FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

School Crossing:
Karen, our School Crossing supervisor, has raised concerns with the Road Traffic Patrol – Pakenham Police, regarding the driving behaviour of some truck drivers using Ballarto Road and travelling through the school crossing at high speed, well in excess of the recommended speed limit.
When using the crossing, pedestrians are asked to make sure they follow Karen’s directions promptly and remain alert to what is happening around them. Car drivers need to be alert when slowing down, to turn into the Hall Car Park, of trucks behind them and to avoid stopping at the Crossing unless indicated to do so by the Crossing Supervisor. In the past couple of days several incidents have occurred in and around the crossing to warrant these steps to be taken. Your co-operation and awareness will be greatly appreciated. The School has been assured by the police that they will monitor the situation.

School Council:
At our School Council Meeting held last Wednesday the School’s Annual Report was read and tabled. This report was approved by Council and has since been forwarded on to the Education Department. A hard copy of this document is available at the Office or alternatively you can access an electronic version on the School Website.

At our AGM the 2014 School Council was officially formalised with the following staff and parents being confirmed as councillors for this year.

Staff: Trudie Esler, Jess Dart, Liz Alderson, Michelle Henson and Lisa Riddington.
Parents: Lisa Cartmel, Catherine Manning, Lana Van Berlo, Keryn Eades, Dean Alderson
Anne Pead and Gerard Kennedy
Community Members: Ray Wienzeirl and Ivy Tucker
Executive Officer: Allan Armstrong (Principal)

Our School Council President for 2014 is Gerard Kennedy and Vice-President is Anne Pead. On behalf of the school community I’d like to congratulate both of these parents on their election to their respective positions. The Council would like to express their appreciation to our out-going President, Catherine Manning for her work and leadership of School Council during her term as President and thank her for her contribution to the school community while fulfilling this role.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 27th March
Meal Deal: Salad Roll and Icy pole – Just $3.00

Saturday 29th March
Family Portraits Fundraiser – $20.00 sitting fee and complimentary photo

Sunday 30th March
Yakkerboo Parade – Theme Space
10.00 am – Meet in car park opposite Library
11.00 am – Parade commences

Friday 4th April
End of Term 1 – Whole School Easter Activities and Bonnet Parade.
Whole School Lunch / Easter Raffle drawn

Sunday 6th April
Parents Club catering at the Cardinia Model Airfield
If you can assist please see Sharon or Virginia in the Office

Tuesday 22nd April
First day of Term 2
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 the Grade 6 Students who shared their recounts at assembly on Monday. Fantastic to hear about your great adventure or in the case of Hayley mis-adventure to Sovereign Hill.
- To the Choir and Mrs Young for their recess performance on Tuesday. The choir members, under the directorship of Mrs Young, did a fabulous job.
- To everyone who has already returned their Good Friday Appeal envelopes for the Royal Childrens Hospital. Just wonderful support to a very worthy cause.
- To the parents and friends of the school who provided transport to and from the Richmond Footy Clinic last week. Very much appreciated.
- To Ray who is organising a new fence for the school along Cardinia Road. Very much appreciated.
- To our many helpers and supporters who go around quietly doing whatever they can to ensure many bits and pieces are completed. E.g books are covered, things are neat and tidy, animals cared for and small maintenance jobs are carried out. Your efforts are always greatly appreciated.
- To our Meal Deal mothers who do a mammoth job week in, week out – your efforts are always greatly appreciated. Thank you!
- To Jodie and Liz for the great work they do in conducting tours and information sessions for our new Foundation Students. Both ladies do a wonderful job.

**MR B - Taking Leave:**
Mr Briginshaw will be on Leave for the rest of this term. As a result, Miss Edwards will be taking over the role of Home Teacher for 2B for the next week and a half. If you have any queries or concerns regarding these arrangements please don’t hesitate to see Allan.

**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 is 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 week’s Meal Deal is a delicious salad roll and icy-pole for just $3.00.
**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.

- Earth Hour is taking place this Saturday the 29th of March. To support this awareness of our environment and our effect on the world everyone is asked to switch off non-essential lighting and appliances for the night and perhaps make it a practice for your household, each and every night.

- Don’t forget the Yakkerboo parade this Sunday, Cardinia Primary School has always entered a float in this parade and our focus is on participation and being part of the community. All families and friends of the school are more than welcome to join with us in this event. Meet in the car park that is located opposite the Public Hall at Pakenham and behind the old CFA Station. 10.00 am is the judging and 11.00am we commence the parade.

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**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.

Raffle Tickets were sent home last week. The cost is 50 cents each or 5 for $2.00.

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One of our School mum’s has hurt her hand and can’t drive for 6 weeks. The family live off Ahern Road in Pakenham. If you can assist her by transporting her 2 students home please call Elise on 0418 351 088.
School Council Round-Up

1. At our School Council Meeting held on the 19/03/2014 it was decided that we would proceed with improving the access and parking on Cardinia Road. Ray is organizing for a new fence to be positioned along Cardinia Road, inside the current fence line. In addition a ball barrier will be installed at the eastern end of the basketball court to stop balls going onto Cardinia Road. A walkway will be created between the new fence and the existing fence line. In time the existing fence will be removed and replaced with bollards to define the walkway to the entrance of the school.

