FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
The Shine Assist Program is now up and running at the school thanks to Kaye’s efforts in sourcing an agency for this program, liaising with the provider and encouraging parents to utilise this service. It is anticipated that this program will provide invaluable support to families and students and be an ongoing program for our school community. If you wish to know more about this program please don’t hesitate to contact Kaye.

Kinder Visits:
As has our practice been, in the past, our Foundation teachers over the next couple of weeks will be visiting the various kindergartens to meet our new Foundation students for 2014. This is an invaluable aspect of our Transition Program and is always greatly appreciated by students, parents and kindergarten staff alike. Our next Foundation Transition Day is on Friday the 8th of November. We look forward to seeing all of our new students on this day, once again.

School Camp:
It is very important that our lists for this year’s camp to Camp Rumbbug is finalised as soon as possible. In order to do this we need the final payments made for Camp and if you are no longer wishing to have your child participate in this event we need to know so that a place can be offered to another student. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
• 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 if you bring electronic games and other valuable items to school, you do so at your 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 Sue Friend for all her work in organising this Year’s Book Fair – very much appreciated.
◊ To all the parents who have volunteered their assistance to conduct the Book Fair – before and after school. Just terrific.
◊ To all the students who are doing such a fantastic job in the VCOP Program that is “spreading” right throughout the school and is taking off with gusto with teachers and students alike.
◊ To our dedicated parents who week in and week out assist in many areas of the school: Meal Deals, Reading, Classroom assistance, Basketball or organising various activities or events.
◊ To the Senior Students for their fantastic work they have completed on their Rich Task theme – Space. The models look absolutely fantastic!
◊ To the vast majority of students who are remembering to wear their caps and hat this Term – very few reminders have had to be given this week.
◊ To Kaye for the wonderful work she has done in getting the Shine Assist Program up and running. At this stage 8 students will be involved in the initial intake of this program, providing them with valuable support and expert assistance.
◊ To Michelle H for the valuable assistance she gives everyone and the work she does behind the scenes that largely goes un-noticed.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN NEWS:

Our new School Chaplain, Crystal Douglas has now been working in our school for the past two weeks and is looking at re-connecting with students that have previously been involved in programs either on a group basis or one-to-one. Crystal is also available to meet and chat with parents and students who haven’t previously used this service offered by the school. A copy of the permission form is attached to the newsletter for your convenience or available on-line or from the office.

Crystal can work with children experiencing loss, anxiety, friendship issues or social and emotional concerns. Crystal will be working with small groups or individual students in these areas.

Next week – Week 3 Crystal will be at Cardinia Primary on Tuesday and Wednesday and can be contacted via the office.

THIS WEEK’S MEAL DEAL IS A SALAD ROLL AND CHOC WEDGE FOR JUST $3.00.
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 $1100 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 the first week of Term 4** was awarded to Foundation A and Grade 2B. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance.

- Mandarin Classes will continue in Term 4 on a Thursday evening. New enrolment forms need to be completed and are available from the Office. New enrolments for this After School Program are more than welcome.

- Our new School Chaplain is Crystal Douglas. Crystal will be with us every Tuesday and every second Wednesday. Her services and support are available to all members of our School Community.

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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.

**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.
- Remember you can be supported at any meeting by a friend, colleague or representative from a support organisation if you wish.
After School Chinese will continue in Term 4.

STARTS THIS THURSDAY!

Come and learn to speak Mandarin as well as learning about Chinese culture, food and festivals.

Activities include – conversations, cooking, art, craft, songs, games and stories

Classes run from 3:45pm to 5pm and are $100 for the term.

Commencing Thursday 17th October – Thursday 12th December.

NEW STUDENTS WELCOME!!

SLIP SLOP SLAP

During fourth Term all students and staff are expected to wear a hat while outside at recess, lunchtime and during sport or other outdoor activities. Children who are not wearing a hat at these times will be expected to play in a shaded area around the school and will not participate in sport or outdoor class activities.

Children are also asked to remember to apply sun screen before coming to school and to re-apply, if necessary during the day from the lotion contained in the First Aid Room. If your child is allergic to certain types of sunscreen can you please inform the office and your child’s teacher. Everyone’s co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

FOR SALE

I have a black One Direction hoodie for sale. It is a size 11-12 BRAND NEW WITH TAG. Bought from EBAY but it is the wrong size. I am happy for it to be viewed and is available to do so from the office.

