From The Principal

Goodbye Rhonda and Happy Retirement:
At assembly on Thursday the 7th of May a special presentation will be made to Rhonda Esler who has been a stalwart of the school for over 15 years. Rhonda has been an integration aide and has fulfilled many roles over the years and it is fitting that our school community says farewell to her. Accordingly everyone is invited to attend our School Assembly, that will be largely dedicated to Rhonda and you are invited to a special afternoon tea immediately following the dismissal of the school.

ANZAC SERVICE
Last Saturday a large number of our families made the fantastic effort to attend the KooWeeRup RSL ANZAC Ceremony. A huge crowd was in attendance, easily four times the usual number, to mark the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC Landing at Gallipoli. On behalf of the KooWeeRup RSL I thank all those who attended and the Grade 6 students who marched as Flag Bearers and placed a wreath on behalf of the school.

Student Teachers:
For the next four weeks we will have three student teachers attending Cardinia Primary School – Adele Grade 6, Lauren Grade 1C and Bruce Grade 2B. Please make them feel welcome and we trust they will really enjoy their experience at Cardinia Primary School and have a rich and full experience as they begin their respective journeys in teaching.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April –
- Wednesday 29th
  Grade 1 Traffic School Excursion
- Thursday 30th
  Foundation Traffic School Excursion
  Mothers’ Day Stall – Grades 1 - 6

MAY –
- Friday 1st
  Grade 5/6 Bike Ride – Jells Park
  Mothers’ Day Stall - Foundation
  Working Bee – 3.45 pm
- Saturday 2nd
  Working Bee commencing at 8.30am
- Week Beginning – 4th May
  Bike Ed Program – Grade 2 students
- Thursday 7th
  St Margaret’s Netball Tournament – selected teams.
  Special Assembly and Good-bye afternoon tea for Rhonda Esler
- Tuesday 12 - 14th NAPLAN TESTING PROGRAM – Grades 3 and 5 students only.
- Friday 15th
  Inter-School Cross Country Event at Cardinia
- Week Beginning 18th May – 22nd May
  State Education Week
- Tuesday 19th
  First Transition Day for 2016 Foundation students – 2.30pm to 3.30 pm
- Week Beginning 25th May
  Bike Ed Program – Grades 3 / 4
- Tuesday 26th
  Family and Friends’ Day at Cardinia PS

JUNE –
- Friday 5th
  Curriculum Day – Students don’t attend school.
- Monday 8th
  Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday
Parents and Friends - Facebook Page

Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to be class representatives. It has been a very positive response and a good thing for Cardinia Primary School to have such supportive parents. All volunteers have been notified of the new group page, and we ask them to please join as soon as possible so we can start communicating and getting things organised for future classroom activities and events. Once we have confirmed representatives we will let everyone know who these people are so you can contact them if you need to. If you didn’t receive an email, please let Michelle Henson or Trudie Esler know. If anyone would like to attend a face-to-face meeting (not compulsory) this will be held on Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April at 6.30pm before School Council. Anyone wishing to stay for School Council is more than welcome as this is another place where you can find out what’s happening around the school.

GRADE 2 BIKE EDUCATION

Students in Grade 2 are required to bring a bicycle and helmet to school on \textit{Monday the 4\textsuperscript{th}} of May to Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} May. Their bike remains at school for the week, safely locked away at night. Training wheels are fine however please ensure your child’s bike is in \textit{GOOD WORKING} order. Their helmet must be the correct fit for them, please adjust it properly at home.

GRADE 5 / 6 Information for Friday

This Friday, 1\textsuperscript{st} May, Grade 5/6 will be participating in their Bike Ed Bike Ride along the Dandenong Creek Trail from the Dandenong Stadium to Jell’s Park and return. Students will be departing school at 10am, meeting at the Dandenong Stadium at 10:45 am. We will return to school by 3:30pm for regular dismissal. Students will have the option to have a potato cake and chip lunch; if they do not want this they will need to bring their own packed lunch. Everyone will need to bring their own drink and snack for the day. Please ensure all students wear comfortable, bright riding attire and appropriate shoes. All permission notes for this event should have been returned to the office. If your child is not attending the ride on Friday please inform your class teacher.

