FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Cross Country – Friday:
On Friday the school is hosting the Inter-School Cross Country event at the Cardinia Recreation Reserve. Our teams for the various age groups have been selected and we wish them all the best in their endeavours. Remember it is participation and giving it your best effort that counts, no matter where you may finish in the race. Once again our Parents’ Club will be running a canteen to support this event, so if any parents can assist them in this activity it would be greatly appreciated. It would be fantastic to have as many parents in attendance as possible to cheer and encourage the students in this endeavour on Friday.

School Review:
Cardinia Primary School will be having a Peer Review this year. Each school goes through this process, every four years to review its performance in key areas and set its direction for the next four years. The Review Process involves the school conducting a self-evaluation on its Strategic Plan for 2010 -2014, conducting a review of this documentation with a qualified Reviewer and two Principals, staff and members of the School Community. From these discussions a new Strategic Plan will be developed and presented to School Council for its approval.

School Council:
Just a quick reminder that tonight we have our May School Council Meeting in the Staffroom. The Meeting will commence at 7.30 pm. All parents and friends of the school are more than welcome to attend these meetings.

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.

THUMBS UP

To Jodie and Liz for all the work they put into organising yesterday’s Foundation Transition Meeting. A very successful event.

To the Parents and Friends for providing and conducting the afternoon tea for the parents of our new students for 2015.

To the senior students and staff who assisted with the Transition Program yesterday. A very big thank you to you all.

To the Grade 5/6 students who are doing such a great job with their Big Write activities. Some amazing work being produced! (Some examples are in this week’s edition of the newsletter.)

To Mel for the hard work and planning she is putting into Playgroup each Tuesday morning. Very much appreciated.

To Sasha’s Grandma for her kind donation of various containers for our Animal Farm. Very much appreciated.

To Mr B and Mr Adams for all their efforts in organising the Inter-School Cross Country event. Well done guys!

To Sasha and Teagan for organising the fundraising activity for the animal farm. Well done and keep up the great work.

To Tanya Rose an ex-Cardinia Primary Family for the donation of Art and Craft goodies. Thank you for thinking of us!

To everyone involved in bringing Deb Buxton’s kitten “Charlie” back home. If it wasn’t for the dedication of the School community, this would never have happened. Our home has been restored to happiness once again!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

CROSS COUNTRY CANTEEN

Our School has been asked to run the canteen at the Cross Country for Grades 3-6 this Friday 23rd May.

For the day to run smoothly, we will need to have some helpers on the day, for an hour or two at a time. We will make sure you get to see your child's race!

We will also need some people to make a batch of cupcakes or a slice for us to sell on the day.

If you are able to help with either of these, could you please contact Donna Eager (0438 401 906 or 5998 8070) or see the ladies in the office.

Thank you.
Friendly Reminders:

(New Arrangements) When parking on Cardinia Road – school side please park as close as possible to the bollards and barrier. Children and parents need to use the designated pathway between the new fence and bollards.

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.

Meal Deal this Thursday is a Cardi Burger and Icy-Pole for just $3.
Items that might be of interest

- Parents are reminded that if their children require their daily fruit snacks to be peeled or cut up into pieces this needs to be done prior to your child coming to school. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

- The School will be having a Curriculum Day on Friday 1st August (to be confirmed by School Council) on the topic of “Collaboration” and each school in our network given some time to conduct workshops or do presentations on significant programs or innovations they have been operating in their schools.

- Our May School Council Meeting is on tonight. The meeting will commence at 7.30pm in the staff room and all parents are welcome.

Cross Country Grades 3-6

Cardinia will be hosting the inter school cross country event this Friday down at the Cardinia Rec Reserve. A squad was chosen to represent the school from the house sports and those children chosen have been notified and published in last week’s newsletter. The Parents’ Club will once again be running a canteen at the event. The approximate times for the day are as follows:

**Arrival by 10.30am**

11.00am  Girls 8/9  
11.15am  Boys 8/9  
11.30am  Girls 10  
11.50am  Boys 10  
12.10pm  Girls 11  
12.30pm  Boys 11  
12.55pm  Girls 12/13  
1.20pm  Boys 12/13  
1.45pm  Presentations  

**PLEASE NOTE THESE TIMES ARE ONLY APPROXIMATE** – Plan to arrive up to half hour before any event so to avoid any disappointment of missing your child’s event.

Our Parents’ Club will be operating the canteen on the day. Donations of slices or cupcakes would be greatly received.
There seems to be quite a lot of lost property in the boxes at the office. All these items will again be on display this Thursday before Assembly. Please look to see if any of these items belong to you. After this week, any non-school items will be donated to a local Opp shop and School uniforms will be available to purchase from the office for $2 per item. School uniforms will also be used for emergency clothing.

**NOODLES ETC for LUNCH**

There are normally a number of students who bring instant noodles to school for lunch. A staff member is available to “cook” these lunches. We are prepared to add boiling water to noodles till they are cooked and return them to the student, without the water. Some students bring small meals that require heating up in the microwave for a short time (i.e. less than one minute). **We ask that students do not bring anything that takes longer than one minute in the microwave, like Easy Mac or frozen meals.** As you can imagine the queue can get quite long and the students can be waiting a long time for their lunch if we have items that need heating for longer times.

Also, could you please **put your child’s name on their containers** (foam cups etc.) as it can prevent possible confusion).

**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

The latest Book Club brochures have been received. They are in the office if you would like to look at them. Please make sure that any orders placed are received at the office by close of business **Friday 30th May together with payment.** This will ensure that orders are placed with Scholastic by their due date and are delivered to the school quickly. Ordering books through the Scholastic catalogues is a great way to encourage your children to read and have fun. We also earn rewards points for our School to spend on items for both the library and classrooms.
THE BOX

“Aah” said Eloise as she relaxed into the seat of the car, “just you, me and the sun.” As the sun went behind the earth’s surface the stars began to glimmer in the beautiful night sky. “What’s that?” Adam said. “I don’t know,” replied Eloise. A couple of minutes later, the thing in the sky came plummeting down to the Earth’s surface right in front of their eyes.

Bang! It hits the ground. “Stay here,” Adam said. “Hang on. Where are you going?” Eloise replied. “I’m going to check it out,” he said.

He crept up to the giant crater the meteor left. Looking down into the hole he found something rather unusual. A box with unusual patterns on it painted gold. He grabbed the box and wrapped it up in a handkerchief and walked back to the car and drove home.

The next day he woke up to a voice, a very quiet one, and it was saying “Ask me a question,” it whispered. He looked beside him seeing the box on his bedside table shaking.
He picked it up and asked it “When will I die?” and the box replied, “In 12 hours you will be deceased.” Adam stood up in shock and threw the box on the floor, “How?” he asked. “A horrible car crash.”

Adam got up and got ready for work but he didn’t take the car, he walked. Being cautious of the cars around him, he slowly walked to work. But after a few minutes a car swerved off the road and hit him. He only saw black, he was out cold.

He saw bright lights when he woke up, he was in a hospital getting rushed to the emergency room, with Eloise beside him with tears coming out of her eyes. He thought to himself, “Did I just cheat death?”

To be continued…

HOW MANY JELLY BEANS!

Some of our students have organised a fundraiser. The funds will be used for our farm animals and the costs associated with keeping them happy and healthy. At the office there is a jar full of jelly beans. Pay for a guess and you could win the WHOLE JAR! The cost is 50 cents for every guess.
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