From The Principal

Rhonda Esler’s Retirement:
As previously stated, at the whole school 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 the past 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 to say farewell and thank you to Rhonda.

NAPLAN National Testing Program
Next week is the Naplan National Testing Program that is conducted each year across Australia for all Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 students. Children will complete tests in Writing, Spelling and Grammar, Numeracy and Reading over three days. Your child’s teacher has sent information regarding the testing program home by email and if you have any queries or concerns please contact your child’s teacher or myself. The test only provides a snapshot of a child’s ability at this given time of their schooling and should be viewed as such.

Phone Call.. A nice surprise!!!
Last Friday while I was on the Bike Ride with the Grade 5/6 students I received a call from Virginia telling me that a lady had encountered our students at Jells Park and was so impressed with their behaviour, attitude, manners and how they conducted themselves that she had to ring the school and congratulate us on our students and the staff involved in the Bike Ride.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY-
- Thursday 7th
  St Margaret’s Netball Tournament – selected teams.
  Special Assembly and Good-bye afternoon tea for Rhonda Esler
- Friday 8th
  Foundation Grades Afternoon Tea for Mothers’ Day.
- Tuesday 12 -14th NAPLAN TESTING PROGRAM – Grades 3 and 5 students only.
- Friday 15th
  Inter-School Cross Country Event at Cardinia Recreation Reserve.
  Junior School Cross Country at School
- 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
- Wednesday 27th
  National Story Time Event – 11.00 am

JUNE-
- Monday 1st
  Splinter the Ambulance Visit for the Junior School
- Friday 5th
  Curriculum Day – Students don’t attend school.
- Monday 8th
  Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday
WORKING BEE ROUND-UP

Last Friday’s and Saturdays Working Bee was very successful in the amount of work and jobs completed, though there are a couple of items which will be completed over the next couple of weeks. Given the small turn out of Parents and Friends of the School, it was impressive, the amount that was achieved.

A huge thank you must go to Ray for all his efforts in co-ordinating and sources the various materials to make the weekend so successful and to Adam Campbell for the use of his machine to level the stone along Cardinia Road. It was fantastic that a core of six families attended both Friday and Saturday, along with 10 members of staff and 4 other families. Due to their combined efforts the playground equipment was repaired, 20 metres of mulch moved and spread, stone placed along Cardinia Road, a cricket pitch installed, the “Ga-ga” pit is up and running, the Garden/Animal Farm has had a spring clean and the gardens given a spruce.

In addition we have had the Grade 5/6 students assist with spreading mulch on Tuesday and Lines Marked on the concrete areas in and around the Foundation and Grade 1 and 2 portables.
We still have a couple of jobs that need to be completed and if you can assist please see Allan. These include the repair of the Cubby Huts, topping up the sandpits, long jump pit and creating vegie beds in the Animal Farm. If you can assist in these jobs it would be greatly appreciated.

Once again I can’t stress enough how fortunate we are as a school to have parents and staff who go out of their way to support us in our endeavours to improve the facilities, equipment and opportunities for all students who attend our school. Without this generosity of time and donations we wouldn’t be able to provide all that we do. Thanks again to everyone for their contributions over the weekend to Cardinia Primary School.

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
**Thumbs Up**

- To the Weinzierl Family and WB Cabinets for providing the transport for the Grade 5 and 6 student’s bicycles to and from Dandenong- Greatly appreciated.
- To Grant for all his efforts in loading and unloading the 60 odd bikes for the Bike Ride on Friday. Fantastic effort and greatly appreciated by one and all.
- To all the families and staff who assisted with the Working Bee on the weekend. Your efforts and contributions were a big hit on Monday with all the students.
- To all the parents, students in Grade 5 / 6 and the staff for their efforts on the Bike Ride. A great effort by one and all.
- To Ray Weinzierl for all his efforts in organising and sourcing the materials for the Working Bee. Thanks to his efforts and everyone who supported him a great deal was achieved.
- To Keryn for those delicious cakes for Morning Tea at the Working Bee.
- To Kirrilee for all her hard work in organising the Mother’s Day stall last week. A great effort!
- To all the parent helpers who made the Grade 1 Excursion run smoothly last week. Thank you for your help!

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**GRADE 2 BIKE EDUCATION**

Students in Grade 2 have participated in their Bike Ed Program this week and will conclude this Friday the 8th of May with a “Ride” at the oval – Cardinia Recreation Reserve – weather permitting. There will be a couple of weeks break until the Grade 3 / 4 students participate in the Program. Students in Grade 3 /4 will need to bring their bikes along on Monday 25th of May. Their week of activities will conclude with a ride on the bicycle track at Casey Fields. A special thanks to Merv for offering to transport the bikes to this event for the students- very much appreciated.

