FROM THE PRINCIPAL:
School Council Nominations:
At the close of nominations for the School Council Elections on Wednesday the 27th of February the School had received the following nominations. For the DEECD vacancies Lisa Riddington and Michelle Henson were nominations. As there were only two vacancies, both Lisa and Michelle are elected to Council for the next 2 years. Congratulations to these two ladies. For the Parents Vacancies on Council we received the following nominations: Catherine Manning, Dean Alderson, Anne Pead and Brenda Cox. As the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies, these four parents are duly elected to School Council for the next two years. We welcome all of our newly elected Councillors and wish them all the best as they contribute to the governance and development of the school over the next two years.

School Council has two further positions available – in the Community Member Category that can be filled by Council at their next meeting or when Council chooses to do so. If you are interested in these positions or know of someone who is keen to become part of council please let Scott Sheppard – President or Allan Armstrong know as soon as possible.

Parents’ Club Questionnaire:
On behalf of the Parents’ and Friends Club, all families should have received a questionnaire to complete and return as soon as possible. The purpose of the questionnaire is to ascertain from our Parent Body their views on the Parents and Friends Club and how it may grow and develop to suit the changing needs of our School Community. If this body is going to continue to support the school and its students and have a strong membership of willing workers then we need to know how we can make it more attractive to our community. All responses will be kept in the strictest confidence. A box will be placed in the office for the completed questionnaires to be placed in. Children returning the questionnaire will receive a Freddo Frog for their troubles. (Yes the Freedos have arrived – so come and collect your reward.)

Teachers’ on Leave:
Emma Parker (Art and Junior School Support) is currently on Leave and will resume her duties on Tuesday 12th of March. Chris Briginshaw (Grade 2B) will be on Long Service leave from the 8th March until the start of Term 2. Michelle Polley and Jane Wood will be replacing Chris during this period, ably supported by Melissa.

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.
- 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.
- Deb Beale the School Chaplain is available on a weekly basis to support children, parents or families in a wide variety of areas. Please feel free to contact Deb or the school if you would like to use this service. Deb is in attendance every Wednesday of the month this term.

**THUMBS UP**

- To all the students who represented our school so proudly on Friday at the Inter-School Swimming Sports. A great job to all of you and best of luck to those progressing on to the next stage of this sporting event.
- To all the parents who helped on the grade 6 excursion to Sovereign Hill. We hope you enjoyed your long day out at Ballarat.
- To Mel who is doing a fantastic job volunteering with the Preps & Ones on an almost daily basis.
- To the Grade 6’s who were so well behaved at Sovereign Hill, showing they deserve their position as leaders of the school.
- To the mums who made such delicious salad rolls last week for the Meal Deal. Yum!!
- To Mr Armstrong who took over the role so capably of Lollipop lady (man) on Wednesday when the replacement didn’t arrive.
- To all the children who helped clean up the school on Friday and made it so ‘spick and span’.
- To Carli and Danny from Woolworths for cooking all those sausages on Friday.
- To Woolworth – KooWeeRup for all their support and donations with the Clean Up Cardinia event on Friday.
- To Rudy DeJong for Grading the Hall Car park early on Friday before going to hospital. A fantastic effort.
- To Mrs Esler for all her work and effort in ensuring the Sovereign Hill Excursion went without a hitch on Friday.

**School Community effort – Friday 1st of March**

**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY**

Last Friday the preps to grade 5s participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Everyone did a fantastic job and helped our community by cleaning up the school grounds, the area at the back of the oval, the rec reserve and the sides of the road surrounding the school.

Woolworths, Koo Wee Rup generously sponsored us for the day and provided a fantastic sausage sizzle, Primas and fruit for lunch.

Thank you to everyone that helped us clean up our community!
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 only be too happy to explain the program and take you through the enrolment process.

- We have a number of missing library books – please have a good look at home to see if any of them are hiding out in your bookcases, under beds or in bedrooms. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

- The Attendance Cup for this week went to Prep 6KE. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance.

- The School is a signed up member of parenting ideas – Michael Grose. Newsletters from Michael will appear regularly in the Newsletter and around the school. If you require information around parenting /schooling ask Kaye or your child’s teacher and specific articles may be able to be sourced by the school from Michael’s website.
Thank you to Cardinia Primary School for donating your used phones and supporting a great cause. It is greatly appreciated.
Thank you again, Portia Battiscombe & Isabella DeJong

BOOK CLUB NEWS
Book Club is now up and running for the year. We have the current catalogue in the office for you to look at.

Please make sure that any orders placed are received at the office by close of business Wednesday 13\(^{th}\) March together with payment. This will ensure that orders are placed with Scholastic by their due date and are delivered to the school quickly.

Cardinia Primary School Photos 2013
We will be having our School Photos taken on Friday 22\(^{nd}\) March 2013. Envelopes have been sent home and they need to be completed and returned to the school together with your payment. There will also be an opportunity for a Family Group Photo for those families that are interested. To take advantage of this there is a Family Portrait Envelope available from the office.

