From the Principal....

Festival on the Grass - KooWeeRup
On Sunday, 20 of our Choir Members performed at the KooWeeRup - Music on the Grass Festival under the direction of Ms VP. The children did a fantastic job and should be very proud of their efforts and achievement. Congratulations to Ms VP for all the work she put in to making sure that our School and Choir participated in this event. Well done to everyone involved.

Grades 2016
At this stage there has been no decision made regarding class teachers and grades for 2016, except that Jodie and Liz will be once again in charge of the Foundation Grades - supported by an additional teacher.

We have currently two vacancies that we are conducting interviews for and a 0.6 Music position to be filled. As a result of the movement of staff going on leave and extending their Family Leave we will have potentially 3 new Staff Members in 2016. It is anticipated that on the 8th of December - Transition Day all grades will know who their teacher will be in 2016. As some of our new Staff are currently teaching at other schools they may not be able to participate in the transition program on this day.

School Council
The last School Council Meeting for the 2015 School Year will be held tonight, Wednesday the 18th of November, in the staffroom commencing at 7.30 pm. As with all our School Council Meetings all parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

Remember Zooper Dooper Wednesday is on each and every Wednesday throughout Term 4. For $1.00 you can purchase this treat. Limit one Zooper Dooper per person.
School Captain Speeches

Over the next few weeks various students in Grade 5 will be presenting their School Captain Speeches for the 2016 School Captain and Vice Captain positions. Last week we had Alex, Alicia, Byron, Madison H and Ossie presenting their Speeches to assembly, once again doing a terrific job. This week it is Samantha, Zoe, Will and Connor’s turn to present their speeches.

All students wishing to be in the running for the School Captain positions must present to the School Assembly a short speech talking about them, their vision and why they would be a suitable School Leader. Once all the children have presented their speeches a ballot will take place involving all students from Grade 2 to 6 and the staff. The new School Captains(Boy and Girl) and Vice Captains will be announced on Concert Night and presented with their badges from our School Council President, Mr Gerard Kennedy.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The latest Book Club brochures have been received. Please make sure that any orders placed are received at the office by close of business Friday 27th November together with payment. This will ensure that orders are placed with Scholastic by their due date and are delivered to the school quickly. This will be the LAST ORDER before Christmas so a great opportunity to buy some books for presents.

PARENTS’ CLUB CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

With Christmas fast approaching, Parents’ Club is preparing for the festive season by organising our Christmas raffles & other goodies for our concert night. Today, each family will receive a note with an item we would appreciate they donate to the raffle prizes i.e. biscuits, a decoration, coffee, up to the value of $5. (Additional items are always more than welcome.) Raffle tickets will also be distributed for every family today. There will be spare raffle tickets available from the office if you require more. If we could please have raffle tickets and money returned to the office by Tuesday the 14th of December it would be greatly appreciated.

Santa has also asked for a letter to be sent home to every family to let parents know about his visit. This letter will be distributed to families today.
Thumbs Up

- To our School Choir for their fantastic effort on Sunday and for all the Parents and Staff who came along and supported their efforts - greatly appreciated.
- To Ms VP for the wonderful job she did with the Choir in preparing them for their recent performance.
- To the Grade 4 students who are doing a fantastic job with their cushions. They are looking fantastic!
- To the Student in Grades 4 -6 for the terrific work they are producing in preparation for Flight Day next week.
- To Conner Eades for being the very lucky winner of the $400 Voucher for the Active October – raffle draw. Well Done Connor!
- To Noah who received his Citizenship Award last week at the RSL Ceremony. Well done Noah.
- To Sasha S, Bayli O, Max W and Tiernan C for their efforts at last week’s RSL Ceremony – well done!

MUSIC ON THE GRASS FESTIVAL

Congratulations to all the choir members on their efforts last Sunday at the Music on the Grass Festival. It was the first time Cardinia Primary School has participated in this event and their singing was really well received by the crowd. A big thank you to all the parents for helping and supporting on the day.

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

Also, bags must be clearly labelled with your child’s name and grade.
THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Mitchell K (Grade 3) for the lovely paint brush holder he made and decorated for Mrs Parker and the Art Room. It is just lovely and will be well used. Mrs Parker

CAMP INFORMATION

Any student going on camp that need medication only **IF NEEDED** (if they get asthma, headache, hay fever etc.) can parents please hand this into the staff room next Monday and Friday from 3.30pm.

