FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
The Principal has announced a Working Bee for the upcoming Saturday to improve the school environment and facilities. The Working Bee will commence at 8.30 am, and depending on the amount of support should conclude shortly after lunch. The Principal encourages parents to bring along the appropriate equipment for the job. Morning tea, lunch and light refreshments will be provided.

**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. Under no circumstance should parents/guardians approach other students in the school grounds.
- 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 Thursday of the month this term.

THUMBS UP

- To the Smith, Friend, Stokkel, Kennedy, Eager, Cartmel and Alderson families for attending the KooWeeRup RSL Dawn service on Thursday. A great effort to get everyone up and going by 5.30am.
- To Mitchell and Mikaela for representing the school at the Dawn Service and laying a wreath on behalf of the school.
- To Kathy Wachal for coming along and making pumpkin soup with the Grade 4 and giving the staff a sample as well.
- To Jess Thalis who completed her Teaching Placement at Cardinia Primary School on Tuesday. Jess did a fantastic job and displayed great potential in her chosen career path.
- To the Grade 1s who did such a great job with their Bike Ed Week and we trust they will have a great time at the traffic school this week.
- A big thank you to the families and friends of the school who are supporting the current promotions being offered by Woolworths- the Earn and Learn promotion and The Good Guys of Pakenham – Paky Bucks program.
- To the Parents/Friends who assist with Meal Deals each week, your assistance is always greatly appreciated. If you can assist with Meal Deals on a Thursday, please don’t hesitate to see Virginia or Sue in the Office.
- To Mel Sowerby and Sue Gothard for volunteering to assist in the Junior School and contribute so strongly to the educational program in this area of the school. Very much appreciated ladies.
- To Mrs Cruse for the commitment and time she gives to co-ordinating Grades 1 and 2 program in the school and the fantastic work she has carried out in implementing our new Pedagogical Vision.
- To our Esmart – Professional learning group who are doing a great job in promoting cyber-safety and their endeavours to educate staff, parents and students of the issues surrounding the use of the internet.

NAPLAN TESTING PROGRAM _ 2013

Children in Grades 3 and 5 will be involved in the NAPLAN Testing program starting on the Tuesday the 14th of May and concluding on the 16th of May. Children will complete tests in the areas of Reading, Writing, Numeracy and Writing Conventions (Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling.) These tests are carried out right across the country, in all States and Territories to gain a snapshot of the performance of these students at this particular time of their education and development. Parents and Guardians are reminded that they only provide a snapshot of performance on a given day and all other available information about a student’s performance – previous reports, parent teacher interviews, and work samples need to be placed together to gain an overall picture of a student’s outcomes.

The testing regime used in NAPLAN is not unfamiliar to students as they are very similar to the On Demand Testing they have participated in on a regular basis since the end of Grade 2.

If you have any queries about NAPLAN, please don’t hesitate to see your child’s teacher or Allan.
ITEMS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST:

- **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.

- The **Attendance Cup** for this week goes to Foundation M again. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance.

- Our first working bee is pencilled in for this Saturday the 4th of May, commencing at 8.30 am. So please mark it in your diaries now so that we can have a big response and achieve a great deal on the day. Soon we will put a list out detailing the various jobs that need to be done and if you can't make it on the day you might be able to do it at another time.

- Connections are running **Seasons for Growth Program** for children in Grades 3 and 4. This was a very successful program last year, with Deb Beales also running a number of sessions for a group of children. A letter was sent home to students in Grades 3 and 4 for their parent's consideration.

- We have a couple of promotions happening at the moment. We have **Pakenham Bucks** being conducted by the Good Guys at Pakenham and the Woolworths promotion. If you are able to support these programs, it would be greatly appreciated.

- Over this **Term** staff will be involved in a number of PD's after school and during the day. These Professional Development programs include the use of I pads and aps in the classroom, asthma awareness, Inclusion online PD – Dyslexia, Cyber Safety, Literacy Program – Big Write VCOP, Monash University – GRIN Program – mathematical awareness program and Reciprocal coaching. All of these programs are part of the school's work in implementing its new Pedagogical Vision and developing staff knowledge in key areas.

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**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.

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.

Please don’t leave small children in the car while you collect children from school, as this can be quite dangerous.

Parents and friends of the school are reminded that if they have any concerns regarding any aspect of the school, they need to raise it with their child's teacher, member of staff or the Principal. Under no circumstance should an adult approach a student to express their concerns.

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BIKE EDUCATION:
This week Foundation A and Foundation M have been strutting their stuff on their bikes and doing a terrific job. Thanks to all the parents who have supported this program by bringing the bikes along, assisting and offering to assist with the excursion on Thursday.
This week (today) the Grade 1’s also conclude their program by going along to Casey Race to learn about Water Safety and visit the Traffic School in Cranbourne.

Other Grades:
Grade 6 will be doing Bike Ed during the Week of the 13th of May – 17th of May. Their week will conclude with a Bike Ride on one of the well-known and safe bike tracks – possibly Peninsula Link.

Grades 2 and 3 will be doing Bike Ed during the Week of 27th – 31st of May. Their week will conclude with Bike Activities at the Recreation Reserve and a BBQ lunch.

