FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Damage to School Gates
Unfortunately in the late hours of Friday night or early Saturday morning our new gates onto the oval were completely destroyed, which is extremely disappointing given the work that went into improving this area of the school and the generosity of Parents of the school providing this terrific attribute. Thanks to the many parents and friends of the school for registering this vandalism both to the police and myself over the weekend. Arrangements have been made to get the gates replaced as soon as possible, in the meantime students have been asked to stay away from this area.

End of School Water Fight
A tradition of the last day of school is our annual water fight that will take place on the oval area. All students are invited to participate if they wish and they can bring along their own water pistols. It will take place during the last ½ hour of the day and will only take place on the oval. Once the activity has been finished then there is to be no water thrown or sprayed in any other area of the school. All children need to wear proper footwear and normal clothing.

Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year
I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their tireless work and contribution to the school over the past 12 months. Once again as a school community we have been able to achieve a great deal and keep intact our Rural School ethos – no mean feat given the size and popularity of the school. Once again our facilities and programs have continued to grow and develop, ensuring we are providing for all of our students and their needs. Have a very safe and wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all once again in the New Year.

We wish all of our departing Grade 6 Students all the best as they start their new phase of schooling at Secondary School and trust they come back and visit us from time to time to let us know how they are going.

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Retirement of Mrs Judy Young:

Earlier this week Judy announced her retirement from teaching after over 40 years in the profession. Judy has been an integral part of the school for many years and has been a part of its major transformation. Judy was with us when the whole school comprised of portable buildings as far as the eye could see. We wish her all the best in retirement and trust she can find time to do all the things that are planned. Have a great retirement Judy.

👉 THUMBS UP

👉 To Mrs Esler for all her work in organising and running our very successful Grade 6 Graduation event at Luna Park last Friday.
👉 To all the staff who supported the Luna Park event, ensuring a safe and rewarding day for all.
👉 To the parents and students of Grade 6 for enjoying this event and participating in the spirit of the day.
👉 To Mitchell K for hoisting that terrific Santa Flag each day this week. Well done Mitch.
👉 To Nathan Eager for once again trimming the oval – looks terrific once again.
👉 To Dean from Fleetwood who has worked tirelessly to ensure the Mod 5 will be finished by concert night – Greatly appreciated.
👉 To everyone who has supported the Christmas Hamper and raffle tickets. Your generosity is very much appreciated.
👉 To Liz and Trudie who have put in a lot of extra hours in a very hectic week to assist with interviews for our Graduate Teaching position.
👉 To all our Parent helpers and friends of the school who have assisted in so many different ways throughout the year. Your efforts and support is greatly appreciated by the staff and the students.
👉 To Mrs Wood, Melissa and Lisa for helping sort through our Guided Reading Sets in the Library yesterday. Thank you Ladies!

👉 Instead of a Meal Deal this Thursday we will be having a Whole School Sausage Sizzle Lunch on Friday.

Please Note: The cost is $4.00. and this includes:
Prima Style Fruit Drink / Sausages in Bread / Icy Pole / Christmas Treat.

👉 Missing!!
Liam J in 1C is missing his green Smiggle pencil case. It disappeared from the classroom while we were on camp. Can you please hand it in to the office if you find it?
PARENTS’ CLUB CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please don’t forget to drop off your raffle items and tickets this week to the lovely office ladies. We will be wrapping the prizes tomorrow and need all items by then at the latest.

We still require donations for the adults’ supper after our concert this year. Cakes, slices, biscuits, crackers and chips are some suggestions. We are not, however, able to store items with cream. All food can be left in the Tech Room kitchen today after school or before the concert.

Also a reminder that I am stepping down as President this year so if anyone is willing to take over this role, please let me know. The role involves organising the school picnic, Easter raffle, Christmas raffle and festivities plus other fundraising ideas you might have. These tasks are all very straightforward as they have run the same way since well before my time.

Lana Van Berlo
Parents’ Club President

Items of Interest

- Please remember that the Christmas Concert commences at 7:30 pm sharp, with the first items being from Foundation and the Junior School. It would be appreciated if all students could be at school just after 7.00pm in readiness for this event. Students will need to sit and remain in their designated area until Santa arrives at the conclusion of the concert.

- Works on the Mod 5 should be completed today and the handover of the building take place tomorrow. All going to plan we should be able to use this space for the Supper and Cuppa after the concert on Thursday evening.

School Fees – 2015:

- The 2015 School Fees (Essential Supplies) will remain at $150 per child to cover the costs of supplying consumables and access to technology. The School Maintenance Voluntary Levy remains at $40.00 per family and the Voluntary Levy, in lieu of being able to assist in a voluntary capacity throughout the year, will also remain at $50.00 per family. Full details are attached to this newsletter.

