Annual School Picnic this Friday

One of the very special days on our School Calendar is the Annual School Picnic at Cowes. It is a great opportunity for our whole School Community to come together and meet with each other in a very social atmosphere. Our Parents/Friends body provides a sausage sizzle lunch for everyone, with plenty of sweet corn and fruit to finish off the meal.

All children also work with their Buddies and friends in making a sand sculpture (castle) prior to having lunch. Our Whole School Picnic has always been a feature of our students’ time at Cardinia and one that they always remember and still want to be part of, even once they move onto Secondary School.

School Council Meeting

The final Meeting for our current School Council takes place next Wednesday, commencing at 7.30 pm in the Staffroom. Our retiring/up for re-election members are: Gerard Kennedy, Dean Alderson, Keryn Eades, Ivy Tucker, Trudie Esler, Jess Dart, Lisa Riddington (retiring from Council) and Lana Van Berlo. Following our February Meeting, nominations for our new Council for 2017 will be open seeking representatives from staff, parents and community. Full details and nomination forms will be included in the newsletter and school bulletins starting next week. At our Annual School Council Meeting on March 16th our new team for 2016 will be confirmed.

Junior Learning Centre

On a Tuesday and Wednesday the Junior Learning Centre is used as a classroom and teaching area for the whole day. In particular the Junior School is using this space for Art lessons. It would be greatly appreciated if Parents and Friends could wait outside until the grades are dismissed at the end of the day.

Rotary Club of KooWeeRup- Lang Lang Ride to Conference

Once again this year the School will be supporting the Rotary Club of KooWeeRup and Lang Lang in their endeavour to raise much needed funds to continue the great work they do in our community (See attached letter). To this end we will be donating the proceeds from our Zooper Dooper Wednesday to their cause over the next couple of weeks. Your support in this endeavour will be greatly appreciated.
2017 Foundation Enrolments

With the 2016 Preps settling in, it is time to start planning our 2017 intake!
If you have a Pre-School child who will begin Prep at Cardinia Primary School in 2017, could you please visit the office as soon as possible to ensure we have your child’s details.

Please do not assume we know your child will be attending our school. With so many new families it is a huge job to keep track of all possible future Preps. You will need to provide the office with your current email address as well as your Preschool child’s full name, date of birth and the name of the Kindergarten she/he currently attends.

A 2017 enrolment form will then be given to you and these are due back fully completed by the end of term 1. Rest assured that all siblings of current students will be given a place for Foundation 2017. However, we do need your details to confirm your child’s place.

Please see Allan or Jodie if you have any questions regarding the 2017 Prep Enrolment procedure.

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

There will be no meal deal this week due to the Whole School Picnic on Friday.

Tennis Lessons

Anyone interested in their children having tennis lessons – we have them on Wednesday after school at 3.45pm at the local tennis courts. If interested please ring Joy on 5998 8220.
Zooper Dooper Wednesday
Once again this term the student body has organised Zooper Dooper Wednesday to raise funds for their initiatives and purchases for the school. Each Wednesday at lunchtime they will sell Zooper Doopers for $1.00 (Limit of one Zooper Dooper per student)

School Council Meeting
Our first School Council meeting for 2016 will take place on Wednesday the 17th February. This is our last meeting of our current School Council prior to the election of our new Council for the 2016 School Year. All parents and friends of the school are more than welcome to attend this meeting and if you are interested in being part of School Council please let Allan or Virginia in the office know.

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.
School Picnic

The School’s Annual School Picnic will be taking place this Friday the 12th February and the weather is looking to be great for this event but remember to put on that sunscreen!

Students who require transport to this event need to be at school by 8.45am and wait near the main entrance of the school (Hall Car Park). All transport will be leaving the school at 9.00am and returning to school as close to 3.30pm as possible. Families who are going direct or providing their own transport do not need to come to school but can drive directly to the picnic area, meeting us at the venue at around 10.00am.

