This year’s theme for Reconciliation is “Our History, Our Story, Our Future”, and commemorations run from 27 May – 3 June.

The week is framed by two key events in Australia’s history that provide strong symbols of the aspirations for reconciliation.

The anniversary of Australia’s 1967 Referendum falls on 27 May and is a defining event in our nation’s history. Over 90 per cent of Australians voted to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

Mabo Day takes place on 3rd June and it marks the momentous 1992 High Court of Australia Mabo decision that overturned the notion of ‘terra nullius’. The decision saw the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s connection to their country, a connection that existed prior to colonisation and continues today. This recognition paved the way for the Native Title System.

Dream Time at the G – Sir Doug Nicholls

Last Friday we announced the winners of the tickets to the AFL- Dream Time at the G. The luck winners were Sam M, Tyler D, Hillary M, Taylor C and Mack B.

It was a difficult decision for the judges to make, considering we had over 15 entries to choose from. The winning entries are published further on in the newsletter. A really pleasing aspect of some of the requests for tickets was to be able to pass them on to a friend or family member who the writer felt deserved the tickets and reward them.

I trust all of our winners and recipients of tickets had a wonderful night and experience at the “G” and enjoyed the Dream time match.
Meal Deal this week is a Hot Dog and Dixie Cup Icecream for just $4.00!!!

A DAY MADE BETTER
Is there a teacher at your school who deserves to be recognised?

Do you know a teacher who has made a real difference? A teacher who did more than just teach? Someone who shaped, inspired and influenced students to do better?

Now is your chance to show your appreciation for a teacher who might not hear thanks very often. Officeworks is giving you the opportunity to say just that, thanks. ‘A Day Made Better’ will surprise and celebrate 10 national winners by awarding their school a prize pack valued at over $5,000!

For further details please visit http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au/ and don’t forget to nominate a teacher before June 17th.

Birth Certificate & Immunisation Certificate
There are still a number of 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. This is a Government requirement that these are provided for every student.

Student Travel Arrangements
If you need to send a message to your child about a change in travel arrangements in the afternoon, please try to do this no later than 3pm.
Thank you
Do you enjoy singing?

Come and join the Cardinia Primary School Choir.

When? Monday lunchtimes
Place? Music Room
Time? 1.40pm-2.10pm

SHOP LUNCH ORDERS

Parents, please be aware that the General Store would like all student shop lunches to be ordered by 10.30am at the latest. This will ensure that orders are filled and completed by lunch time.

THUMBS UP

❖ To Isabella De Jong for her great performance at the Cross Country coming 22nd in her age group. (Big apology Isabella for leaving your name out of the newsletter last week.)
❖ To the 17 students who wrote a request for tickets to the “G”. A fantastic effort!
❖ To all the students for the fantastic art work they are producing. Just wonderful to see your fantastic creations.
❖ To Keryn and Cara for all their efforts in organising Milo Wednesday. A terrific initiative!
❖ To everyone who keeps on handing in those “Pakenham Bucks” from the Good Guys – we are very appreciative.
❖ To everyone who continues to contribute to the “Silver Coin” collection. Your donations are greatly appreciated.
Attendance and Punctuality Cups

This week we would like to congratulate Grade 6D 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 5A and 6E. 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.

The Junior School Council has set a challenge for the Cardinia Primary School Community.

- Have you got a container at home full of saved up silver coins that are annoyingly sitting there until you sort them out or take them to the bank?

- Are you sick of carrying around your wallet or purse full of heavy silver coins that weigh your pocket or handbag down?

Well let’s put those coins in the Junior School Council Bucket Challenge. Our aim is to fill two buckets to the top and see if we can collect enough silver coins to weigh the same as Mr White. Money raised will be used for our school fete happening later in the year.
CURRICULUM DAY
Just a reminder that next Friday 10th June is a School Curriculum Day. No students are required at School on this day.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS
Last Monday 11 students travelled to Toomuc Valley Recreation Reserve to represent our division, Cardinia, in Cross Country. Although there wasn’t any rain, the conditions were cool and a little windy. All students gave it their best and did themselves and our school proud. Well done to Tilly who will go on to the next stage, the Southern Metro Region Cross Country held in Frankston. We wish her good luck. Thank you to the parents who came and cheered on the students.

Below are the results for each of the students:

10 Boys - Thomas 23rd  
10 Girls- Tilly 9th, Isabella 22nd

11 Boys- Jehi 25th  
11 Girls- Charlotte 18th, Chantelle 19th, Caitlin 23rd

12 Boys- Ossie 14th, Brody 19th, Connor 26th  
12 Girls- Madison 28th

A fantastic effort everyone!

ATTENDANCE
With the onset of winter, if your child is unwell the best place for them is to rest at home. This reduces the spread of colds and other lurgies and enables your child to recover quicker. If they do need to stay at home you can call the office and Virginia or Sue will complete an Attendance Note on your behalf. When they return to school however, the Education Department requires a signed note from the parent. There are blank notes available from the office. Please ensure one is completed and handed into the Office so our records are up to date and accurate.
This term the Grade 5 students have been focusing on exposition writing. The students have done an excellent job writing about different topics and learning new writing techniques. Here are some excellent examples of the students’ hard work 😊

**ANIMALS AND CAGES – By Aidan N 5J**

Animals are living creatures that can do many things, like adapting to the climate. Zoos and cages are places that you put animals in, for instance a penguin in an aquarium. There’s no reason why animals should be kept in cages.

