From the Principal….

Greg Hunt – Environment Minister and Federal Member for Flinders - Walk for Autism

Due to the death of a Federal Member of Parliament – Don Randall last week, and the funeral taking place in WA on Friday, the planned community BBQ and special guest arrangements have been cancelled by Greg Hunt’s Office. The new arrangements are that Greg and his support Team will go through Cardinia at around 2.30pm - 3.00pm – if students or families want to see Greg or support his effort they can meet and greet or join Greg in his walk at this time.

I apologise for any inconvenience that these new arrangements might have caused. It would still be nice if a student rep was available to hand Greg the cheque at this time – around 3.00pm.

School Council in Brief

Last Wednesday the School Council held their July meeting and our School Captain Max represented the student body at this meeting. He reported on the success of the Ga-Ga Pit and requested synthetic turf for the new cricket pitch in time for the upcoming cricket season. He also talked about the Meal Deal survey conducted by the Junior School Council and the upcoming fund raising event for Autism.

School Council decided to purchase a gazebo for outdoor activities and a new pie warmer for the School. We are also looking at getting quotes to revamp the kitchen in the Tech room and give this building an overall face lift.

The two upcoming whole school events were discussed, namely the Student Art Show and Cardinia Show Day. Council acknowledged the generosity of Virginia and her sister Jill in donating such fantastic prizes for the raffle. Raffle tickets will go on sale this week.

The current Student Behaviour Policy was distributed for Council members to consider. At our next meeting in August any amendments or alterations will be made.

If you want any further information on any of the above matters please don’t hesitate to contact myself or Gerard, our School Council President.
FOOTBALL TICKETS - SILENT AUCTION

A huge thank you to everyone who placed a bid on the Football Tickets we had available for Auction at School. All game tickets have been sold and the school raised approximately $375 which is a great effort! Well done to our Parents’ Club for organising this event. Thank you also once again to the Kearney/Apostoles family for their generous donation of the tickets to the school.

Fundraising for Autism Awareness

The Junior School Council would like to help raise money for our local member, Greg Hunt’s Autism Walk. For a gold coin and silver coin donation, students can wear free dress and get a muffin as part of their lunch on Friday the 31st of July. Please help our school raise funds for the Autism Awareness Walk. This is a cause that is very important for our school.

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.

Student Travel Arrangements

If you need to send a message to your child about a change in travel arrangements in the afternoon, please try to do this no later than 3pm.
Grade 6 Sex Education Program

Once again this year the School will be providing all Grade 6 students with the opportunity to participate in Sex Education Sessions provided by trained and experience facilitators. There will be three sessions over a two week period. Each session will run for approximately 90 minutes.

In order for students to participate in this program a consent form will need to be completed and returned to the school. If you have any questions or queries about this program please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Trudie Esler. If you don’t wish your child to participate in this program they will work with the Grade 5 classes during the designated session times.

(Permission forms for this activity have been sent home through the email system or alternatively hard copies can be obtained from the classroom, Mrs Esler or the Office. Please return them to school as soon as possible)

Athletics Trials

This Friday (31st July) Grades 3-6 will be participating in our Athletics Trials. The trials will be held at school on the oval starting after recess at 11.30pm. We will begin with the running events (100m, 200m and 400m) and they will be followed by track events (Discus, Shot Put, Triple Jump and Long Jump). Parents and friends are more than welcome to attend and seating will be provided on the basketball court to watch and support the students. We will use the results from these trials to select our Athletics team to represent the school at the District Athletics which is coming up on Wednesday 19th August. Good Luck to all students and remember to always give your best effort and have fun!

2nd Hand Uniform for Sale

We have 2 winter polo fleece lined navy blue school jackets for sale. One is a size 6 and the other is a size 10. Both have pockets and zips up through the middle. We also have a water proof navy blue jacket for sale which is a size 4-6. The office stocks a wide range of 2nd hand school uniform for sale with pieces marked at $2. See Virginia or Sue in the office if you would like to know more.
**Thumbs Up**

- To Mrs Smith and her sister Jill for the generous donation for our raffle at the Art Show. They will be on display shortly in the foyer of the school.
- To three of our students who went to Drouin Secondary School this year – Zoe, Trinity and Aimee all received awards this week for their efforts in Year 7. Well done girls!
- To Mr and Mrs Irwin who are expecting their third child later in the year.
- To Mrs Chidlow for all her efforts in organising camp this year – such a job is a mammoth task and is ongoing until Camp is done and dusted.
- To all the students for the fantastic pieces of Art Work that will be on display and “For Sale “at the Art Show.
- To Mrs Fleming for the great job she is doing in the Art Room during Mrs Parker’s Leave.

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program once again. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all you need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From now until Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 you spend, excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box either at your local Woolworths or at the office. Any incomplete Sticker Sheets or loose stickers can be handed into the school office and extra copies of Sticker Sheets are available at the office.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you’d like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

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**CAMPS SPORTS and EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)**

We are still able to accept applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). If you hold a Centrelink card and you have not already applied please come to the office for an application form. Applications MUST be in by the 16th September.
CAMP 2015

Camp Information, Consent and Medical forms were sent home last week for all students who had previously handed in an expression of interest to attend this year’s camp at Coonawarra. If you haven’t received these forms please see Nicole Chidlow. It is important that if you no longer wish your child to participate in this event to let Nicole or the School know as soon as possible as we have a waiting list for camp this year even though the capacity of the Camp is 160 students. The return of these forms and payment of the deposit will confirm your child’s participation and involvement in Camp.
Please remember the deposit must be paid as soon as possible and full payment must be made prior to students participating in this activity, otherwise they won’t be able to attend Camp.

