FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Stolen:
Unfortunately on Monday evening or early Tuesday morning a significant amount of copper piping was ripped off the fire tanks near Cardinia Road and the feed lines to the pump house were also removed. Due to the removal of this piping the tanks and the fire-fighting services that they provide are now inoperable until repairs are made and unfortunately the cost of repairing this piece of infrastructure will have to be paid for by the school. If anyone noticed anything strange or unusual occurring around these tanks, could you please let either the Pakenham Police know or contact Allan Armstrong at the school on 03 5998 8323. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

ANZAC DAY:
On the first Friday of Term 2, we have a Public Holiday to commemorate ANZAC DAY. As has been the schools’ previous practice, we will have representatives at the DAWN Service at KooWeeRup. Student leaders will be flag bearers and lay a wreath on behalf of the school. If you would like to join us for this activity, you will need to be up bright and early and be at the Clock Towers at KooWeeRup by 5.45 am. It is a terrific service organised by the RSL and well worth the early rise. Students are also currently selling badges and wrist bands in support of the RSL and will continue to do so leading up to ANZAC Day.

YAKKERBOO:
Congratulations to everyone who supported our efforts in this year’s Yakkerboo Parade. Jess and Elouise did a great job in bringing it all together and the support of staff, students and parents alike was just terrific. For all our efforts we won “Best School Float”. Well done everyone and have a safe and well deserved break.

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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. Under no circumstance should parents/guardians approach other students in the school grounds.

THUMBS UP

- To Sharon for all her efforts in organising and running our catering jobs at the model airfield. Greatly appreciated by one and all.
- To the 15 staff members who participated in the Yakkerboo Parade and our key staff members Jess, Jessie and Elousie for all their efforts in putting our float together.
- To all the parents and students who went out of their way to ensure fantastic costumes were created and supporting this school activity. Your efforts are very much appreciated.
- To our seven students who have made it through to the next round of the selection trials for the Victorian Primary School Teams in Netball, Soccer and Basketball. Soccer: James. Netball: Romi and Zoe. Basketball: Ashlee, Jazlin, Lily and Chloe. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.
- To the other students who went to the various trials but unfortunately this time around didn’t progress to the next round.
- To the Grade 1 students and Mrs Parker for making all of those fantastic “Horses” that were galloping around the school last week. They looked absolutely fantastic and the students were very proud of their achievements.
- To the Grade 4’s who made the biggest Hot Cross Buns I’ve ever seen yesterday. They certainly looked delicious!
- To our School Captains for the great work they do each day. They should be very proud of the way in which they conduct themselves on a daily basis.
- To Daniel for all the help and assistance he gives to staff each day. He goes out of his way to assist the various teachers on Yard Duty each day. Well done, Daniel.

Good Friday Appeal

The Good Friday Appeal is one of the biggest fundraising efforts for our hospitals. The Junior School Council would like to help this effort by handing out envelopes to all families and asking for a donation. This money will go towards essential equipment, research and education to support the work of the Royal Children’s Hospital. Since 1931 the hospital has raised over $258 million which has had a massive impact on the improved care children get when needing medical attention.

This appeal is very important for our school as one of our students, Mitchell, ended up in tragic circumstances last year. He received third degree burns to a high percentage of his body in a tragic accident. Mitchell spent months in hospital, putting strain on him and his family. He continues down the road of recovery this year. On Good Friday the Royal Children’s Hospital will fund a long needed break and day out for Mitchell and his family. They will travel by plane to Sydney and spend a day at Wet’n’Wild before heading home that evening.

Our thoughts continue to be with Mitchell’s family and we wish to show our continual support for the Royal Children’s Hospital for the care of those children needing such medical attention. The Junior School Council would like to encourage you to help our efforts and support those who have supported children like Mitchell.
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 at all times.

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 are not permitted on school grounds or when participating in school activities when students are present.

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.

Please note there is no Meal Deal this Thursday. In its place we will be having a whole school sausage sizzle and a hot jam donut as part of our Eater Activities on Friday. Please pay $3.00 per child to the office as soon as possible.
Items that might be of interest

- During the coming holidays, the current Road Works being undertaken on Cardinia Road will move to the section of road along the boundary of the school from the bridge to the intersection of Ballarto Road and Cardinia Road. The manager of this project will endeavour to have this section completed prior to the commencement of Term 2. We can only hope that this is the case or it might be very tricky, day one of Term 2.

- All Parents and Friends are more than welcome to come along this Friday to witness our annual Easter Bonnet parade and the fantastic work that goes into making the various Bonnets. Friday is a Free Dress Day for students.

- Included in this newsletter is a summary of what our Chinese Students have been up to. Enrolment information for the Chinese Classes can be obtained from the office. Classes are conducted at school on a Thursday afternoon. If you wish your child/ren to participate in these sessions please see the office staff for further details.

MOTHERS DAY

Every Mother’s Day all our students will be provided with materials to make a special gift for their Mum. To ensure we meet the cost of this activity, please pay $4 per child to the office as soon as possible.

LOST!

A white Girls jacket has been lost after Yakkerboo! If you know where this jacket is or see this jacket can you please return it to the School office.

DAY LIGHT SAVING ENDS!