Thanks,
Trudie, Jessie and Jess
House Cross Country

Last Friday we held our House Cross Country trials for grades 3-6. It was fantastic to see so many students participating and giving their best. Every student who ran received a point for their house and points were then allocated for the top ten placegetters in each event. The winning house will be announced at Assembly on Thursday. Students who finished in the top ten in their event now qualify for the District Cross Country to be held on Friday 15th of May. These notifications will come home next week for students who have qualified. Thank you to all parents and friends who came to watch and well done again to all participants.

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

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

Thumbs Up

❖ To everyone who attended the ANZAC Dawn Service. It was fantastic to see the community and school of Cardinia so well represented at this event and special occasion.
❖ To our three student teachers who will be with us until the 22nd of May. We trust Adele, Lauren and Bruce have a rich and fulfilling experience with us.
❖ To Mrs Smith for lending us her memorabilia as part of the ANZAC Display last week in the BER Building.
❖ To Ossie P (Grade 5) who has been selected to progress in the Victorian Primary School Football selection trials – Zone Division.
❖ To all the students who participated in the House Cross Country event on Friday. Fantastic effort by all who participated.
❖ To Mrs Cruse for all her work in organising the Mothers’ Day stall for the students. Greatly appreciated.
❖ To Mrs Esler for the great support and work she does in taking over the role of Principal whenever I’m not in attendance at school.
❖ To Clarissa for the support she provides across the school. Her efforts are greatly appreciated by one and all.
❖ To the Yeates family for their generous donation of Library books. Thank you!
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. We all have mornings that can be crazy however constant disruptions can affect not only your child’s learning but other students in the classroom. If you are late, please remember to sign in your child at the office.

YAKKERBOO PHOTOS
With all the hard work and effort everyone put in to their Yakkerboo costumes we would like to create a display of the Yakkerboo float. Please bring any photos of the Cardinia Primary School float or yourself in your costume that you would like displayed. These can be left at the main office.
**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Just a reminder that this Thursday for Grades 1-6 will be our Mothers’ Day stall. Foundation grades will purchase their presents on Friday 1st May due to the traffic school excursion.

If you haven’t already, please pay $5 to the office to ensure shopping runs smoothly and every child has a gift for their Mother, Grandmother or Aunty.

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**COLOURED TILES - URGENT**

Our Grade 4 classes need coloured tiles to make mosaic pieces in class. If anyone has any coloured or plain tiles that you no longer need can you please give them to either Mrs Chidlow or Mrs Irwin.

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**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. Cardinia Shire has allocated 4 car spaces in the Hall Car Park area which are reserved for vehicles displaying a Disability Permit **ONLY**. Please ensure your vehicle has the correct permit when using these spaces. Your assistance, patience and understanding in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
BIG WRITE AT HOME - ‘TALK HOMEWORK’.

As part of the student’s preparation for their Big Write lesson, the children will be emailed a stimulus that asks them to discuss a particular topic - we call this ‘Talk Homework’. This is normally given Tuesday prior to a Big Write. The idea behind ‘Talk Homework’ is that if children can talk about a topic/subject then they can write about it too. Talk homework develops the children’s language and listening skills; this in turn helps to improve their writing ability. This stimulus could be a photo, a video, a topic or an idea. Students can think of words, ideas, plots, settings and story content when they discuss the stimulus provided to them. Discussing this with your children will help them with their writing during the following Big Write session.

To get the most out of Talk Homework you can do the following things:

- Encourage as many family members as possible to be involved in Talk Homework possibly around the meal table.
- Switch off the T.V.
- Have fun!

30 SECOND CHALLENGE

How many alternatives for “GOOD” do you know?

Set yourself a 30 second time limit.

LOST – SCHOOL JUMPER

Can everyone please check at home for jumpers with John Apostoles’ name in them? They have gone missing and someone may have taken them home by mistake.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

This Friday at 3.45pm and Saturday at 8.30am Cardinia Primary will hold a School Working Bee. There are numerous jobs to be done and it would be great to see as many families as possible to lighten the load. Possible jobs include mowing grass areas; creating new garden beds in farm area, placing mulch under play equipment and many other jobs to choose from. If you can help on either or both these days, please come along and bring your muscles.
The Koowee Community Market are proud to announce that they are partnering with the KooWeeRup Bypass Community Day and moving the market to the bypass location for a special one off event.

Sunday 3rd May 2015
8am – 1.30pm

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