From the Principal…

2015 Dreamtime at the G

Once again this year the School has been allocated tickets for this fantastic event at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. We have nine tickets available for students and their parents to attend this event courtesy of the AFL.

As has been the previous practice, we will run a writing competition for students with the winners being announced at assembly on Thursday 28th of May. The match between Richmond and Essendon takes place on Saturday 30th of May, starting at 7.20 pm.

To win tickets to this event, students need to write a short piece as to why they should receive some of the tickets to attend this match. The best entries as judges by a panel of staff members will be given tickets.

Car Park and Pick Up

Now that the cooler weather has set in and rain is about there is a greater need for everyone to take even more caution when picking up and dropping off students.

Parents and friends are reminded that children need to be collected from both the Cardinia Road Gate and the Hall Car park area. We need everyone to be patient and realise that the area in the Hall Car Park is constricted and can restrict car movement from time to time. Coming a little later or using the Church Car Park could help ease the congestion. Please also observe the disabled car parking spaces.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY-

- Week Beginning 18th May – 22nd May
  State Education Week
- 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
- Friday 29th
  Grade 3 / 4 Bike Ride – Casey Fields

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
- Friday 19th
  Mid-year Reports sent Home for all students
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 Meat Pie and Icy Pole for just $4.00

Please make sure your child’s lunch bag is clearly labelled with your child’s name and grade.

GRADE 3 /4 BIKE EDUCATION

Next week the Grade 3 and 4 students get to participate in the Bike Education Program. This is our final group to do this activity. Their grand activity for this event is a Bike Ride around the Cycling Track at Casey Fields on Friday the 29th of May.

A huge thank you, in advance to Merv Stokkel who has made himself available to transport all of their bikes to and from this event, which is greatly appreciated. The students will conclude their Bike Riding activity with a picnic lunch in the Park area before returning to school. Parents and friends are more than welcome to join us in this activity.

If you haven’t returned your child’s permission slip for this event please do so as soon as possible. It would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to assist with student transport – to and from Casey Fields for the ride please let your child’s teacher know as soon as possible.
Thumbs Up

To the King Family for all their efforts at the Model Airfield on Sunday – raising over $740 for the school which was a terrific effort.

To all the Parents and Friends of the School who came along and supported the students in their endeavours at the Cross Country on Friday. Just fantastic.

To all the students in Grades 3 – 6 for their efforts at the Cross Country – just participating and completing the course is a terrific effort.

To our Parents and Friends for providing such a great canteen at the Cross Country – your efforts were greatly appreciated by one and all.

To Mr Adams and Mr Briginshaw for all their efforts in setting up for the Cross Country and organising our involvement in this event – greatly appreciated.

To our ten students who compete in the next level of Cross Country on Monday at the Toomuc Reserve - we wish them all the best in their endeavours.

To our four Student Teachers, Laura, Lauren, Bruce and Adel who have done a terrific job during their rounds with us. Their rounds come to an end this Friday. We wish them all the best for the future.

To all the students in Grade 3 and 5 for their efforts during the NAPLAN Testing Program last week. Well done!

To the 2 mums who gave up a full day’s pay and the 3 mums who didn’t even have a child running in the Cross Country on Friday but still helped out in the canteen. Extraordinary effort.

To Liz, Paula and their helpers for their efforts in conducting our first Transition Day for our 2016 Foundation students.

To Parents and Friends for organising the Afternoon Tea for this event.

To everyone – staff, students and parents for their efforts with the Transition Day yesterday – very much appreciated.

To Caitlin A who cut 22cm off her hair. Her hair will be used to make wigs for people receiving treatment for Cancer. Well done Caitlin!

CAMPS SPORTS and EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

As part of the State Governments election Commitment they are making funds available to eligible families for $125 per child to participate in Camps, Sports and Excursions. Please read the attached application form and information flier to see whether your family qualifies for this assistance program. In essence this replaces the previous EMA system that was abolished by the previous State Government. Please return the application form to the school as soon as possible.
District Cross Country

The District Cross Country was held last Friday at Cardinia Recreation Reserve. Students who had qualified braved the wet and wintery conditions to represent our school and did a fantastic job of competing and showing great sportsmanship to their fellow competitors. Placegetters are listed below.

