FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Religious Education – SRI (Special Religious Instruction)

As stated last week, all children wishing to participate in SRI in Government Schools (commencing third term) need to return the permission form that was sent home last week and copies of which, are available online or from the office. The Victorian Government and DEECD are requiring all families/students to complete this new Parental Consent Form. Please note that this form will supersede any previous forms received by the school. **It is an 'opt in' process so if we don’t receive the form back, students will be deemed as not participating in the program.**

It would be appreciated if all forms could be returned to school by Friday 27th June. If the number of students wishing to participate in this program doesn’t make it feasible then it will no longer be offered by the school. Please read the accompanying information sheet with the consent form and if you have any queries please contact me.

**Staff Taking leave**

In third term Mrs Judy Young will be taking Long Service Leave for the duration of the school year. To replace Judy’s talents in music we will be conducting the Jelly Beans Music Program for students in Grade 3-6. We wish Judy a fantastic break that is well deserved! (Might I say, some of us might be a little bit envious!)

Miss Dart will also be taking leave from the 21st of July to have an operation to rectify her knee from a Netball injury. Jess will be back with us in September after recovering from the surgery. During her absence Mrs Paula Fleming will be taking over the teaching of Grade 5 on a daily basis.

**Meal Deal This Week**

Please remember that there is no Meal Deal this Thursday, instead we are having a Special Meal Deal on Friday to end the Term. Any student wishing to have a Meal Deal need to order their lunch on Friday as per the usual arrangements for Meal Deals. The cost is $3.00 for the Pizza and Garlic Bread.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- **Wednesday 25th June 2014**
  - Lolly orders are due in this week

- **Friday 27th June**
  - Last Day – Term 2. 2.30pm Dismissal
  - Whole School Buddy Activities
  - Participation in Religious Instruction Forms should be returned.
  - Meal Deal - $3.00 Pizza and Garlic Bread
  - Expression of Interest Forms for School Camp need to be returned.

- **Monday 14th July**
  - First Day of Term 3

- **Tuesday 29th July**
  - Foundation Excursion to Melbourne Museum and IMAX 3D Movie

- **Friday 1st August**
  - Swamp Network Curriculum Day – Pupils don’t attend school on this day.
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 all the parents who joined us on the Grade 5/6 Bike Ride to Jells Park. We hope you enjoyed the day!
To all the staff who assisted with the School Disco on Saturday Night. Your support and work was greatly appreciated by one and all.
To Mrs Esler for all her work in organising and developing the Disco Fund Raising event. Just Fantastic! Over $1800 was raised for the School.
To Miss Dart for her impeccable timing throughout the Bike Ride in the support vehicle. The riders arrived and Miss Dart would arrive at the same time at each of our stops.
To all the students who participated in the Grade 5/6 Bike Ride – your efforts were greatly appreciated by the teachers.
To Merv for providing transport for all those bikes for the big Bike Ride, just fantastic support.
To all the parents and students who supported our First Ever Disco Fund Raising Event. Your support was greatly appreciated.
To the Parents who assisted with Tea and Coffee and to everyone who provided supper for the Disco. Well done!
Thanks to Travis and Dean for cooking all those sausages at the Disco and to Alf for his assistance and advice.
To Mr White and Mr B for being such great DJ’s. You guys did a fantastic job that was greatly appreciated by one and all.

TAKE-HOME READERS

This week, the last week of school before the holidays, we are sorting through all the books in RED dot. In order to do this we need all of the RED dot books in the library. If your child has these take-home books at home could you please make sure that they are all returned to school TOMORROW? Your child can still borrow books for the holidays but they will not be able to borrow RED dot books. Instead they can borrow levels 20 to 26 or BLUE dot for the holidays. If you have any questions about this you can see Mrs Armstrong or Mrs Wood.

Meal Deal is this Friday Pizza and Garlic Bread for $3. Please pay $3 per child to the Office as soon as possible. (Please remember that Meal Deals will increase to $4.00 next Term.)
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.

LOLLY DRIVE!

Our Lolly Fundraiser is well underway. Thank you to those families who have already handed in your orders and money. Please ensure that your orders and correct cash are handed into the Office by today at the latest. Orders will be distributed the first week of Term 3.
CAMP 2014 - CAMP KANGAROOBIE

This year we are going to Kangarooibie, a beach camp, located down the Great Ocean Road. Camp will be running from 17th - 21st of November this year. Students from Foundation to Grade 6 are welcome!

Expression of interest forms are due back by this Friday, with a $50 deposit to secure your child's place.

If you would like more information about camp, you can visit their website (www.kangaroobie.com), where there are sample meal plans and activities, or see Nicole Chidlow in the BER building.

