**From The Principal...**

**School Council News:**

- Council agreed to support the School Captains initiatives to improve the playground facilities around the school including a new cricket pitch, line-marking and ball pit.
- School Council approved the Curriculum Day on Friday the 6th of March. As a result this will be an extra, long weekend for students.
- That School Photographs will be taken on Friday the 20th of March by Spargo’s School Photography. (An alternative company was explored but wasn’t available in the time frame required by the school.)
- Council has suggested that Parents’ and Friends’ Club initial meetings take place prior to School Council. A Parents’ and Friends’ Club Meeting and Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday the 18th of March at 6.30pm in the Staffroom, immediately before the scheduled Council Meeting. All Parents and Friends more than welcome to attend.
- Council also discussed possible Fundraising ventures for the year to support major projects. Council is exploring the idea of re-cladding and improving the Technology room as a major project for 2015.

**Student Safety:**

Drop off and pick up times are very busy times around the school with a number of vehicles moving about in the various car parking areas. Extreme caution needs to be taken at all times and all drivers need to be patient at these peak times. The school has three designated parking areas – the Hall Car Park with reserved parking areas for Disability, the Church Car Park that has its entrance on Dalmore Road and the parking bay along Cardinia Road. Children are not permitted out of the gateways, unaccompanied by an adult at the end of the day either at the Hall Car park exit or Cardinia Road. Children using the Church Car Park must cross at the supervised Crossing on Ballarto road and treat the Church grounds with respect.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February:**
- Thursday 26th:
  Meal Deal this week – Hot Dog and Jelly for just $4.00.
- Friday 27th -
  Grade 6 Excursion to Sovereign Hill

**March:**
- Monday 1st –
  Playgroup continues in the Tech room from 9.15 pm. Any new families or members more than welcome.
- Wednesday 4th –
  Close of Nominations for 2015 School Council positions.
- Friday 6th –
  Curriculum Day – Student Free Day
- Monday 9th –
  Public Holiday
- Wednesday 11th –
  District Swimming Finals
- Friday 20th –
  School Photographs
- Saturday/Sunday – 21st / 22nd
  Pakenham Show – School Art Exhibition
- Friday 27th –
  Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal.

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SLIP SLOP AND SLAP

During first term all students and staff are expected to wear a hat while outside at recess, lunchtime and during sport activities. All students need to wear the school approved brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat. Children who are not wearing a hat at these times will be expected to play in a shaded area around the school and will not participate in sport or outdoor class activities.

Children who consistently forget to bring along or wear their hat will have to stay in the Quiet Areas throughout lunchtime.

Grade 6 students will shortly be given a special Grade 6 hat to wear for their final year at Primary School.

Children are also asked to remember to apply sun screen before coming to school and to re-apply, if necessary during the day from the lotion contained in the first aid room. If your child is allergic to certain types of sunscreen can you please inform the office and your child’s teacher. Everyone’s co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

CFA JUNIOR COMPETITION

Last weekend saw over 70 teams competing in the CFA Junior State Running Competition Championships in Horsham. Amongst the teams competing was Koo Wee Rup Fire Brigade’s junior team.

One of our past students, Mitchell Alderson is a member of the under 14 team and they achieved 3 third place awards and came 5th overall. This is a huge result and the Koo Wee Rup Brigade is very proud of their achievements. Well done!!

ART REQUEST

Our Art Room would love any donations of 1.25 litre plastic bottle of soft drink. We require a total of 54. Please leave any donations on the table in the Technology Room. Thank you.
Thumbs Up

- To Deb for giving our Rose Bushes a trim at the front of the school. Thank you very much.
- To our Swimming Squad who did an outstanding job on Friday, not only winning the Carnival for Cardinia Primary School but being a credit to our school. Well done Guys!
- To Tyler S for representing our school in Butterfly out of his age group and gaining a very credible second place in doing so. Well done Tyler!
- To Max and Bayli for attending School Council last Wednesday and presenting Council with some ideas to improve the facilities for students during recess and lunchtime. Well done to our young leaders.
- To the parents and staff who supported our Swimming Squad at KooWeeRup on Friday. Greatly appreciated.
- To Mrs Esler for all her work in organising and preparing for the Grade 6 excursion to Sovereign Hill on Friday.
- To Ms Masters for creating excitement around Science – apparently the worms are a big hit and to Miss VP for her work in the Junior School and with music. Great work by both of these ladies around the school as nothing is too much trouble for them.
- To Ms Thalas for taking on the role of co-ordinating our involvement in Yakkerboo this year. Very much appreciated.
- To Mr B, Mr Adams and Mrs Esler for all their efforts in ensuring our successful involvement in the swimming sports on Friday. Well done.

School Garden Update

A major focus of the Grade 2 Science program this term is the rejuvenation of the school’s vegetable garden. Students have commenced work clearing up the garden and over the next few weeks we will be examining and improving the health of the soil in the garden via composting and vermicasting (worm farming).

Shortly, all students will be asked to deposit any food scraps into one of four bright blue Mitre 10 bins located across the school. Grade 2 students will collect the scraps each day and place them into the compost and worm farming systems. Cardinia Primary School would like to acknowledge the wonderful support of Hardy’s Mitre 10 in Pakenham for their very generous donation of 30 pairs of kids gardening gloves and the 4 recycling buckets. Thank you so much for helping our garden project to take off.

