FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

On Saturday we had a great turn up of families, despite the threat of rain early in the day. Thanks to the efforts of sixteen families a great deal was achieved and a lot of great work was carried out. Some of the major jobs completed were the repair of the cubby hut, new retaining wall installed in the animal farm, new pathway to the basketball court, topping up of the sandpits and removal of overhanging branches. Along with this work there was gardening, weeding, trimming, mowing, sweeping and raking. A huge thank you must go to the following families for their efforts and involvement: King, Stokkel (times 2) Mozley, Kennedy, Alderson, Brown, Battam, Cruse, Cope, Murphy, Massa, Smith, Buxton, Mattingley, Friend and Chris. Also big thanks to Nathan for coming along on Sunday and slashing the oval and cleaning up the remains of our fire.

Dean Alderson did a great job in organising this event and making sure everyone had a task to complete or work on during the day. Gino Massa did a fantastic job in creating our new pathway to the basketball court – doing most of it single handed. He was one of the first to arrive and the last to leave. The school really appreciates his efforts and highly recommends him for any of your concreting or landscaping needs. It was also terrific to have some new families come along and be involved in such an important aspect of our school. Due to the efforts of everyone involved the appearance and attributes of the school was greatly enhanced, and on behalf of the School Community, I thank everyone who contributed to this endeavour most sincerely.

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**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 everyone who assisted with the Working Bee on Saturday – greatly appreciated.
- To the Students who represented the School today at the St Margaret’s’ Netball competition – we trust you had a great time.
- To the parents who supported and transported the students to the Netball competition today.
- To Ryan for donating the flooring for the Cubby Hut renovations and delivering it for the Working Bee.
- To everyone who supplied morning tea for the Working Bee – it was certainly enjoyed by one and all.
- To the Students in the junior school who received their various awards at assembly on Monday. Particularly pleasing to see so many children practising their reading each night.
- To the Choir and Mrs Young for their presentation and performance at assembly on Monday. It certainly was a great treat for everyone.
- To Foundation A and Grade 5D who shared the honours this week in the Attendance Challenge.
- To Miss Henson, Mrs Preston and Mrs Polley who came back from a recent PD with great ideas and enthusiasm to start implementing a new Literacy approach that complements our existing work.
- To Liz Alderson for stepping up to the plate and taking on various additional leadership roles while Trudie is on leave. Fantastic support Liz!
- To the Foundation Grades for organising a special treat for all those Mothers on Friday. The children are just full of excitement regarding this event.
- To the parents and friends who check our lost property for missing items and keep our stockpile in check.
- To Carmel who once again is doing an incredible job in assisting students in Grade 1 to grasp the skills of reading and understanding text. Just fantastic.

**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. Tanya 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 A and Grade 5D. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance.

- **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 Ipads and aps in the classroom, asthma awareness, Inclusion online PD – Dyslexia, Cyber Safety, 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.

- **NAME CHANGE**: It’s a little confusing and doesn’t quite slip off the tongue as easily, but Preps are no more, and they are now known as **Foundation**. The name change has come about because of the streamlining of the Australian Education system and the change to the Australian Curriculum in 2013. To have consistency across the country the first year of schooling in each state is now known as Foundation.

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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.
BIKE EDUCATION:

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 Peninsula Link safe bike track.

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.

MOTHERS DAY GIFTS

Finishing touches are being made to all Mother’s Day gifts and they all look amazing. If you haven’t already, please pay $4 per child to the office as soon as possible.

FOR SALE – GREAT FAMILY CAR

2002 KIA Carnival LE MY02 people mover (5 doors, 7 seats). 4 Speed Auto, front wheel drive, 6 cylinder petrol aspirated 2.5 litres. 129,000 kilometres. Rego SEY193, expiry 11 April 2014. Current Roadworthy Certificate. Reliable vehicle regularly maintained and serviced. Newly detailed, includes towbar, 3 new tyres, new battery, full leather seating. $5,600. For enquiries, please see Karen Sheppard or ring 0407 329 155.
WANT YOUR CHILD TO LEARN MANDERIN - (CHINESE):
On behalf of the School, one of our Parents is exploring the possibility of employing an outside agency to teach Mandarin to students of Cardinia Primary School after School one night a week. This would be done on a user pay scheme, where the school would provide the facilities and equipment and parents would pay for the tuition.
(Similar to the existing instrumental music program being offered.)
The exact cost is not known at this stage (possibly between $10.00 and $15.00 per session) and would be dependent on how many families would support this initiative. Families would have to make a commitment for a term if the program is instigated.
At this stage we are just getting a feel for support of this initiative and would like any families to return the attached slip by Friday 24th May.

