**Goodbye Kaye Armstrong**

At the end of his year, Kaye Armstrong will be taking much deserved long-service leave before retiring from work and teaching at Cardinia Primary School. Kaye has been a member of staff and associated with Cardinia Primary School for over 30 years, is our longest serving staff member and has been an integral component of the school’s success.

In that time she has witnessed the school grow dramatically from 30 odd students to our current enrolment of 312 students. Kaye has fulfilled a variety of roles going about her work in an unassuming manner, dedicated and determined to provide the best outcomes for the students under her care. Never known to raise her voice or have a bad word to say about anyone, just quietly going about her work with 100% effort and proficiency.

She has been a much loved and admired Junior School teacher – Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 teacher combined in her initial years at the school. LOTE Teacher – teaching Italian at Cardinia Primary School as well as infant teacher.

Kaye was also our first fully trained Reading Recovery Teacher – a role she fulfilled for a number of years before mentoring Carmel and more recently, the past 10 years or so, co-ordinator of our Students with Disabilities Program and Welfare Co-ordinator ensuring applications have been completed and written, advocating for these students with additional needs and sharing her wealth of knowledge and experience with all staff at Cardinia Primary School to ensure all students enjoyed success.

The school has been indeed fortunate to have someone of Kaye’s calibre as part of our Teaching Staff and community for such an extended period of time. The major task given to her by the community was to ensure the new Principal coming to the school in 1990 was kept in line and upheld the values of Cardinia Primary School – a job she must have done reasonably well as he is still here, they married at Cardinia Primary School – mock wedding and all, had two children who also attended the school and thankfully who have all the qualities and attributes of their mother. Kaye’s work at Cardinia Primary School is a pretty good success story – one that the School community should be extremely grateful for.

We wish Kaye all the best in the new chapter of her life and trust that it will be as rewarding and enjoyable for her as the past 30 years. Kaye’s official retirement will take place mid-2017.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**REMINDERS:**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE RETURNED TO THE LIBRARY BY THE END OF THE WEEK.**
School Concert

Our School Concert is not far away and rehearsals and final adjustments being made before our big event.

Please see your child’s teacher or Mrs Young if you have any queries about your child(s) role or costume for the night. Please remember that the concert begins at **7.00pm sharp**. All students need to be at school by **6.45pm** and sitting in the student area ready for the concert to commence.

A full program of the night’s events is included in this week’s newsletter. Parking will be available on the school oval for families and it would be good if you can bring along your own chair to sit in while you enjoy the performance. (Seating will also be provided by the School)

As well as each Grade and the School Choirs performing, we have a number of Student Awards and Presentations to be given out to mark the work and success of our students and members of the School Community. It is also a celebration of the 42 Grade Six students who will be commencing Secondary School in 2017.

PARENTS’ CLUB CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Parents’ Club are wanting to finalise our prizes for our Christmas raffle next Monday night.

Notices have been sent home asking for donations for the raffle prizes, e.g. biscuits, a decoration, coffee, up to the value of $5. If we could please have these handed into the office by **Thursday 15th December** it would be greatly appreciated. (Additional items are always more than welcome.)

Raffle tickets have also been sent home. They are priced at $1 each or 5 tickets for $4. Please return the sold tickets and money to the office.

*Santa has also distributed a letter for each family to let parents know about his visit. Parents please read Santa’s letter and follow his instructions.*

Attendance and Punctuality Cups

This week we would like to congratulate 3PR for winning the ‘Mrs Smith’s - Attendance Cup’. Great effort guys and keep up the great attendance!

This week the ‘Mrs Friend’s Punctuality Cup’ goes to 6D. Great work by all of these students.

*Our overall winners for the year for Attendance was **Grade 3PR** – they will receive their special reward on Monday.*
Thumbs Up

-To Mrs Armstrong who will be leaving Cardinia Primary School after more than 30 years of dedicated service to the school.
-To all the Grade 6 students and parents who joined us on their Graduation Celebration at Luna Park – a great day was had by one and all.
-To Mrs Esler and Ms Dart for organising the excursion to Luna Park – greatly appreciated.
-To Mrs Parnell for all her hard work and effort this year at Cardinia Primary School – Mrs Parnell has taken up a teaching position at Pakenham Springs Primary School in 2017 and we wish her all the best.
-To all the students for practising very hard for the forth-coming concert – great work everyone!
-To all the staff who have assisted in the production of the School Reports – all completed and ready to go. Special thanks to Ms Henson for overseeing this major effort.
-To everyone who is part of the Cardinia Primary School Community for your wonderful support and contributions to the school throughout 2016. Your efforts and contributions are always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

As this will be our last newsletter for 2016 have a great Christmas and Holiday period – we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Meal Deal this week is a Hot Dog and Icy Pole for just $4.00. Please mark your paper bag clearly with your name and grade.

GRADE 6 LUNA PARK GRADUATION

On Friday despite the gloomy weather outlook, the 42 Grade 6 students, their teachers and many of their parents ventured to Luna Park to celebrate the end of their time at Primary School Life at Cardinia. Once again the “weather gods” smiled on us and the day brightened and it remained fine and mild for the entire day.

