Welcome Back Everyone
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all of our students and families to Cardinia Primary School and the many new students who are beginning their school life at Cardinia Primary School and experiencing for the first time, the wonderful events and learning that the school offers all of its students. We trust everyone has had a great holiday and are ready and refreshed for the year ahead.

During the holiday period Ms Richardson was married in Fiji and has returned to us as Mrs Johnston. Meanwhile Ms Joosten has announced her engagement. We wish both of these ladies all the best of happiness in this exciting period of their respective lives.

Swimming Sports
The Trials for the Inter-School Swimming sports will take place on Friday 10th February at the KooWeeRup Pool (full details and permission form is included in this newsletter). The Trials are only open to students in Grade 3 to 6 and the successful swimmers will go on to represent the school at the Inter-School Swimming Sports on Monday 20th February.

Whole School Picnic
Our first major event is the Whole School picnic at Phillip Island on Friday 17th February. This is an annual event held by the school as a way of families getting to know other parents, students and staff in a casual atmosphere. The School’s Parent Club provides lunch for everyone who attends - sausage in bread, fruit, hot corn on the cob and cordial. The school invites everyone to come along and join us in this fantastic event of the school.

School Council Meeting
Our first School Council Meeting for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 22nd February, commencing at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. All parents and friends of the school are more than welcome to attend these meetings.
Thumbs Up

- To David Glover for mowing the School oval in readiness for the start of the year - greatly appreciated by one and all.
- To all the staff who spent a number of days during the holidays preparing for the start of the year – a fantastic effort!
- To our two new teachers, Sandie Miller (Grade 3M) and Karlie Italia (Grade 4I), who have been very busy over the break preparing for the year ahead and nothing being too much trouble for them.
- To Ms Joosten who became engaged during the holidays – on Christmas Day! What a great present and surprise!
- To Ms Richardson who was married over the Christmas break in Fiji. What a fantastic place to get married. (Ms Richardson is now Mrs Johnston.)
- Congratulations to Kai Pearce and Chantelle Stokkel for being elected as our School Captains for 2017 and to Caitlin Alderson and Aiden Neutze for being named as our Vice Captains for 2017.
- To our new School Captains – Kai Pearce and Chantelle Stokkel who were presented with Australia Day Awards at the KooWeeRup Australia Day ceremony of the 26th January.

Swimming Trials –Friday 10th February

With the District Swimming Carnival coming up on Monday 20th February, forms have been sent home for grade 3-6 students who wish to try out for our swimming team which has won the Carnival three years in a row! Our school swimming trials will be held on Friday 10th February at Koo Wee Rup pool. To try out, students need to be competent swimmers capable of swimming a full lap without assistance (at least 30 metres, but at the Zone Finals the required length is 50 metres).

Students are able to select which strokes/events they would like to try out for on the day.

Students attending the trials will need to pack their swimming items (bathers, towel, goggles, etc.), as we will leave school at the start of lunch time, and arrive back at school in time for the end of the school day.

Any parents who wish to come along and support the students are more than welcome. We have arranged for a bus to take students to and from this event but some private transport might be required. Permission forms must be returned prior to the day, to attend.

Meal Deal this week is a Hot Dog & Icy Pole for $4.00.

Meal Deal lunches will commence this Thursday and are available every Thursday throughout the School Year.
MEAL DEAL INFORMATION

Our Parents’ and Friends’ Club provide a Meal Deal every Thursday at Cardinia Primary School which consists of a main item and a treat. The cost is $4 per child and is payable on the day. Meal Deals consists of a main meal item and a treat.

Please note that only one treat per child is allowed. Parents need to mark a brown paper bag with their child’s name, grade and items required.

We also need lots of helpers on the day, so if you can help, please see Megan H or the office ladies. Every week in the Newsletter you will be advised what the Meal Deal menu is for that week. If you have any questions, please ask at the office.

Student Medication

If you completed a Medication Request Form last year for your child/ren and wish to continue having medication kept at school the Department of Education requires you to complete a new Medication Request Form.

The Medication Request Form is available at the Office. Medication cannot be given to students without this form being completed.

We are unable to give students medication that is past its expiry date so please come into the office and check if the medication we hold for your child is still within its expiry date.

Medication to treat asthma or anaphylaxis does not need to be accompanied by a Medication Request Form as it is covered by a student’s Asthma Care Plan or Action Plan for Anaphylaxis.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our School uses Scholastic Books for our Book Club. Each family will receive a Book Club brochure for all school year levels. If you are wanting to place an order parents can either pay cash or cheque to Scholastic or deliver payment together with their order form included in the brochure. Alternatively, you can pay for your order over the phone using a credit card directly to Scholastic then provide our office with the order and receipt.

Orders will need to be received at the office by close of business on Friday 10th February. This will ensure that orders are placed with Scholastic by their due date and are delivered to the school quickly.

