FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

S.E.A.L PROGRAM:
Yesterday we received confirmation that two of our students Adrian G and Nathan R in Grade 6 have successfully met the requirements for entry into the KooWeeRup Secondary College SEAL Program. The SEAL Program is an accelerated Learning Program for students in Year 7, who in their first 2 years of Secondary School complete three years of study. Children have to score highly on standardised tests in Literacy and Numeracy, attend an interview and be supported by their current teacher before being accepted into this program. It is a credit to these boys in being given this opportunity and earning the right to be involved in this program. We wish them all the best and congratulate them on their success.

WET GROUNDS:
Over the past few days we have had a couple of downpours that have created large puddles on the oval. As a result it may be necessary in the very near future to make certain areas of the oval out of bounds until it dries up a bit. It might also be a good idea if students could have a change on clothes in their bags if they accidentally fall in one of the wet or muddy areas. Everyone’s cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL CAMP:
Last week permission forms went home to all students who had previously returned their expression of interest forms in our Annual School Camp. These forms need to be returned as soon as possible, so that numbers can be finalised for this event in Term 4. If your child no longer wants to participate in this event then please let Nicole Chidlow or Jess Dart know as soon as possible, as other students would like to go on camp but are currently on a waiting list until a place arises.
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. Also if anyone has plain dye cotton we can use I would be very grateful.

Thank You – Emma Parker
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 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 $500 in vouchers that we will be able to redeem in goods by the end of the year – which is just fantastic!

- **The Attendance Cup** for this week went to Grade 6KE for the second week in a row. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance. The senior grades are certainly leading by example recording very impressive attendance rates.

- Throughout Term 3 we will be having Mandarin Lessons available to students after School – each and every Tuesday evening from 3.45 to 5.00pm. The cost per session is $10.00 but students will need to commit to the whole term. Further information please see Allan or Ann Pead.

- **The Foundation Grades (Prep)** are holding a Fathers’ Day evening on Wednesday 28th August from 7.00 to 8.00 pm. Hope to see all the Fathers and/or significant other males in the lives of these students come along and join in the activities planned.

- After the very successful implementation of the Big Write Program in the Junior School, senior staff went to a Professional Development Program earlier this week with the view of implementing and continuing the program within the Senior School.

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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 can 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.

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.
Father's Day Gifts

Yes, Father’s Day is fast approaching! In the coming weeks all students will be making some extra special Father’s Day gifts. In order to cover the cost of materials, please pay $4 per student at the office as soon as possible.

For Sale

Lemons 20 cents each. Home grown and no sprays or chemicals used. 10 Beazley Rd, Cardinia.

As of this week, you may pay for any fees, excursions and camps via BPAY.

Last week Family Statements were issued and in the bottom left hand corner you will see the Biller Code and Reference Number that relates to your family.

It is vital that you quote this reference number with each BPAY payment.

The reference number is your family’s unique number and we will need this reference to correctly identify which family is making the payment.

We hope this will help you and make your payments to the school easier. You will still be able to pay by cash or cheque as you have done in the past. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Regards
Virginia and Sue

Thank you to Brenda Cox for helping with reading group resources for the whole class in Grade 4K. All you help and support this year is very thoughtful of you. Thank you Brenda and Christina Bauer also for helping 2 days a week with reading and times tables in Grade 4K. All parents of Grade 4K are welcome to help out if they can!
Foundation Transition - Session 2

Foundation Transition session 2 is next Friday the 16\textsuperscript{th} of August 2.15 -3.15pm.

We look forward to welcoming our 2014 Foundation Students to school for the afternoon. Children will become familiar with the school environment, playgrounds and classrooms, whilst meeting new friends and learning through play based activities. It will be lovely to see all our new Foundation Students on Friday the 16\textsuperscript{th}. Please contact Jodie Mattingley or Liz Alderson if you have any questions about the Transition Session.

