School Council
At last Wednesday’s School Council Meeting Gerard Kennedy was re-elected as our School Council President, with Cara Massa becoming our new Vice President. Our new Council for 2016 was confirmed and all is now in readiness to tackle the year ahead.

The major event being planned is a School Fete, which will be held on Friday November the 18th. Please see either Keryn Eades or Cara Massa if you can assist in any way or would like to contribute to the sponsorship of rides for the students. Any support, ideas or contacts would be greatly appreciated.

Yakkerboo
Once again this year the School will be entering a float in the Yakkerboo Parade. The Theme this year is “Back to the 70’s” and our take on this is we will celebrate the release of Star Wars the Movie. As a result we would like all the students participating to dress up in their favourite Star Wars costumes and walk with us or be on board our spaceship on Sunday the 17th of April as we invade Pakenham. After the holiday break, Jess Thalas will need the assistance of parents and friends to help create our float and add artistic touches to our display.

It will be great to have as many students and parents as possible join us at the Parade.

Happy Holidays
On behalf of the Staff and School Community I’d like to wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable Easter break and trust Easter Bunny will find you – no matter where you may be. I’d like to thank all students for all their hard work and effort throughout first term and trust they re-charge their batteries and continue on with their great work in Term 2.

Don’t forget to return your Raffle Tickets tomorrow and if you haven’t already done so a donation towards the raffle prizes would be appreciated.
Zooper Dooper Wednesday
Thank you to all the families and students who have supported Zooper Dooper Wednesday this term, organised by the Junior School Council to support their charity work and buying equipment for student use. The balance of money raised will be sent through to the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal, along with the donations for the Free Dress Day on Thursday.

Meal Deal this week is a Sausage Sizzle Lunch and Jam Donut for just $4.00!!!
Please make sure you pay at the office for your child/ren’s lunch as soon as possible.

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.


WORLD KIDNEY DAY
On Monday 21\textsuperscript{st} March we had Lillian Johnstone, a Paediatric nephrologist from Monash Health visit the school. Lillian highlighted World Kidney Day and gave a presentation about the importance of kidney health. We have several students across the school that are impacted by kidney disease. The local paper came out, so look out for photos in the Pakenham Gazette! There are also some photos on page 8 of this week’s Newsletter. Special thanks to Lana for organising this special visit.
THUMBS UP

- To Chloe, Violet and Amelia (three Foundation girls) for leading the School in Advance Australia Fair at Assembly on Monday. Great job girls!
- To Maddie and Sam for attending School Council last Wednesday and talking about their experiences to date in Grade 6. Well done girls!
- To all the students who have Art Work on display in the BER Building and around the School— it looks fantastic! (Please take the time to check it out.)
- To Mrs Parnall for organising the incursion on Monday – everyone seemed to enjoy the Roald Dahl experience.
- To everyone involved in the School exhibit at the Pakenham Show. Thank you for your effort and support.
- To Jarrod S, Lawson F and Bradley S (ex-student) who won their basketball final on Monday night. Also to Bailey F (ex-student) who won best on court & MVP for the season. Well done boys!
- To our anonymous Kit Kat giver who gave each member of staff a Kit Kat this week. What a lovely surprise – Thank you!

Birth Certificate & Immunisation Certificate

Letters have been sent home to families that have not as yet provided the office with either their child/ren’s Birth Certificate and/or Immunisation Certificate. We would appreciate it if these could be returned to the office as soon as possible to ensure our student records are kept up to date. This also applies to our new Foundation students commencing school next year.

SCHOOL CAMP

This year’s school camp will be in the city, at Melbourne Discovery. It runs from Monday November 28th to Thursday December 1st. The approximate cost of camp will be no more than $400. This price may decrease slightly in the lead up to camp, depending on numbers. Expression of Interest forms will be distributed to families today.

Expression of Interest forms have been distributed to the oldest child in each family.

To confirm your child/ren’s place a non-refundable $50 deposit per student must be paid by Friday 22nd of April (week 2 next term).

There will be a camp information session in the BER building on Monday 18th April at 3:30pm.
Greening Australia Incursion

On Wednesday March 16, Grade 6E hosted an incursion visit by Danny Redan from Greening Australia as part of the Schools for the Environment program. Guided by Danny, students worked in small teams to carry out a biodiversity audit of our school grounds. Each team was given a particular topic to survey including: understorey plants, trees, organic litter, logs, rocks and soil management, environmental weeds and local fauna. Armed with IPad, clipboards, identification charts and data recording sheets, the teams ventured out into the school grounds to conduct their audit. Each team then wrote a report of their findings and included some action plan ideas for consideration to improve biodiversity within our school. Well done to all the students from 6E who relished the challenge and took to their task with great enthusiasm. The School Leaders will now consider ways to share and act on the information and ideas that have come out of the audit.