Please call Catherine on 0431 720 090.
BOOK FAIR 2013

Our 2013 Book Fair got off to a great start yesterday. We had children completing wish lists & also purchasing books, posters and accessories.

The Book Fair runs from 8.30am – 9.00am and again at 3.15pm-3.45pm every day.

There is still room for volunteers wanting to help so if you can spare time at either end of the day we would love to hear from you.

Please note that ALL payments must be either cash or cheque and any cheques need to be addressed to “Scholastic Book Fairs”

The more books purchased the more books we get donated back to the school to stock our Library. With Christmas only 10 Saturdays away come along and see if there are any books that interest you or your children.
FROM THE ART ROOM - CALENDARS AND CARDS

All children in Grades Foundation to 4 will complete work in class that will be suitable for re-production into 2014 calendars and greeting cards.

These would make great gifts for Christmas.

Forms will be sent home today and if you would like to place an order please complete this form and return it with the correct money to the office by 1st November.

**Sorry but we are unable to process orders after this date.**

Children in Grades 5 & 6 are also welcome to participate. Please see Lisa Riddington (grade2W) for art paper and order forms. Art work for Grades 5 & 6 will need to be completed at home.

Thank you
Emma Parker & Lisa Riddington
Talking About Childhood Asthma
Live From The Airways
Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children’s Hospital

Sunday 27th October 2013
4pm - 6pm
FREE!
Ella Latham Auditorium, Ground Floor, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Ask questions, gain advice on: medications, diagnosis and asthma management from top Respiratory Specialists:
A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan
Prof Colin Robertson
Dr Jo Harrison
Light refreshments will be served and tickets are limited, therefore registrations are essential.
Attend the event at the Royal Children’s Hospital OR watch the LIVE Webcast online
Register at www.asthma.org.au or call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

Air Pollution and Asthma
School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:

Outdoors – smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.

Indoors – formaldehyde/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors
- Make sure you have a bush-fire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit www.asthma.org.au.
School Chaplain Parent/Guardian Permission Form

The chaplain is available to work with students, staff and families of the school community in order to offer support, pastoral care and referral to appropriate services. The chaplain is employed by ACCESS ministries but works within the school.

Students can be referred to the chaplain by teachers, parents/guardians or by the student themselves. Parent/Guardian permission is necessary for the chaplain to work with individual students and keep confidential records.

This work may include consultation with teachers and parents, and may also involve more direct forms of assistance to individual students. This Parent/Guardian Permission Form is necessary to enable the chaplain to provide more direct assistance to your child as may be appropriate.

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I give permission for the School Chaplain to work with my child. I understand that this may include observations and/or discussions with teachers as required. I understand the chaplain will keep confidential written records in order to assist with my child’s education and well-being. I understand that I may withdraw my child from chaplaincy services at any time.

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## Confidential Student Information

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Family Statement Reminders are being sent home today.

For those that do not receive a Statement, this means that you do not currently owe the school any money.

If there is a minus sign and an amount showing, this means you are in credit for that amount. For example, -$380 means you are in credit $380.

If you need to organise a payment plan you can speak to either Virginia or Allan. Also you can now pay using BPAY.

Due to a computer glitch the Biller Code (87361) has been handwritten on every statement. Underneath is listed your unique Family Code which relates to your Account.

Please note that any payments received this week will not be included in your total so please take that into account if you have sent funds through this week.

Please also remember that all financial information about your family is held in strict confidence.

Thank you
Virginia and Sue
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Cost: Gold coin donation

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- We regularly source deals where we pay for you now, you pay us later. More time for you to save which eases the financial pressure!
- Camps are paid for you in advance, you pay us much later and generally in instalments, making managing the finances much easier and less stressful.
- A chance to provide your input into our events list, socialise in our private members-only Facebook group, organise car pooling/conveying, receive regular email updates, attend snow trips and even interstate and overseas holidays.
- HEAPS of wonderful families and new friends to make. Enjoy the experiences offered with like-minded people whilst still enjoying the experience with your children at the same time!

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