FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

WELCOME BACK MITCHEL
We welcome Mitchell King back to school this week and I am sure all our School community will celebrate this milestone with him and his family. Each day he gets stronger and it is a testament to his courage and determination to see him back to his old self again. Well done Mitchell!

SWIMMING PROGRAM:
The first week of September marks our Swimming Program with Cardinia Life, YMCA in Pakenham. Forms were issued to parents last Friday. So we can give definite numbers to Cardinia Life, forms must be returned no later than this Monday 19th August. If you need another permission form please see Virginia or Sue in the office and if you have any further questions you can direct them to Liz Alderson.

CUP CAKE FUNDRAISER
On Tuesday we held a Cup Cake & Milo day to raise funds for our World Vision sponsor child, Filimon Tsiwa. We raised over $241.00 for him which is a great result. Well done to all our mums who baked the cupcakes and to Mr White, Lisa & Melissa for all their hard work in organising the day.

ALLAN IS UNWELL
Allan Armstrong is at home unwell and we hope he gets better and back to School quickly. If you have any issues Mrs Trudie Esler is available should the need arise.

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.

THUMBS UP

- To Mr White, Lisa & Melissa for all their help in our Cup Cake & Milo day. Thank you for all your hard work to raise funds for Filimon.
- To Raelene Stokkel and Janet Stevens for your support and time. Also to the 20 families who made cup-cakes for the Junior School Council.
- To Mrs Alderson & Mrs Mattingley who have worked hard getting ready for our Foundation students next year. Well done ladies!
- To Mrs Stapley for her fantastic Guided Reading Sessions in the Foundation Classrooms this term. The students really look forward to Reading each week with Mrs Stapley.
- To Melissa and Lisa for their library assistance each Friday, helping Grade 2 and Foundation Students borrow books.
- To Taya – After School Care – for the great job she does in running the After School Care Program each night at the school.
- To Mrs Chidlow for her work in coaching the School’s representative teams in Hoop Time. The competition will be on Monday, August the 26th.
- Thumbs up to all our aides who do such a fantastic job with all the students across the school. They often do above and beyond what is expected of them. Thank you from the teachers and students.
- To all our Senior Students for their great effort at Athletics.
- To Sharon for feeding and making sure our animals are happy and fed.
- To Mitchell for returning to school with his smile firmly in place!
- To Mr B for cleaning his desk!

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.
**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 2W for the second time this term. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance.

- 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.

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**FOR SALE – Printer Cartridges**

The School Office has 2 Canon printer cartridges for sale. They are suitable for various PIXMA iP300 & iP400 printers. They are priced $10 for both. If you are interested please see Virginia or Sue in the office.
Cup-Cake and Milo Day

Yesterday the Junior School Council held a cup-cake and milo day for all students to raise money for our sponsor child Filamon. We would firstly like to thank all the families and students who supported the day with a gold coin donation. We raised just over $240.

Thank you to:
- Raelene Stokkel and Janet Stevens for their fantastic support, effort and time they gave to help the Junior School Council.
- Our 20 families who made and donated cup-cakes.
- Lisa and Melissa (teacher aides) for their hard work in setting up, serving and packing up.
- The Junior School Council members for their efforts in making this fundraising event successful.

Thank you

The Junior School Council and Nathan White
Foundation Transition - Session 2

Foundation Transition session 2 is next Friday the 16th 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 16th. Please contact Jodie Mattingley or Liz Alderson if you have any questions about the Transition Session.

BOOK CLUB

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done to Adrian 6TE, Jakob G 6KE, Amber 4K, Memphis 3P, Riley P 3P, Shrie 3P, Byron 3A, Taylor 2W, Aidan 2B, Alexia 2B, Chad 2B, Alexis 1H and Zoe FM.

A reminder for students in grades foundation to grade 2 you need to read 30 books (10 free choice and 20 from the Premier’s list) and students in grades 3 to six you need to read 15(5 free choice and 10 from the Premier’s list). The challenge closes September 6. Please start putting your books online as it can take a while if you have a lot to put on. If you have any problems or want to ask any questions please come and see me after school in the Grade 3P classroom.

Thanks
Anne Preston

Book Week

Next week we celebrate at school our very own picture book of the year awards. All students in grades 3 to 6 wrote, illustrated and published their own picture books. They have produced some fantastic stories. Last Friday the short list was announced and the following students made the short list for their grades:

3A Tasha, Brody, Lily and Gabrielle
3P Ryley S, Memphis, Alicia and Locky O
4K Bayli, Amber, Jo Jo and Mia
5C Taylah E, Lily, Romi and Lucas
5D Ashlee, Chloe, Cassie and Jason
6KE Teagan, Maddison, Jakob and Taylah B
6TE Shawna, Nicola, Cody and Adrian

Congratulations to those students.
On Monday, assembly will be a special one starting at 3:10 where the winning books will be announced and those students will be presented with a medal and certificate. A copy of their book will be kept to become part of our school library. On Tuesday morning students will get together with their buddies to share the picture books they made, all parents are welcome to come along and join in with our reading/sharing time. Thanks to all the students for the hard work they have put into their books. What a fantastic way to celebrate our very own writers!

Hope to see you there
VCOP and The Big Write in Grades 1 & 2

In this newsletter we thought we would let some of the students tell you what they think about VCOP and Big Write:

Jamison - ‘It helps you write the right way.’

Thomas - ‘I like it because you get to use openers, Wow words and lots of punctuation.’

Brooklyn - ‘It’s fun!’

Ruby - ‘I have learnt to write Wow words and use exclamation marks and question marks.’

Last week our VCOP focus was openers, which are interesting or different ways to start pieces of writing and sentences. During our Big Write the students wrote a story about Ollie Opener. The stories were so good that we could not choose one winner, we have two!

Ollie likes to open stuff like doors. Ollie’s mate is Vinnie. One day there was a dragon defending the castle, then Ollie tried to scare him away but it didn’t work. Next Vinny tried to insult him, but that didn’t work wither. They tried teamwork, it WORKED! Penny was so happy they saved her castle she made them a delicious dinner.

“Yummy” they said. “Thank you, Penny”, they said.

By Tilly

Deep in the forest there was a boy named Ollie. He liked opening things. He never stopped. But one day there was nothing to open. He was sad. I know I will close everything. He was excited. He opened everything. He knew what to do. He did it again. He didn’t stop. Eventually everything was broken.

By Cody

Well done to Tilly, Cody and all of our grade one and two students for their great writing.

This week our new focus is connectives, which we can use to join two ideas, rather than just writing something like, and … and … and … and …

To all grade one and two parents and students, please keep ‘Big Talking’ prior to Wednesday in order to prepare for ‘The Big Write.’

Happy writing everyone!

CARDINIA TENNIS CLUB

It is time to think about tennis again!

Coaching will re-commence on Wednesday 21st August at 3.45pm after school at the Cardinia Recreation Reserve, weather permitting. New children are welcome to check us out, and racquets are available for a try out. Anyone interested in playing junior competition on Saturday mornings, or Seniors on Saturday afternoon or Wednesday night please contact Joy de Jong on 5998 8220.
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