FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

School Council Meeting:
The August School Council Meeting is being held tonight in the Staffroom, commencing at 7.30 pm, and our Student Leaders have been invited to attend this meeting. As with all our School Council Meetings any Parents or Guardians are more than welcome to attend these meetings.

Cyber-Safety:
Young children are now able to access the internet and the various social media sites through a variety of devices: phones, ipads, ipods and computers. They can do this via Wi-Fi and it may not necessarily be the one running in your household. Parents need to continually talk to children about the dangers of social media and the do’s and don’ts when using this media, which is very much a part of our times. Reinforce strongly with them that you don’t write or infer anything that you wouldn’t say to someone face to face or share with your parents. Limiting access to devices and sites is also a very positive step. They shouldn’t be used in private spaces, such as bedrooms and 24/7 access should be strongly discouraged. Remember nothing you write or say can ever be completely deleted and can reappear or be “captured” causing issues in the future.

ES Month:
The Month of August has been dedicated to all of the hardworking Support Staff we have in schools. This ranges from our ladies in the office to our various Integration Aides both male and female. At Cardinia Primary School we are indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated band of workers who always go out of their way to support the school, the children under their care and all of the other students that they come into contact with. Please give them a special Thank You next time you see them. Each and every one of them is a fantastic asset to our school.

Dates to Remember

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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 our support staff who work in the office and support various students in their role as Integration Aides.
The Month of August has been designated as Appreciation Month for ES Staff across the state. So show them that you appreciate what they do around the school by giving them a big “THANK YOU”!

To Trudie Esler who filled in so capably for Allan last week while he was away on sick leave. Great job Trudie!

To Jodie, Hayley and Liz for all their efforts in providing our next group of Foundation Students with a terrific school experience at their second Transition Day with us. Well done ladies.

To the Grade 5 students who so capably assisted with the Transition Day on Friday. A very impressive effort guys!

To everyone who got all of their recent permission forms in so promptly. It really makes life in the office so much easier when everyone is so punctual.

To all the students who won certificates and medallions as part of our Book Week celebrations. Well done and please take the opportunity to have a look at their creations on display in the Library. The winners were:

- Brody S – 3A
- Memphis Y – 3E
- Bayli O – 4K
- Romi E – 5C
- Ashlee C – 5D
- Nicola S – 6TE
- Teagan T – 6KE

To Mrs Preston for all the extra work she is putting in. She spent a lot of time over the weekend preparing for the week ahead. Very much appreciated.

To the senior school for the work they are doing in introducing the VCOP- Big Write into this area of the school.

To Jack Flower who has done a fantastic job on Reading Recovery progressing to Level 17 with the assistance of Carmel. A fantastic achievement.

To Nathan, fresh back from his trip around Australia and mowing our oval for us. Very much appreciated.

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

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 2B. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance. Grade 2 is currently showing the way with attendance which is great to see.

- 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.

- **Don’t forget Footy Day** this Friday where everyone is encouraged to come along and be dressed in their favourite team colours for the day. A pie and Choc Wedge for $3.00 is available as part of a special meal deal. Come on the Blues!!!

- **Polling Booth:** Just letting you know that for the upcoming Federal Elections, Cardinia Primary School will once again be a polling booth.
How Do I raise an issue or make a complaint?

It is very important for any school to know if any families or individuals have any concerns about the school their child/ren are attending so that the issue can be addressed, misconceptions corrected or issues followed up. Cardinia Primary School is no different and it’s important that such concerns are taken to the school directly and that the school should always be the first point of contact. We need to know if you have any concerns about your child’s education or well-being. Teaching and learning works best when parents and teachers talk to each other and work together to solve any problems.

When contacting the school:
- Plan what you want to say, so you can clearly explain what the problem is. (You might want to take notes.)
- Have some ideas as to how the problem could be solved.
- Talk about the problem with your child’s teacher/s or principal by telephone or organise a face to face meeting. Most problems can be solved this way.
- If you still have a concern after talking to your child’s teacher/s you need to speak to the principal.

