FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

School Photographs:
This Friday we have our School Photographs being taken commencing just after 9.00 am. It would be fantastic if all children could wear their school uniform or the school colours. We hope that the Grade 6 uniform will be here by tomorrow so that they can be photographed in their new attire. If you haven’t returned your envelopes from the photographer, please do so as a matter of urgency.

School Council:
Tonight we have our Annual General Meeting of School Council commencing at 7.30 pm. This is where the new members of Council are formally made members and a new committee elected for the 2013 school year. The Annual Report for the school is also tabled along with the finances for 2012 and the proposed Budget for 2013. Following the formalities of the AGM the new Council will meet for the first time at 8.00pm and our March meeting for 2013 will be conducted. Remember all Parents and Friends of the school are more than welcome to attend our School Council Meetings.

Safety:
Parents and friends are reminded that extreme care must be taken at all times when dropping off and picking up students around the school. It is school policy that children need to be collected from the exits to the School, at the hall car park and Cardinia Road, at dismissal time and be under adult supervision. This is to ensure the safety of all students and an effort to avoid any nasty incident taking place. Everyone’s co-operation and understanding in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Parents are also reminded that children shouldn’t be left unattended in cars, particularly toddlers on hot days and that a space needs to be left between the fence and cars parked on Cardinia Road.

Easter Activities:
Next Thursday first term concludes with all students celebrating the upcoming Easter Festivities with a number of traditional activities at the School. All parents and friends of the school are more than welcome to come along and join with us in bringing the term to an end. Please remember to support the Parents and Friends Easter Raffle by donating items for the raffle and buying the raffle tickets that are on offer. Your support is always 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.

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 Thursday of the month this term.

THUMBS UP

❖ To the mums and members of Parents Club who did such a fantastic job catering at the Model Airfield on Sunday.
❖ To Donna Eager for all her work in organising and putting together the catering team. Just fantastic.
❖ To Mrs Parker for putting together such a great Art display at the Show on Saturday and to all the students who contributed to the end product.
❖ To Jason Stokkel for his effort in shaving his hair for the SHAVE FOR A CURE charity. Jason raised over $270 for this selfless act. Well done Jason and a great achievement.
❖ To Grade 1H who won the Mrs Smith Attendance Cup for the first time. Great effort guys!
❖ To the students who are making a conscious effort to put all of their papers in the bin and for picking up other students litter. Very much appreciated.
❖ To the various students who have been selected to try out for the State Teams in Basketball (Blake, Ashlee, Jazlin, Chloe and Lily) Netball (Romi and Mikaela) and Football (Luke, Mitchell and Josh) we wish all of these children the best and hope they enjoy the opportunity they have been given.
❖ To Miss Kerslake for all her efforts with Yakkerboo and the Parents who are supporting her in this endeavour. Very much appreciated.
❖ To the Grade 6 students who can finally wear their Grade 6 uniforms so proudly. Yes they have arrived.

MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING

Parents Club had a successful day at the Model Airfield last Sunday raising approximately $450 for our school.

A big thank you to Stacey, Sharon, Lisa, Amy, Lona, Raelene, Donna, Corinne and Alan for your help.

Just a reminder we have another day at the Airfield on 7th April, so if you can spare a few hours of your time and would like to get involved, please call Donna Eager on 0438 401 906 or speak to Virginia or Sue in the office.
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 Attendance Cup for this week went to Grade 1H. 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.

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. If your child is allergic to certain types of sunscreen, please inform the office and your child’s teacher. Every one’s cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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 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.

If you haven’t brought along your two boxes of tissues for student use in 2013 could you please do so as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated.

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.

If you can assist with Meal Deals, please see Karen or the notice board outside the office. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.
Parents Club Update

Thank you to the few new faces who came along to Parents club meeting last week we look forward to some fresh ideas and additional input. The minutes from this meeting are on the notice board in the front office should anyone wish to look over what was discussed.

A huge thank you to Donna Eager for all her efforts organising the Model Airfield canteen and the mums who gave up their time to come and help her out.

We have officially booked 'Bogan Bingo' as our major fundraiser night this year. This will be held on Saturday 15th of June at the Koo Wee Rup hall and promises to be a night full of fun and much laughter so start booking your babysitters and planning your outfits (tickets available start of Term 2). If anyone can help out in the form of donations for the night’s prizes from businesses big or small please let me know.

Lana Van Berlo - President

EASTER ACTIVITIES:

On Thursday the 28th of March we bring to a close the first Term of the 2013 School Year. School will be dismissed at 2.30 pm, at the completion of the traditional Easter egg hunt for all students and toddlers.

As is the Tradition at Cardinia Primary School, much of the last day of term is given over to a number of Easter Activities to celebrate the end of Term and the coming Easter Break. Parents' and Friends of the school are more than welcome to come along and join in the activities and assist in any way that they can.

The program for the day will be as follows, however the times might change slightly due to unforeseen circumstances.

