From The Principal...

School Council:
At the close of nominations for School Council on Wednesday the 4th of March the school received the following nominations for the various positions and categories for our 2015 School Council. DET Category - Liz Alderson and Michelle Henson. Parent/ Community Category - Lisa Cartmel, Dean Alderson, Ray Weinzierl, Emily Halligan and Patricia Lammens. As the number of nominations was less than the number of vacancies then I congratulate all of the above on being elected to the Cardinia Primary School Council. The new 2015 School Council will meet next Wednesday the 18th of March to elect a new executive and commence their work for the coming year.

At this stage there is still one position vacant on Council in the Community Member Category. This position can be filled by Council at any time throughout the year. If anyone is interested in this position please come and see me.

School Photographs:
Just a quick reminder that the School Photographs will be taken next Friday, the 20th of March. Please make sure that you have returned your orders prior to Friday and that children are at school on time so that we can commence the process of taking the photographs on time. As you can imagine it will take a large amount of time to take all the photographs required, so we need to start the process promptly. Please ensure that full school uniform is worn on that day.

Curriculum Day:
Last Friday we had a very successful Curriculum Day with staff getting the opportunity to explore the curriculum program – “Curriculum Organiser” that assist staff in planning and implementing Ausvels and to streamline the programs and content that students are exposed to. The program will become an invaluable tool for all staff.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March:
- Wednesday 11th –
  District Swimming Finals

- Thursday 12th –
  Coastal Ambassador Program for School Captains – Phillip Island

- Wednesday 18th –
  Parents and Friends Meeting – all welcome. 6.30pm in the Staffroom

  School Council – 7.30 pm First meeting of new Council for 2015.

- Friday 20th –
  School Photographs

- Sunday 22nd –
  Catering at the Model Airfield - Cardinia

- Saturday/Sunday – 21st / 22nd
  Pakenham Show – School Art Exhibition

- Friday 27th –
  Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal.
  Easter Activities including Balloon Throwing / Easter Bunny visit, Bonnet Parade and Egg Hunt

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SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Friday 20th March. Every child has received an envelope for their order. Please return this envelope by the morning of Wednesday 18th March.

If paying by Credit Card please go to www.spargophoto.com.au click on the School Photography icon on the right hand side. You can then follow instructions from there. Please do not forget to record your online order number on the payment envelope.

If you want a family group photo taken, the envelopes are available from the office.

School Council 2015

Just a reminder that our first School Council Meeting, of our newly formed Council will take place next Wednesday the 18th of March in the staffroom commencing at 7.30 pm. All parents and friends of the school are more than welcome to attend this meeting.

Prior to the School Council Meeting, a Parents and Friend’s Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm prior to the School Council Meeting in the Staffroom. All parents wishing to be part of this invaluable support group of the school are urged to come along to help set the direction of Parents and Friends for the 2015 School Year.

Good Friday Appeal

The Student Council and our school each year have raised money and awareness for the Good Friday Appeal. The Good Friday Appeal helps children across Australia who need looking after by the Royal Children’s Hospital.

Donations from previous years have helped one of our students overcome huge difficulties. We, as a school, highly value the work that the Royal Children’s Hospital does. Please help us by giving a donation to help those children in need of medical attention by placing your donation in the envelopes provided.

Thank you
Catelin, Bayli and Rouan
Student Council
Thumbs Up

- To Jess Dart for her efforts over the weekend painting the Sensory Room a nice shade of black. Very much appreciated.
- To Nathan White for all his work in supporting the Junior School Council and their activities. Thank you Nathan.
- To the Grade 6 students for their efforts with Super Dooper Wednesday last week. A very successful and well organised activity.
- To Mrs Smith who has volunteered to make the curtains for the New Sensory Room. Very much appreciated.
- To Mrs Esler for supervising our Swimmers at the District Finals today in Swimming. We wish our swimmers all the best today in their endeavours.
- To Sharon King for all her work in running the Student – School Banking Program each week and co-ordinating the catering events at the Model Air Field.

EASTER RAFFLE

As you are all aware Easter is fast approaching. Each year as part of the school’s fundraising efforts we hold an Easter raffle with some great hampers up for grabs.

All we ask in return is that each family donate an Easter related prize (eggs, toys etc.). If you could please pass on your contribution to Virginia in the office it would be greatly appreciated.

Raffle Tickets are being sent home today. The cost is $1 each or 5 for $4.00. Tickets and money need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 25th March.

Thank you for your support of our school.

Meal Deal this week is a Cardi Burger and Pop Corn for just $4.00.

Please make sure your child’s lunch bag is clearly named.
2016 Foundation Enrolments

With the 2015 Preps settling in, it is time to start planning our 2016 intake!

If you have a Pre-School child who will begin Prep at Cardinia Primary School in 2016, could you please visit the office as soon as possible to ensure we have your child’s details? You will be given an enrolment form and a Kindergarten information sheet that will need to be completed and returned to the office by the end of Term 1.

All siblings of students currently enrolled at the School are assured of a position in 2016. With so many new families wishing to attend in 2016, it is a huge job to keep track of all future Foundation enrolments.

Your prompt attention to the enrolment process will assist us in managing our enrolment process moving forward.

Please see Allan or Jodie if you have any questions regarding the 2016 Prep Enrolment procedure.