Robyn Masters - Science Teacher

Meal Deal this week is a Hot Dog and Jelly for just $4.00.

Please make sure your child’s lunch bag is clearly named.
2016 Foundation Enrolments

With the 2015 Preps settling in, it is time to start planning our 2016 intake!

If you have a Pre-School child who will begin Prep at Cardinia Primary School in 2016, could you please visit the office as soon as possible to ensure we have your child’s details? You will be given an enrolment form and a Kindergarten information sheet that will need to be completed and returned to the office by the end of Term 1.

All siblings of students currently enrolled at the School are assured of a position in 2016. With so many new families wishing to attend in 2016, it is a huge job to keep track of all future Foundation enrolments.

Your prompt attention to the enrolment process will assist us in managing our enrolment process moving forward.

Please see Allan or Jodie if you have any questions regarding the 2016 Prep Enrolment procedure.

SHINE ASSIST

At school we have the services of an Oz-Child psychologist to assist any students who may require these services. The psychologist can help students cope with issues such as grief and loss, family breakdown, anxiety, depression, low self-esteem etc. If you feel that your child would benefit from such services please let your classroom teacher know or see Kaye or Allan Armstrong.

Shine Assist is a Medicare-funded program. There is no cost involved in this program, however you do need to visit your GP and get a referral. This will cover 6 sessions with the psychologist, probably on fortnightly sessions. You can get an extension for more sessions by revisiting your GP.

HEAD LICE

We have had a few reports of Head Lice recently. Please check your child’s hair and, if required, treat accordingly.
District Swimming

Last Friday Cardinia Primary took part in the District Swimming Sports at Kooweerup. The students performed brilliantly and took out Champion School for the event. It was great to see the encouragement and teamwork throughout the day and so many Cardinia students who were willing to have a go and support their team. There are some photos of the day included below.

Congratulations to the winners and place getters listed below.

Max W – 3rd Championship Freestyle
Ebony W – 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Breaststroke,
Ossie P - 3rd Freestyle, 3rd Championship Freestyle
Maddison H - 1st Freestyle, 3rd Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke,
Hannah C - 2nd Freestyle, 3rd Breaststroke, 1st Championship Freestyle
Tom P – 2nd Freestyle, 2nd Championship Freestyle
Matilda S – 3rd Freestyle, 1st Breaststroke, 1st Butterfly
Hayley M – 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke, 1st Butterfly, 1st Championship Freestyle
Caitlin W – 2nd Backstroke
Will B – 2nd Backstroke
Lawson F – 3rd Backstroke
Madison C – 2nd Backstroke, 2nd Butterfly
Jehi E – 1st Backstroke, 2nd Breaststroke, 2nd Butterfly
Connor C – 1st Butterfly
Valentino L – 2nd Backstroke
Chantelle S – 2nd Backstroke
Tyler S – 2nd Butterfly

Relays
Lawson, Ossie, Brad and Max - 3rd Medley Relay
Hannah, Hayley, Ebony, Maddison – 1st Medley Relay
Hayley, Montana, Ebony, Rhiannon – 1st Freestyle Relay
Ossie, Will, Lawson, Brad – 2nd Freestyle Relay
Hannah, Maddison, Maddison, Alana – 1st Freestyle Relay
Tom, Connor, Jehi, Valentino – 2nd Freestyle Relay
Daley, Matilda, Caitlin, Brianna – 2nd Freestyle Relay
Hayley, Ebony, Max, Ossie – 2nd Championship Relay

Thank you to parents and friends who came to support the students on the day and helped with transport. Students who qualified will now progress to the Zone Swimming Sports at Noble Park on March 11th. Look out for forms coming home for this event soon. Well done Cardi!
School Council Elections – Information for Parents

School Council Elections 2015

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:
A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.
Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.
In view of this, you might seriously consider
  • standing for election as a member of the school council
  • encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future. What do you need to do to stand for election?
The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.
If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.
Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.
Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember
• Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
• Consider standing for election to council this year
• Be sure to vote in the elections.
School Council Elections Schedule 5 A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the school council.

Name

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:
I am the parent/guardian of , who is/are currently enrolled at this school.
I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school
Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate …………………………………………………Date / /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on 03 5998 8323.

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.
School Council Elections Schedule 5B: Nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to nominate for an elected position as a parent member on the school council.

CANDIDATE’S DETAILS

Name

Residential address

Contact phone (mobile or landline)

Email

I am the parent/guardian of , who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian of who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator

Signature of Nominator …………………………………………………

Date / /

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
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Cardinia Primary School also has Communication Matters speech therapist and Occupational Therapists visit. They are able to assist with speech difficulties and motor skills difficulties on a 1-on-1 basis. They are a private company that visit the school in school hours. Occupational Therapists help students who struggle to write neatly, lack physical coordination, or who have other fine motor difficulties. If you are not sure whether your child would benefit from such therapy please see your class teacher or ring Communication Matters directly on 03 5995 4364. There are various ways you can access this service, you may be eligible for reduced fees. Please contact the company to find out more.
PAKENHAM BUCKS

Hardy's has teamed up with local schools to start a program called Pakenham Bucks. With every $25 parents and friends spend at Hardy's they will donate $1 to our School. We can then purchase any item from Hardy’s with our Pakenham Bucks. This is a great way for parents, family and friends to support our school with useable items for the children.

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✓ Visit Hardy’s and make your purchase (must be over $25)
✓ Mention the school by name before making your payment.
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