School Council Elections

If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor for the 2016 – 2017 School years please use the self-nomination or nomination forms and return them to the office by 4.00 pm tonight.

Following the close of nominations tonight if the number of nominations is equal to or less than the number of vacancies the positions will be deemed to be filled and the successful nominations announced.

If we have more nominations than the number of positions vacant then an election will take place and ballot papers issued according to Department guidelines.

**The Timeline and Declaration of Council are as follows:**

**Wednesday 17th February:** Call for Nominations for Council

**Wednesday 24th February:** Nominations Close (Ballot taken if necessary)

**Wednesday 2nd March:** Close of Ballot (If required)

**Wednesday 9th March:** Declaration of Ballot (If required)

**Wednesday 16th March:** Annual Meeting – First Meeting of newly elected Council.

At our Annual School Council Meeting on March 16th our new team for 2016 will be confirmed.

School Council Wrap

- The updated policies on Attendance and Punctuality and Working with Children Checks for Volunteers were approved by School council.
- It was decided that we would hold a major fundraising event this year by conducting a Fete in 2016. It is to be conducted on the 18th of November.
- School Council requested that ‘no smoking’ signs be placed at all entry points to the school and on the boundary fence on Cardinia Road.
- The option for the Swimming Program for 2016 was endorsed by School Council. Swimming will commence in term 3 week 5 – Friday 12th August for five sessions and then recommence week 9 for 5 sessions (starting Thursday 8th September). Our usual timeslot and program dates were booked out causing this new arrangement to be agreed to by School Council last week.
- Camp Australia has had their contract renewed to provide After School Care at Cardinia Primary School.

Parents and Friends are reminded that Smoking is prohibited in the School Grounds and within four metres of school entrances and exit points.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February:**

**Wednesday 24th February:**
- Zooper Dooper Wednesday
- Nominations for School Council close at 4.00 pm

**Thursday 25th February:**
- Meal Deal – Hot Dog and Jelly for $4.00
- Parent Information Evening for Grade 3 students at 3.45pm

**Friday 26th February:**
- School Curriculum Day – Students do not attend school on this day.

**Monday 29th February:**
- Footy clinic for Grades 3-6 – 2.15 to 3.15 pm (Richmond Footy Club).

**March:**

**Friday 4th of March:**
- Grade 6 Excursion to Sovereign Hill.

**Wednesday 9th of March:**
- Swimming Divisional Finals for students who qualified.

**Monday 14th March:**

Don’t forget Zooper Dooper Wednesdays - each and every Wednesday this Term.

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*From the Principal…*
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 Foundation 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 and date of birth.

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.

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).

From 13 April 2015, smoking was banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987. 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.

Basketball

Players are required for boys under 14 years basketball team for the coming winter season. Games are played on a Monday at Cardinia Life, Pakenham at a cost of $10 per game per player. For further information please SMS Claire on 0414 400 078.
THUMBS UP

- To all the students who represented our School at the Swimming Carnival and did such a fantastic job.
- To all the parents and friends who came along and supported the students at the Swimming Sports – Great work!
- To Mrs Chidlow, Mrs Esler and Mr Adams for their work at the swimming sports. Greatly appreciated by one and all.
- To our School Leaders; Ossie, Maddison, Maddie and Jarrod for the great job they do each week at assembly.
- To Gary Smith – (passing bike rider on the weekend) who found a student’s lunch money and placed it in the school’s mailbox. His honesty is greatly appreciated.
- Darren King (Mitchell’s dad) for fixing up the iPad charger for all the Grade 4 and 5 students in the BER - replacing the cord, fixing the USB plug and replacing two of the cords that were broken. We are very grateful!
- To the Harris family for their donation of books to the library. Thank you!

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Families are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

The department cannot advise parents/guardians on whether to purchase a student accident policy/ambulance cover, or which policy to purchase. It is recommended that they seek assistance in this matter with their insurance broker or find a suitable insurance company that offers the cover needed.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys and sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to school and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students, staff and visitors should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Notices have been sent home today for Grades 1-6 regarding overdue Library books. Please look at home under beds and in cars for any books that need to be returned to school. This will ensure that overdue library books can be enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you
Meal Deal this week is a Hot Dog for just $4.00 !!!
Please make sure your lunch bag is clearly named with your Grade.

TISSUE BOXES
Someone has dropped off their Safeway brand tissues boxes to the office and inside the shopping bag was a brand new toothbrush! If this was you and you are missing a toothbrush please see Mrs Smith or Mrs Friend in the office.

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.