JUST A REMINDER TO PUT ALL YOUR CLOCKS BACK AN HOUR THIS SUNDAYMORNING.
We celebrated 'Yuan Xiao Festival/Lantern Festival' at the beginning of the term. The children made glutinous rice balls and watched an animated video on the legend of Lantern Festival to gain a further understanding of the festival. Over the term, we engaged in topics such as, 'Class instructions. Parts of the Body, Counting, Colours, Action words, In the classroom'. New words are printed out each week for children to stick in their Chinese book for revision. We learnt songs 'Hello Song', 'Head, shoulders, knees and legs', 'Where are my friends', 'Skipping Rope song'.

We play word games at the end of each class to incorporate fun into learning such as taking turns to give an instruction for everyone to follow in relation to the words learnt that day.

We also explore topics using props and fun activities - bringing an array of hats into class, clowns, police, pirate, doctors - How do policemen greet each other when they meet, how about a sick pirate going to the doctor? Extension of topics learnt were - Colour game, Cut/paste and match parts of body to a figure of a boy, Taking turns to draw parts of the body to make up a person on the whiteboard, Drawing facial parts on balloons, Combining action words and act them out - run and skip. Sit and kick (we realised that is what little children do when they throw a tantrum at the shops and everyone had a great laugh!), and then we extended our learning - walk to the door, run to the table. Stand on the chair. The children watched a video on the 'skipping rope song' and we tried skip and sing with jump ropes. We are beginning to write Chinese characters in class, 'one', 'two', 'three' and 'mouth'. Children practise writing on dot to dot paper and come to the board to write their Chinese characters when they are ready and are happy to receive a sticker for their good work!
MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING

Parents Club are needing helpers at the Model Airfield in Wenn Road, Cardinia this Sunday 6th April. As this is one of the many ways we raise funds for the school we are asking for some helpers to assist in the canteen.

If you can spare 2-3 hours in the morning or afternoon this weekend, please call Sharon (0416 245 924) or speak to Virginia or Sue in the office.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

This is a Free Dress Day – Students do not have to wear their uniform on Friday

This Friday 4th April we bring to a close the first Term of the 2014 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 in 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.
The 10th annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge has begun and you can soon be part of it too. This year, to celebrate its tenth year of running, the challenge has some new and exciting additions. The PRC even has its own mascot, Lachlan the Reading Dog. You can visit [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/new.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/new.aspx) to find out more about him. Also you will be able to watch weekly video clips from popular sports stars, well-known authors and TV hosts.

The rules of the challenge remain the same as previous years: Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or ‘experience’ 30 books during this period while students in Years 3 to 6 must read 15 books. Students must choose most of their books from the Challenge book list and record their reading online.

**Can all permission forms be handed to the Office by the end of this week. All user names and passwords will be issued this week ready for reading over the school holidays**

If you have any questions you can find me in the Grade 3P Mon-Wed, Kasey in the Library or you can see Sue in the office.

Happy Reading
Mrs Preston

**STOP PRESS!!**

As an added incentive ALL students who register and complete the PRC will be entered into a draw to win 2x Village Movie Tickets. Don’t delay….enter today!!!
Bike Education Activities

Foundation and Grade 1 students will participate in an excursion to the Casey Village Traffic Safety School in Cranbourne and Casey RACE Swimming Pool as part of their Bike Education week activities. Please note the dates listed below in your diary as we would appreciate parent help with these excursions. Private transport will be used. Permission Forms and further details will be sent home in the first week of Term 2. Class teachers will advise parents when bikes and helmets need to be brought to school.

FOUNDATION – Thursday 1st May
GRADE 1 – Wednesday 30th April

FOUNDATION MOTHERS DAY

All mum’s (and Grandmas, if mum can’t make it) are invited to a special Mother’s Day afternoon Tea in the Foundation classrooms on May 9th from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. Please keep this afternoon free as we have some lovely activities planned.

Enrolments are open for After School Chinese for Term 2. It will run every Thursday (starting in Week 2) from 3:45-5pm. Everybody from Foundation to Grade 6 is welcome. Lots of fun activities. Parents and students are welcome to join the class this Thursday from 3:45-4pm to come meet our teacher, Evelyn, and the other students. Kids will not be behind if they start in Term 2!
YAKKERBOO PHOTO’S

WELL DONE ON WINNING BEST SCHOOL FLOAT FOR 2014!!!
Children’s crossings

When flags are displayed all pedestrians should use the crossing.

Some children’s crossings have a crossing supervisor. Always follow the instructions of the crossing supervisor.

If there isn’t a supervisor, look and listen for traffic before crossing.

Make sure all traffic has stopped before stepping on to the crossing.

Only cross when it is safe to do so.

Stay alert – keep looking and listening for traffic while crossing.

Drivers and riders at children’s crossings:

- Must not overtake a vehicle stopping or stopped at the crossing.
- Must stop if a child or adult is about to cross or is crossing, even if there is no crossing supervisor.
- Must stop if a hand held “Stop” sign is displayed.
- Must proceed only when all children and adults, including the supervisor, are clear of the crossing.
- Must approach at a speed slow enough to stop safely, if necessary.
- Should always watch out for children near schools.

Make sure all traffic is stopping before you step onto the crossing.

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INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY 8th MAY 2014

7.00 – 9.30 pm

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