From The Principal...

At last week’s School Council Meeting the school’s Annual Report for 2014 was tabled and ratified by Council. Our Office Bearers for 2015 were elected with Gerard Kennedy as President and Emily Halligan as Vice President. Ray Weinzierl has taken over the role as Building and Grounds co-ordinator.

As mentioned earlier, the School’s Annual report was tabled showing the School is tracking in a very positive manner and performing in all measures at or above like schools. This is a credit to the school, staff and School Council’s support. The School’s new Strategic Plan was also presented and has been sent on to Region and the Department. This document outlines the direction of the School for the next four years and the work required to continually maintain and improve the student outcomes for all of our students. Hard copies of these documents are available from the Office or can be accessed from the School website.

Other items arising from the School Council Meeting include a planned Working Bee on Friday the 1st of May (evening) and Saturday the 2nd if required. This will include the creation of a cricket pitch and gaga pit, general tidy up, new stone on Cardinia Road Car Park and general gardening work.

A major project for the year will be the re-cladding and beautification of the Tech room. If you are unable to attend the Working Bee but are able to assist at another time to assist with any of these works please contact Ray or myself.

Parents and Friends Club (which met prior to School Council) mapped out their major Fundraising ideas for 2015 beginning with a Disco in Term 2 and a pie/slice drive. Term 3 Art Show and "Christmas in July". Term 4 Plant Market. It was also decided as a means of getting more support for Parents and Friends Club to set up an official Facebook page for the Parents’ Club to be administrated by the President, Vice President and Staff representatives. The Facebook page will only be available for financial members of Parents and Friends Club.

Council also agreed to make representation once again to the Cardinia Shire Council and our local members of both State and Federal Parliaments to improve the situation on Cardinia Road when parents are picking up and dropping off students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March:

Remember there is no Meal Deal tomorrow – Thursday due to the Easter Activities on Friday

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

In support of the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal and the Lang Lang and KooWeeRup Rotary Club Life Ed Van Program Friday we will be having a Free Dress Day and we require a Gold Coin donation – Junior School Council

April –

- Monday 13th –
  First Day of Term 2 - 2015

- Sunday April 19th – Yakkerboo Parade at Pakenham. Theme – Circus.

- Saturday 25th–
  ANZAC DAY – KooWeeRup RSL
  Dawn Service – 5.45am start at the Clock Towers
Parents and Friends - Facebook Page

A new group is starting and we need your help. We are seeking parents from each classroom to join our Parents and Friends new Facebook Group.

This will be made up of hopefully 3 or more representatives from each classroom. **We desperately want representatives from each.**

The main role of this group will be to communicate through this page to help, and/or, to promote the school’s fundraising activities and Support Parents and Friends Club with their many and varied activities throughout the School Year. All communications will be through this page and if you want any face to face time, this will be before School Council Meetings which are usually about two a term. This would not be compulsory but rather a time that is set aside for a discussion and cuppa. Trudie Esler (Grade 6 Teacher) and Michelle Henson (Grade 1 Teacher) will be monitoring this new page and idea.

Please email your interest to your class teacher, so that Michelle and Trudie can start organising this group.

We have lots of exciting things planned, details to follow on our new page. **We need all the help we can get.**

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**Please remember there is NO Meal Deal this week due the Easter Activities on Friday.**

**Friday’s Meal Deal is a Sausage Sizzle and Jam Donut for $4.00.**

Please ensure payment is made at the office.

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**FREE DRESS DAY**

The student council have organised a free dress day this Friday for the last day of term (27\textsuperscript{th} of March) to add to the fun Easter activities. This activity will need a gold coin donation for each child and the money raised will go to the Good Friday Appeal and The KooWeeRup Life Education Van.
Thumbs Up

Thank you very much to the King Family, Litwiniuk Family and Eager Family for all their support in catering for the Model Airfield participants last Sunday. A magnificent effort and greatly appreciated with over $470 being raised for the School.

To all the families and friends of the school who have supported our Easter Raffle by donating eggs and Easter items and purchasing raffle tickets. Very much appreciated.

To Gerard Kennedy and Emily Halligan for taking on the leadership positions of School Council. Well done!

To Sasha and Bayli who came along to School Council last Wednesday and spoke about the Coastal Ambassador Program and what has been going on around the school.