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**Meal Deal this week is a Sausage Roll and a Fun Bun for just $4.00**

Please make sure your child’s lunch bag is clearly labelled with your child’s Name and Grade.
CROSS COUNTRY CANTEEN

Friday, 15th May, 2015 is the Cross Country Event for Grades 3 to 6 and our School is running the Canteen at the Cardinia Recreation Reserve.

We are asking for helpers to assist in various ways. If you can make a slice or cake, or work in the canteen for an hour or so on the day it would be a great help. (We will make sure you get to see your child's race).

If you are able to assist, please see the ladies in the office, Donna Eager (0438 401 906) or Lisa Cartmel (0432 984 380)

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.

KOO WEE RUP NETBALL CLUB

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Email: kooweerup.netball@gmail.com

The Koo Wee Rup Netball Club is running a NetSetGo program. Registration night will be Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 4.30pm.

The program will run on Tuesday nights at the Koo Wee Rup Netball courts at 4.30 pm beginning 19th May 2015. Open to boys and girls aged 5 – 10 years of age.

The cost is $52 for an 8 week program which will include a NetSetGo T-shirt and a netball.

NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games and modified matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program is coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants. It has been developed to provide children with the best possible learning and playing experience to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact Shanae Ingram 0432 635788, email or via our Facebook page...Kooweerup Netball
**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.

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**MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING**

Parents Club have been asked to run the canteen at the Model Airfield in Wenn Road, Cardinia on Sunday 17th May. As this is one of the many ways we raise funds for the school we are asking for some helpers to assist in the canteen.

If you can spare 2-3 hours in the morning or afternoon on this day, please call Sharon (0416 245 924) or speak to Virginia or Sue in the office.

We also need people to make cakes and slices to sell at the canteen for this date. Please see Sharon if you can help.

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**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.**
District Cross Country

Students who have qualified to represent Cardinia PS at the District Cross Country have received their notifications this week. Details of the event are below.

Location: Cardinia Recreation Reserve
2440 Ballarto Rd Cardinia

Date: Friday 15th May

Departure Time: 10:00am approx.

Return Time: 2:30pm approx.

Transport: Students will walk from school to the rec reserve with their class teachers.


Please bring a packed lunch, including a drink bottle and snacks.

Below is a rough guide of event times, please note that these are approximate times and events may run earlier depending on weather and time available so aim to arrive a little early to ensure you see your events. Note – car parking is unavailable inside the reserve as the runners will be using the paths. We will need to park outside on Ballarto Road.

11:00 am – Girls 8/9yrs
11:15 am – Boys 8/9 Yrs
11:30 am – Girls 10 Yrs
11:50 am – Boys 10 yrs
12:10 pm – Girls 11 yrs
12:30 pm – Boys 11 yrs
12:55 pm – Girls 12/13
1:20 pm – Boys 12/13
1:45 pm - Presentations

Listed below is a menu for the canteen that will be running on the day.

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On Tuesday 26th May you are invited to Cardinia Primary School to check out the amazing work our students do, and join them for some fun activities in the classrooms.

The day will start at 9:00am with students in their own classrooms proudly displaying their work. Please take the time to wander around the different rooms to see the hard work and dedication that has been put into each piece. You will then have the opportunity to complete a range of different activities in each classroom. After all the fun and enjoyment of the morning we’d like to invite you to stay and join us for a sausage sizzle lunch to end the day at approx. 1:30pm.

Grade 1 Traffic School Photo’s
Longest Bike Ride Ever!
By Montana S

A long line of 70 people started to slowly make their way down the rocky road and into a pitch black tunnel below the busy road. This was the Grade 5’s and 6’s bike ride to Jell’s Park.

I was partnered up with Sasha it was a good choice because we kept at the same pace most the way.

It was a hard and exhausting ride with the hills both up and down. The hardest downhill was so steep that I lost control of my bike and had to turn quickly to avoid crashing where as my partner ran into the fence.

We had finally arrived at Jell’s Park and 5 minutes later our lunch came out and we started eating straight away. Unfortunately we weren’t allowed to play.

After lunch everyone got on their bikes again for the ride home. Eventually we got back but on the way I got lost and ended up going the wrong way! Then I found my way back with the help of the group.

We finished the 13 km ride and everyone was relieved the ride went for 2 hours so when I got home I flopped on my bed like a pancake. The day was really fun I would be happy to do it again but not any time soon.

Bike Ed to Jell’s Park!
By Teagan K

Click, Clock, as we (5/6) set off to Jell’s Park on our bikes, I was riding next to Jemma. We went past the creeks and smallish waterfalls. We stopped at a nearby park for some snacks and set off for Jell’s Park.

Luckily the dirt track was dry; we got to go under bridges and over streams. It was so beautiful and natural.

We finally arrived at Jell’s Park exhausted. I had a huge drink and some snacks.

For lunch I had 1 potato cake and some chips. We set off back. When we got to school, I swiftly grabbed my bike and went home.

The end!