I am interested in my children ...................................................... being part of the After School Program, Learning Mandarin as a Second Language. I understand it will be a user pay scheme, held after normal school hours. At this stage it is only an expression of interest.

Signed:............................................................ Date:.............................................................

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

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20 Station St
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

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Ambulance in Schools Visit

Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will have an ambulance incursion called ‘Sprinter and Friends’ on June 14th. Each grade will spend 2 hours learning about the Ambulance service and how the ambulance can help people who are sick etc. The ambulance comes to the school and students get to climb into it and have a look at all of the special equipment. The ambulance will be parked on the basketball court for the morning.

There is a cost of $3 per child for this activity. Please pay this to the office as soon as possible.

This is a fantastic experience for students, and was greatly enjoyed by the junior school last year.
Grade 1 excursion to the Casey Traffic Safety School and Casey Race
Junior School Council Fundraising Competition

In the front office we have two uniform dolls that stand there day in and day out modelling our school uniform. We have been running a competition to name our school’s uniform dolls. The competition concluded last Friday.

We rose $86 for Filamon and his family. On behalf of the junior school council I would like to thank the school community for your support. I would also like to congratulate the junior school council members for a fantastic job running this competition.

The names of the uniform dolls and the winners will be announced at next week’s assembly.
Nathan White
Junior School Cross Country

Friday 17th of May, 2013

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The junior school will be having our own cross country run. We will be setting up a course around the school (in the school grounds) for all junior school students to participate in. The students will be asked to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. We will be encouraging students to participate in the cross country run for fun.

When: Friday the 17th of May

Where: At school

Starting at: Approx. 9.15am

Finishing at: Approx. 10.30am

Dress: Come in appropriate sports wear

Shoes: Runners

For this event to be successful we would like parent helpers on the day. If you are willing to be a marshal along the course or help us with the setting up / packing up, please let your child’s classroom teacher know.

Thank you

Junior Primary Teachers
What bullying isn’t, and what to do when it happens

Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random acts of violence or physicality and conflict. While children will often tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying.

Some kids keep it close to their chests so it helps to be on the lookout for warning signs such as: items being stolen, changing the route to school and withdrawal from usual activities.

If your child is being bullied:
1. Listen to their story: Children who are bullied need someone to believe their story. Take them seriously and avoid dismissing complaints as tell-tale. Use common sense to differentiate between bullying and more random, non-selective antisocial acts. Kids can be nasty to each other, yet this doesn’t constitute bullying.

2. Deal with their feelings: A child who is bullied probably feels scared, angry and sad. Boys are more likely to display anger and girls claim they feel sad. The degree of emotional intensity is an indicator of the amount of bullying. Recognise and validate their emotions. Let them talk about how they think (remember boys respond better to ‘think’ language) and feel. It’s normal to feel sad, scared or just plain confused.

3. Get the facts: Get a clear picture of what happens, including who is involved, the frequency and what happens prior to any bullying. Get your child to be as specific as possible by asking good questions. An accurate picture will help you determine your next course of action.

4. Give them coping skills: With a clear picture you can start giving your child some help about how he or she may deal with bullying including using avoidance strategies, being more assertive and changing poor body language.

5. Get the school involved: Bullying is best handled when parents and teachers are involved. Approach your school through the appropriate channels, make yourself aware of your schools’ anti-bullying procedures and programs, and be willing to work within these guidelines.

6. Help build your child’s support networks: Kids need a group of friends to support them when they experience bullying so look for practical ways to broaden friendship groups.

7. Build their self-confidence: Provide children with systematic encouragement. Let them know through your words and treatment of them that they will get through this period.

It’s worth remembering that children who experience some form of bullying often come out stronger and more resourceful because they have experienced difficulties and they know they can defeat them.