To Ms Thalas for her efforts with the Yakkerboo Float – if you can assist her in this activity please contact her as soon as possible.

To Amy Ellis for sourcing some cardboard for our Yakkerboo Float – much appreciated.

To the Students, Mrs Parker and Mrs Esler for the work they put into the ANZAC Exhibit at the Pakenham Show last weekend. We achieved 3rd placing – well done everyone.

To Paula Fleming for all of the invaluable work she does in the office, keeping our important documents and policies up to date.

To Lana and the Parents’ and Friends’ Club for all their efforts in getting everything ready for Easter on Friday. Greatly appreciated.

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 and 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.

Our Amazing Pakenham Show Exhibit. Well done to everyone involved in winning 3rd place!
**2016 Foundation Enrolments**

If you have a younger sibling enrolling for Foundation 2016, please ensure that their Enrolment forms are returned to the office by the end of Term 1. It is important that your child’s details are on our system and we have a place for them prior to offering other places. If you are yet to provide your child’s Birth Certificate or Immunisation certificate, please do so as soon as possible.

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.

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS PROGRAM**

*Venue*: Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre (11 Webster Way)

*Days*: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

*Dates*: April 8, 9 & 10

*Times*: 4.00-5.30pm each day

*Cost*: $70 for the 3 days or $25 per day

Suitable for junior tennis players aged 6-13 years of all standards

Private tennis lessons for children and adults of all standards are also available on these days with prices starting from $35 per lesson.

Enrolments for our term 2 programs (start April 13) are also now being taken with prices starting from $9.40 per lesson.

**CONTACT**: Paul Osborne, Ossie’s Tennis Coaching

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Website: [www.oztenniscoach.webs.com](http://www.oztenniscoach.webs.com)

Office: 5629 2121 Mobile: 0413 594 633

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**EASTER RAFFLE**

Please remember to have your raffle tickets and money to the office by Thursday afternoon.

There is also still time to donate to our Easter prizes. Please have your contribution to the office by Thursday afternoon also it would be greatly appreciated.
The 2015 Victorian Premiers’ 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:


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

Happy Reading
Mrs Preston

MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING

Thank you to the following people who baked for the Model Airfield Show last weekend, Sue F, Virginia S, Sharon K and Tania D. Thank you ladies! Also many thanks to Elise L, Peter L, Sarah-Jane L, Daniel L, Sharon and Darren K and Doona E for helping out on the day in the canteen. Thank you very much!
Easter Activities

This Friday the 27th of March the end of our first Term for 2015 arrives. School will be dismissed at 2.30pm at the end of the traditional egg hunt for all students, pre-schoolers and toddlers.

As is the tradition at Cardinia Primary School, much of the last day of Term 1 is given over to a number of Whole School Easter Activities to celebrate the end of Term and the coming Easter Break. Parents and Friends of the school are more than welcome to come along and join in the activities and assist in any way that they can.

The program for the day will be as follows, however the times might change slightly due to unforeseen circumstances.

9.30 -11.00 am: WATER BOMB THROWING – Throwing and catching competition with Buddies and Friends.
Easter Bunny might visit the classrooms.

11.00-11.30 am: Snack and Recess

11.30 – 12.00 Noon: Easter Activities in Classrooms – Teacher directed.

12.00 – 1.00pm: Whole School Lunch – Sausage Sizzle and Jam Donut

1.00pm – 2.00 pm: Easter Bonnet Parade and Judging – Prizes and Certificates awarded.
Easter Raffle Drawn

2.00pm – 2.30pm: Easter Egg Hunt:
Seniors – Grades 3-6 on the oval
Juniors – Foundation – Grade 2 front of the school.
Toddlers and Pre-schoolers – Grass area near tanks

2.30 pm: Dismissal

At the Easter Bonnet Parade a prize will be awarded to the Bonnet that is judged to be the best in each Grade and a further 10 prizes will be awarded in various categories determined by the judges. All students are expected to participate in this activity and they can create their own Bonnet – using their own imagination, decorate an existing hat or utilise their bonnet created in class.
(Please note children will be given an opportunity to make a simple “bonnet” in class but more complex creations will need to be done at home.)
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