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| Thursday 28th March | March | Easter Bonnet Parade and Activities  
End of First Term – School dismissed at 2.30 pm  
Free Sausage sizzle lunch/jam donut – supplied by Parents’ Club. |
| Sunday 7th April | April | Catering Job at the Model Airfield  
Ring Donna (0438401906) if you can assist. |
| Monday 8th April | April | Yakkerboo Prop Working Bee at the School  
10.00am onwards – everyone welcome. |
| Monday 15th April | April | First Day of Term 2 – 2013 |
| Sunday 21st April | April | Yakkerboo Parade – Australiana theme.  
(Our love affair with the Beach.) |
| Thursday 25th April | April | ANZAC DAY – Public Holiday  
KooWeeRup RSL Dawn Service commencing at 5.45am at the Clock Towers. |
| Saturday 4th May | May | School Working Bee |
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 Thursday of the month this term.

THUMBS UP

- To Scott Sheppard for his achievements and commitment to the school during his time as School Council President.
- To Grade 6 KE who have snared the Mrs Smith Attendance Cup for the 2nd time this Term. Well Done Guys!
- To Catherine Manning for being elected our new School Council President – well done Catherine!
- To everyone who is supporting our involvement in this years’ Yakkerboo Parade. The response has been great and appreciated immensely by Bec.
- To Gerard Kennedy and Ray Weinzierl for making themselves available, as members of School Council in 2013. Very much appreciated.
- To Mr White for all his work in running and developing our Junior School Council for 2013. Well done Nathan.
- To Brenton, Tooradin won the Premiership due to Brenton sacrificing his wicket for the man-of-the- match and century maker. Well done Brenton – you took one for the team!
- To the Grade 5 and 6 students for their great art work that’s on display in the BER Building. Looks terrific.
- To our School Captains who have settled into their roles as school leaders and are doing a terrific job – Well done Mikaela, Lucinda, Blake and Mitchell.
- To Anne Preston for taking on the role of Premier Reading Challenge Co-ordinator again this year.

MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING

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.
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.

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.

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 enrollment process.

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

- Ray Weinzierl is organising the creation of a pathway from the Cardinia Road entry to the playground. It is hoped that this work will take place in the holidays and be in place for the winter months.

- Our first **working bee** is pencilled in for Saturday the 4th of May, commencing at 8.00am. So please mark it in your diaries now so that we can have a big response and achieve a great deal on the day. Early next term we will put a list out detailing the various jobs that need to be done and if you can’t make it on the day you might be able to do it at another time. Dean Alderson is our man in charge of Grounds this year.

**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.
EASTER ACTIVITIES:
On Thursday the 28th of March as 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 (Hopefully the weather will be kind to us so that things aren’t disrupted too much.).
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.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

All students have now received a permission note for The Premier’s Reading Challenge. We have 83 students so far that have taken on the challenge. These students will be given their usernames and passwords to enter their books online this week. If you would still like to participate a copy of the permission note can be collected from the office and returned there as soon as possible. Details of the challenge can be found online at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/. If you have any further questions please come and see me in the Library on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Happy Reading

Mrs Preston
PARENTS CLUB

Easter raffle – please make sure that all raffle tickets are in by Thursday morning at the latest. If you need extra tickets please see Sue or Virginia at the office.
Thank you to all the families who donated generously for prizes and those parents who helped preparing the tickets and prizes.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

There are a number of new books that need covering before they can go onto the shelves. If you have some spare time and can help cover these books please see Sue in the Office. All the equipment will be provided.

Thanks

There is a lot of clothing and other items in our Lost Property at the office. Please check to see if your child has belongings there.
MOTHERS DAY GIFTS

All students will soon be provided with materials to make a special gift for Mother’s Day. Please pay the office $4 per child as soon as possible to cover costs. Look forward to your fabulous gift on Mothers Day!

KOO WEE RUP SECONDARY COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING

Koo Wee Rup Secondary College are holding an information evening on Wednesday 17th April. School tours will commence at 4.30pm and the formal information session will begin at 5.30pm. This would be a great opportunity for our Grade 6 families to have a look at the school.

Junior School Council Fundraising Competition

In the front office we have two uniform dolls that stand there day in and day out modelling our school uniform. We have organised a competition to name our school’s uniform dolls. For a gold coin donation we would like students to come up with a name for the boy and a name for the girl. Entries are to be placed inside an envelope and placed in our sponsor child box at the front office. The competition closes on the 26th of April. There will be prizes for first, second and third. A big thank you goes to Sue Friend, at the front office, who will be donating two movie tickets for first prize.

We thank you for your support. Junior School Council

World Vision
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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.

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