- School books and stationery are available to be collected from the Office.

- Please note due to the changes that were made to the EMA Payment policy by the previous State Government (at this stage) Cardinia Primary School or Parents will not receive any payments under this scheme in 2015. As such, parents and guardians will need to pay this amount directly to the school. On receipt of payments students will be given their box of books, otherwise they will be distributed on the first day of the school year in 2015.
TERM DATES FOR 2015

Term 1:  Wednesday 28th January (school Teachers start) to Friday 27th March **
**Students commence on the Thursday 29th January for first term.

Term 2:  Monday 13th April to Friday 26th June

Term 3:  Monday 13th July to Friday 18th September

Term 4:  Monday 5th October to Friday 18th December

**Foundation students are not required on Wednesdays for First Term.

Parents of Grade six students with no siblings please check at home for any School Library books or Readers. Look under beds, in cars and other hiding places to ensure that any books are returned by the end of the year.

Invoices for Grade 6 students, with no siblings, have also been sent home. Please arrange payment for any outstanding amounts to the office.

Friday’s Timetable

On Friday the following timetable will be followed to end the Term.

9.00 am:  Classrooms – video of Concert and Christmas Activities
11.00 – 11.30 am:  Recess
11.30 – 12.30 pm:  Buddy Present Giving – BER Building
12.30 – 1.30 pm:  Whole School Party
1.30 pm- 2.00pm:  Class presents and Clean Up
2.00 – 2.20 pm:  Water Fight on Oval
2.30 pm:  School Dismissed
Tooradin Dalmore Netball Club Net Set Go Program.

Registration Night on Monday 2nd February 2015 at 4pm, at Tooradin Netball Courts.

$80 will be payable at registration.

The 10 week program will run on Mondays from 4 -5pm starting Monday 9th February.

It is not a competition, just fun, skill based sessions for 5 to 10 year olds (limited places).

Any queries contact Shona Wells 0488 331 348.

Car Parking!

When parking on Cardinia Road, on the School side of the road, please park as close to the bollards and barriers as possible. Children and parents need to use the pathway allocated between the fence and bollards to enter School safely. Cardinia Road and the front of the Hall car park are available for parents to park and collect students. There are also limited spaces in the Church car park located off Dalmore Road. Please do not park on the nature strip or block driveways in this area. There is also no parking in front of the School Crossing when the flags are showing.

It is School policy that all students need to be collected by an adult at the end of the day. This avoids accidents from occurring in these congested times. Please also be aware of your surroundings when parking your vehicle. If you are blocking other cars or the flow of traffic it makes it very difficult for other parents to access parking spaces. Your assistance, patience and understanding in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

No Meal Deal – Whole School Party Instead

As we are having the Whole School Party on Friday, this week there will not be a Meal Deal on offer this Thursday.

If you haven’t already done so, could you please hand in $4 per child to the office as soon as possible.

Once again thanks to Karen Muntz and her band of willing helpers who week in and week out have provided the various delicious Meal Deals. These ladies put in a whole day each week ensuring that everyone receives their meal and everything is well prepared.
Dear Allan and all,
It is with regret that I tender my resignation.
The time I have spent at Cardinia Primary School has been the happiest and most fulfilling time I have spent teaching.
I once counted that I have taught at over 30 schools - that includes a lengthy stint of CRT, so that statement certainly carries some weight.

During my time at CPS I have been a classroom teacher in Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 1 and in recent years was able to indulge my great love of music as a specialist teacher in music. There has been nothing better than watching the faces of the students in choir as they sing their hearts and lungs out - usually in tune, but also with obvious pleasure and enjoyment. I could never resist joining in, also with the greatest of pleasure and I like to think, in tune.

To the staff I offer my thanks for your support and friendship. It is a demanding profession and I am well aware of the time and effort and genuine care you all invest in carrying out your duties. Whenever I have needed help or advice, I only had to ask.
I have also enjoyed many a good laugh during some interesting staffroom conversations. Never underestimate the value of taking a little time out for a quick social conversation. I have many memories, lots of funny stories and have followed the life and times of many of the staff and watched their children grow up.

Next year will mark 47 years since I entered Frankston Teachers College to commence training. The majority of my working life has been spent in a classroom. Obviously, it is more than just a ‘job’. It becomes a way of life, and something, no doubt, I am expecting to miss immensely. Somewhere in that time I have progressed from being a fresh faced young girl to an ‘old granny’, however it is amazing, I can still get just as excited and enthusiastic over a new project and feel exactly the same satisfaction from assisting in the continual learning process of a young mind.