Coastal Ambassadors Leadership Program

Our School Leaders, Ossie P, Madison C, Jarrod S, and Madison H have had something of a super-charged week of Science as they backed up the Greening Australia incursion with a trip to Phillip Island for Day 1 of the Coastal Ambassadors Leadership Program. The full day of activities included: an introduction to the “Kids Teaching Kids” program, brainstorming some environmental issues and possible action plan ideas for our school, working together to build a nesting box (which we hope will attract some native birds to our school), learning about potential careers in science from a Marine Biologist and connecting with students from other schools who are also participating in the program. Our leaders represented Cardinia Primary School with distinction and they are now looking forward to further developing their ideas on identifying and taking action on an environmental issue impacting on our school. The Leaders will return to Phillip Island in early September to present a workshop and share their learning with the other participating schools.

FREE DRESS – THURSDAY 24th MARCH

This Thursday 24th March is a free dress day for all students for a gold coin donation. Money from free dress and this week Zooper Dooper sales will be donated to the Good Friday Appeal. Please support this worthy cause and deliver your gold coin donation to the office or your classroom.
Attendance and Punctuality Cups

This week we would like to congratulate Grade 3PA 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 OOA for the third week in a row! Well done Foundation A!

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year School Pix will be at School on Tuesday 12th April. Order forms have been distributed to families this week and ordering is done online via their website or you can bring the order form with the correct money on the day. Sibling photo forms are available from the office. Each student has an order number & Internet ID number to make it easy to order. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Smith or Mrs Friend or you can call School Pix on 1300 766 055.

Mobile March

A Cardinia Shire Initiative

How far will we get? Mobile March finishes at the end of Term 1. The students have been doing a super effort running or walking their laps around the oval helping the school make a distance so far of over 940kms. As of 17/3 we were 2.5kms away from Sydney CBD. The students have been running since then, I wonder how far we will make it? Will we get to the Gold Coast or to Brisbane or even to Cairns? Every lap counts! Once again, a big thankyou to the Cardinia Shire Council for this initiative and for the scooter helmet prize pack which will be raffled early in Term 2. Thanks to all staff and students for their involvement in Mobile March.
Easter Activities

On Thursday the 24th of March the end of our first term for 2016 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.
Music presentations hosted by Mrs Young
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.)
The National Day of Action Against Bullying

Last Friday, for the National Day of Action Against Bullying, Grade 4 and 5 students participated in a webinar about Communication Online. They learned what cyber bullying is and about being a bystander.

Some of the actions a bystander can do if they know someone is being cyber bullied are:

- Never forward or respond to messages or photos people may find upsetting.
- Encourage the person to report cyber bullying.
- Don’t harass, tease or gossip about others, including online.
- Support the person being bullied to ask for help.
- Make it clear to your friends that you won’t be involved in bullying behaviour.
- Report it to someone in authority or someone you trust.

You can find more information at:


Yakkerboo

‘Let’s flashback to the 1970’s, flares were big, afros and big hair were a must. There was disco fever everywhere. It was also the beginning of two amazing enterprises; Yakkerboo and the Star Wars dynasty. Today we are celebrating these 2 things. Let us take you to a galaxy far, far away! Where it began, all those years ago, watch as our Cardinia Jedi’s lead the way to protect Yakkerboo.’

April 17th is the annual Yakkerboo float parade. This year the theme is ‘Living in the 1970’s.’ Cardinia’s entry will be based around Star Wars.

Costume ideas: for Jedi’s or for Princess Leia a simple white sheet and as a light saber the $1 bubble sticks that you can get from any $2 shop, Kmart or Target will be nice and bright and the students can blow bubbles as they walk around the parade. Other Star Wars characters include, R2D2, C3P0, Chewbacca, Storm Troopers or Darth Vader. It will be great to see lots of students and staff dressed up for the day to celebrate the Yakkerboo Festival. More details will follow early term 2 regarding times and parking etc.
Roald Dahlicious Day on Monday.

Sarah and Russell from Nexus Arts visited us on Monday. They improvised and performed stories inspired by the wonderful Roald Dahl who would have turned 100 later this year. It was a fabulous show that had the children and teachers in fits of laughter throughout. Several children were invited from the audience to participate too.

It was really pleasing to see that some people truly got into the spirit of the day by dressing up as their favourite Roald Dahl character which added to the fun.
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on 12th April.

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines

Hair: Neat and swept off face

Order Forms: Complete your order form and return with payment to school on photography day, OR

Online Orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. You do not need to return the order form if you order online.

Remember: All orders placed online by the due date will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

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Cardinia Shire Council's Youth Services presents
School Holiday Program Autumn 2016
Bookings open on Monday 29 February.
Booking forms required for all activities.
Contact us if transport is a barrier to your participation.

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<td>Pakenham has lots of things to find and seek. Come for a day of searching. Lunch provided.</td>
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