FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Whole School Transition Day:
Yesterday we held our final Transition Day for our incoming Foundation Students and we also invited along our new students at other Grades levels along for the day. All children moved up to their next Grade level and in most cases went to their new room in 2014 and met their classroom teacher as well, as we are still in the process of finalising enrolment numbers and recruiting a replacement teacher for Rebecca Kerslake. For the 2014 School Year some changes will occur at the start of the new school year but will only affect one or two grades.

The day was very successful, with all our new students in attendance, particularly our 39 Foundation Students. I’d like to thank staff and parents for making this day such a positive experience for all concerned and look forward to seeing everyone at the start of the 2014 School Year.

School Camp:
School Camp at Camp Rumbug was a very successful event with the 136 students attending having a great program to be involved in, plenty of food, not a lot of sleep and plenty of mud!!! Lots of photographs were taken, especially of the children conquering the Scare Bear – even the Foundation Students!! Michelle has close to 3000 photos of the week and the various activities the children were involved in.
Once again a big thank you to Jess D and Nicole C for all their efforts in organising the Camp and ensuring it ran so smoothly – I can’t express enough the work that these ladies had to do prior to and during school camp week.
We have any amount of “muddy” clothing outside the Staffroom windows. They will remain until the end of the week and then will be binned, so please take a look and collect any of your child’s belongings.

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.

All outstanding payments need to be finalised by the end of the year. Virginia will be sending out reminder notes and account statements next week.

**THUMBS UP**

- To the Staff and Students who remained behind at school last week and kept the school running.
- To Jane, Kirrilee and Nathan for running the school in Allan’s absence last week. Well done guys!
- To all the Foundation, Grade 1 and 2 students who went on camp and did a fantastic job in participating in all the activities and climbing that “Big Hill” time and time again.
- To Adrian Gelley – Grade 6 who has been awarded a Scholarship for next year at KooWeeRup Secondary College. A great achievement Adrian.
- To Lucinda and Blake who won the SWAMP Schools Maths Challenge for Cardinia Primary School. A terrific effort.
- To all the Staff who assisted Virginia to stow away all of our supplies for 2014 during Camp Week – a mammoth task as we have supplies everywhere.
- To Cameron Sporish – past student who scooped the pool of Awards at KooWeeRup Secondary College for VCE Students. Congratulations Cameron and it’s great to see our past students doing so well.
- To Georgette Wachal, Kyra Esler and Lochie Munztz who all received awards for Year 7 students at their respective Secondary Colleges this year. (If you know of other students doing well please let us know so that we can celebrate their achievements.)
- To Jane & Melissa who have been involved in the Library Stocktake – very much appreciated. (Please have a look around home for any school readers or library books as we currently have a number missing or uncounted for.)
- To Kara Clarke for donating a manual slicer for the school to use. This will make chopping & slicing so much easier. Thank you!

**IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

School Captains – 2014

The School Captain selection process is in its final stages prior to the announcement of our new School Leaders at the Christmas Concert next week. Students who self-nominated for the position reiterated their reasons for wanting to be School Captain, prior to all students in Grades 3 - 6 voting. The votes will be counted after all students are involved in an interview process with the Senior School teachers (Nicole and Jess). We wish all of the students the best of luck, as all would be very worthy School Captains in 2014.

**THIS WEEK’S MEAL DEAL IS A DELICIOUS SALAD ROLL AND JIGGLY JELLY 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. Brooke, our new co-ordinator, 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 **$1500 in vouchers** that we will be able to redeem in goods by the end of the year – which is just fantastic!

- Children like celebrating their birthdays at school with a cake, cupcake or lollipop but please be mindful of children with allergies and check with your child’s classroom teacher. We also need to be mindful of the school’s stance on lollies, so we need to limit our celebration treats to a cake or lollipop-type treat. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

- **The Attendance Cup** for this week was again awarded to Grade 1H. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance.
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Emma Parker will be available for parent teacher interviews next Wednesday 18th December from 3:30pm-4pm in the Art room. Michelle Polley will be available for parent teacher interviews this Wednesday 11th December and next Wednesday 18th December, both from 3:30pm – 4pm in the staffroom. Any parents needing to see these teachers please come and see them at these times or arrange another suitable time if needed.

