Welcome back to everyone to Cardinia Primary School for the 2016 School Year. It is great to have you at our School and we look forward to everyone have a rewarding and fantastic school year.

Staffing Changes
Over the holiday period Mrs Liz Alderson was appointed Acting Principal at Ripplebrook Primary School for Term 1. We congratulate Liz and the recognition of her skills and leadership capabilities. As a result of Liz’s appointment, Ms Henson will be teaching Foundation A during Term 1.
We also have 3 new staff members with us in 2016. Please join me in welcoming Amanda Parnall, Luci Carneli and Chantelle Joosten.

Mrs Cruse will be absent for this week and next week as she is having an operation. While she is on leave Mrs Wood will be teaching Grade 4.

School Captains
As announced at our School Concert the 2016 School Captains are Ossie Preston and Madison Cafarella. Our Vice Captains are Jarrod Stokkel and Madison Howell. We congratulate these students on their achievement and recognition and wish them all the best in their role this year.

School Picnic:
Once again in 2016 we will be holding our Annual School Picnic at Cowes Beach Phillip Island. The date for this activity is Friday the 12th of February and we invite parents, family and friends to join us on this fantastic traditional event. Our Parents and Friends Club provide a delicious sausage sizzle lunch, with corn and fruit. It’s a fantastic event and a great opportunity to meet other parents and the staff of the school. Full details will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

School Assembly:
Today – Thursday will be our last School Assembly on a Thursday, starting next week we will be conducting our Assemblies on a Monday afternoon at 3.15 pm.
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 have been distributed to the students. Please pay for these essential items as soon as possible.

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. Today all students received their box of supplies for the 2016 School Year.

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

TERM DATES FOR 2016

Term 1: 27th January (school teachers start) to 24th March **

Term 2: 11th April to 24th June

Term 3: 11th July to 16th September

Term 4: 3rd October to 20th December

**Please note that students commence on the 28th January for first term.

**Foundation students are not required on Wednesdays for first term.

MEAL DEAL NEWS!!

Our Parents’ and Friends’ Club provide a Meal Deal every Thursday at Cardinia Primary School which consists of a main item and a treat. The cost is $4 per child and is payable on the day. Parents will need to mark a brown paper bag with your child’s name, grade and items required. Please note that only one treat per child is allowed. We also need lots of helpers on the day, so if you can help please see Megan H or the office ladies. Every week the Newsletter will advise what is available for that week. If you have any questions, please ask at the office.
**Student Medication**

If you completed a Medication Request Form last year for your child/ren and wish to continue having medication kept at school the Department of Education requires you to complete a new Medication Request Form.

The Medication Request Form is available at the Office. Medication cannot be given to students without this form being completed.

We are unable to give students medication that is past its expiry date so please come in and check if the medication we hold for your child is still within its expiry date.

Medication to treat asthma or anaphylaxis does not need to be accompanied by a Medication Request Form as it is covered by a student’s Asthma Care Plan or Action Plan for Anaphylaxis.

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**FROM THE OFFICE**

**CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE**

If a student lives more than 4.8km from this school and this is their nearest school, the parent may be entitled to Conveyance Allowance. Please see Virginia at the office for a form to fill in.

**PERSONAL DETAILS**

If any of your personal contact or medical details have changed please let the office know. It is very important that we have up to date student information in case of emergencies.

**TISSUE BOXES**

Every year we ask our school families to donate 2 boxes of tissues for students to use in their classrooms. This helps us immeasurably by keeping our school costs down each year. If you haven’t already donated, could each family please supply 2 boxes of tissues (can be any brand) and hand them into the office.

**DISABLED CAR PARKING**

Just a reminder that the Disability Car Parking Section in the School Car Park is designed for those who have a Disabled Sticker on their car. Please do not park in this spot unless you have the correct sticker.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS**

Our School Newsletter is completed every Wednesday and is usually available from the school’s website in the afternoon. Hard copies can also be sent home with your child. Please see the office if you would like a hard copy.
Last year the Junior School Council embarked on a mission to help the Connections Christmas Appeal for families that struggle with Christmas. On Wednesday the 16\textsuperscript{th} of December two representatives from Connections came to collect our donations. A huge thank you goes to the families who donated gifts for this Christmas appeal. We ended up with a large variety of non-perishable goods and a boot load of gifts for primary aged children. It shows that our school truly lives up to our motto of being a family caring school.

Thank you

2015 Junior School Council