We realise camp is a long way off but we need to finalise lists of students participating to confirm bus bookings, camp activities and arrangements back at school during Camp Week.

For further information, please see Mrs Chidlow or Mr Armstrong.

Hooptime Basketball Competition

Our Grades 3 & 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in the Hooptime Basketball Competition. The competition will be held at the Cranbourne Basketball Stadium on Monday 10th August. Permission forms have been sent home already. Please return them to the office as soon as possible with your payment so transport can be arranged.

PARKING

Cardinia Shire and VicRoads have erected additional signage on Cardinia Road, particularly “No Standing Signs” on both sides of the road from the intersection of Ballarto Road and Cardinia Road down to the access gate to the school. Please be aware that these parking restrictions could be enforced by the By-Laws officers or police. We have already had a parent issued with an Infringement Notice so please be aware of where you park.
ART ROOM DONATIONS

The Art Room would love donations of the following:

- Wool, coloured and textured
- Cleaned milk bottle lids (or similar)
- Patterned Scrapbook Paper
- Ribbon (any size/any colour)
- Brightly coloured buttons
- Old Cd’s/Dvd’s

These can be left in the Art Room or at the Office.

Thank You

ART Show – 2015

On the 13th and 14th August the School will be conducting its Annual Art Show and Show Day. The Art Show will commence on the evening of the 13th of August when children’s art work will be on display in the BER Building. Each piece of students’ work will be on sale for $5.00 and parents and friends of the school will be invited to view the display and range of art work on the 13th of August between 3.45 and 7.00pm. The works will remain on display until the end of Friday the 14th of August. Admittance to the Art Show will be a Gold Coin donation per family.

This year we will have two local artists displaying their work and talents during the evening of the Art Show.

This year we will be conducting a raffle for three fantastic prizes with an IPad, Painting by our local painter, Jill and a quilt made by Mrs Smith featuring work from all students attending the school. The tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00 and will be drawn at the end of Show Day. The first drawn ticket can choose their item out of the three available, second drawn out of the two remaining prizes and third drawn the remaining prize.

On Friday the 14th of August children in their Buddy Groups will be conducting various Side Shows, such as Apple Bobbing, Stretch the Snake, Face Painting etc. They will both run their side-show and visit others, and have a go at the various activities on offer. Following the end of the side-shows and lunch students will attend a Talent Quest where children will present to the audience a variety of acts organised by themselves. Medals will be awarded to the best acts as judged by our esteem judges Ms Masters, Ms VP and Ms Littler.
Swimming Program 2015

The school’s swimming program is commencing in a few weeks’ time.

(Monday the 31st August to Friday the 11th of September)

This program forms a major part of the Physical Education Curriculum for Term 3. These swimming sessions will replace Physical Education and Sport time for this two week period. We will utilise the pool at Cardinia Life in Pakenham. We are doing an intensive program, where the children swim 5 days a week for two weeks equating to total of 10 lessons. The cost for the 10 lessons is $110 per student. The breakdown of costs is: $8 per child per lesson and $3 per child per day for the bus. Students will travel to the pool by bus in their class groups. Once numbers are finalised closer to the time, I will notify session times for each class in the newsletter. It would be greatly appreciated if the permission forms (which have gone home today) could be returned no later than Friday 7th August. If your children aren’t participating in the program could you please tick ‘Not Attending’ on the form and return ASAP. If you have any queries please see Liz Alderson or Allan.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. Well done to Archi (FA), Charlotte (FM), Jocelyn (FM), Ritchie (FM), Seth (2B), Aidan (4C) and Keira (5T). These students will go in the draw to win village movie tickets. A reminder for students in grades foundation to grade 2: you need to read 30 books (10 free choice and 20 from the Premiers list) and students in grades 3 to six you need to read 15(5 free choice and 10 from the Premier’s list). The challenge closes September 7. Please start putting your books online as it can take a while if you have a lot to do. If you have any problems or want to ask any questions please come and see me after school in the Grade 3P classroom. Thanks

Anne Preston
STUDENT EXCURSION CONSENT FORM

Excursion Title: Swimming Program
Educational Purpose: Physical Education
Destination: Pakenham Indoor Pool (Cardinia Life)
Princes Hwy, Pakenham
Date: Monday 31st August to Friday 11th September (10 days)
Transport: Bus
Cost: $110
Teacher in Charge: Liz Alderson
Dress: Swimwear and towel

Excursion Title: Swimming Program

I have read all of the above information provided by the school in relation to the excursion, including any attached material.

☐ I give permission for my child /children:

.............................................................. (full name) in Grade .......

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☐ Will NOT be attending the swimming Program.

Where the teacher in charge of the excursion is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impracticable to contact me, I authorise the teacher-in-charge to:

• consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner;
• administer such first aid as the teacher-in-charge may judge to be reasonably necessary.

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

I can be contacted on this phone number on the days of the excursion:

Office Use Only Payment Received Date