Extreme Fire Danger Days

Just a reminder to all families, parents and friends of the School as we enter the Bush Fire period for Victoria.

On extreme or catastrophic fire danger days Cardinia Primary School will remain opened and be fully staffed. Parents need to be aware that Cardinia Primary School could be at risk from an ember attack and that the traffic on the roads coming from Pakenham could be quiet problematic if a fire occurs in the farming areas around the school or the hill areas north of the Princes Highway.

As a result on Extreme or Catastrophic Fire Days for the Victorian Central Region parents should consider their options about sending their children to school, particularly if they are travelling to or from a high fire danger area to the school. (In line with their personal Fire Plan)

School Camp -2015

Next week over half of the School will be on School Camp with students from Foundation through to Grade 6 participating in this event. Please read carefully the information contained in this newsletter regarding what children need to bring and the luggage requirements stipulated by the bus companies taking the students to camp this year. (Remember we are only going for 5 days - 4 nights.)

As explained at the Camp meetings conducted earlier, children are not allowed to bring along any electronic devices or lollies. Cameras are permitted but will be kept in a central location for the duration of camp.

Any queries about camp please don’t hesitate to contact Nicole Chidlow or Allan Armstrong.

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

Now that all the children in Grade 5 wishing to vie for School Captain have presented their speeches at School Assembly, 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.

Congratulations to all the students who presented their speeches and did such a fantastic job in articulating their reasons why they would be a worthy School Captain of Cardinia Primary School.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Don’t forget this Friday is the last day to get your Book Club orders into the office. 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. Each family has received 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 have also been distributed for every family. There are 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 distributed a letter for each family to let parents know about his visit. Please read Santa’s letter and follow his instructions.
Thumbs Up

- To Dave Glover and Nathan Eager for mowing the oval on the weekend. Greatly appreciated guys!
- To Nikita Stokkel (past student) who was recently named School Vice-Captain for KooWeeRup Secondary College in 2016. Congratulations Nikita – a fantastic honour and well deserved.
- To all the students in Grades 4 to 6 for their fantastic work they have on display for Flight Day - a real credit to them all.
- To the staff and students in Grades 4 -6 for a fantastic Flight Day yesterday. By all accounts everyone had a fantastic time!
- To the staff who have been very busy conducting Parent/Teacher Interviews and finalising the December School Reports – a very hectic time especially with camp just around the corner.

Meal Deal this week is a Meat Pie and Icy pole for just $4.00

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

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.

LOLLY AND SWEET FREE SCHOOL

Parents, please be aware that there are to be no lollies, sugary sweets or soft drinks bought to school. Students found with these items will be asked to hand them in to their teacher & they will be returned at the end of the day.

Ice-creams as part of student lunches are also not permitted. This is inline with our School’s Healthy Food Policy. Birthday treats are the only exception to this. For further information or clarification, please see Mr Armstrong.
Camp Coonawarra – final reminders.

• We will be departing at 9:00am **on the dot**. Be sure to arrive at 8:30am to load luggage onto the bus, then assemble in the middle of the BER building by 8:45am.
• Students need to bring snack and lunch on the first day. No lollies will be allowed in bunk rooms, so if bringing lollies, only a small amount for snack on the first day. Bring a drink bottle. Please pack them in a small backpack or labelled plastic bag so students can take them on the bus. **Do not pack lunch in their main luggage.**
• No Ipods, Ipads or phones are permitted.
• Students do not need any spending money.
• Please refer to the clothing list provided for what students need to bring. Students need to have their shoulders covered at all times, so no singlets please. **Make sure everything is labelled.**
• Please wear comfortable shoes on day one as we will be walking to the Den of Nargun.
• Aerosols are not allowed at all. Roll on deodorant/insect repellent only please.
• **HATS! HATS! HATS!** All students need a Sun Smart hat for camp to wear every day. School hats are fine!
• **Please bring a pencil case with pens, pencils or textas.**

**MEDICATION**

For all students 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 this Friday from 3.30pm?

Medication that **MUST** be taken (prescription medication) can also be handed into the staff room this Friday. 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. Parents will need to complete a Medication form when they hand in medicine.

*Our bus company has also requested that student’s luggage be a 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 this week’s newsletter and can also be found on the School’s website under ‘Current Permission Forms’*
**ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS NOT ATTENDING CAMP NEXT WEEK**

- On Monday, 30th November at 9.00am, the students in Foundation to Grade 2 need to assemble in the Junior Learning Centre while students in Grades 3 to 6 need to assemble in the grade 3 classrooms, in the main building.
- Students in Foundation to Grade 2 will be organised into 3 groups with Mr White, Mrs Irwin and Miss Thalas, taking these groups for the week. Mrs Armstrong will be assisting.
- A list of the students in each group will be placed outside of the classrooms where the group will spend the week. Students will be informed on Friday, 27th November of which rooms and teachers they will have for the week.
- Staff present during the camp week: Mrs Irwin, Miss Thalas, Mr White (Monday to Friday), Mrs Stapley (Monday, Tuesday), Mrs Armstrong (Monday to Wednesday), Mrs Wood (Wednesday to Friday). Sam, Sophie, Alicia, Lisa and Tori are all working their usual days.
- Please note that parents are asked to NOT bring their children to school before 8:15 am as we cannot guarantee that staff will be present before that time.
- There will be NO assembly next week.

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Please speak to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns.

**LOST A CAR SEAT?**

We have in the office a well-loved Baby Love car seat that has been handed in or left at school after an activity. It is grey in colour. If you have misplaced a car seat, please see Mrs Smith or Mrs Friend in the office.
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/t-shirt 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)
- Pencil case with pens, pencils or textas

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.
For many of us, Christmas is a time of happiness; creating precious memories with or family and friends, and sharing in the joy of giving. Sadly though, this isn't the case for everyone.

Connections is an organisation that assists more than 2000 disadvantaged families. For many of those families, Christmas is a difficult time of the year, with families already feeling the pressures of struggling to provide for their children.

Your support will provide a family in our community with food and gifts they would otherwise go without.

The Junior School Council would like to support this appeal. As our school logo highlights, we are a family sharing and caring school. This is our chance as a school to support this motto by supporting these disadvantage families. We are asking that you help us by putting a gift under our Christmas tree (located near the kangaroo inside the BER building). On the last day of school the gifts will then be taken to Connections.

To make it easier, we suggest that you buy a gift that would be for a boy or girl the same age as your child, wrap it up and place a label on the gift stating:

This gift is suitable for a boy aged _______

OR

This gift is suitable for a girl aged _______

Thank you

Junior School Council
Pakenham Blue Light
11th December
6.30-9PM | 9 to 14 Year olds
Pakenham Hall
John Street, Pakenham
Contact: Sharon Patterson or Cathy Emmett 03 5945 2500

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2/56 JOHN STREET
PAKENHAM
PH: 5941 4989

Mon - Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm
KOOWEE MARKET
Cochrane Park, Corner Rossiter Rd & Sybella Ave, KOO WEE RUP

*Invitation to local schools, Kindergartens and community groups, get involved with our Christmas market*

Looking for entrants for our

ART EXHIBITION
OPEN TO ALL AGES AND YEAR LEVELS

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WHEN: 
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