Pyjama Day

This Friday 9\textsuperscript{th} August is Pyjama day for the Junior School (F-2). Students in Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 are asked to wear their pyjamas and bring a teddy with them. We will be completing a range of activities to do with Pyjama Day for the morning. Please make sure all students have outdoor footwear for the day (slippers may be worn inside).

“Thanks to all parents for collecting the plastic bottle lids. We have now collected enough! Many thanks”
Mrs Cruse.

CARDINIA CRICKET CLUB

JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY - SATURDAY 1\textsuperscript{ST} SEPTEMBER AT 11AM
(BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED)
AGES UNDER 11’S
UNDER 13’S
UNDER 17’S
GIRLS AND BOYS WANTED
CONTACT KIM 0413 834 459 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.
VCOP IN GRADES 1 AND 2

VCOP and Big Write in Grades 1 & 2

Wednesday is proving to be a very popular day for grade 1 and 2 students, as this is our VCOP/Big Write day. Last week we played ‘Kung Fu Punctuation’, led by Sensei Henson. This game is like ‘Simon Says,’ yet students are expected to make specific movements for different types of punctuation. Sensei Henson also asks for examples of when and how different punctuation might be used. Next we played a vocabulary game. Who knew there would be so many words to describe a witch and then Justin Bieber! During Big Write time students wrote a story about the character that represents punctuation, Penny Punctuation. The winning story was written by Bella of 1C:

Once upon a time, in a hospital far, far away in a forest there was a Queen and King. The Queen was pregnant. She gave birth the day after the King was killed by a robber. The robber broke out of jail, The Melbourne Jail. They called the princess Penny. She loved the colour green. She’d never wear any other type of colouring. When she got older she lived in a castle. It was in the woods so no trolls could get her.

One day she heard the door knock. It knocked again. She thought it was a troll! And it was big enough for a troll. She went to answer it. She’d never answered a door before so she answered it. It was her friend Vinny. He came for tea. They had roast pig for tea. After tea Vinny said to Penny, “will you marry me?” Penny said “what a kind thing to say, I will.”

By Bella

We are very proud of how hard all grade 1 and 2 students are working to improve their writing. Well done! Thank you to those parents who continue to have a Big Talk with their children about our weekly focus prior to our Big Write. This could be a chat over dinner or in the car on the way to school. It is great preparation for your children’s writing.

This week we are focusing upon exciting and interesting openings for pieces of writing and sentences. Look out for the winning story about Ollie Opener in our newsletter next week.

BOOK CLUB

Students in grades 3-6 have again this year been busy during library time writing and illustrating their own picture books. This year’s theme is "Read Across the Universe". Later this term, to celebrate Book Week, we will be holding our very own Picture Book of the Year Awards at school. More details about our awards will be given closer to book week. Some students have been allowed to take home their books to complete, a reminder to those students to make sure their books are back at school as soon as possible. Students nominated for the short list will be posted on the library window at the end of next week. Good luck everyone.

Mrs Preston
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 in matched savings to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- laptops and notepads
- excursions and camps
- tutoring
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

You may be eligible if you:

- are 18 years or over
- have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school or study yourself
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner).

To find out more phone Karmen Dayal on 03 5941 9155 or 0459 190 144 or email kdayal@bsl.org.au
**Cup-Cake and Milo Day**

**Tuesday 13th of August**

The Junior School Council will be running a Cup Cake and Milo day on Tuesday the 13th of August to fundraise money for our sponsor child Filamon.

For a gold coin donation students can have an iced cup cake with a lolly of their choice on top and a cup of warm milo at lunch time.

For our fundraising event to be successful we would like a volunteer parent from each grade to make a batch of iced cup-cakes. If you can help the Junior School Council’s fundraising event please see Nathan White (Grade 2 teacher) or Raelene Stokkel (Parents Club), or place your name on the list out the front of 2W’s classroom by Friday the 9th of August.

Thank you
Junior School Council