Medication that **MUST** be taken (prescription medication) can also be handed into the staff room from next week. Medication that **MUST** be taken should be in a clearly labelled pill box, with times/days of the week or in a blister pack available from the chemist.

All medicine must have the student’s name on the bottle, blister pack and packaging. **PLEASE LABEL and NAME EVERYTHING CLEARLY.**

Parents will need to complete a Medication form when they hand in medicine.

Our bus company has also requested that student’s luggage be soft sided, sausage bag type to a maximum weight of 12kgs. Suitcases and hard framed backpacks are not recommended. Sleeping Bag must be packed separately and not tied to the main bag. A copy of ‘What to bring’ is included in today's Newsletter and can also be found on the School’s website.

Flight Day Rich Task

As part of understanding different cultures, mapping and transition, Grades 4, 5 and 6 are completing a "Flight Day" Rich Task this term. Grade 6 are learning all about Vietnam, Grade 5 Italy and Grade 4 Ireland. Students will be decorating the classrooms and learning about the various cultures as well as improving upon their RICH TASK work. This will culminate in "Flight Day" which will be on Tuesday 24th November. Everyone will be boarding a plane in the middle of the BER building and visiting each other’s countries to learn about their culture as well as a great transition day for grade 4 and 5.
PHOTOS FROM THE RSL CEROMONY

Sasha S, Bayli O, Max W & Tiernan C

Noah F

WELL DONE CONNOR E ON WINNING THE $400 VOUCHER FROM LIFE OF BIKES!

GRADE 6 SPORTS DAY

On Friday 27th November the Grade 6 students will be involved in a major Games Day at the Bunyip Recreational Reserve. Netball, Super 8’s Cricket, T Ball and Newcombe will be played with students choosing a sport of choice. Some teams will be topped up with Grade 5 students to allow Cardinia to field a team. Please wear school uniform and a hat and bring a drink bottle, lunch and a smile ready to have a fun day. Please return permission forms as soon as possible.

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Suggestions for addressing children and young peoples’ responses in relation to traumatic events such as the terrorist attacks in Paris.

Children and young people will have seen and heard about the terrorist attacks that occurred in Paris on Friday 13 November 2015.

The authorities in France and countries around the world will help to support the people who have been impacted by this event.

Children often worry and know more than we realize. Adults may assume that children are doing okay if they don’t talk or ask questions about what has happened. Sometimes they have questions they may not ask unless we provide the opportunity.

Most children and young people will experience normal reactions to something that is distressing and with support from trusted adults around them these reactions will subside.

Routines are important when an event like this occurs. School can be very useful to support all children and young people.

Remember sometimes teachers and parents feel like we don’t have the answers. It is helpful to remind children and ourselves that there are people working hard to make the current situation better.

GRADE 6 LUNA PARK GRADUATION

Our Grade 6 are heading off to Luna Park on the 15th December. Permission Forms have already been sent home. Please return your permission forms as soon as possible so we have an idea of how many are going.
Exposure to television, print media and social media

- Many children are likely to be unsettled by the images on television, in the print media and online media reports about the Paris terrorist attacks.

- It is important to understand what sense a child or young person makes of what they are seeing on television or hearing via the media (this includes social media) and what they are hearing in adult conversations.

- It is important to monitor the amount of news coverage they see and hear. Seeing the event over and over again can cause vicarious trauma to adults and children.
- Children and young people may experience sleeplessness and or nightmares about imagined consequences or images from television or print or social media coverage.

Responding to the concerns of children and young people

- Children and young people may need to talk about what they have seen and heard. It is important that we listen to their concerns.

- Keep information factual and dispel any rumours. Don’t be afraid to tell them that you don’t have all the answers.

- Children and young people may need reassurance about their safety and the safety of those they care about.

- Teachers and parents should listen to the child or young person’s cues as to what they want to know about the terrorist attacks. It is important to be honest with children and young people in an age appropriate way.

- It is not unusual for young children to want to be close to those they love and care about.

