**From The Principal...**

Hello Alicia

Last week we said good bye to Rhonda after 15 years of service to the school and this week we welcome Alicia Littler to our school as Rhonda’s replacement. Alicia will be taking over the roles of Rhonda and mainly working in the Grade 3 room with Mr Adams. Please make Alicia feel welcome to our school.

A special thanks to Brenton and Kaye who sat on the selection panel for Rhonda’s replacement. Their efforts were very much appreciated.

**Free Dental Health Checks**

The Monash Health Dental Services ‘Share a Smile’ Oral Health Program is offering FREE Dental Check-ups for Children attending Cardinia Primary School on Wednesday the 20th of May. I urge all parents to take advantage of this offer and return the required permission slip as soon as possible. It’s a great opportunity for families attending Cardinia Primary School. All students will also be involved in a talk about good Dental Hygiene.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MAY**
- 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
- **Wednesday 20th**
  Dental Visit to Cardinia Primary School
  (See attached information and permission form.)
- **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
Social Media Awareness

Attached to the Grade 4 and 5 students regular emails to parents was a special reminder regarding the use of Social Media such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat or a host of other such mediums that children might be using. Many of these programs have age limitations but despite this they are commonly used by students not only at our school but in probably every other school as well. If children are using them then it is important that parents or guardians monitor their child’s usage and the way in which they are used including the type of language, time that posts are being made, frequency and the types of pictures being uploaded. It is important for everyone to understand that ALL posts remain in cyber-space somewhere – even if they are deleted off their personal device and once shared the images and text can end up anywhere and reappear. A good guide for students to work by is that if they can’t say it to someone face-to-face or share it with their parents or teachers then they shouldn’t post it. It would be appreciated if all parents and guardians could reaffirm this message with their children.

Thank You.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is unwell, the best place for them is to rest at home. If they do need to stay at home you can call the office and Virginia or Sue will complete an Attendance Note on your behalf. When they return to school however, the Education Department requires a signed note from the parent. There are blank notes available from the office. Please ensure one is completed and handed into the Office so our records are up to date and accurate.

Meal Deal this week is a Cardi Burger and popcorn for just $4.00

Please make sure your child’s lunch bag is clearly labelled with your child’s Name and Grade.
**Thumbs Up**

- To our members of the two Netball Teams who competed in the St Margaret’s Netball Cup last Thursday. Terrific job by all those involved.
- To all the parents and supporters who encouraged and transported our two teams to the Netball last Thursday. Very much appreciated.
- To all the Grade 2 students for doing such a fantastic job on their Bike Ride on Friday. By all accounts a great time was had by one and all.
- To the members of the Parents’ and Friends’ Committee for organising Rhonda’s Afternoon Tea last Thursday. Very much appreciated by Rhonda and the Staff.
- To Rhonda for the wonderful commitment she has made to our school over the last 15 years. She will be greatly missed by one and all.
- To Ozzie for his efforts in trying to make the Victorian Year 7 Football Team. He got down to the last 80 participants before the final cut. He still has a couple of more years to make this squad – keep it up Ozzie!
- To Carmel for the wonderful work and dedication she does with Reading Recovery. Once again all of her 4 students are making terrific progress due to the great work she does.
- To Liz Slegers for donating her time to assist with some of our School Programs – Thank you!

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**GRADE 2 BIKE EDUCATION**

Well done to all the year 2 students. We were fortunate to have the bad weather stay away during Friday’s excursion. All the students should give themselves a pat on the back. Throughout the week all the year 2 students listened and participated extremely well in the activities. We covered a range of skills like:

- Pre-bike and helmet safety checks.
- Braking and emergency braking (with complete control).
- Riding in a straight line and how to control a bike safely when turning.
- Signalling when turning.
- Scanning for dangers as you are riding.
- Riding in pairs.
- Road safety and bike path safety as a user of bikes or as a pedestrian.
- Road rules.
- Always riding with an adult on the roads up to the age of 12.

It was fantastic to see that two students will no longer need their training wheels.
What an achievement!

Great effort from all the grade 2s.
SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

This week we have sent out a copy of your Family Statement so that you can keep up to date with charges and payments. If you didn’t receive a statement that means that your account is all up to date and there is nothing outstanding.

If you should see a minus figure on your statement that means that amount is in credit, eg -$10.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to speak to us and we will do our best to help you. Remember that all financial and information about your family is held in strict confidence.

ST MARGARETS NETBALL CUP 2015

Congratulations to our wonderful grade five and six students who represented our school at the recent St Margaret’s Netball Cup. They should be congratulated on their sportsmanship and efforts.

A big thank you to all those parents who helped transport, support and score.

Monash Health Dental Services

Monash Health Dental Service will be attending Cardinia Primary School on Wednesday 20th May. This is part of their ‘Share a Smile’ program that comprise of an oral health session and a free dental check-up for our students. To participate in this program parents will need to complete the permission form that went home yesterday and return it to the office as soon as possible. After the dental assessment every child will receive a confidential report to take home that will include the details of the findings from the check-up and information about Monash Health Dental Services. Any questions can be directed to Miss Thalas or Mr Armstrong.
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.

MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING

Parents Club have been asked to run the canteen at the Model Airfield in Wenn Road, Cardinia THIS WEEKEEND (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 this Sunday, 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.

Are you suffering with over-work, stress or anxiety? Do you need time out for yourself?

Meditation may be for you!
I am running a meditation class every Thursday evening in the Tech Room at Cardinia PS from this Thursday 14th May at 7.30 pm. Sessions run for 1 hour and will include refreshments and a chat at the end. The session is $25. Please contact Robyn Allan on 0429 491 070 if you are interested.
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.

Jells Park Bike Ride – By Cameron Stow (6E)
Our day started at school at a frosty 10 degrees. When you got to school you had to load the bikes onto the truck. Once everyone finished that you had to go sit down at the end of the BER building to find out who you went with. I went with my mum, Corey P.M, Zoe F and Kate W and Tristan S. Once we got there our bikes were already in lines you had to go find your bike.

Once you got your bike we had to line up on the track. 15 minutes later we started to ride. I was next to Jack P. We started 3rd in line then we over took people and got to the front for the rest of the way. Miss Dart was first. It was a fun track, it was about 13km bike ride there and back. When we got to Jells Park everyone was so glad when we got there.

I felt that on the way back it was easier. It was because here we went up hill, but on the way back, we went downhill. I did start to feel very sore near the end of the ride. I felt I was really struggling. But at last I made it back. I recommend going on that bike trail it’s really good.

One the way back Tristan didn’t go with us because he went with someone else. When I got home I felt really sore so I had a sleep until dinner. It was a good sleep.

I think it was really fun on Friday! I really recommend the Dandenong Creek trail to anyone.
This 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)