9.30 – 11.00 am: WATER BOMB – Throwing and catching competition with Buddies and Friends

Easter Bunny might visit the various classrooms

11.00-11.30am: RECESS

11.30 -12.00 Noon: Easter Activities in the Classrooms (Teacher Directed)

12.00 -1.00pm: Whole School Celebration Lunch (Whole School Party organised by Parents and Friends Club)

1.00 – 2.00pm: Easter Bonnet Parade and Judging

Easter Raffle Drawn

2.00 – 2.30pm: Easter Egg Hunt

Seniors (Grades 3-6) Oval

Juniors (Foundation – Grade 2) Front of School

2.30pm: Dismissal

At the Easter Bonnet Parade a prize will be given to the Bonnet that is judged to be the best in each grade and a further Ten Prizes will be awarded to various categories determined by the judges. All children are expected to participate in this activity and they can create their own bonnet- using their own imagination, decorate an existing hat or utilise their bonnet created in class.

So come along and join us in this activity and see the great creations that students and their family members can come up with.

Congratulations to Michelle and David Burness who last week welcomed baby Jackson into their family. A baby brother for the whole family to enjoy. Well done Mum.
Asthma
We have received advice recently from Asthma Foundation Victoria about new guidelines that have been introduced.

If your child has asthma the school should have an Asthma Care Plan. The template is available at [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au) and must be completed by the parent/guardian and treating doctor.

If your child’s Asthma Care Plan states that asthma medication must be administered through a spacer then the school should be provided with a spacer that is clearly labelled with their name.

The nominated asthma medication should also be provided to the school.

The school has Asthma First Aid Kits but they are only to be used as a back-up.

Emergency Closures of Schools
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has recently modified its website so that parents and carers can more readily access information about emergency closures of schools. This information can be viewed at the Department’s website ([www.education.vic.gov.au](http://www.education.vic.gov.au)) by clicking on the ‘Emergency Closures’ button at the bottom of the home page. A direct link to this page will also be placed on our website shortly.

Healthy Lunchboxes
Eating healthy food helps children concentrate and learn and a healthy lunchbox plays a vital role. The school day can be long and exhausting and children burn up a lot of energy throughout the day. It is very important children have enough energy to get them through the day and operate at their best.

Tips for a healthy lunch box
- Always include fresh fruit and vegetables. Vary the selection to keep it interesting. Think about things like cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, capsicum and cucumber.
- Slice or cut up the fruit so it is ready to eat and choose seedless varieties where available (i.e. grapes, watermelon or mandarins).
- Include starchy food such as bread, a roll, pita or flat bread or fruit bread. Other options include scones, pikelets, muffins, crumpets, crispbreads, rice cakes and corn thins.
- Try making your own muffins and cakes as a great way to include more fruit and vegetables. Examples include sultana, carrot, zucchini or pumpkin.
- Add leftover (or cook extra) roast pumpkin or sweet potato to sandwiches, wraps and roll fillings.
- Other fillings ideas include cheese (try different types), tuna, egg, baked beans, grated carrot, lettuce, chopped roast meat and avocado. Dips like tzatziki, spinach or hommus make good spreads.
- Include reduced fat dairy foods such as a cheese slice or stick, grated cheese, milk (unflavoured) or yoghurt.
- Include a serve of protein at lunchtime – lean meat, egg or tuna.
- Include a chilled bottle of water.

Highly processed, sugary, fatty and salty foods should only make up a very small part of your child’s diet. Foods to limit in everyday school lunches include:
- Processed meats such as ham, salami, pressed chicken and Strasbourg
- Chips, sweet biscuits, muesli bars and breakfast bars
- Fruit bars and fruit straps
- Cordials, juices and soft drinks

GRADE 6 Jackets & Polo’s

We have received our order of Bomber Jackets & Polo tops for our Grade 6’s and they look really smart. Can we please ask that the first thing parents do is to name their child’s clothing. This will ensure that if they are lost we can find the owner quickly.

The Junior School Council would like to re-introduce our sponsor child, Filamon Tsiwa, who was born on the 21st of June 2006. Filamon lives in Ethiopia in a small village with his family. His father is a farmer and his mother looks after Filamon and his three sisters.

Last year the Junior School Council decided to sponsor Filamon, so that he may receive a good education and basic needs (such as clean water, food and medical supplies).

Each term we will be raising money for Filamon through fundraising activities at school. We will also have a box at the front office for anyone who is willing to donate money for Filamon and his family.

Thank you

Junior School Council

PARENT’S CLUB

Meal Deal this week is a meat pie and a cup of fruit salad for the great price of $3.00.
EXCITING NEWS!!!!!!

Hardy’s has teamed up with local schools to start a program called Pakenham Bucks. With every $25 parents and friends spend at Hardy’s they will donate $1 to our School. We can then purchase any item from Hardy’s with our Pakenham Bucks. This is a great way for parents, family and friends to support our school with useable items for the children.

