ANZAC Day
On Monday morning it was great to see so many of our families attending the KooWeeRup Dawn Service and participating in this community event. Our School Captains placed a wreath on behalf of the school and were flag bearers during the march from the clock towers to the community hall at KooWeeRup.
I would also like to thank everyone who supported the RSL and the KooWeeRup Branch by purchasing various items of ANZAC memorabilia in the weeks before ANZAC Day.

Building Works
Over the next couple of days we are having some maintenance work being carried out in the area between the toilets and my office. It will involve some restoration of the roof and re-sealing the capping to ensure we don’t have any more leaks resulting in the weather boards rotting away. This also required the removal of the tree on the weekend to eliminate the damage the branches were causing to the roof and guttering.

Power Outage
Last week due to a car accident the school and the rest of the local area was without power and was informed that it wouldn’t return until at least 6.00 pm. This resulted us in having to source a generator in order to run the school’s pumps to ensure the toilets were flushing and we had drinking water. It took a little over an hour to collect the generator and get the water supply up and running.
We also informed parents by Facebook regarding the situation and that we were coping with the situation. We were instructed by Region that we couldn’t contact parents or friends to collect their children or evacuate the school due to the lack of power.
I’d like to thank parents and friends for their understanding and support with this incident. Thank You!

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL:
Wednesday 27th April:
• Evacuation Drill for the whole school.

Thursday 28th April:
• Mother’s Day stall at Cardinia Primary School. ($5.00)
• Meal Deal: Meat Pie and Lamington for $4.00

MAY:
Monday 2nd May:
• Bike Education – Foundation Grades

Friday 6th May:
• Lang Lang and District Sports Association – Cross Country Event at Nar Nar Goon

Sunday 8th May:
• Mother’s Day

Tuesday 10th May:
• Flu Vaccination Shots for Staff
• NAPLAN Testing – 10th to 12th May for Grade 3 and 5 students.

Tuesday 17th May:
• First Transition Day of our 2017 Foundation Grades

Wednesday 18th May:
• Scholl Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 24th May:
• Family and Friends Day (Details in future newsletters.)
Meal Deal this week is a Meat Pie and Lamington for just $4.00!!!

Please indicate clearly on your bag the items you want included in your Meal Deal

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

It is now a DET policy that all parents who volunteer at school on a regular basis hold a current Working with Children Check. Whether you read to our students during class, transport students to and from excursions or volunteer in any other way this includes you. Applications must be completed online using the link provided below. There is no cost involved for the application; however you will need to have a photo taken which may incur a cost. Alternatively, if you already hold a current Working with Children Card, please provide the office with a copy for our records. For further information, please see Mrs Smith or Mr Armstrong.


Parents and Friends of students are reminded that smoking and the consumption of alcohol are not permitted on school grounds or when participating in school activities when students are present.

CSEF

Just a reminder if you haven’t applied for CSEF, applications are now due. CSEF is designed for families who have a Health Care or Pension Card. The funds from CSEF will be processed onto those families’ accounts. If you qualify, please see the office for an application form ASAP.
THUMBS UP

- To our School Captains and Vice Captains who represented our School at the RSL Dawn Service. Well done!
- To all our families and friends who went to the Dawn Service at KooWeeRup. Great to see you all there.
- To the Grade 1 students who did such a great job with Bike Ed last week. Keep up all the great riding and remember to wear those helmets!
- To Paula and Emma (and the students of course!) for the fantastic Art work that is on display throughout the School. Great work!
- Thanks to our student teachers who are doing such a great job. Some of them will be saying goodbye this week and we wish them all the best in their future teaching careers.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Don’t forget that any Book Club orders must be at the office by close of business Friday 29th April together with payment.

This will ensure that orders are placed with Scholastic by their due date and are delivered to the school quickly.

Emergency Evacuation Drill

The school undertook an Emergency Evacuation Drill today, Wednesday 27th April. This is an important component of our Emergency Management Plan. The drill is designed to ensure staff and students are aware of the evacuation procedures in our Emergency Evacuation Plan, as well as test the effectiveness of the plan. Later in the term we will also conduct an unannounced drill.