Mr. Adams’ Movember

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated and supported all the men growing a moustache during “Movember”. Through my moustache we were able to raise $508.00 which contributes to the massive $115,262,849 raised worldwide so far.

Your support helps to fund world class men’s health programs that combat prostate and testicular cancer and mental health challenges.

These programs, directed by the Movember Foundation, are focused on:

- awareness and education
- staying mentally healthy
- living with and beyond cancer
- living with and beyond mental illness
- research

Thank you for helping to make a difference.
Brenton Adams

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Every year Cardinia Primary School holds a Christmas Raffle. To stock our hampers with Christmas goodies, we are asking families to donate non-perishable items. Can you please provide an item to the value of $5 for our hampers this year? All goodies need to be at the office by Tuesday 17th December.
CALENDARS AND CARDS ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED!
All Children’s art calendars & cards that were ordered earlier this term are now ready for collection.

Any uncollected calendars or cards will be sent home next week.

Thank you
Lisa & Emma

PARENTS’ CLUB CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Christmas is fast approaching and that means Parents’ Club is preparing for the festive season by organising our raffles & other goodies for the concert night.

Notices have been sent home asking each family to donate an item for the raffle prizes e.g. biscuits, a decoration, coffee up to the value of $5. If we could please have these handed into the office by Tuesday 17th December it would be greatly appreciated. (Additional items are always more than welcome.)

Feel free to join us for our last meeting for the year this Thursday 12th December in the staff room - toddlers welcome.

Any further info or if you have any suggestions please feel free to let me know. I'm usually hovering most days between the Foundation rooms & Junior Learning Centre or you can contact Lisa Cartmel via the school Facebook page.

GRADE 6 LUNA PARK GRADUATION
Our Grade 6 are heading off to Luna Park on the 16th of December. Permission Forms have already been sent home. Please return your permission forms as soon as possible so we have an idea of how many are going.
SCHOOL CONCERT- 2013

Our annual School Concert will be held on Thursday the 17th of December. The concert will commence at 7.30 pm but students are asked to be at school at 7.00pm, as we would like to start the concert at 7.30 pm sharp.
As well as the children performing from Prep to Grade 6 various items for your enjoyment and entertainment it is also a celebration of the 2013 School Year with various awards and prizes are being presented to students and members of our Parent Community.

Please remember that this is an Alcohol Free Event and no smoking is allowed within the School’s Grounds

Presentations will be made to all of our Grade 6 students comprising of a Book and Certificate donated by the Cardinia Primary School Council.

Citizenship Awards – Junior and Senior donated by Ian Ridgway and Family
Grade 5 Encouragement Award – donated by Ian Ridgway and Family
Rotary Club of Pakenham – Academic Excellence Award
KooWeeRup Senior Citizens – Encouragement Award – Grade 6
Kooka Awards for all-round studentship – Boy/Girl for each grade.
2014 School Captains announced and Badges presented.
Presentation to Parents from Parents Club
Raffle Drawn

At the end of the night’s proceedings a Jolly Man in Red might make a surprised visit and give everyone a little present and a bag of goodies.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUPPER
THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER

We are asking families to please donate an item of food for the adult’s supper after our concert this year. Cakes, slices, biscuits, crackers and chips are some suggestions.
All food can be left in the Tech Room kitchen on Thursday after school or before the concert.
Supper with tea & coffee will be served straight after the performance for the adults.
All children receiving a gift from Santa will also be given a treat and a Juice Box.
PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING CREAM.
CAMP RUMBUG PHOTO’S

‘Hi Mum’  ‘Watch this’  Concentrating so hard!

What a splash!  ‘Hold on, I’m coming’
‘Is that a crocodile?’

‘Oh Boy, or is it Oh Girl!’

‘Oh Mack!’

What a splash!

Hold on tight Bee!