Ordering books through the Scholastic catalogues is a great way to encourage your children to read and have fun. We, as a school, also earn rewards points for our School to spend on items for both the library and classrooms.
School Picnic

The School’s Annual School Picnic is taking place on Friday 17th February. Permission forms are being sent home this week. This is a traditional event held by the Cardinia Primary School Parents’ Club for the Cardinia Primary School community. It is a tradition that has been taking place for over 70 years in one form or another. It is held at the start of the year to give parents, students and staff the opportunity to meet and greet in a more informal atmosphere and is a terrific way to kick off the school year and get an understanding of the fantastic work that our Parents’ and Friends’ Club does for the school and its students.

Students who require transport to this event need to be at school by 8.45am and wait near the main entrance of the school (Hall Car Park). All transport will be leaving the school at 9.00am and returning to school as close to 3.30pm as possible. Families who are going direct or providing their own transport do not need to come to school but can drive directly to the picnic area, meeting us at the venue at around 10.00am.

*** Remember if your child requires a lift and is 7 years or under then you will need to provide us with a booster seat for the trip. This is a legal requirement. ***

A Brief Outline of the Day:

10.00 am   Everyone arrives and rolls are taken by class teachers. (Mrs Esler teacher in charge).
10.15 am   Slip Slop Slap takes place and announcements made.
10.30 am   Start our walk along the beach
11.00 am   Buddy sandcastle and beach sculpture competition.
11.45 am   Roll Call and students remain in the picnic area
12.00 Noon Lunch time for all – sausages in bread, corn, watermelon and cordial.
12.30 pm   Beach activities – games and a paddle in the water
2.00 pm    Pack up, and return to school for those students requiring transport

Things to Bring:
Water bottle/drink cup       Change of clothing / towel       Snack
Bathers – worn under clothes Sun Screen       Hat
T-shirt or rash vest to be worn at all times – even when in the water. (No singlet tops.)
Appropriate footwear for the beach. **No bare feet under any circumstances.**

Please don’t bring:
Any extra beach toys, except a plastic bucket and/or spade. No flotation devices or boogie boards.

Friday 17th is a normal school day for students attending the picnic and as such they will be under the supervision and direction of staff from 10.00 am to the conclusion of the picnic at 2.00pm. All students are expected to be part of the planned activities and parents and friends are more than welcome to join in. At 2.00pm all children are expected to exit the beach area and we will pack up. Families who are staying longer can return to the beach area after the clean-up has been completed.

Attached to this week’s newsletter is the permission for this year’s picnic to Phillip Island. Included on the permission form is a map indicating where we will be conducting the picnic. For those who have been with us previously it is the same site as previous years.

**Students are not required to wear their school uniform for this activity.**
Parent Information Sessions for Grade 4 and 5

Over the next few weeks each year level will be hosting a Parent Information Session.

The first of these is for our Grade 4 and 5 students. This will be on Monday 6th February in the BER straight after school.

CSEF

The Education Department has introduced a CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund) for families who are entitled to a Health Care or Pension Card. IF you hold a current Health Care or Pension Card and would like to apply for CSEF please see Mrs Smith or Mrs Friend in the office.

Please note these funds can ONLY be used for School Camps, Sports or Excursions. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Smith in the office.

Student Enrolment Information Forms

Over the next few weeks we will be sending out ‘Student Enrolment Information Forms’ which contains information provided to the office when your child/ren enrolled. To ensure our details are up to date, please change or modify any information that is incorrect and return the forms to the office.

Cardinia Recreation Reserve – Playground renewal

Cardinia Shire Council is planning to undertake an upgrade of the playground equipment at the Cardinia recreation reserve. You and your family are invited to have your say in the design of the new one.

Please use the following link to complete the survey online.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cardiniarecres

The survey will be open until Sunday 19th February 2017.

If you have any further questions about the project please contact Council’s Park Development Coordinator on 1300 787 624 or mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au.
Cardinia Primary School Christmas Appeal Update

Last year (Term 4) the Junior School Council embarked on collecting gifts for those families who struggle during the Christmas season. The collection box given to us was overflowing with just under 30 gifts wrapped and ready. Thank you to the Cardinia Primary School community. It just shows the generous nature of our school.

On Thursday 15th December two representatives from Connections came to collect the gifts. They would like to pass on to our school community a thank you for the support of this appeal.

Again, thank you for your support.

Junior School Council

FROM THE OFFICE

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
If a student lives more than 4.8km from this school and this is their nearest school, the parent may be entitled to Conveyance Allowance. Please see Virginia at the office for a form to fill in.

PERSONAL DETAILS
If any of your personal contact or medical details have changed please let the office know. It is very important that we have up to date student information in case of emergencies.