The students had a great time and enjoyed all of the attractions that the Park had to offer. After 4 hours of rides and excitement they made their way across the road to McDonald’s, refuelled and then made the journey back to Pakenham. A huge thanks to Mrs Esler and Ms Dart for all their efforts in organising this event and ensuring the students had a day to remember to mark the end of this phase of their schooling.

Our last day of term special lunch will be a pizza, lolly bag and a drink for just $4.00. Please pay $4 per child at the office to cover our costs.
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS FOR SCIENCE
Ms Robyn Masters will be available for Parent Teacher interviews on Thursday 15th December at the following times: 3:45pm, 4:00pm, 4:15pm, 4:30pm, 4:45pm, 5:00pm and 5:15 pm. A sign-up sheet is available outside the Technology Room.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Parents, please ensure all students arrive at school by 6.45 pm for a 7.00pm start for our Christmas concert on Monday 19th December.

Cardinia Primary School Choir will be performing 2 songs at the concert and it would be appreciated if all Choir members could please wear either a plain white t-shirt or a white t-shirt with a coloured Christmas design on the front.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUPPER
MONDAY 19TH 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 Monday morning or before the concert Monday night.
Supper with tea & coffee will be served straight after the performance for the adults in the BER Building. 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.

Buddy Christmas Gifts
To celebrate our Buddy Program it is tradition for buddies to exchange a small Christmas gift on Tuesday 20th December, the last day of school. 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. If you have not already done so, please ensure gifts are received as soon as possible so no one is forgotten.

The students really enjoy this part of our Buddy program and we thank you for your co-operation.
GRADE 6 PARENTS

Parents please check at home for any School Library books or Readers. Look under beds, in cars and other hiding places to ensure that any books are returned by the end of the year.

Also if your child has had medication at the office, this will need to be collected. If you have siblings and wish to use the medication for them a new Medication Authority Form will need to be completed. Any medication not collected will be handed in to a local pharmacy and be disposed.

Arrangements for last day of School
Tuesday’s 20th December

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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.

Lost Property

On Thursday and Friday this week, we will be displaying all the lost property outside the office. Please have a look to see if any of your child’s garments are there. All items not claimed will be sent to an Opp Shop or cleaned and placed in our 2nd Hand Uniform boxes.

There is also a large array of second hand uniforms available for sale for $2 apiece. If you would like to view these clothes, please see Mrs Smith or Mrs Friend in the office.
Cardinia Primary School Christmas Appeal Update

Thank you to the Cardinia Primary School community. The collection box is overflowing. It just shows the generous nature of our school.

On Thursday at 2.00pm, Connection representatives will come to school to collect our donated gifts and include them in their Christmas appeal. These gifts will help put the smile on the face of a child in need.

Again, thank you for your support

Junior School Council

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Christmas Concert Program – 19th December 2016

WELCOME

Presentation: Anita Gelley Memorial Award

Grade 5/6 Dance: Fireworks - Katy Perry

Senior Choir: All I want for Christmas Is You

Presentation: Junior / Senior Citizenship Award, and Encouragement Award presented by Ian Ridgway

Foundation: 1. I’m a Dancing Christmas Tree
2. S-A-N-T-A

Foundation Kooka Presentation: Mrs Mattingley

Grade 1: 1. Starlight Star Bright and Tick Tock
2. What I am

Grade 1 Kooka Presentation: Mrs Mattingley
Grade 2:  
1. Jolly Old Saint Nicholas  
2. Try Everything

Grade 2 Kooka Presentation: Mrs Mattingley

School Choir:  
1. All I want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth  
2. I do believe in Christmas

Grade 3: Rocking Around the Christmas Tree

Grade 3 and 4: When I Grow Up Reprise - Matilda the Musical

Grade 3 Kooka Presentations: Mrs Cruse

Grade 4: Drummer Boy

Grade 4 Kooka Presentations: Mrs Cruse

Grade 5:  
1. Ode to Joy – Beethoven  
2. We wish you a Merry Christmas  
3. Can’t Stop the Feeling – Justin Timberlake

Grade 5 Kooka Presentation: Mr Adams

Grade 6:  
1. Santa Comes to Australia  
2. Goodbye song

Grade 6 Kooka Presentation: Mrs Esler

Academic Excellence – Rotary Club

Quiet Achiever Award – KWR Men’s Shed

Quite Achiever Award – KWR Senior Citizens Club

Announcement of School Captains – Mr Allan Armstrong

Book and Certificate of Achievement – School Council President and Mrs Esler

Parents who are leaving school – Parents Club

Raffle Drawing

Whole School: Jingle Bells

Arrival of Santa:
Junior School and Toddlers stay with Santa on the basketball court.  
Middle and Senior School go to the Junior Learning Centre with the teachers.  
Supper will be served in the BER Building.
# XMAS 2016 & NEW YEAR 2017 HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

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