FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

All staff have been involved in hosting and organising Parent/Teacher interviews over the past week and they will continue on late into next week to give all families the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher(s) to discuss their progress and the work they have completed throughout Semester One. If you haven’t already organised a time please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

If on receipt of your child’s report on Monday you have a query or don’t fully understand the new Ausvels (National Curriculum system) again please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher for clarification. The major difference at this stage with the reports is that the Reports now show a direct correlation between the Grade your child is in and their achievement in achieving the elements (new) expected of a child at the particular grade level. There will be no progression line until the next reporting period due to the revised expectations by the National Curriculum Committee in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science and History. In all other aspects the report will look and feel the same as previous reports.

Maternity/Family Leave:
Courtney Esler will be on Leave starting the 22nd of July and will be on Leave for at least 14 weeks. We are in the process of finalising Courtney’s replacement and this will be announced next week. The new teacher for Grade 3E will commence at the start of Term 3, with Courtney assisting with the changeover during the first week of Term 3.

Dates to Remember

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Please note that on Thursday the 27th of June there will be no Meal Deal – instead a special Meal will be offered as part of our Jump Rope For Heart promotion on Friday 22nd June. Full details next week.
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 Lily Preston who competed in the Cross Country Zone Finals on Monday and came a very credible 35th in her age division which was fantastic.
- To Brandon Gothard and Jake Hobson who are currently doing Work Experience as part of the KooWeeRup Secondary College Work Experience Program.
- To Lana, Raelene and Lisa for all their work in organising and running the Bogan Bingo Night on Saturday. Your efforts are very much appreciated ladies.
- To James Goritchan (Foundation Year) who played the drums, for the many of the staff, at lunchtime a couple of weeks ago and staggered everyone with his performance. A great achievement James!
- To Brooklyn Diwell who really takes her role of Animal Monitor very seriously and ensures the animals are fed and watered each day.
- To all the staff that have put in many additional hours this week to conduct interviews and prepare the reports for printing and collating them. Very much appreciated by all concerned.
- To Skye who is back at school after a very serious stay in hospital. Great to see you Skye, up and about, and being a part of all the usual school activities.
- To Laura Smyth (MP) who has sent letters to various students acknowledging their performances and contribution to the school throughout the Term. The students certainly get a “buzz” out of receiving these letters.
- To all students for the fantastic work and effort they have put in over the first Semester in 2013. Being the person who reads all 283 reports it’s a privilege to read about the great work students are doing and the improvement they are all making in their learning.
- To the staff who have volunteered their time on Friday night to supervise the Kidz Rock Disco. Greatly appreciated.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- SANDPIT COVER FOR THE JUNIORS
  We have new sand and some great new trucks for the Foundation Sandpit but we need a cover to keep it free from leaves etc.
  If any Cardinia parents know where we can source a sandpit cover for the sandpit behind the Junior Learning Centre please speak with either Jodie Mattingley or Anne Pead (parent) on 0423 192 786.
  Thank you
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.

- 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.

- A quick update on Mitchell. Mitchell is continuing to make good progress and is becoming as talkative as ever and as active as he can be given his circumstances. Mrs Smith is organising a special gift for him – a Comfort Blanket. Students from Mitchell's grade have signed the centre piece and Virginia will stitch over their signatures. Each child will be given a square to design their special message to Mitchell and these will be joined together to form the blanket. If any other student or parent would like a square please see Virginia.

- The holidays are fast approaching and if anyone is able to assist with the caring and checking of our resident animals, particularly the 2nd week of the holidays could you please let either Virginia or Allan know.

- **The Attendance Cup** for this week goes to Foundation A & 6KE. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance.

- We wish Kade (Grade 2W) a speedy recovery. Kade is currently in hospital and we wish him all the best and trust we will see him up and about soon.

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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.
MINECRAFT CLUB

The term has gone so fast!! We wanted to do a session before the end of term but have been unable to. There will be lots of Minecraft activity sheets outside Mr Armstrong’s office tomorrow to take home. We will have the song sheet ready next week to take home and practice over the holidays. Our first Minecraft club will be Friday 26th July. Hope to see you there. We will have a colouring competition sheet to do over the holidays with a special Minecraft prize. See you soon.