CARDINIA CRICKET CLUB
JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY - SATURDAY 31st AUGUST
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
BOOK CLUB

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 6 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
This week we celebrated 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. At assembly the following students were announced the winners for their grade.

   Brody
   Memphis
   Bayli
   Romi
   Ashlee
   Teagan
   Nicola

Congratulations to those students. They were presented with a certificate and medal.

A copy of their book will be kept to become part of our school library.

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.
Grade one and two students have now completed their first four weeks of VCOP and Big Write. They have written narratives (stories) about each of the four characters that represent the different parts of VCOP: Vinny Vocabulary, Connie Connective, Ollie Opener and Penny Punctuation. This is the winning story about Connie Connective, written last week by Matylda:

Connie is a little Chinese girl. She is at her Grandfather’s house and sees a treasure chest. Connie slowly opens the big, heavyish lid and discovers a pilot hat and goggles. Connie puts them on. She imagines being in a big aeroplane and flies off on an adventure. Her job is to rescue other aeroplanes in trouble. She has a humungous magnet on her aeroplane where she can connect to the aeroplane in trouble and guide them to a safe landing just like her Grandad.

Well done Matylda!

Our students will continue to use the skills they learn and practise during VCOP to complete various types of writing during our Big Write, which happens every Wednesday after recess. This week students used a short animated clip about a cat and a small pink creature as their writing stimulus. They wrote about what might happen the next time the cat and pink creature are home alone. We will include some examples in our newsletter next week.

Every Thursday students edit their own Big Write. They use different colour highlighters to highlight their vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation. They then set a goal they will work on in the future that will improve their writing. This week students are going to assess their own writing using a comprehensive checklist. This will help them to see how they can improve their own writing. It is all about making individual progress!

It is important to note that VCOP and Big Write do not begin and end on Wednesdays. Our students are expected to use the skills they learn and practise during our Wednesday VCOP and Big Write every time they write. They are also finding Wow Words and different types of punctuation, openers and connectives while reading books. You and your child could look out for these while reading together too.
BOOK CLUB NEWS

The latest Book Club brochures have been received. They are in the office if you would like to look at them. There are some great books in the catalogue.

Please make sure that any orders placed are received at the office by close of business **Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September** together with payment. This will ensure that orders are placed with Scholastic by their due date and are delivered to the school quickly.

We have had a mild dose of Chicken Pox reported to the school from one of our Grade 3 classes. For further information please see:


FOOTY DAY

Grade 3-4 can come dressed in their footy colours or team colours. For sport Students will participate in some footy games.
An invitation to Academically talented Grade 6 students

THE S.E.A.L. PROGRAM (Select Entry Accelerated Learning Program)

A second round of applications is being offered for the Kooweerup Secondary College, 2014, Year 7, S.E.A.L program

Students of high academic potential have the opportunity to be in a class with similar students and complete Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 in three years.

Students will be required to sit an entrance examination from: 4pm to 6pm
on: Thursday 29th of August.

Applications are available from the Kooweerup Secondary General Office. The completed application and payment needs to be returned to our General Office by Thursday the 22nd of August.

If you have difficulty collecting the application form prior to the test day, please contact the S.E.A.L. Coordinator.

For further information contact Judy Orr SEAL Coordinator on 5997 1444.
You can also view information about the College and the program on our web site www.kwrsc.vic.edu.au under ‘Teaching and Learning’.
FREE One day and Two day Workshop and Information Sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will PARENTS/CARERS LEARN?
- a greater understanding of the impact of autism both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- information about local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

To see if there is a Workshop location near our school visit the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au. If you are not able to attend a workshop the website has FREE resources, interactive modules and information about autism.