*** Remember if your child requires a lift and is 7 years or under then you will need to provide us with a booster seat for the trip. This is a legal requirement. ***

A Brief Outline of the Day:
10.00 am Everyone arrives and rolls are taken by class teachers. (Mrs Esler teacher in charge).
10.15 am Slip Slop Slap takes place and announcements made.
10.30 am Start our walk along the beach
11.00 am Buddy sandcastle and beach sculpture competition.
12.00 Noon Lunch time for all – sausages in bread, corn, watermelon and cordial.
12.30 pm Beach activities – games and a paddle in the water
2.00 pm Pack up, and return to school for those students requiring transport
3.30 pm Arriving back at Cardinia Primary School with students who required a lift.

Things to Bring:
Water bottle/drink cup Change of clothing / towel Snack
Bathers – worn under clothes Sun Screen Hat
T-shirt or rash vest to be worn at all times – even when in the water. (No singlet tops.)
Appropriate footwear for the beach. No bare feet under any circumstances.

Please don’t bring:
Any extra beach toys, except a plastic bucket and/or spade. No flotation devices or boogie boards.

Friday the 12th is a normal school day for students attending the picnic and as such they will be under the supervision and direction of staff from 10.00 am to the conclusion of the picnic at 2.00pm. All students are expected to be part of the planned activities and parents and friends are more than welcome to join in. At 2.00 pm all children are expected to exit the beach area and we will pack up. Families who are staying longer can return to the beach area after the clean-up has been completed.

Students are not required to wear their school uniform for this activity.
THUMBS UP

- Thumbs Up to the O’Brien Family for their kind donation of $100 towards the School Picnic on Friday. The School is very appreciative of their generosity.
- To all the students and families who are making that special effort to be punctual to school. Well done!
- Thumbs up to Grades 3PA and 6E for winning the Mrs Smith Attendance Cup this week. And to Grade’s 00A, 3PA, 5J and 6D for winning the Mrs Friend Punctuality Cup.
- A huge thank you to our Parents who have been very busy organising and preparing for our Picnic this year. We really appreciate all of your efforts and work behind the scenes.
- To all the parents/friends who assisted with the Swimming Trials today – well done!
- Thanks to Mr Adams for his efforts in organising the Swimming Trials today – very much appreciated.

Swimming – Inter School Carnival.

The District Swimming Carnival is coming up on Friday 19th February, and today at the KooWeeRup Pool we conducted our trials for the various events. A selected squad will then go on and represent our school. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all the children for their efforts and congratulate the students who are moving on to represent our School.

It was also terrific to have the support of so many parents/friends providing transport and supporting the students in their endeavours today. Your involvement is always greatly appreciated.

Let’s go Cardi!

Parent Information Session

GRADE 4 & 5

Our Grades 4 and 5 Parent Information Session will be held next Wednesday at 3.35pm in the middle section of the BER. All parents of Grade 4 students are welcome to attend.
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Volunteering at school can be rewarding and a great way to contribute to your child’s class and our school. Parents who do volunteer at school on a regular basis or transport children to excursions must now hold a current Working with Children Check.

Applications must be completed online using the link below. If you have any problems with the online application, please see Mrs Smith in the office. There is no cost involved for volunteers however you will need to have a photo taken. Please see Mrs Smith or Mr Armstrong if you require further details.


Parent Information Sessions

Over the next few weeks each year level will be hosting a Parent Information session.

Grade 2 will be holding their session on Monday 15th of February, commencing at 3.45 pm.

Class teachers will notify parents through the newsletter and Class Bulletins when they will be conducting their particular sessions.

MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING HELPERS NEEDED

Parents’ Club have been asked to run the canteen at the Model Airfield in Wenn Road, Cardinia on the Sunday 28th February, as this is one of the many ways we raise funds for the school. We are asking for some helpers to assist in the canteen.