TISSUE BOXES
Every year we ask our school families to donate 2 boxes of tissues for students to use in their classrooms. This helps us immeasurably by keeping our school costs down each year. If you haven’t already donated, could each family please supply 2 boxes of tissues (can be any brand) and hand them into the office.

DISABLED CAR PARKING
Just a reminder that the Disability Car Parking Section in the School Car Park is designed for those who have a Disabled Sticker on their car. Please do not park in this spot unless you have the correct sticker.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS
Our School Newsletter is completed every Wednesday and is usually available from the school’s website in the afternoon. Hard copies can also be sent home with your child. Please see the office if you would like a hard copy.
MEAL DEAL FAQ

Please note that Meal Deals are not lunch orders. Lunch orders are available from the shop over the road any day of the week and should be placed before 10.30am. Meal Deals are held only on Thursdays, and are ordered through the school. We offer a different meal each week, but only one meal a week. The school newsletter, which comes out on Wednesday, will tell you what the meal is each week.

COST

Meal Deals cost $4. The breakdown is:

- Main $3
- Snack $1

Extra Mains are $3 each, but you can't order extra Snacks.

Pizza is a special case, as we offer Pizza, Garlic Bread and a Snack. The breakdown is:

- Pizza $2 a slice
- Garlic Bread $1
- Snack $1

PAYMENT

Meal Deals are not ordered through the Office. To order a Meal Deal, write your child’s name and class and what they are ordering on a paper bag and put the money inside. The bags will be collected from your child’s classroom. We put the food in the bags, so please make sure the bag is clean and a suitable size, and that each child has their own bag and takes it to their own classroom. If your child forgets to hand their bag in this is not a disaster – this generally happens at least once a week and we cater for it.

If you have more than one child you may put all the money in one child’s bag, but please tell us where the money is by writing the other child(ren)’s name AND CLASS on all the bags concerned.

Example

| Child’s Name |
| Class |

Order

If all the money is in one bag:

- Sibling’s Name(s)
- Sibling’s Class(es)

Extra Note: When we offer salad rolls you can specify which ingredients your child wants. Ingredients include:

- Ham OR Chicken Loaf
- Cheese
- Carrot
- Beetroot

- Tomato
- Lettuce
- Mayonnaise

If you don’t specify particular ingredients your child will get them all except beetroot and mayonnaise, as these are harder to remove if unwanted.

We will attempt to cater for allergies if alerted beforehand. However we do not cater for fussiness. Please be aware that the menu may change with little/no notice if some ingredients/items are not available.
SCHOOL PICNIC – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2017

I hereby give permission for my child/ren ...................................................

To attend the School Picnic at Cowes Beach, Philip Island on Friday 17th February 2017.

In case of illness or accident and when I cannot be notified, I authorise the obtaining on
my behalf, of such medical assistance as my child/ren may require. I accept all operation,
blood transfusion and/or anaesthetic risks involved and the responsibility of any expenses
thus incurred.

WE WILL BE GOING DIRECTLY FROM HOME TO PHILIP ISLAND  YES / NO (PLEASE CIRCLE)

OR

MY CHILD/REN WILL NEED TRANSPORT TO THE PICNIC  YES / NO

I CAN HELP WITH TRANSPORT OF STUDENTS TO THE PICNIC AND CAN TAKE .......... EXTRA
CHILDREN IN MY CAR. *** My car/insurance details are on record at the office***

** If your registration, insurance and Working with Children check are not on record at the office
and you wish to help with transport please see Sue or Virginia for a form to complete.**

FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE ADVISE THE NUMBER OF ADULTS AND EXTRA CHILDREN
ATTENDING THE PICNIC.

ADULTS ....................  EXTRA CHILDREN .....................
Cardinia Primary School Choir

In the library. See you all there!!

Tuesday lunchtime 1.40pm

Lift Up Your Voices
LIVING WITH AUTISM

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum?

Join with other parents/carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

During the 6 weeks you will:

- Discuss why the behaviours are happening
- Identify new ideas and strategies
- Hear from other parents and share experiences
- Identify new supports

WHEN: Thursday 16th Feb to Thursday 23rd March (6 weeks consecutively)

TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am

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

WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

For bookings & enquiries contact:
Parentzone Southern 1300 984 011 or Joanne Templeton 0499 007 418 or 03 5945 2000
Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

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Refreshments Provided
Pakenham Auslan Classes 2017

Term 1
Beginners - 4th February
Intermediate - 25th February

Classes are held on Saturdays:
Time - 9:30am - 4pm
Morning and afternoon tea provided
Location - Outlook Community Centre,
24 Toomuc Valley Rd, Pakenham

In this fun, practical and interactive course you will learn to how to communicate effectively with a range of Auslan users in both social and workplace settings.

Term 2, 3 & 4 dates to be announced soon

Prices (per course)
$120 - Adults
$100 - Concession/Uni Students
$80 - School Aged Children

To enrol visit:
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