2. Council is also going to pipe the drain on the school side of Cardinia Road to allow for safer parking in this area.

If you are able to assist with these projects please contact the school or Ray directly.

3. Parents and Friends are looking at organizing a number of “smaller” fundraising events instead of one or two major events. Will be putting together a list and calendar of events for the school community to be aware of and support.

4. Council given an update on the key initiatives of GRIN, Big Write-VCOP and Autism Professional development that staff have been involved in so far this term.

NEWSPOWER COLOURING COMPETITION

Our local Koo Wee Rup Newpower Newsagency has announced a colouring competition. Entry forms can be obtained from the office and need to be returned to the Newsagency in the main street of Koo Wee Rup no later than the 15th April 2014. The best entry for each store can win a ‘bunny pack’ which includes Staedtler crayons and pencils and each school can also win a prize valued at $500. Grab your entry form now!

**LAST CHANCE TO BOOK THIS WEEK**
MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING

Parents Club are needing helpers at the Model Airfield in Wenn Road, Cardinia on 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 on this date, please call Sharon (0416 245 924) or speak to Virginia or Sue in the office.

EASTER ACTIVITIES

On 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.

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

If you would like to take part in the PRC you can pick up a permission form from the office. Once your permission form has been returned you will receive a username and password and you can begin entering your books online. 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!!!
YAKKERBOO FESTIVAL

Preparations for Cardinia Studios (Hollywood Stars) are well underway with only 4 sleeps to go! Parking is either underground at the Marketplace (Big W shops) or the outside car park where Target is.

Please dress in your favourite space movie idea, if you are stuck please see the teachers in the BER Building as we have lots of ideas.

The float will be leaving to begin the parade from Henry Street opposite the Guide Hall at approx. 11am. This is just up from the Pakenham Library. **THERE IS NO PARKING AVAILABLE on Henry Street or where the floats will be beginning the parade.** All students must arrive at the float before 10am ready for judging.

YAKKERBOO here we come!!
Photos from the Pakenham Show

Grade 1’s BIG WRITES

“On a extremely hot day I saw a car and it was a red car and it stop to get sum food and a bottle of water and it was going to the beach and he was going with some of his friends and he took a ball to play with it with his friends and he had to go over a hill he finally got there. He got out of his car and his friends were all ready they really wanted for him to get there so they could play and they were excited and they started to play. It was so much fun it was time to go home they had to go as well”
The End

RUBY

“One afternoon Bugsy went to the beach and he saw a little boy he was with his family. Bugsy asked him if he wanted to go out in the water because he could go on the water. The little boy loved it on the riverside. He saw a seal! His favourite colour is red!”

ABBY
Photos of our Grade 1’s sharing the lapbooks they made with the Grade 5’s & 6’s.

Harry and Max

Jesse, Cory and Aimee

Liam J, Lochie and Connor

Chayse, Jacob and Bradley

Teagan, Isabel and Zoe

Ayrlee, Seth, Trinity and James
38TH ANNUAL

Cardinia's Community Art Show Since 1976

Art Show

YAKKERBOO

M-ART

ART COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY & SECONDARY STUDENTS
OF CARDINIA SHIRE

Secondary
1st $150
2nd $50

Primary
1st $30
& Art Supplies
2nd $20
& Art Supplies

This competition is a great chance for you to get creative with this year's theme SPACE. You can use any medium to create your artwork that is no larger than A4 (210mm x 300mm).

OK SO HERE ARE ALL THE DETAILS...
1. Only 1 entry per artist. Entry is free of charge.
2. Artwork must be the artist's own work, no larger than A4 and unframed.
3. Artwork must be labeled on the back with Title, Description, Artist Name, Age, School/Year level and contact number.
4. Art needs to be delivered to Pakenham Hall between 1PM & 7PM, Thursday 29 May.
5. Entries close...7PM, Thursday 29 May. No late entries will be accepted!

For more info contact us via email artshow@yakkerboo.org.au

Exhibition at the Pakenham Town Hall

30 May - 1 June 2014

Proudly sponsored by...
Pakenham Opportunity Shop
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Raise $$$ for your organisation and receive a beautiful 8x10 inch family portrait valued at $75.00

When you pay your sitting fee of only $20.00.

Where: Cardinia Primary School, 2405 Ballarto Road Cardinia
When: 10am to 4.30pm Saturday 29th March

Here's how it works:
Book a convenient 20 minute time slot by visiting or calling your pre-school/school and paying your $20.00 sitting fee.

On the photography day, the photographer will take as many poses as you wish within your timeslot.

After your photography session, your proofs will be e mailed to you together with easily affordable price options.

From there you may select your favourite 8x10 inch family photo and packages which can be made up of other photos taken.

Your photos will be sent to your organisation's coordinator for collection.

Book by visiting the school office or calling 5998 8323

*Please note: Your complimentary photo must feature at least one adult. The same person cannot feature in two offers.

**LAST CHANCE TO BOOK A TIME THIS WEEK**