GRADE 4, 5, and 6 ART
Lots of the students have art smocks, however, they have grown and the students are beginning to get a little too big for them! Please have a chat to your child and see if this is them. For those who don’t have an art smock, and for those who have outgrown theirs, it would be great if you could send a new art smock along with them to their next Art lesson.
Art smocks can be an old t-shirt or an old shirt, anything that helps to protect their school uniform. Please make sure it is labelled with your child’s name.
MODEL AIRFIELD CATERING
HELPERS NEEDED

Parents’ Club has 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 on the day. Please see Sharon if you can help.

Curriculum Day Friday 26th February

Please remember this Friday (26th of February) is a Curriculum Day and children do not attend school on this day. The Cardinia Primary School Staff will be joining a number of other schools in our area to participate in a day titled “A Framework for Understanding Poverty” presented by Nairn Walker.

CSEF

The Education Department has introduced a CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund) for families who are entitled to a Health Care or Pension Card. IF you hold a current Health Care or Pension Card and would like to apply for CSEF please see Mrs Smith or Mrs Friend in the office. Please note these funds can ONLY be used for School Camps, Sports or Excursions. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Smith in the office.

Parent Information Sessions – GRADE 3

On Thursday 25th February (tomorrow) there will be a Parent Information Session for Grade 3. The session will commence at 3.45pm in the Grade 3 classrooms.
Swimming – District Swimming Carnival

Last Friday 27 students represented Cardinia at the District Swimming Carnival at Kooweerup. The students had qualified for this event with their performances at our Swimming Trials earlier this Term.

On a cloudy day the teamwork and spirit of our team was bright and energetic and all swimmers should be proud of their contribution to the school winning the Champions Shield for the third consecutive year.

Swimmers that won events will qualify for the Zone Swimming Carnival and will receive their notification this week. Well done Cardi and good luck to those moving on to the next phase.

Winners and placegetters from finals are listed below.

Ossie - 2\(^{nd}\) Butterfly, 3\(^{rd}\) Freestyle, 2\(^{nd}\) breaststroke 2\(^{nd}\) Champ Freestyle
Hannah - 1\(^{st}\) Butterfly, 1\(^{st}\) Freestyle, 1\(^{st}\) Breastroke, 1\(^{st}\) Champ Freestyle
Brody - 2\(^{nd}\) Butterfly, 2\(^{nd}\) Freestyle, 2\(^{nd}\) Backstroke, 2\(^{nd}\) Champ Freestyle
Jasmyn - 3\(^{rd}\) Butterfly
Connor - 3\(^{rd}\) Butterfly, 1\(^{st}\) Freestyle, 3\(^{rd}\) Backstroke, 1\(^{st}\) Champ Freestyle
Matilda - 3\(^{rd}\) Butterfly, 3\(^{rd}\) Freestyle, 1\(^{st}\) Breastroke, 3\(^{rd}\) Champ Freestyle
Madison H - 2\(^{nd}\) Freestyle, 3\(^{rd}\) Backstroke,
Chase - 2\(^{nd}\) Freestyle, 1\(^{st}\) Backstroke
Lawson - 3\(^{rd}\) Backstroke
Will - 2\(^{nd}\) Backstroke
Madison C - 1\(^{st}\) Backstroke
Tom - 1\(^{st}\) Backstroke
Lillian - 3\(^{rd}\) Breastroke
Jehi - 3\(^{rd}\) Breastroke
Rouan - 3\(^{rd}\) Breastroke
Isabella - 3\(^{rd}\) Breastroke

Relays
Hannah, Isabella, Matilda, Alana - 1\(^{st}\) Medley Relay
Ossie, Lawson, Jack, Jarrod - 1\(^{st}\) Freestyle Relay
Hannah, Madison H, Alana, Madison C - 1\(^{st}\) Freestyle Relay
Jehi, Brody, Tom, Mac - 1\(^{st}\) Freestyle Relay
Daley, Caitlin, Chantelle, Jasmyn - 2\(^{nd}\) Freestyle Relay
Chase, Connor, Rouan, Vale - 1\(^{st}\) Freestyle Relay
Attendance
POLICY

Rationale
International research demonstrates a strong correlation between students’ learning, long-term life outcomes, attendance at school and appropriate participation in education programs. For this reason, the Department of Education and Training has very clear policies and guidelines in relation to student attendance at school. These policies are the Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007 and the Education and Training Reform (School Attendance) Regulations 2013.

The Victorian Government’s ‘Every Day Counts’ initiative promotes the fact that regular school attendance enables students to maximise their full potential and to actively participate and engage in their learning. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. Students who are regularly absent from school are at risk of missing out on fundamental aspects of their educational and social development. Children with attendance of 80% or less (that is 40 days or more absenteeism) may be significantly disadvantaged in their learning.

The Education and Training Reform Act 2006 requires that children of school age (six to seventeen years) resident in Victoria are required to be in full-time attendance at a government or registered non-government school unless they are receiving approved home tuition, correspondence education, or have been granted an exemption by the Regional Director.