Positive Partnerships Workshop Information Line number: 1300 881 971

MINECRAFT CLUB

Thanks to everyone for coming to Minecraft Club. We had lots of enthusiastic kids! We had some wonderful entries for our competition and the winners are:
1st  Brody (1H)
2nd  Hannah (6KE)
3rd  Maddison (6KE)

Thanks to all who participated. Congratulations to Lilli (4K) who won the raffle.
Minecraft Club will be on this Friday at lunchtime. If parents are okay with it you can bring iPods/IPhones and Laptops and leave them in the office. If not, we have plenty to use at school. A Minecraft song is available outside Mr Armstrong office if you would like a copy.
See you soon.
Mel and Wendy
Keeping kids safe in a cyber world

Social media sites have taken cyber bullying and harassment to a new level. Here's how to keep your kids safe when online.

Cyber bullying is one of the biggest, safety issues facing young people today. Bullying and harassment online is now commonplace. For instance, over a third of teenage girls have been sexually harassed via the Internet.

The emergence of social media sites has seen cyber bullying go to a new level. Messages and images can now spread like wild fire reaching a huge potential audience in the time it takes to upload an image or shoot off a text message.

Once the family home offered young people an escape from schoolyard bullies. Now the cyber world is so invasive that their bedrooms offer no guarantee of safety any more.

The cyber world is enticing. Young people have always wanted to escape from their parents’ world. In the past they hung out in shopping centres and pool halls. Parents tried their best to keep an eye on where their children were and what they were doing.

The online world is now the shopping mall of the 21st Century. Parents have the same responsibility to help kids stay safe in the online world as they do in the real world. ‘Stranger danger’ and accompanying safe behaviours are just as relevant in the online world as they are in the real world.

Parents should use the same offline preventative strategies to maximise their children’s online safety as they’ve always used. These strategies include: teaching children about the right way to behave online; don’t let them spend all night in the cyber world; and ask questions about what they are doing and where they go when they’re online.

Parents need to remind kids that things in the online world can spin out of control very quickly. A written message or an image can be circulated electronically so rapidly that the scope and scale of cyber bullying can be greater than any other form of bullying.

The following seven key messages form the basis of an online safety strategy for kids. They should be taught to kids so they become second nature, just as the messages about stranger danger were absorbed by an earlier generation.

1. Respect others. Make kids aware that what they send can offend. Discuss with kids the types of messages and images that can cause harm to others when sent. Teenagers often walk a fine line with what they do and say to each other offline, yet it’s relatively harmless. The same type of behaviour online however can be a different story.

2. Think before you send. Remind kids cyberspace is a very public and permanent forum. A text message or image sent to just one person can be passed to a potentially unlimited number. Once they are sent, they’re almost impossible to erase and take back.

3. Treat online passwords like your house key. Teach kids to keep passwords guarded at all times. Young people can be incredibly trusting of each other, which is to be encouraged. However there are some things, such as online passwords that they don’t share, not even with their best friend.

4. Block bullies. Teach kids to block bullying messages. They can filter out messages and addresses online. Similarly, they can block text messages from bullies as well.

5. Don’t reply to harassment. Bullies can retain proof of your response, which can further be spread around. Besides responding to bullying behaviour often simply encourages the bully to continue.

6. Save the evidence. If kids are bullied they should keep the pictures and offending messages. These can be used as proof if the bullies are brought to justice.

7. Tell someone. The insidious part of bullying is that kids on the receiving end often don’t seek help, as they think there’s something wrong with them. Talk with kids about going to a trusted adult, when they feel their rights or safety have been violated. They should with your help report online bullying to the appropriate service provider.

Sticking the proverbial head in the sand regarding kids’ use of communications technology is no longer an option for parents. Savvy parents need to learn as much as they can about children’s and young people’s online lives so they can respond to situations appropriately.
CARDINIA TENNIS CLUB

It is time to think about tennis again!

Coaching will re-commence tonight 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.

Some of our Grade 1 and 2’s busy writing VCOP

Charlotte & Luke from 2W  
Brooklyn & Montana from 1H

Keighan, Jess, Daley, Val, Jolie and Matilda from 2B
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RIDING FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9TH

A ROUTE TO SUIT YOUR LEVEL - 30km, 70km, 100km or 150km

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