School Disco

On Saturday night we conducted our first School Disco, as a fund raising event for the school and by all measures it was a very successful event with over 180 students in attendance and many parents and friends of the school supporting this activity. As a result of everyone’s efforts, over $1800 was raised for the school and best of all everyone had a great night and enjoyable evening.

A big thank you must go to all the staff that were in attendance, helping set up, providing supervision, assisting in any way that they could and ensuring everyone had a safe and secure evening. A big tick to Mrs Chidlow for providing the lights that created the atmosphere, to Mr White for the sound system and being our DJ for the night along with Mr B and Mrs Esler for all her efforts in organising the evening and pulling the event together.

Such a night wouldn’t be successful if we didn’t have the support from our parents and once again the Parent and Friends Club who came to the fore providing tea and coffee and ensuring that supper was available to parents. Also Travis and Dean helped by cooking the snags and the numerous helpers who dished out those 300 sausages to our hungry guests. Due to everyone’s efforts a great night was made available to our students. A special thanks also to the Eades family for providing the “smoke machine” that really did prove very popular.

Thank You

Last Friday we Grade 5’s and 6’s had the best ride ever, from Dandenong Stadium to Jell Park, on a wonderful bike track. We were pretty tyred by the end, but we had a wheely spokectacular time. We would like to shout out a ginormous thank you to all of the awesome teachers who organised the event, and the brilliant parent helpers that rode on the day. Without you guys, we wouldn’t have had such an epic time.

From the Grade 5’s and 6’s
Computer Science

Yesterday, Grade 4 students had a special Computer Science class with Anne Pead. They learnt about computer programming and then got to try some computer programming of Angry Birds themselves! Grade 4 learned more about their spatial awareness, single lines of code, looped their programming and learned about "If" statements. If you would like to know more, or have a go at computer programming, go to: www.code.org

They all had a great time! Thank you very much to Anne for coming in!
Grade 5/6 Bike Ride
Friday, 20th June, concluded the Grade 5/6 Bike Education program. The students completed a bike ride from the Dandenong Basketball Stadium, along the Dandenong Creek Trail, to Jells Park and return. The weather could not have been more perfect for the event.
With one bike break down, a few scrapes and scratches (including Miss Thalas’ bike) and a couple of falls, the students completed the challenging ride.
Along the way there were a few stops, including potato cakes and chips for lunch at Tirhautan Park.
A big thank you to Merv Stokkel for the transport of the bikes. It was also fantastic to have the support of so many parents on the ride.

EMA CHANGES
As mentioned earlier the EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance) that is paid to low income families will change. The second EMA payment will still be made around August this year however, as from next year, payments will be made directly to the School.
If you have any questions you can view a fact sheet by following the link below or there are also copies available in the School Office.


PLAY GROUP JUMP-A-THON
Last week our Playgroup children and their parents participated in a Jump-A-Thon. This was to raise money to continue having cooking classes for our Playgroup Session’s which the children love so much. Thanks to all the children’s hard work jumping, $109 was raised! This is a fantastic achievement and well done to our star jumpers!

THANK YOU
On behalf of Parents’ Club I would like to thank all our parent’s that contributed cakes and slices for our School Disco on Saturday night. Also thank you to the parents that served tea & coffee to our school families.

Lana Van Berlo
Parents’ Club President
Junior School Cross Country

Last Friday the Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students embarked on the challenge of a Cross Country Run around the school grounds. The students ran the course for 20 minutes, cheered on by a large crowd of parents, friends and teachers. It was a fantastic atmosphere for the students and we would like to thank all those parents who took the time to cheer the students on. All the students did an amazing effort to run and complete the course.

On Thursday at assembly the girls and boys who came first, second and third from each class will be recognised with a certificate. We would like to thank those parents who supported us in running the event from being marshals at points around the course to recording laps for each child at the finish lines.
On Tuesday 29th July our Junior School is off to the Melbourne Museum and IMAX ‘Under the Sea’ 3D Movie. Student will need to be at school by 8.30am ready to depart at 8.45am and will arrive back at school at approximately 3.30pm for normal pick up. The cost is $22 per student and your money together with the permission form needs to be returned to school NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 19th JULY so numbers can be confirmed. If you have any further questions, you can speak to either Mrs Alderson or Mrs Mattingley.

Don’t Cull Sharks – By Romi E

To cull or not to cull a shark is the talk of Australia at the moment. Culling is the process of removing breeding animals from a group based on specific criteria.

Firstly, culling is not necessary because life of course is without risk every time you jump into a car and drive to the shops however, do we remove all cars because if all the accidents? So why remove sharks? It is their home, you are entering their domain at your own risk.

Secondly, culling is not necessary because consider in the last 215 years in Australia, there has only been 18 shark related fatalities. That’s an average of 1 death every 12 years.