- **8/9 years**
  - Isabella 2nd
  - Matilda 5th
  - Connor 4th

- **10 Years**
  - Charlotte 5th
  - Caitlin 7th
  - Jehi 9th
  - Tom 10th

- **11 years**
  - Ossie 1st
  - Hannah 4th
  - Brody 4th
  - Connor 8th

- **12/13 years**
  - Ebony 2nd
  - Cameron 9th

Students who finished in the top ten (excluding 8/9 year olds) will progress to the Zone Cross Country to be held next Monday at Toomuc Recreation Reserve (Pakenham Football Ground). Forms have gone home this week. (Note that 8/9 year olds do not progress as this age group is not held at zone level). Well done to all who represented Cardinia Primary and thank you to parents and friends who came to support us. Good luck to those running on Monday.

Grade 6 Survey – Communities that Care

Today all Grade 6 students have been given an information letter and consent form for Student to complete an online survey later this month. The survey is looking at factors that can affect the healthy development of young people in our community. Parents need to complete the consent form if they wish their child to participate in this event and return it to school as soon as possible. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Head Lice

We have had a few cases of head lice reported to the school. Parents, please check your child’s hair and, if necessary, treat accordingly. More information about Head Lice can be found at the following website.

For our helpers!

Thanks to the wonderful helpers and the generosity of our bakers, our efforts at the Cross Country Canteen raised well over $600.00 for our school.

In particular we would like to thank Donna, Raelene, Lisa C, Tania, Cara, Keryn, Lisa V, Wendy, Amy, Sarah, Tracy, Bec, Nikki, Virginia, Morag, Lana and Jo. It was great to see some new faces.

Special thanks go to those who didn't even have children participating on the day but still gave up their time to help. It's people like these who help make our school what it is.

Thank you to those who helped with welcoming our new parents for 2016 at the Foundation Transition Day on Tuesday, we're sure they all appreciated a cuppa and some cake while their children attended Cardinia Primary School for the first time.

In particular we would like to thank Cara, Sharon, Keryn, Bec, Kelly, Belinda, Jane, Sally and Amy.

From Parents Club

Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and special friends!!

On Tuesday 26th May you are invited to Cardinia Primary School to check out the amazing work our students do, and to 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.
Due to the unfavourable weather conditions on Friday of last week, the junior cross country run was postponed to Monday. Monday turned out to be near perfect conditions for our event. All the Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students participated in our yearly cross country run with great success.

We were also fortunate to have a large amount of parents watch the event and help as marshals around the track. This made the event run smoothly and bring an element of excitement to the students as they ran around the course.

Amazingly, we had students from Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 run up to 6, 7 and 8 laps around the whole school course. This is an amazing effort and all the students should be congratulated on their excellent achievements in such a big run.

From

Junior School Teachers

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**BOOK CLUB NEWS**

The latest Book Club brochures have been received. They are in the office if you would like to look at them. Please make sure that any orders placed are received at the office by close of business **Friday 29th May, together with payment**. This will ensure that orders are placed with Scholastic by their due date and are delivered to the school quickly.

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**TRANSITION DAY**

Yesterday we had our First Transition Day for our 2016 Foundation Students. We had 46 new students in attendance and eager to be part of school.

It was fantastic to see so many eager faces and parents in attendance.

A special thanks to Mrs Alderson and Mrs Fleming for all their efforts in organising this events and for ensuring all those who attended had a rewarding experience.

To the Staff, student teachers and students who supported them throughout the session, a big thank you for all your work in making sure is was a smooth start to our newest students’ experience of school life.
CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb State Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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<th>Child’s surname</th>
<th>Child’s first name</th>
<th>Student ID</th>
<th>Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)</th>
<th>Year level</th>
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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
• this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.
• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
• Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ________________________________ Date / /
CSEF eligibility
Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term two, or;
- on the first day of Term three;

1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

Payment amounts
CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

How to complete the application form
NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
   The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
   - enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
   - enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
   - enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or language Centre, then enter ‘UNGRADED’ in the YEAR LEVEL column.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Junior Cross Country Photo’s

Is it time to update your family photos?

Endless Images is a local business which runs very relaxed photo sessions either on a location of your choice or in your home. I love to capture the essence of play and the innocence of childhood which is why I don’t run out of a studio. I like your family to be relaxed amongst your chosen surroundings and this is what creates amazing photos and memories to treasure.

Please call on 0400021359 or email dallas@endlessimages.com.au
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Kids 0-12 & their dads, grandads or carers

WHERE:
Pakenham Hills Primary School Oval, 15 Kennedy Road, Pakenham

WHEN:
Saturday May 16
10am – 12pm

RSVP:
Jonno from Anglicare Victoria
0458 705 720 or
Jonathon.Cummins@anglicarevic.org.au

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