First of all, animals should not be kept in cages because they are just like us human beings. How would you feel being kept in a cage hours after hours, days after days, months, or even years? They don’t know where they are or what they’re seeing. They’d be horrified! Next, animals should not be kept in cages because they won’t know how to survive if they’re released back into the wild. They will slowly die if they can’t hunt for food or if they get attacked, they won’t know how to defend themselves. Sadly, now black rhinos are extinct!

Most importantly, animals should not be kept in cages because they won’t have a fun life. All they’d be doing is looking through glass windows. If they’re in the wild they’d be having fun rolling around in the grass, or doing other fun things animals do.

On the other side of this argument, if the animals are dying out they should be kept in zoos. David Attenborough believes that animals should only be kept in zoos if they’re sick, injured, or becoming extinct. That doesn’t mean they shouldn’t be released afterwards though.

I absolutely believe animals should not be kept in cages because they’re just like us humans, they don’t know how to survive if they’re released, and because they won’t have a fun life.

**Hero Award – By Taylor 5A**

My Poppie undoubtedly deserves a hero award.

A hero is someone that helps people. An award is something that is a very special thing. My Poppie does everything that a hero should do. My Poppie looks after animals. You are fools if you don’t think Poppie deserves a hero award!

I feel Poppie deserves a hero award because he always has our interest in his heart. He picks up people when they’re sad, loves his grandkids he also gives people close to him lollies for no reason at all.

Evidence shows that Poppie deserves a hero award because he assists the community. He even helped the Vet. Once he dressed up as Santa for the Vet and for the cats and dogs. He looks after the house next door while the neighbours are gone and helps the bank by dressing up a mascot for the Dragons in the NRL.

My last and final reason Poppie deserves a hero award is because he looks after animals that may be wild. He helps them when they’re sick, helps them when they are having a baby, also he helps them when they have broken something such as their leg.

This should have convinced you that Poppie deserves a hero award, because he loves his family, he helps the community and he looks after animals.
FOOTBALL TICKET WINNERS

The Reason I think I should get the football tickets is because my dad works really hard and I think he needs a nice break at the MCG. I would love it if you could give me 2 tickets for my sister Hillary and my dad because my dad and Hillary are having a hang out day on Saturday.
By Evelyn M (3PR)

The reason I think I deserve to get to go to the MCG is because I need to have some bonding time with my dad. He has been extremely busy lately and this Saturday night he is free for once, not going to any meetings and stuff. This is the reason why I think I deserve to go to the football, to have some time with my dad.
By Hillary M (4CH)

I would love to go to the Essendon for my sister because my sister never gets to go places with my dad.
By Tyler D (3PA)

Hi Mr Armstrong it's Mack here. As you know I love footy and I think of play it every day but since I broke my arm I can’t but I still enjoy watching the footy and supporting my local footy club KWRFC and it would be a dream to go and watch the AFL. Thanks
From Mack B (4CR)

Wednesday the 25th of May, 2016
Why I would want to win the tickets.

Well I would really love to win the footy tickets but give them to my best friend Charlotte.

I would really want to give her (if I win) my tickets because Charlotte and her family are massive Essendon supporters, also Charlotte is a kind, funny and sometimes shy girl that really deserves these tickets.

Also Charlotte tryed to win the tickets and come in as an extra, incase someone couldn’t go that won. So she got three tickets, her brother and dad were automatically going but there was still 1 ticket left and Sasha and Charlotte had to do a challenge to see who could go. Sasha won the challenge but Charlotte was really really sad. I felt so bad for because she won the tickets.

So that’s why I would really LOVE to win the tickets for her.
From Samantha M (6D)
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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DREAMTIME AT THE MCG.

I am writing this to you Mr Armstrong because I really want those tickets to see Essendon play Richmond.

Due to Essendon's poor results in games this year, I have not seen a game and I am a diehard fan and want to see Essendon play in 2016.

It would be an honour to see my idol Zaharakis, playing for Essendon. I wouldn't mind if Richmond won, because I would be happy that I won the tickets.

In addition, my Dad is a big fan of Joe Daniher and he is been dying to see him play. It would be our hope to see them play in the Dreamtime round, as it is a very special match.

An important thing is that I have never been to Dreamtime in my life and my Dad hasn't seen it live either. I have been collecting Essendon cards from the Herald Sun to show my support for the game.

I still have to repay my Dad because he took me to see Captain America Civil War and I would like to give him something back, by getting tickets to watch Essendon.

I hope I get the tickets it would mean a lot to my Dad and I.
NOMINATE A GREAT TEACHER TODAY.

Do you know a teacher you’d like to thank? A Day Made Better gives you the opportunity to thank a primary or secondary school teacher who is making a difference. If chosen as one of 10 winners, they’ll receive $5,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom. Help us recognise these inspiring people by nominating them today.

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