Mel and Wendy
'Sprinter and Friends'

The Foundation & Grade 1 Children enjoyed an Ambulance Incursion last Friday morning. This 2 hour experience involved role play in an emergency situation, ringing 000 and watching a short movie. The student’s hopped in an ambulance & we got to hear the siren and see flashing lights too! Thank you to our parent helpers who assisted on the day.

END OF TERM LUNCH

We will be having our End of Term Lunch on Friday 28th June. It will be a build your own yummy burger and a chocolate mousse cup. Please pay $3 per child to the office in an envelope marked END OF TERM LUNCH by the 26th June so catering can be done. Thank you
Karen Muntz & the meal deal mums

CATALOGUE SPECIAL

We have an extra Scholastic book club brochure at the office which is a CLEARANCE SALE with some awesome deals on books and other products. Because of this any orders must be handed to the office together with your payment by 26th June. Please be aware than once ordered, these orders won’t be received at the School until Term 3.

ART PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

If you are wanting to see Mrs Emma Parker to catch up on your child’s progress in class, please contact Emma to arrange a time.
END OF FINANCIAL YEAR SALE!!!

20% OFF ON ALL BELEZA BRANDED ITEMS

10% OFF FOR NON-BELEZA BRANDS

17TH JUNE TO 28TH JUNE

*Some exclusions apply. Please check in store for more details
  *20% sale is club membership discount inclusive
  *No further discount applies *No Laybys available
Thanks to all the teachers and parents who came to Bogan Bingo and supported us on the night. I'm sure those who attended will be talking about it for some time to come!
A big thanks also to those parents who helped organise this function and both the Stokkel & Howell families who generously donated prizes.

Lana Van Berlo
President

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STOP PRESS!!!

**EARN & LEARN STICKERS**

Please return any Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers to the office before the end of this term. That way we can send them back and wait for our rewards. Don’t worry if you don’t have sticker sheets, we’ll look after that!!
Resiliency Robbers

All parents have the best of intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their (children’s) long-term best interests.

If you buy the line that the promotion of resilience is in the best interests of kids then check out the following common parenting mistakes that reduce children’s resilience.

Robber # 1:
Fight all their battles for them
Nothing wrong with going into bat when kids struggle or meet with difficulty inside or outside school but make sure this is the last resort, not the first option.

» Resilience notion # 1: Give kids the opportunity to develop their own resourcefulness.

Robber # 2:
Make their problem, your problem
Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here’s a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

» Resilience notion # 2: Make their problem, their problem.

Robber # 3:
Give kids too much voice
In this era of giving children a voice it is easy to go overboard and allow them too much of a say in what happens to them. Kids often take the easy option to avoid hard or unpleasant situations.

» Resilience notion # 3: Make decisions for kids and expect them to adjust and cope.

Robber # 4:
Put unrealistic or relentless pressure on kids to perform
Expectations about success and achievement are important. Too low and kids will meet them, Too high and kids can give up. Too much and kids can experience anxiety.

» Resilience notion # 4: Keep expectations in line with children’s abilities and don’t put excessive pressure on them.

Robber # 5:
Let kids give in too easily
Resilient learners link success with effort. They don’t give up because they don’t like a teacher or when confronted with multi-step or more complex activities. Similarly they don’t bail out of a sporting term half way through the season because the team is not winning or they are not enjoying it.

» Resilience notion # 5: Encourage kids to complete what they have started even if the results aren’t perfect.

Robber # 6:
Neglect to develop independence
Don’t wait until they are teenagers to develop the skills of independent living. Start early and promote a broad skill set so that they can look after themselves if you are not around.

» Resilience notion # 6: Don’t routinely do for kids what they can do for themselves.

Robber # 7:
Rescue kids from challenging or stretch situations
There are many times kids are put in situations that are outside their comfort zones for a time. For instance, giving a talk, singing at the school concert or going on school camp may be challenges for some kids. They are all situations that kids usually cope with so show your confidence in them and skill them up rather than opt for avoidance.

» Resilience notion # 7: Overcoming challenges enables kids to grow and improve.

Sometimes the manageable hardships that children experience such as a friend moving away, not being invited to a party or completing a difficult school project are fabulous learning opportunities.

They help kids to stretch and grow. Dealing with them effectively also teaches kids that they are capable of coping when they meet some of life’s curve balls.

And that is a huge lesson to learn at any age.