- Older children will possibly want to discuss the events, it is advisable to clarify information and dispel rumours as this helps them to process the information more accurately.
Advice for Parents

- It is wise for you to monitor your child’s exposure to television coverage, print media and social media.

- Some children and young people will want to talk about the tragic events and try to make sense of what they have both seen and heard.

- Other children will avoid any discussion around the events and will be reassured by routine and normality.

- Remember the importance of routine, sleep, exercise and healthy eating.

There is a range of things you can do to assist your child during events such as this, including:

- Acknowledge that the event was distressing
- Reassure children that they are safe
- Look for signs of distress (e.g. some children/young people might be scared)
- Normalise responses - typical response will range from anger to general upset or sadness
- Maintain a normal routine - keeping the structure at home or at school in place
- Allow children to express feelings as they arise
- Telling stories about how people manage during difficult times can be helpful.
- Separate fact from fiction e.g. children may express fears about unrelated events.
- Plan relaxing activities before bed – talk your child through a gentle relaxation, this might include using soothing music and talking them through relaxing tension in their body or simply reading something to them that induces relaxation (i.e. a favourite book).
- Speak in hopeful terms – children and young people will often take their cues from their parents’ reactions; if you are honest, calm, compassionate and open they will be much more able to trust that they will be okay.
- Always remember the value of doing something with children that they like to do such as playing, exercising, being outdoors - have a time during your day to share time with your child.
Coonawarra Clothing Checklist

- Change of underclothing and socks for each day (plus 2 extra sets)
- Shorts, at least 2 pairs that will dry quickly for canoeing and raft making
- T-Shirts/Skivvies – no sleeveless tops
- Swimming attire
- Tracksuit pants or long pants
- WATERPROOF parka or jacket
- Warm hat (beanie)
- Sun smart sun hat
- Pyjamas
- Rash vest/tshirt for canoeing/raft making (will get wet)
- Jumpers/windcheaters
- Old lace up shoes for canoeing and raft making NOT THONGS
- Sturdy footwear, sneakers or boots. (Slippers for indoor use-optional)
- Boots (smooth soled with a heel for grade 5/6s that are horse riding – If you don’t have this you will be able to borrow some)
- Towels x2
- Handkerchiefs
- Regular Medication
- Drink Bottle
- Torch
- Sleeping bag or doona
- Single fitted sheet
- Pillowslip
- Toiletries – hair brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hair ties, etc.
  - No spray deodorant please
- Insect repellent – Non aerosol
- Sunscreen
- Garbage bags for wet/dirty clothes
- Camera (optional)

From November to April every year, fire restrictions apply.

For the protection of campers they must bring to camp: - a long sleeved, non-synthetic shirt or jumper, long trousers and a hat.

This is recommended by the Ministry of Education and the Country Fire Authority.
Carina Tennis Centre

Weber Tennis Centre (PTF)
Tennismasters Regional

Combined Session: 5.00
5.30 for the 6 week team
5.45 for the 6 week team
5.30 for the 6 week team
5.00 for the 6 week team

Running concurrently, Hot Shots is a great introduction to tennis and is perfect for those 2 years and older. While they are learning the basics, you can get moving after the arrival of your little ones with Mums and Bubs.

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Koo Wee Rup Junior Football Club

2015 Premiership Team

Junior Teams Registration

Koo Wee Rup Reserve – Denhams Rd, Koo Wee Rup

Monday 7th December 5.30 - 6.30pm

6pm Info Session - For all parents with children under 8 years wishing to play football

Wednesday 9th December 5.30 – 6.30pm

Registration open for Players aged between 8 – 13 as of 1/1/16

ALL NEW PLAYERS REGISTERING MUST BRING A COPY OF THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

Re-registrations and new registrations are also available on line at

www.southeastjuniors.com.au

For registration of players aged 7 before 30/4/16 please contact:

Registrar – Maddi Dyer - maddishaun@bigpond.com – 0419 342 617 (AH)

President – Geoff Foster – kwrjfc@gmail.com – 0418 581 874 (BH)

AUSKICK in 2016! The Koo Wee Rup Football Club will be running Auskick again this year. Auskick will commence in Term 2; dates & times will be advised shortly.

Any enquires please contact: Geoff Foster - 0418 581 874
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