IT’S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Lauren H (1CA) and Mike & Catherine Hurley on welcoming baby Emily into their family. Emily was a healthy 8lb 5oz and both Mum and Emily are doing great.
Secondary School Information Sessions

A number of secondary schools in our area have contacted the School regarding their Parent Information Evenings. Parents and students in Grade 5 and 6 are encouraged to attend these sessions listed below.

Pakenham Secondary College
Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} April (Tonight)
Information session commencing at 7.00pm

Drouin Secondary College
Information Day for students Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} of May
Parent information session – 7.00 to 9.30 pm

Please note that though we are a “feeder school” to Officer Secondary College, students wishing to attend other Secondary Colleges are able to do so by indicating their preference on the Year 7 Application forms all Grade 6 students received last week.

Attendance and Punctuality Cups

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

This week the ‘Mrs Friend Punctuality Cup’ goes to 3PR, 4CR, 5A and 5J. Great work by all of these students.

Remember that attendance and punctuality are two key areas in ensuring all students achieve their full potential at school.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Tomorrow we are holding our Mother’s Day stall.

Students will be able to access gifts that will be on sale during class time and they will come pre-wrapped with clear cellophane. We have a huge selection of gifts to choose from and all gifts will be priced at $5 each.

Please ensure that $5 per student is paid to the office as soon as possible to ensure shopping runs smoothly and every child has a gift for their Mother or Grandparent.
Do you enjoy singing?
Come and join the Cardinia Primary School Choir.
When? Monday lunchtimes
Place? Music Room.
Time? 1.40pm-2.10pm
Can't wait to see you there
 Mrs Young

Inter-School Cross Country
This year due to building works being undertaken at the Cardinia Recreation Reserve, the Lang Lang and District Sports Association will be conducting the Cross Country event at Nar Nar Goon with the host school being St James.

The Cross Country event will be held on Friday the 6th of May, with the backup day (if weather conditions are not suitable on the 6th to be Monday the 9th of May.) There is NO CHARGE for students travelling to Nar Nar Goon by private transport however; there will be an $8 charge for students travelling by bus. Please return permission forms & money (if applicable) to the office as soon as possible.

The inter-school Cross Country event is for Grades 3 to 6 students and throughout the forthcoming week each grade will be conducting their trials to ascertain the top 10 students both boys and girls for each grade level. They will then represent the school on May the 6th.

2ND HAND UNIFORM
Just a reminder with the cooler months approaching, the office has a wide range of 2nd hand uniforms for sale. We have jumpers, shirts and even school bags, all for $2 per piece. Come and see Mrs Smith or Mrs Friend in the office.
How do I raise an issue or make a complaint?

It is very important for any school to know if any families or individuals have any concerns about the school their child/ren are attending so that the issue can be addressed, misconceptions corrected or issues followed up. Cardinia Primary School is no different and it’s important that such concerns are taken to the school directly and that the school should always be the first point of contact. We need to know if you have any concerns about your child’s education or well-being. Teaching and learning works best when parents and teachers talk to each other and work together to solve any problems.

Here are some tips when contacting the school.

- Plan what you want to say, so you can clearly explain what the problem is. (You might want to take notes)
- Have some ideas as to how the problem could be solved.
- Talk about the problem with your child’s teacher/s or principal by telephone or organise a face to face meeting. Most problems can be solved this way.
- If you still have a concern after talking to your child’s teacher/s you need to speak to the principal.
- Remember you can be supported at any meeting by a friend, colleague or representative from a support organisation if you wish.

SCHOOL PARKING

Parents please refrain from parking and blocking residents’ driveways on Dixon's Road. Residents must have access to their driveways at all times and there have been instances where this has not been the case. Thank you for your understanding.

SMS NOTIFICATION

We now have the technology in place to send parents an SMS in the event when emergencies arise at school. To do this we need your permission to send you these notifications. A permission form was sent home last week. Please complete the permission form and return to the office with your mobile telephone numbers so we can update our records and add you to our list.
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Cardinia Primary School's
Twilight Fete

Friday November 18, 2016 5-9pm

This major fundraiser will help us raise much needed funds to update our technology room and kitchen area.

We are looking for sponsorship to cover some of the major activities if you or someone you know may be interested please contact Cara Massa on 0401197666 or Keryn Eades on 0417341675 for more information.

Please watch the newsletter for updates.