3 easy steps
✓ Visit Hardy’s and make your purchase (must be over $25)
✓ Mention the school by name before making your payment.
✓ Receive Pakenham Bucks vouchers to be returned to the school.

$1 Pakenham Bucks will be awarded to CARDINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL
With every $25 spent at

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Pakenham

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Do you love Steve, Creepers and everything Minecraft?

Great! Well join the Minecraft Club!!

Where? school lunch time (after you eat!)

When? starting Term 2

Why Join? get creative, learn how to play and make new friends!

If you think this sounds like fun and you would love to join, head to the office and grab a membership form today!!

We will let you know the day, time and meeting place soon!
MINECRAFT CLUB PARENT INFORMATION

What is Minecraft?
Have you been swept into the myriad of Minecraft? If it hasn’t taken over your household yet then you’re one of the lucky ones! Minecraft is a computer and iPad game that uses virtual building blocks to create things. We guess you could say that it is sort of like a society of virtual Lego. We must warn you though that you may rue the day you let Minecraft into your household!

Why run a Minecraft Club?
Sometimes we are mesmerized by the potential of Minecraft. We love the way it encourages our children to get creative, explore and think critically about what it takes to build a new community. The truth is, although we are fed up with hearing about this game, we do love that our children have an interest. It’s great the way it inspires creativity and problem solving.

Minecraft helps to improve decision making skills because children quickly learn that all choices have consequences. They are also learning the value of hard work by gathering resources to build something and learning to access risks and prepare.

As technology can be isolating, we would like to encourage socialization between peers. We, as parents, need to help our children find a balance between the real world and the virtual world. That’s where the Minecraft Club comes in!

The idea behind the club is to bring kids with a similar interest together. At this stage the club will only be run once a month. In between the meetings, children will be able to play with their new found friends using their similar interest in Mindcraft as a building block to further enhance their social skills in the ‘real’ world. If the club takes off we may meet fortnightly but we will access this further down the track when we see how popular the club is.

Club Activities
We have put together a membership form to ascertain what activities we will do. We have asked for your child’s age so we know what developmental level they are at and what activities are applicable to their age group. On the odd occasion we may have cupcakes so we need to be aware if you child has any allergies. We plan on having tutorials and paper craft activities and we will also have access to iPads.

All activities will be fun and engaging and we will let the children vote on the following month’s activity.

A Little about us...
My name is Melanie Fischer and I have two children at the school. I have a current ‘Working with Children Check’ and I completed my ‘Certificate of Education - Integration Aide’ at RMIT University in 2010. I’m a big kid at heart and I love getting creative and helping children to build on their confidence and encourage and support them to explore new things.

My name is Wendy Vine. I have four children, two currently at the school. I have many years experience in childcare environments and have a current Working with Children and First Aid certificate. I like to encourage kids to explore and build on their interests and see their ideas develop.

Communication Box
If you have any queries, concerns or suggestions we will have a communication box located at the school office. This will be there by the end of this week.
MINECRAFT CLUB RULES

- Everyone is welcome
- No bad language
- No destroying things that people have built
- Try to be respectful / nice to each other 😊
- Help each other
- Work as a team
- Have fun!!!

If you think of any other rules you would like to see added, just pop a note in the suggestion box located in the office!
MINECRAFT CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:_________________________________________ Grade:________________________________

*Allergies:____________________________________

Parent consent:________________________________

**Parent Contact Number:________________________

*we may have cupcakes and lollies from time to time. Please advise if you DO NOT consent for your child to have these

**we are looking into holding an after school Minecraft Club held off the school premises in the near future
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PAKENHAM

Pakenham Blue Light

Friday March 22nd 6.30-9.00pm
Pakenham Hall Johns Street

Cost $5.00
Ages: 9-15yrs

Come see KG and his hip hop dance crew live

Pakenham

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Family Fun Day
Cruden Farm
Sunday 28th April 2013
11am-4pm

Film Screening Road Trip
Australian Curtain Raising Society
Classical Car Show
Motorbike Rides
Fairy and Face Painter

Open House Centre Launch
Lifegate Frankston
Mental Health Week
Resilience Australia

Among the charitable programs to benefit

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**JUNIOR NETBALL**

We are very happy to be able to offer the Net Set Go! Program to children aged between 5 and 11.

ANZ NetSetGO! is Netball Australia’s Junior Netball Program. It has been developed to provide children from the age of 5 to 11 years with the best possible learning and playing experience that enables them to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport. The program incorporates skill activities, minor games and modified matches and will be coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants.

The program runs for 9 weeks and sessions are 45 minutes in duration.

The Cost is $53 – includes $20 participant pack & $33 Netball Victoria membership (provides participants with member benefits & insurance)

Program Dates: Thursdays at 6PM - May 2 to June 27
Location – KWRNC Clubrooms
Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve, Denhams RD KWR

REGISTRATION: 21st March at 6PM
At Clubrooms
Limited number of participants.

Enquiries to Craig Font (Coordinator) 0425711581

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