Aim
- To maximise student learning opportunities and performance by ensuring that children required to attend school do so regularly, and without unnecessary or frivolous absences.

Implementation
- Education is a sequential process. Absences often mean students miss important stages in the development of topics, causing them to find ‘catching up’ difficult.
- Absenteeism contributes significantly to student failure at school.
- All enrolled students are required to attend school unless reasonable and valid grounds exist for them to be absent.
- Illness, accidents, religious events or obligations and other unforeseeable circumstances are reasonable grounds for an absence - shopping excursions or birthday parties are not.
• Parents/guardians have a responsibility to ensure that their child/ren attend school regularly and are only absent if ill or if absolutely necessary.

• Parents/guardians have a further responsibility to provide either a written note or medical certificate explaining the reason for the absence upon their child’s return by returning a completed absence form (see Form 1) to the school explaining why the absence has occurred. Alternatively, the school may be contacted by phone (5998 8323) on the day of the absence.

• The school will promote the Department of Education and Training’s initiative of ‘Every Day Counts’.

• As per the ‘Every Day Counts’ initiative and School Attendance Guidelines, students must achieve a minimum of 80% attendance for automatic promotion to the next year level.

• Parents/guardians should notify the school in writing prior to any anticipated extended absence.

• Students taking extended absences (more than 5 days) from school must have a Student Absence Plan to support their education, which is prepared by the classroom teacher.

• Parents/guardians will be notified if their child’s extended absence will impact on their ability to be promoted to the next year level.

• Students who are late for school disrupt the class and often miss vital work or instruction at the start of the day.

• The cut off time for late arrivals is **9.10am**. After 9.10am students will be recorded as being late for school.

• The parent/guardian of a student arriving late for school must sign their child in at the Office and their late arrival will be recorded on the daily attendance roll.

• Parents/guardians must provide a reason for their child arriving late to school.

• The class teacher will notify the Principal of students who are consistently late to school. The class teacher will follow up with parents/guardians to seek their support and cooperation. If the lateness continues the school’s Welfare Officer and/or the Principal will follow up with the family.

• Staff will be encouraged to recognise their role and responsibility to follow up absentees in their class and request written notification or explanation from parents/guardians for all student absences.

• On the third day of consecutive unexplained absences, the class teacher will contact the parent/guardian. If unable to do so the teacher will notify the Principal who will endeavour to contact the family. If contact cannot be made after continued absence, the Principal will notify the Regional Office.
• Where no explanation is received from the parents/guardians the school will record an absence as an unexplained absence.

• The Principal/Leadership Team has the responsibility of ensuring that unexplained absences are investigated and high levels of absenteeism are explained by the parent/guardian (see Form 2).

• All absence notes and records of communication must be retained and stored at the school for auditing purposes by the Department of Education and Training.

• All student absences must be recorded in both the morning and the afternoon by teachers and aggregated on the CASES database and communicated to the Department of Education and Training.

• The Department of Education and Training and enrolment auditors may seek student attendance records.

• The Principal will ensure parents of students with high levels of unexplained or unapproved absences are contacted, with the view to developing and implementing strategies to minimise absences.

• Ongoing unexplained absences, or lack of cooperation regarding student attendance, will result in a formal attendance conference being organised. Unresolved attendance issues may be reported by the Principal to the Department of Human Services.

• Students with excellent attendance records (i.e. 5 days or less absence at the end of Semester 1 and 10 days or less absence at the end of Semester 2) will be recognised.

• Posters encouraging school attendance will feature prominently around the school, while regular reminders about the importance of student attendance at school will be included in the school newsletter.

• Student attendance and absence figures will appear on student half year and end of year reports, as well as the number of days students have arrived late to school.

• Aggregated student attendance data will be reported to the Department of Education and Training and the wider community each year as part of the annual report.

References

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed every three (3) years or as deemed necessary.
FETE FETE FETE FETE

Cardinia Primary School’s
Twilight Fete
Friday November 18th 2016 5.00pm-9.00pm

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

There will be a fete information meeting to form a working party on Wednesday 2nd March at 9.00am in the staff room.

Many hands make light work!!

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 0401 197 666 or Keryn Eades on 0417 341 675 for more information.

Please watch the newsletter for updates.
Fundraiser

For every new customer to C & M Motorings referred by the school, $10.00 will then be given back to the school.

For every newsletter ad received from a fundraiser opportunity, your school will receive a newsletter ad in your school newsletter.

Positions Available

Junior Football

Contact the club for more information.

Training is about to start.

Boys and Girls.

The club offers 5 sides that are open to both

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The KWKFC Juniors have positions available for

Geoff Foster, Junior President on 0418 581 874

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at KWKFC@Gmail.com
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