Camp Coonawarra:
Last week we had a very successful Camp at Coonawarra with 160 students participating from Foundation through to Grade 6. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Nicole Chidlow for all her efforts in organising and preparing for this camp, a process that commences some 12 months before the actual camp takes place. She did an outstanding job and due to her efforts everyone had a very enjoyable and successful camp experience.

We are also indebted to all the staff who volunteered to attend camp and give up their week to assist in running activities, being surrogate parents for a week and doing their utmost to ensure all students had a rewarding experience. We are certainly lucky to have so many dedicated staff willing to participate in such events.

A big thank you also to the team who stayed back at school to supervise and conduct activities for the students who didn’t attend camp. Nathan and Jane did a great job in running the school in my absence and I’m very appreciative of all that they did and the work Virginia and all other staff carried out during the week.

Finally I’d like to thank all 160 students who attended camp for their enthusiasm and involvement in all of the camp activities and how the older children looked after the younger students at various times – a fantastic job. The behaviour and attitude of all students was exemplary and a credit to them – well done guys!

End of Year Celebrations:
The School’s Annual School Concert to celebrate the 2015 School Year will take place on Thursday the 17th December, with the concert starting at 7.30 pm sharp. Car parking will be available on the School Oval for this event and parents and friends are reminded that no smoking or the consumption of alcohol is permitted on school property. At the concert we have a number of presentations to be made including Citizenship Awards, Encouragement Awards, Kooka Awards and presentations to families who are leaving our school as their youngest child leaves Cardinia Primary.

Please ensure that all Library Books are returned to the library by next Thursday.
School Captains

Yesterday the voting for our 2016 School Captains and Vice Captains commenced and once all students have voted the votes will be tallied. Our prospective Captains also have to participate in an interview with myself and senior teachers as part of the process. The new School Captains and their Vice Captains will be announced and presented with their badges at the School Concert next Thursday.

Once again the Staff would like to congratulate the students on their efforts to date and wish them well in the voting process.

School Fees – 2016

Everyone will have received a copy of the School Fees Structure for 2016 including a copy of the Essential Education Items to be found in each box. Boxes of supplies are now available from the Office. On receipt of payments students will be given their box of books, otherwise they will be distributed on the first day of the school year in 2015.

Parents with a Health Care Card or Centrelink Pension Card are invited to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). This is a payment of $125 per child per year and is to help parents meet the costs of camps and excursions. It may not however be used for the payment of fees and books. Please see the office for an application form.

The Parent Payment Policy can be found on our School’s website or you can ask for a copy at the office.

On the first day of School all students will receive their box of supplies for the 2016 School Year.

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

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 next Tuesday it would be greatly appreciated.

Santa has also distributed a reminder about his visit. Please read Santa’s letter and follow his instructions.
There is still a number of students medication left over from Camp. Please visit the office to collect any medication that your child used for Camp.

Meal Deal this week is a Salad Roll and a Donut for just $4.00.

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

Buddy Gifts

To celebrate our Buddy program it is tradition for buddies to exchange a small Christmas gift on the last day of school (Friday 18th December). Gift tags went home a couple of weeks ago and need to be stuck on the gift which should be to the value of $5. Please place buddy gifts in your child’s classroom (not the office). There will be a box or tub which gifts will stay securely in. Each class teacher will keep a record of gifts so no-one misses out. Please make sure buddy gifts are given to your child’s classroom teacher by Monday 14th December.

The students really enjoy this part of our Buddy program and we thank you for your co-operation.
Class Structure for 2016

Yesterday the students went in their 2016 Classes for 2016 and met their classroom teachers. Below is a full list of our teacher’s profile for next year and their roles for your information.

Principal: Allan Armstrong

**Foundation:**
- Jodie Mattingley
- Simone Van Parreren
- Liz Alderson

**Grade 1:**
- Jessie Thalas – (FM)
- Lucie Carneli – (FA)

**Grade 2:**
- Chris Briginshaw – (1C)
- Nathan White – (1H)

**Grade 3:**
- Anne Preston – (2B)
- Amanda Parnall – (2W)

**Grade 4:**
- Nicole Chidlow – (3P)
- Kirrilee Cruse – (3A)

**Grade 5:**
- Chantelle Joosten – (4C)
- Brenton Adams – (4I)

**Grade 6:**
- Trudie Esler
- Jess Dart

**Specialist/ Student Support Teachers:**
- Michelle Henson: Reading Recovery (additional) and Enrichment Program
- Robyn Masters: Science – (F - Grade 6) and Support Teacher Junior School
- Emma Parker: Art – (Foundation – Grade 3)
- Jane Wood: Support/Mentor Teacher – Grades 4 and 5
- Kaye Armstrong: PSD and Supporting Children with Learning Difficulties
- Hayley Stapley: Grade 6 Support Teacher
- Paula Fleming: Support Teacher and Art (Grade 4 to 6)
CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUPPER
THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER

We are asking families to please donate an item of food for the adults’ supper after our concert this year. Cakes, slices, biscuits, crackers and chips are some suggestions.
All food can be left in the Tech Room kitchen on Wednesday after school or before the concert.
Supper with tea & coffee will be served for the adults straight after the performance. All children receiving a gift from Santa will also be given a treat and a Juice Box.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ANY ITEMS REQUIRING REFRIGERATION OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING CREAM.

Grade 6 Round Robin Sports

Last Friday the Grade 6 students travelled to Bunyip to compete in a Round Robin Sports Day against Bunyip Primary School, Bayles Primary School, Tooradin Primary School, Koo Wee Rup Primary School and Lang Lang Primary School.
Students participated in Cricket, Netball, T-Ball and Newcombe.
Well done to everyone who participated, it was a great fun day.

School Resumes in 2016

School resumes for staff on Wednesday 27th of January and students return on Thursday 28th of January.
The office will be open on an irregular basis in the week prior to school re-commencing but please phone first to ensure someone is available to attend to your needs. As previously mentioned, books can be collected during this period, or all children who haven’t collected their books by the start of the school year, will receive them on their first day of school in 2016.
**MEAL DEAL NEWS!!**

This week will be the last meal deal, next week there will be no meal deal on Thursday. Instead we will have our whole school Christmas lunch on Friday the 18th, the last day of school.

Next Week, the children will be given a lanyard each which will entitle them to:

- 1/2 sausages in bread (minimum)
- 1 Prima
- 1 icy pole
- 1 Christmas treat lolly bag (On return of Lanyard)

There will be a standard $4 per child fee for lunch and if this can be paid to the office in an envelope labelled (whole school Christmas lunch) asap so shopping can be arranged.

We will need lots of helpers on the day; we will require a few people to cook sausages from 10am-12pm and then we will need lots of helpers to serve the kids after that. If you can help please let Megan H know.

Thank you
The meal deal mums

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**IT’S A BOY!**

Congratulations to the Stone family on the safe arrival of their baby brother, Brodie Lee. Brodie is a brother for Bradley, Jack and Harvey and weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces. Both Mum and Brodie are doing well.

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**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.

Remember we are going by train and need to meet at the Cardinia Road Station (Pakenham Lakeside) at 7.25am – sharp.
PHOTOS FROM CAMP