FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
Welcome Back:
I trust everyone had a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday break. Hopefully everyone is refreshed and ready to tackle the challenges and work that is ahead in Term 3. A big thank you to Sarah and Janet for looking after the animals during the second week of the holidays – very much appreciated and to anyone else who came over and kept a watchful eye on the animals and the school.

New Cleaners:
After cleaning the school for the past 5 Years Laurie has decided to hang up his dust cloth and put his bucket and mop away for the last time. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Laurie for all his hard work and dedication to the school during this period. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him and he will be greatly missed by the staff. Grant, his side-kick for the past few years has also called it a day and we thank him also for all the hard work and dedication he displayed towards the school and the job he had to perform. We wish both Laurie and Grant all the best for the future.
Our new cleaners also clean Clyde Primary School and have commenced their work at Cardinia as of Tuesday the 16th of July. They are employed through the same agency that has the school’s cleaning contract currently.

Attendance:
Attendance is a very important aspect of schooling, with consistent attendance being a major ingredient of being successful at school. It is a major focus of the school to try and improve attendance across the board. Everyone understands that we all get sick, need to attend medical appointments and that unforeseen circumstances arise. However given that the average number of days per year per student is approximately 12, we have a number of students who have already exceeded this level and we are only half way through the school year. Please remember that “It’s not alright to be away”, that the number of days your child misses school can severely affect their learning outcomes and the programs that they are involved in at the school.

Tuesday 17th July, 2013
Newsletter Number 21

Dates to Remember

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<td>Parent Opinion Survey Distributed to random sample of Parents.</td>
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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.

**THUMBS UP**

- To Laurie and Grant for the work they have done keeping the school clean and tidy. Thank you!
- To Sarah Bliss and Janet Stevens for looking after our furry animals during the holidays. Well done Ladies!
- To Blake on his selection in the Victorian State School Basketball Team. Congratulations Blake!
- To Matt & Alix for their donation of material to cover our sandpit. Thanks Heaps!
- To Jenny for offering to make the sandpit cover. Excellent!
- To Mrs Smith for the wonderful blanket she created for Mitchell. Great work!
- To the parents who have organised the marking out of the netball court. It was much appreciated.

**Grade 1 and 2 Plastic Bottle Lids**

Grades 1 and 2 need plastic bottle lids for their rich task this term. Any lids you collect will be gratefully received by Mrs Cruse.

Thanks
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.

- Currently we have Maddie Brown with us on a Tuesday. Maddie is a student of SEDA and in the AFL Development Squad. As part of her course she assists at a school for one day a week. We welcome Maddie and trust her stay with us is a most enjoyable and worthwhile experience for her.

- The school is still involved with the Pakenham Bucks promotion being conducted by the Good Guys at Pakenham If you are able to support these programs it would be greatly appreciated. Currently we have close to $400 in vouchers that we will be able to redeem in goods by the end of the year – which is just fantastic!

- **A quick update on Mitchell from Darren and Sharon:** “Not long to go now. We are estimating you can expect Mitchell back at school in approx. 4 weeks. He’s really back to his cheeky self and charming all the nurses and girl patients as you have come to expect of him!”

  Also over the holidays a number of staff, parents and friends of Mitchell paid him a visit which I’m sure was very much appreciated by all of the Kings during this stressful time for them. Virginia has completed the special blanket for Mitchell which she will give him on Friday when she pays a visit. A big thank you to Virginia for all her work with this – it’s just fantastic and full of wonderful messages for Mitchell.

- **The Attendance Cup** for the last week of Term 2 went to Grade 2W. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance.

- **Congratulations to Blake of 6TE who has been selected in the Victorian Primary School Basketball Team.** This is an incredible achievement by Blake and an outstanding credit to his skills and sportsmanship in his chosen sport.
From the Office

If you have recently obtained a healthcare card or pension card you may be entitled to EMA - Education Maintenance Allowance. Please come to the office and get an EMA form and bring your card with you so we can make a copy of it.
If you have already completed a form at the beginning of the year you need to do nothing. The payment for the 2nd half of the year will come through automatically during term 3.
If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to speak to us and we will do our best to help you. Remember that all financial information about your family is held in strict confidence.

Thank you
Virginia and Sue

Students in Grade 4 are designing and creating their own statues. Please speak to them about any ‘clothes’ they would like to use to ‘dress’ their statue. IF they would like to bring any ‘dress’ material to school it MUST be cotton based i.e. cotton, cotton lycra or cotton knit. Any colour they wish to use is fine. Any old t-shirts are great as long as they are cotton based.
If anyone else has plain dye cotton we can use I would be very grateful.

Emma Parker

Our After School Chinese Program will begin next Tuesday 23rd July in the Grade 3 rooms. They will commence at 3.45pm.
Make sure you are early to get a good seat.
Coastal Villages
ART GROUP

Art exhibition
in Warneet

Sat & Sun 20-21 July 2013
10:30am - 4:00pm

Entry $2 Adults
Kids Free

Venue Community Hall,
Warneet Motor Yacht Club
Rutherford Parade, Warneet

Enquiries Liz Davis 0414 922 796

Proudly brought to you by:
Here is a photo of our superstar Mitchell taking some of his brave little steps.
Jump Rope for Heart Foundation:
Thank you to everyone for all their efforts on our Jump Rope Day on the last day of Term 2. A fantastic effort by all groups rotating around showing off the different skipping skills.
Well done to the 5/6 skipping demonstration team, show casing a number of techniques and tricks.
If there is still fundraising money to be handed in please take it to the office as soon as possible.
Thank you also to the Mum’s who provided yummy hamburgers after our morning.
Congratulations to Blake of 6TE. He has been selected in the Victorian State School Basketball Team. Well done Blake and we look forward to sharing your future successes.