break.
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 To Liz and Jodie who did an outstanding job in preparing their “new” rooms for our new Preps 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, can you please inform the office and your child’s teacher. Every one’s co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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

Emma Parker
Friendly Reminder:

Please be mindful of our neighbours when picking up or dropping off 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.

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 by the 28th February (no late applications will be accepted).

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 can you please come and 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.

PAULS COLLECT A CAPS
If you have any Pauls Collect a Caps can they please be returned to the Office by Friday 8th February. Virginia will need to forward them on to Pauls.

PARENTS CLUB INFORMATION
Parents and 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 all of this work we need active members who are willing to help in organising events and assisting in fund-raising activities. If you are willing to become involved please don’t hesitate to see Lana Van Bello (2B), Lisa Cartmel (Prep A) or the Office Ladies. We will be meeting next Friday 1st February from 2pm in the Staff Room. Please come along for a cuppa and a chat as we start planning this year’s fundraising events.
Junior Registration for Under 13s, Under 15½s and Under 18s will be held on Monday the 11th of February between 6pm-7:30pm at the KooWeeRup Recreation Reserve and there will be a barbeque provided. Training times for juniors will be advised on Registration Night.

Any enquires please contact:

- Under 13s Coach: Matthew Dunham - 0429 129 020
- Under 15½s Coach: Dan Crowley - 0407 540 868
- Under 18s Coach: Daniel Mullens - 0403 134 174

We warmly welcome any new players, trainers, volunteers, members and supporters and look forward to a successful 2013 season, both on and off the field. Hope to see you there to support your local club.

Regards

Tony Cammarano - 0400 551 795