FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Changes to EMA – 2015:
Next year there will be no EMA (Educational Maintenance Allowance) payments being made to families by the State Government. Instead these funds have been re-distributed to schools who have an SFO Index greater than 0.51 (This figure is calculated by the Department on the Socio Economic Factors of our school population taking into consideration Occupations of Parents/Guardians, Educational Background and employment). In our Indicative Budget for 2015 our SFO Index is 0.49 meaning that at this stage the school will not receive any of this new funding nor will existing recipients of EMA receive any additional financial support to assist them in meeting the educational costs of their children from the commencement of the 2015 School Year. If you require any clarification on this issue please don’t hesitate to come and see me.

Rotary Public Speaking Competition:
Tonight Victoria L and Ashleigh C will be representing Cardinia Primary School at the KooWeeRup and Lang Lang Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition. The event will be held at the KooWeeRup Community Centre with entrants being asked to be there by 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. If you are able to support the girls in this activity, please come along and do so. Both girls should be congratulated on their efforts to date and we wish them all the best in their endeavour tonight. It was a really tough decision in choosing our representatives for this event with both Trinity P and Charlie K doing such a fantastic job in auditioning for this competition. After much deliberation and discussion and a further presentation by the girls it was decided that Tori and Ashleigh would progress to the main event.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Wednesday 15th October
School Review – Preliminary Visit by School Reviewer
Rotary Public Speaking Competition – 7.00pm KooWeeRup Community Centre

Tuesday 21st October
Peer Review of School takes place

Wednesday 22nd October
School Council Meeting – 7.30 start in the Staffroom
NOTE: Change of Date due to Public Speaking Competition

Thursday 30th October
Round Two – Hoop Time for successful ¾ Basketball Teams

Friday 31st October
Whole Staff PD on VCOP – Assessment (School Curriculum Day)

Monday 3rd November
First Aid Course all Staff / School Review Discussion (Pupil Free Day)

Tuesday 4th November
Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday

Monday 10th November
Foundation to Grade 2 Incursion – Street Scene

Tuesday 11th November
Foundation 2015 Transition Day 3 (1.30pm – 3.15pm)
RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony
Grade 6 – Transition Activity (KooWeeRup Secondary College)

WEEK BEGINNING November 17th
Whole School Camp
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 Brad E, Hayden B and Maddison D who will be representing our School on Thursday at the Southern Metropolitan Regional Finals in athletics. We wish them all the best in their endeavours.
- To Hayden Boyd who is the 2014 recipient of the RSL Citizenship Award. Congratulations Hayden.
- To the Foundation Students who did some fantastic writing after witnessing the demise of the Art Room on Monday. A great stimulus for some fantastic writing.
- To Trinity, Charlie, Ashleigh and Tori for the wonderful work they did in preparing their Speeches and presenting them at assembly and to staff. Well done girls, you should be extremely proud of your efforts.
- To everyone who has supported our Book Fair to date. Greatly appreciated. Also a special thank you to Sue for all her efforts in organising this and the parents who have volunteered to run this event over the next week or so. Much appreciated.
- To Mrs Gullick who has really supported and encouraged the students in their endeavours and preparation for the Public Speaking Competition tonight. Thank you very much!
- To Connections for providing the school with the invaluable program “Seasons for Growth” which commenced this week for students in the middle school wishing to participate in the program.
- To Kevin Brosnan (Liam & Riley J Grandfather) for his generous donation of materials to the school. They will all come in handy to use at some stage. Thank you Mr Brosnan!

This Week’s Meal Deal is a Hot Dog and Jelly
(Remember children are only allowed to have one treat – additional treats are not permitted.)

Please Note: Meal Deals are now $4.00.

Reminder Regarding School Uniform

Just a quick reminder that all students are expected to wear the correct uniform and colours of the school, unless otherwise indicated by the school or a note has been provided from home explaining why a student is out of uniform on a particular day. All students are expected to wear an appropriate hat during Fourth and First Term at school. Baseball style caps are not permitted. Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.
KooWeeRup – RSL Citizenship Award

Hayden Boyd has been nominated for the KooWeeRup – RSL citizenship Award for 2014. Hayden will receive his award on the 11th of November as part of the RSL’s Remembrance Day Ceremony. As a school we would like to congratulate Hayden on this achievement and recognition and believe he is a worthy winner of this award.