I have seen incredible changes in the way education is delivered. The growth of technology in the classroom is one such area. I still believe in the value of many old ideals and methods, some things never change - we just give them new names and titles!

Allan, you and all of your staff have reason to be proud of your school as I am proud to have been part of it.
I wish you all the very best for the continued growth and development of the wonderful facility that is Cardinia Primary School.

Yours Sincerely
Judy Young

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 2014
Final rehearsals and the finishing touches are being done for our Christmas concert tomorrow night. Please check with your child’s teacher to see if your child needs to wear or bring anything special for their show. Thank you & we will see you all on Thursday night at 7.00pm sharp.
Communication Matters

* Speech Pathology
* Occupational Therapy
* Play Therapy

Communication Matters is excited to announce that we are starting a mobile therapy program in 2015. This program will allow students to receive regular (weekly or fortnightly) therapy sessions at their school or kindergarten. Sessions will be charged at clinic based prices, avoiding any usual travel fees.

We also have some vacancies for our clinic based services in Cranbourne, which run Monday to Friday (9am - 5pm) and Saturdays (9am - 3:30pm).

Please contact us for more information, or register your interest with our reception team, by calling (03) 5995 4364 or emailing us at reception@communicationmatters.net.au

Speech and Occupational Therapy Service

This is a private organisation offering to come to the school to offer Speech and Occupational Therapy Services during school hours.

You may be able to receive these services for your child at no or little cost. Please give them a ring if you are interested in either of these services for more information.

Please see Kaye Armstrong if you have any further queries.
SCHOOL CONCERT- 2014

Our annual School Concert is this Thursday the 18th of December. The concert will commence at 7.30 pm but students are asked to be at school at 7.00pm, as we would like to start the concert at 7.30 pm sharp. As well as the children from Foundation to Grade 6 performing various items for your enjoyment and entertainment it is also a celebration of the 2014 School Year with various awards and prizes being presented to students and members of our Parent Community.

*Please remember that this is an Alcohol Free Event and no smoking is allowed within the School’s Grounds*

Presentations will be made to all of our Grade 6 students comprising of a Book and Certificate donated by the Cardinia Primary School Council.

Citizenship Awards – Junior and Senior donated by Ian Ridgway and Family

Grade 5 Encouragement Award – donated by Ian Ridgway and Family

Rotary Club of Pakenham – Academic Excellence Award

KooWeeRup Senior Citizens – Encouragement Award – Grade 6

Kooka Awards for all-round studentship – Boy/Girl for each grade.

2015 School Captains announced and Badges presented.

Presentation to Parents from Parents’ Club

Raffle Drawn

At the end of the night’s proceedings a Jolly Man in Red might make a surprise visit and give everyone a little present and a bag of goodies.

STUDENT PHOTOS

Parents, as the year is ending, we are requesting that any school photos, individual shots or group photos, are *not* posted or placed onto any social media sites (i.e. Facebook, Instagram etc.). If the photos are of your child only then is that acceptable.
GRADE 6 LUNA PARK FUN!

Thank you to all our teachers, students, and parents for a great day!

FREE TO GOOD HOME
We have 2 pairs of black Ladies 7 Lace up shoes in the office. They are both free to a good home. If you are interested, please see the Office.

School Resumes in 2015
School resumes for staff on Wednesday 28th of January and students return on Thursday 29th of January.
The office will be open on an irregular basis in the week prior to school re-commencing but please phone first to ensure someone is available to attend to your needs. Books can be collected during this period, or all children who haven’t collected their books by the start of the School Year, will receive them on their first day of school in 2015.
CARDINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS’ CLUB

WELCOME MORNING TEA
29/01/15
9:15am
TECH ROOM
(timber building in the front section of the school)

Over the past few years our Parents’ club has made valuable contributions to the well being of our school community. One of the main aims of Parents’ club is to raise money for the benefit of our school.

    The meal deal we run weekly is our constant contribution.

    We have lots of fun working hard to put various fundraising events together. It is an enjoyable opportunity to meet new people at all stages of planning and implementation.

    We are always looking for new ideas and new helpers. Please get involved if you can, your children will benefit from your participation.

Come along, meet everyone and learn a bit more about what we do. Both new and present parents welcome.
Make a book with KIDS' OWN PUBLISHING

Local children are invited to contribute to a collaborative book. All participants help to write, illustrate and publish an 8-page book and get to take home a copy.

Who: Children aged 3+
When: Wednesday 17 December
Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm (drop in anytime)
Where: Pakenham Central Market Place (between Optus & Bakers Delight)

Starting kinder or school in 2015?

What are your hopes & dreams?

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