If you can spare 2-3 hours in the morning or afternoon on the 28th February, 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.
STUDENT BANKING

Student banking will start this week. Information packs have been given to all our Foundation Students. If you would like to start a savings account for your child you can collect an Information Pack from the office. Banking will be done every Thursday afternoon, please ensure bank books are at the office by Thursday morning.

Michael Wallace has returned to Cardinia Primary School to continue his music Lessons every Thursday.

We have limited spaces for students who are interested in Electric guitar and drums. If you would like your child to attend please see Virginia or Sue at the office. The cost is $8 per session payable upfront at the beginning of each term. Students participating are expected to catch up on the work they miss during class time.

MYSTERY PICNIC FORM

We received yesterday a permission form for the School Picnic with NO NAME and a signature we can’t read. The line that asks “My child will need transport to the picnic” has a circled ‘YES’ scribbled out and then a circle for ‘NO’.

If this could be your permission please see Mrs Smith or Mrs Friend in the office.

There have been a couple of instances of ‘whopping cough/ Pertussis at school. For further information relating to Whopping Cough please visit:

The purpose of this letter is to request your support for the Fifteenth Annual Rotary District 9820 Ride to Conference. This year the 50 or more riders will cover 600 kilometres approximately over six days arriving to a reception in Wangaratta at the commencement of the Rotary District 9820 Conference on Friday 26th February 2016.

To date our rides have raised approximately $750,000.00 for Rotary charities.

In 2016 the bike riders will be riding for Life Education, Disaster Aid Australia, and Rotary Centenary House.

Life Education
Life Education is a non-government, independent, registered charity which motivates and encourages young people to make smart life choices for a healthy future, free from the harmful effects of drugs. [www.lifeducation.org.au](http://www.lifeducation.org.au)

Disaster Aid Australia
This is a global humanitarian project that aims to provide shelter, warmth and comfort to people around the world who have been left homeless after natural disasters and wars. The Disaster Aid Boxes contain a ten person tent, thermal blankets, collapsible water container and other basic survival equipment. Disaster Aid Australia has been developed by the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills (District 9820). [www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au](http://www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au)

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House
The goal of this project is to provide an affordable, comfortable, supportive and secure accommodation facility for patients and their families attending the Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH), or undergoing other treatment there. [www.centenaryhouse.org.au](http://www.centenaryhouse.org.au)

This year with your sponsorship and support the goal is to raise in excess of $60,000 for these three charities.

The riders pay for all expenses incurred, with 100% of money raised going to the above charities. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this request with us please contact either Joy or Rudy de Jong on 5998 8220. Cheques can be written out and posted to the Rotary Club (see above), or if preferred, bank details for direct debit are:- Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 A/c 108334665.

Note: Donations are Tax Deductible, and receipts are issued on request.

Thank you for considering our request,
Regards, Joy & Rudy de Jong.
Contact details:- Joy 0408 107 502, Rudy 0408 050 851.
PAKENHAM BUCKS

Hardy’s has teamed up with local schools to start a program called Pakenham Bucks. With every $25 parents and friends spend at Hardy’s they will donate $1 to our School. We can then purchase any item from Hardy’s with our Pakenham Bucks. This is a great way for parents, family and friends to support our school with useable items for the children.

3 easy steps

✓ Visit Hardy’s and make your purchase (must be over $25)
✓ Mention the school by name before making your payment.
✓ Receive Pakenham Bucks vouchers to be returned to the school.

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Cnr of Cardinia Rd and Princess Hwy

Sat 13th Feb

Check website for other dates

Pakenham 19th Feb

FEB

Pakenham Hall

John Street

Pakenham

Contact:

Sharon Patterson or Cathy Emmett 0439 45 2500

Blue Light: 19

FEB

9 to 14

Dance Party

6.30 - 9PM

9.30 - 9PM

11:30 to 2:30 pm

11:30 to 2:30pm
Come down and give it a go!

Endeavour Hills
David Collins Drive
Frieg Hollow Reserve
11am - 1pm

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UG TO U18
REGISTRATION DAY
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