The Criteria for the award is:
The recipient should exhibit the values which we hold dear, namely:
Mateship ... a good, loyal friend who can be relied upon in times of difficulty.
Courage ... to make the best of adversity and to stand up to bullies.
Endurance ... to stay positive and keep trying even when it seems hopeless.
Sacrifice ... to put others before self, to volunteer and assist willingly.

On the 11th November the School will also lay a wreath as part of the Remembrance Day Ceremony, with Grade 6 students representing the school at this event.

Brag Afternoon

Grades 5 and 6 will be holding a ‘brag’ afternoon tomorrow Thursday 16th October commencing at 2:30pm. Assembly will still be on at 3:10pm on that day. The classrooms will still be set up after school for parents to view. We invite all parents and friends to come along to see some of the work our students are doing.
Curriculum Days

The School has two approved curriculum days organised for the Melbourne Cup weekend. On Friday the 31st of October all staff will be involved in a Professional Development activity going through the Assessment procedures for the VCOP Big Write program that is being conducted right across the school. After running the VCOP program for over 12 months and all staff participating in the initial PD for this program, staff will develop their skills and understanding of the assessment process involved in implementing and continually improving the outcomes for students in this writing process.

On Monday the 3rd of November all staff will be involved in updating their First Aid Certificates and reviewing and refreshing their skills in Asthma management and Anaphylaxis. The afternoon will be devoted to developing the School’s new Strategic Plan for 2015-2019.

Building up Date

ON MONDAY THE ART ROOM WAS DEMOLISHED AND HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY, LEAVING A VERY VACANT AREA BEHIND. THE WHOLE SCHOOL HAD A LOOK AT THE DEMOLITION TAKE PLACE AND WATCH THE EXCAVATOR AND THE OPERATOR DO THEIR STUFF TO MAKE SHORT WORK OF THE CLEAN-UP.

OUR REPLACEMENT PORTABLE HAS ARRIVED TODAY AND IS A MOD 5, WHICH IS 2 AND HALF TIMES BIGGER THAT THE ART ROOM. THAT WILL BE SIT IN THE SAME POSITION AND STRETCH ALONG THE SIDE OF THE BASKETBALL COURT TOWARDS CARDINIA ROAD. THIS BUILDING WILL BE COMPLETELY REFURBISHED AND SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY EARLY DECEMBER.

IN THE MEANTIME ART SESSIONS WITH MRS PARKER OR MISS EDWARDS WILL TAKE PLACE IN EACH GRADES CLASSROOM AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS “SEASONS FOR GROWTH” WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE TECHNOLOGY ROOM OR OTHER AVAILABLE SPACES AROUND THE SCHOOL.

Get Well Soon

Tori Maloney has been away due a medical problem since the holiday period. We trust she is feeling better and will be back with us shortly. In the interim we have Sam Hobson assisting with the students that Tori normally works with in the Foundation Grades.
Camp Payment Reminder
Please be aware that 2014 Camp **MUST** be paid in full by the end of this month.

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**BOOK FAIR 2014**

Our 2014 Book Fair is off to a cracking start!

The Book Fair will run before & after school from **8.30am – 9.00am** then again in the afternoon from **3.30pm – 4.00pm. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF AFTERNOON TIMES.**

Come on down & have a look at the great selection of books and accessories available to purchase. You may even finish or begin your Christmas shopping!

Please note that ALL payments must be either cash or cheque and any cheques need to be addressed to “Scholastic Book Fairs”

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**HELP ME, I’M BORED**

I HAVE A PURE BRED BLUE MERLE BORDER COLLIE FEMALE DOG AGED 5 YEARS OLD WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO RE-HOME ON A FARM. SHE IS NOT DE-SEXED BUT IS MICRO-CHIPPED AND FULLY VACCINATED. FAITH HAS A VERY FRIENDLY NATURE AND NEEDS LOTS OF ROOM TO RUN AROUND. IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS LOOKING FOR A GOOD, WELL BEHAVED DOG, PLEASE CALL ME ON 0428 683 784.