YAKKERBOO PARADE – CIRCUS THEME

There will be a Yakkerboo meeting tomorrow after assembly in the BER building. Parents who would like to be involved in the Yakkerboo float production are encouraged to come along in order for us to gauge parent help & support. All parents welcome! If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be involved please speak to Ms Thalas in the BER.

Cardinia Primary School Basketball Team

One of our Dad’s, Stephen Reynolds is organising a Cardinia Primary School Basketball team. Games will be played on Saturday mornings between 9am – 12pm at YMCA Cardinia Life in Pakenham. Training will be one day after school. At this stage the team will be Under 12’s. The cost for the season will be $205 per child. If your son or daughter would like to play you can call Stephen on 0451 461 322 for further details. Please contact Stephen to register your interest as there are limited places available.
MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING
HELPERS NEEDED

Parents’ Club have been asked to run the canteen at the Model Airfield in Wenn Road, Cardinia on Sunday 22nd March and Sunday 26th April. As this is one of the many ways we raise funds for the school, we are asking for some helpers on both days to assist in the canteen.

If you can spare 2-3 hours in the morning or afternoon on either or both these dates, please call Sharon (0416 245 924) or speak to Virginia or Sue in the office.

We also need people to make cakes and slices to sell at both these dates. Please see Sharon if you can help.

The 2015 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge is now open!

Finally the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge has opened. Any interested students can pick up a permission form from either their classroom teacher or the office.
Next newsletter I’ll go through the requirements for completing the challenge.
If you would like to read up on the challenge you can go to:

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx?&Redirect=1

Get your FREE Challenge calendar in the Herald Sun!

Don’t miss the free giant calendar poster in the Herald Sun on Tuesday 17 March. Featuring key Challenge dates, literary events, fun facts, popular authors’ birthdays and tips, it’s a great way for parents and children to track their reading progress, count down the days and stay motivated throughout the Challenge.

Join Lachlan the Reading Dog and take up the Challenge to read more books!

Happy Reading
Mrs Preston
Big Write and VCOP

Here at Cardinia Primary School all students participate in the writing program Big Write and VCOP. This is a program that is used widely across the country. We aim to raise students’ levels of engagement and writing results at all levels. It also helps to make writing fun!

Each week students take part in VCOP sessions followed by an opportunity to use their new skills in their writing (Big Write). These writing sessions last for 45mins-1hour, utilise music and candles to provide a “creative” environment for students to work in. Leading up to the Big Write, students have “talk homework”. As the creator of this program, Ros Wilson says “if students can’t talk about it then they can’t write about it”. We encourage all students throughout the year to complete their “talk homework” with family members to prepare them for the Big Write. The Writing stimulus is sent home on Tuesdays via email.

During the programs conception, Ros Wilson, the programs creator, read and analysed thousands of work samples from all over the UK. From her research, emerged the VCOP. This described four essential parts of writing that was missing from children’s work. V- Vocabulary, C- Connectives, O- Openers and P- Punctuation.

In following Newsletters we will look at key components of the program to give you a better understanding of what VCOP stands for and how it is being used. By using VCOP, your child will be encouraged to ‘up level’ and set personal goals for their writing. We aim to teach the students how to turn simple sentences; ‘Suzy walked across the room’, into VCOP sentences: ‘Quietly, Suzy crept across the creaking floorboards so as not to wake her parents.’

Along with an explanation of the different components we will set a challenge for families to do.

Here’s one to try this week:

**UP-LEVEL IT:**

Grandad told a story.

**How Do I Up-Level?**

Add adjectives and adverbs.
Use a power opener: “ly”, “ing”, connective.
Use a higher level connective.
Use power punctuation.
Add information with phrases/clauses.
Koo Wee Rup Football Club

AUSKICK 2015

DATE: Friday Nights from 17th April 2015.
(The season will run for approximately 15 weeks, excluding long weekends and school holidays.)

TIME: 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

AT: Koo Wee Rup Recreation Reserve. Denhams Rd KWR.

COST: $81

- AUSKICK is open to Girls and Boys aged 5 to 12 yrs of age.
- All registrations and payments are done online.

How to register:
Visit: www.aflauskick.com.au

Click Register; enter KOO WEE RUP into the Centre Locator.

Follow steps to register your player’s details.
You will then be guided through the payment steps.

- Any parents willing to help coach the kids please contact Geoff as soon as possible please.

If you have any questions contact Geoff Foster, KWR FC Junior Coordinator:

Email: kwrfc@gmail.com or Junior Co-ordinator: Geoff Foster – 0418 581 874.

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METAFIT MADNESS IN MARCH

For the Month of March, "FAB" is running FREE MetaFit Sunday Sessions.

SUNDAY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH MARCH
Pakenham little athletics field at 10.00am

All Fitness Levels, Both Ladies, Men & Kids welcome.

Don't forget to bring with you, water bottle, towel & a mat.

Any questions please contact Rach on 0438 394 858, or Facebook FAB Fitness At Its Best.

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Try Out Day

| WHERE: | Casey ARC (Overland Drive, Narre Warren) |
| WHEN:  | Saturday March 14th & 28th @ 12:15pm |
|        | And Saturday April 11th & 18th @ 12:15pm |
| WHAT TO BRING: | Swim Suit and Goggles |

Please RSVP to: tigersharksrecruitment@hotmail.com.au to gain FREE entry on the day for 1 swimmer and a parent.