Please ensure that all monies and envelopes are returned to the office no later than Monday 18\(^{th}\) March.

Slip Slop Slap:
For the First 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 container in the First Aid room. If your child is allergic to certain types of sunscreen, please inform the office and your child’s teacher. Every one’s co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS' NEWS:

Parents Club Meeting:
Our next Parents’ Club Meeting will be held on Thursday the 14th of March – at 2.00pm (please note the change in time) in the Staffroom.

All new Parents and Toddlers are more than welcome to attend.
We will be discussing the upcoming Easter Raffle and planning for next Term’s fundraising activities. Please come and join us for a cuppa and a brainstorming session.

Regards – Lana Van Berlo (President)

Meal Deal:

Meal Deal this week is a Cardi Burger and Jelly for the great price of $3.00.

MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING

Parents Club have been asked to run the canteen at the Model Airfield in Cardinia on the 17th March & 7th April. As this is one of the many ways we raise funds for the school we are asking for some helpers on the day to assist in the canteen.

If you can spare 2-3 hours in the morning or afternoon on either or both these dates, please call Donna (0438 401 906) or speak to Virginia or Sue in the office.

EASTER RAFFLE

As you are all aware Easter is fast approaching. Each year as part of the school's fundraising efforts we hold an Easter raffle with some great hampers up for grabs.

All we ask in return is that each family donate an Easter related prize (eggs, toys etc). If you could please pass on your contribution to Virginia in the office it would be greatly appreciated.

This year's prizes also include a family pass to Phillip Island Nature Park as well as some great Bobble Artkid’s bags and accessories.
Premier's Reading Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge is beginning soon for 2013. This week all students will bring home a permission note to participate. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a good opportunity to reinforce good reading habits and to discover some great new books. I encourage all students to have a go.

Students in Prep-2 must read a total of 30 books (20 from the challenge list and 10 free choice). Students in grades 3-6 must read a total of 15 books (10 from the challenge list 5 free choice). Details of the challenge can be found at


Once I have all permission notes in I will issue your child with a username and password so they can enter their books online. For now students can record their books on a piece of paper.

Some Grade 6 students will be running Book Club at Tuesday lunchtime where they will read books from the challenge and do an activity. These can be recorded as well.

I hope that you will all decide to take the challenge. Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Happy Reading

Mrs Preston

Michael Wallace has returned to Cardinia Primary School to continue his music Lessons every Thursday. We still have spaces for students who are interested in Electric guitar and drums. If you would like your child to attend please see Virginia or Sue at the office. The cost is $8 per session payable upfront at the beginning of each term. Students participating are expected to catch up on the work they miss during class time.

We have had head lice detected at the school. Parents please check your child's hair and if eggs or lice are detected treat according.

Further information can be found at:

Sovereign Hill

Grade 6 had a lovely day at Sovereign Hill. All came away with a better understanding of how people lived and mined in the 1800’s. Everyone enjoyed panning for gold, some fortunate enough to find small specks for their jars. Students were shown how candles were made and why they were needed. Some went back and made their very own candles. It was a very busy day with students displaying excellent manners.

Thank you to all the parents that came along to enjoy the day with your child.
We had a fantastic day using lots of different skills. Thank you to all who donated to the pink tins for such a great cause. You can still make online donations, our target is $700 dollars. Online donations would really help us meet this target.

Simply go to


and type Cardinia Primary in Search. All you do then is Join team and make your donation. On the day as a school we raised a total of $390. Well done to everyone.
Players Wanted
10-15 years old players who want to be super stars

- Our committee & club is made up of many professionals such as a school principle and the operations manager is an AFL executive. Furthermore there is an abundant number of people involved with the club that have a genuine passion for Cora Lynn Football Club and the kids in the club.
- TAC Eastern Ranges U15-16 Coach Nick Rultey is proud to be a part of the Cora Lynn coaching team. Nick is excited by the prospect of assisting our junior player’s development.
- Thursday nights are dinner at the club. Junior meals may consist of cheese burger & chips, Fish & Chips, Pizza for a low cost of $5.00 per meal.
- In comparisons to the South East league, there is certainly as to when your children are playing. Whether is netball or football - both sports all age groups are played at the designated venue, same time each week. Under 13’s games are scheduled for 8.30 start every Saturday. Under 15.5’s play directly after at the same venue.
- To assist parents, Cora Lynn has a 50 seater bus that picks children up from the Pakenham areas to take players to training and home again. The service is completely free for all players.

Cora Lynn U18's are the 2012 EDFL premiers
Both Seniors and Reserves were Premiers in 2008, grand finalists in 2009 and 2010 and finalists in 2011 & 2012 seasons.
Cora Lynn Under 11's are 2011 premiers of Div 3 SEJFL and runner up premiers in 2012.

CALL FRANK LLERENA ON 0402 822 000

We are known as the Cobras and we make every effort to ensure new members feel welcome and we pride ourselves on promoting a family atmosphere.