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**Don’t FORGET!**

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.
Dear Parent

The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Yours sincerely

Gerard Kennedy
School Council President

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage. The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to your school principal.

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An excavator is demolishing the art room! It is breathtaking.
Creative writing by Curtis W in Foundation M.
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Primary: It’s Private

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What’s the issue?

Digital media is so easy to copy, edit and share that we sometimes forget that it isn’t always ‘ours’. We need to respect other people’s ownership and privacy in all media.

Why does it matter?

- There are privacy laws in Australia which control what you can, and can’t, send, say or share through the mail, telephones, email and other forms of communication. They also protect what information about you can be collected and kept. When you pass on private images and other information without other people’s permission you may be breaking these laws.
- Identity fraud is when people access your personal information without your permission: possibly to steal from you or otherwise act as if they are you. In the digital world it is easier to do this than offline so protecting this information is important.
- When someone shares a picture, or other digital media such as a text, with you it is a one-to-one interaction. Just because they shared it with you, it does not mean that they want it passed on to other people.
- We can’t always know what other people’s opinions and feelings are, so we can’t make decisions about their attitudes to specific private material on their behalf—ask!

Advice

‘Private’ means it’s not for everyone

- Only you have the right to share your personal information. Be aware that the more you share it the less private it is.
- Passwords are supposed to keep access to your data and online identity safe, they should not be shared even with trusted friends.

My friends might not be your friends

- Just because someone shares something with you it does not give you permission to pass it on or show it to others.

Rules and guidelines about privacy are there to protect you and your identity

- Thinking ‘it won’t happen to me’ is not taking responsibility for your activities online or offline.
- Be aware of what you can do to protect your personal information, online identity and the access to digital material you create. If you are not sure what to do, ask a trusted adult.
2015 School Captain Speeches

Next week candidates for the position of school captain for 2015 will begin making their speeches at assembly. These speeches will occur at assembly over the duration of 4 weeks. The dates of speeches are as follows:

Week One – Thursday 23rd October
- Catelin
- Zoe F
- Teagan

Week Two – Thursday 30th October
- Lachlan
- Sasha
- Hayley
- Rhiannon

Week Three – Thursday 6th November
- Montana
- Tiernan
- Cassie
- Jo Jo

Week Four – Monday 25th November
- Bayli
- Max
- Ebony

Following the speeches students will undertake an interview process with a panel of senior teachers, prior to the captaincy being appointed. 2015 school captains will be announced at the school concert. Students from Grades 3-6 for next year will take part in the voting process.

TENNIS COACHING

Tennis coaching resumes this Wednesday after school 3.45 at the local courts for those who have been having coaching. Anyone else interested please ring Joy on 5998 8220.
Casey Tigersharks Swimming Club
Now Recruiting!!

Have you ever wanted to join a swimming club, but didn't know how?

Are you looking for a way to improve your overall fitness?

From 8 year olds to Olympians! We can cater for them all!

Can you swim 50mts Freestyle & 25mts Backstroke & Breaststroke

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Try Out Day

WHERE: Casey ARC (Overland Drive, Narre Warren)
WHEN: Saturday October 25th @ 12:00pm
WHAT TO BRING: Swim Suit and Goggles

Please RSVP to: tigersharksrecruitment@hotmail.com.au
to gain FREE entry on the day for 1 swimmer and a parent.
The Cardinia Casey Volunteer Branch of Make-A-Wish® Australia Presents

FIELD of WISHES

Family Fun Run & Walk

Sunday October 19th 2014

9.30am @ Casey Fields, Cranbourne

Entry Fees: Adult - Online $20; On the day $30
Children $10; Family $40

Prizes awarded for place-getters and spot prizes for the more creative competitor!

Join our walk (4km) or run (8km or 4km) and raise funds to help grant wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

To register, go to www.registernow.com.au and search for 'Field of Wishes'
Registrations on the day are open 8.00am - 9.00am
To fundraise, go to: http://www.everydayhero.com.au/event/FieldofWishes2014

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