Grades 4 and 5 will be doing Bike Ed during the Week of the 27th – 31st of May. Their week will conclude with a bike ride at the CASEY Fields bike track and lunch.

Parents and friends are invited to join us on the Friday if they wish and be actively involved in the program. If you can assist with the transport of the bikes for either the Grade 6 ride or the Grade 4/5 activity please let your child’s teacher know as soon as possible.

All children will need to bring their bikes along for the week indicated and they will be locked up each night in the school. We will also be having the Bike Trailer again this year for children who can’t access a bike themselves.

Parents Club Update

Thank you to all of those who attended the AGM, it’s great to see some new faces willing to be involved. There are plenty of ways to help so please come along to meetings if you can, as the more ideas/suggestions the better.

Our 1st major fundraiser is 'Bogan Bingo' to be held on Saturday 15th of June at the Koo Wee Rup hall and promises to be a night full of fun and much laughter so start booking your babysitters and planning your outfits (tickets available shortly). If anyone can help out in the form of donations for the nights prizes from businesses big or small please let me know.

Coming up this month we are running the inter-school cross country canteen to be held on Friday 24th (over at the Rec. Reserve) & a small afternoon tea on Friday 31st for 2016 Prep orientation. If anyone can help with either of these dates please see myself or leave your details with Virginia in the office.

Please remember that the minutes from our meetings are on the notice board in the front office should anyone wish to look over what was discussed and offer feedback.

Lana Van Berlo – President
**FREE study for overweight young people looking for help**

The Murdoch Children’s Research Institute at The Royal Children’s Hospital is doing a study to find a better way to support overweight young people aged 12 to 17 years to make healthier choices about weight management. Three out of every 10 young Australians in that age range are overweight and if they don’t change, they will be at higher risk for heart disease and diabetes.

To help us to find a fun and interactive way to teach teens about healthy food choices and physical activity we have developed and online program called Staying Fit. We want to know if it is more effective in helping young people manage their weight than the information that is usually available to Australian teens.

We need 550 overweight adolescents aged 12 - 17 to help us test two ways of receiving health information. Those who take part in the study will be assigned to either the Staying Fit group or the Usual Care group.

- Both groups will get information about healthy food choices, physical activity, stress and coping with eating disorders, and useful websites to visit. The Staying Fit group will also work through a fun, interactive, online session each week for 12 weeks and be given a pedometer and a walking program.

- If we find that Staying Fit is more helpful, then at the end of the study the Usual Care group will also get access to the Staying Fit program.

- Everyone who takes part will be asked to complete questionnaires and have their height, weight, blood pressure and waist circumference measured at the beginning of the study and then at 3, 6 and 12 month follow-ups. Parents are also invited to complete questionnaires, and height and weight measurements. The measurements can be taken at the Royal Children’s hospital or during home visits (not at schools) and all individual information is strictly confidential.

- Recruitment has now started and we are looking for overweight young people aged 12-17 years to join the study.

If you would like to know more, contact the Staying Fit Project Coordinator, Karly Cini on (03) 9345 6954 or stayingfit@mcri.edu.au for more info: [www.rch.org.au/cah/research/The_Staying_Fit_Project/](http://www.rch.org.au/cah/research/The_Staying_Fit_Project/)

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**MOTHERS DAY**

Every Mother’s Day all our students will be provided with materials to make a special gift for their Mum. To ensure we meet the cost of this activity, please pay $4 per child to the office as soon as possible.
Thank you to Dallas D’Aniello and his family in Prep M for the donation of some fabulous picture story books for the school library. Much appreciated, thank you.

$1 Pakenham Bucks will be awarded to Cardinia Primary School With every $25 spent at

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Pakenham

So you too can get a great deal while helping the school.
Parent Cyber Bullying Information Session

Expression of interest- esmart

Any parents that would be interested in attending an afternoon session at Bayles Primary School about cyber bullying and cyber safety on Tuesday 28th May around 5:30, please see Bec Kerslake (Grade 4K, BER building) by the end of this week. I need to get an idea of numbers or see if there is interest in this presentation to let Bayles Primary School know if any parents would like to attend. ACMA is a highly respected and valuable presentation that can give tips to parents on how to keep your children safe online and manage any potential issues online social networking sites like, Facebook.

What: ACMA Cyber bullying and Cyber safety presentation

Where: Bayles Primary School

When: Tuesday 28th May

Proposed Time: 5:30 pm

MINECRAFT UPDATE

Hi Everyone

Thanks for coming to our Mine Craft Information Session. Hope you enjoyed the treat! Thank you also for your suggestions. To start with we will run the Mine Craft Club monthly and we would like to increase this next term to fortnightly. We will have multiple Ipads to use (thanks to the school) or children are welcome to bring their own Ipad or laptop. These must be named clearly and kept in the office for safe keeping. If you do provide your own it is at your own risk although we will do our best to take care of them.

Dates will be put in the newsletter. There is still time to join just ask for an application at the office. We will supply items to create our own ‘world’ starting Friday. These items will be on a table outside the staff room in between sessions.

We will run some fun competitions, create mine craft pieces and sing a song at Assembly that we’ll learn (words and music supplied) for those who want to.

Hope to see you soon.

Mel & Wendy
Warehouse Book Sale
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Friday 3 May
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