Next, culling is not necessary because the world can’t afford to lose sharks the terrifying reality is, them or not we need sharks. They keep our oceans clean.

Following from the reasons above, culling is not necessary because, sharks play a critical component in a marvellous ecosystem that controls our planets temperature and weather, provides 1/3 of the world with food and generates more oxygen than all the rainforest combined.

To conclude throughout the world, people go to the beach and get into the water. People should realise we are sharing their home. There is such a slim chance of even encountering a shark and I know I haven’t. It simply doesn’t make sense to have unnecessary culling sharks.

“SO DON”T CULL SHARKS!”
Special Religious Instruction – Parent Consent Form (CFMD141)

Special Religious Instruction – Parent Consent Information

The provision of Special Religious Instruction (SRI), delivered by churches and other religious groups, in government schools is authorised under section 2.1.11 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

Special Religious Instruction Policy

SRI may only be offered and delivered in accordance with Department policy and Ministerial Direction MD141. SRI can be offered only where accredited and approved volunteer religious instructors have approached a particular school, are available to provide a special religious instruction program and where a school has the resources to comply with legal requirements and ensure that duty of care obligations are met to all students during SRI.

Schools are obliged to provide parents with this form if approached by an accredited and approved SRI volunteer. Once this form has been provided to parents and returned forms compiled, the principal will decide whether there are sufficient resources to enable SRI to be offered at the school. MD141 and the policy are available online at:

What is Special Religious Instruction?

SRI is instruction in the specific religious beliefs and tenets of a religion, and is not to be confused with General Religious Education (GRE). GRE is education about religions (which may or may not include using representatives of a particular faith to explain the workings and belief structure of their religion), whereas SRI programs are instruction in a particular religion and may include scriptural studies, and instruction in how to live and behave according to the tenets of the particular faith.

SRI does not provide an overview of all faiths or religions. Each particular SRI offering is instruction in one faith only, provided by a church or other religious group. Given the religious nature of the program, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not endorse program content used to deliver SRI by accredited volunteer instructors.

Who delivers Special Religious Instruction?

Special Religious Instruction is available to schools in a range of faiths including Christianity, Catholicism, Orthodox Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Bahá’í, and Sikhism. The religions available to schools will vary depending on whether any instructors approach the school. Currently the providers accrediting the volunteer Special Religious Instructors are:

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Volunteer instructors are associated with a church or religious organisation. Their role is not that of a teacher. To obtain accreditation, they must have undertaken training through one of the providers listed above, and signed up to a code of conduct which outlines how they are to conduct themselves in a government school. It is a requirement of accreditation that volunteers have a valid Working With Children Check.

Participation in Special Religious Instruction

Participation in Special Religious Instruction is voluntary. Schools cannot place children in SRI unless parental consent is provided for a child to participate (opt-in). SRI materials are available online and via the agency delivering SRI for parents to review.

Parents are requested to complete and return this form to the school if they wish their child to participate in SRI, should it be offered at the school. If this form is not returned, the child will not participate in SRI, should it be offered. Students not participating in SRI will be engaged in educationally valuable activities that are outside the core curriculum in a separate classroom or learning space to the students participating in SRI.

If SRI in more than one religion is being offered at your child's school, you will be provided with a consent form for each religion.

You may withdraw your child/children from Special Religious Instruction at any time by notifying the school principal in writing.

Further information

MD141 and Department policy can be accessed at:

Parent Consent Form CFMD141- version 1 17/6/14
Special Religious Instruction – Parent Consent Form (CFMD141)

School Name: Cardinia Primary School

Date form issued: Wednesday 18th of June - 2014

The school has been approached by a Special Religious Instruction volunteer offering SRI in the following religion: Christianity

If it is offered by the school, it will be delivered by the following instructor(s) and organisation(s) with the following religious affiliations:

Volunteer Instructor Name: David Harvey Gillian Martin Paul Martin Janet Sims Burton Peter Sheehan

Provider who has accredited the SRI volunteer: ACCESS Ministries

Religious affiliation/auspicing church: Uniting Church

If it is offered, it will be delivered for 30 minutes per week. The program will be run all year.

Further information and program overview/materials may be accessed online at: http://www.accessministries.org.au/

If offered, I authorise my child/children

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to participate in Special Religious Instruction in the religion specified above, should it be offered at the school.

I confirm that I have read the information about SRI on p2 of this form prior to signing ☐

I understand that there may be an associated fee to purchase materials for my child’s use in SRI, and that this will be collected once it is determined whether SRI will be offered in the school ☐

Parent/Guardian’s Name: ..................................................................................................................................

Address: ............................................................................................................................................................

Signature: ............................................................................................................................................................ Date: ......../........./........

If you would like your child to participate in SRI, please sign and return this form to the school by

If you do not return this form, your child will not participate in SRI, should it be offered at the school.

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