

Cardinia Primary Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER



TERM 3

JULY

Friday 17th July	3-6 Water Safety Day
Thursday 23rd	Proposed Industrial Action
Friday 24th	Foundation 100 Days of school
Monday 27th	JSC Sausage Sizzle
Tuesday 28th	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 28th—Friday 31st	F-2 Swimming Lessons
Friday 31st	3-6 House Athletics 10:20am—12:20pm

AUGUST

Wednesday 5th	2027 Foundation 1st Transition Session 2:30pm—3:30pm
Friday 7th	JSC Pyjama Day—Gold Coin Donation
Wednesday 12th	CURRICULUM DAY— NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Friday 14th	5/6 Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion
Thursday 20th	Art and Science Show
Friday 21st	Show Day and Talent Quest
Friday 28th	Book Week Parade
Monday 31st	JSC Sausage Sizzle

Welcome Back to Term 3

I hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday break. It has been wonderful to see our students return to school with lots of smiles on their faces, ready to learn and reconnect with their friends and teachers.

Although the weather is certainly cold, the enthusiasm and energy around the school has been fantastic. It is going to be another busy and exciting term, and as you will see from this newsletter, there is a lot happening across the school. Please continue to keep an eye on our newsletters throughout the term, as we will make sure we keep you updated with all the important information, events and reminders you need to know.

School Camp

Thank you to those families who have committed to and paid deposits for our camp this year. Fortunately, we will now be able to go ahead and continue our planning for this wonderful event.

Staff Changes

From Week 4 this term we will have some staff changes. Andy has accepted the opportunity of an 11 month transfer to a larger Primary School. She will return to us at the end of Term 2 next year. During her absence Rachel will be our Business Manager, and Megan Martello (Mrs M) will be our Admin person in the front of the office. We have advertised an ES position until the end of the year.

Aboriginal Culture

We have been fortunate to welcome back Sam Richards for our annual Aboriginal Culture Incursion. This wonderful program runs over two days and provides all of our students with the opportunity to be entertained and educated while building their understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal culture and perspectives. We thank Sam for sharing her knowledge and experiences with our students.

Water Safety

We are looking forward to our Year 3–6 students participating in their Water Safety Day tomorrow. Water safety is such an important life skill, and while it may seem unusual to be thinking about swimming and water safety in the middle of winter, it is essential that our children continue to build their confidence and understanding of how to stay safe around water at all times. Our Foundation to Year 2 students will participate in their swimming program during week 3.

Emergency Drills

I would like to ask families to please have a conversation with your children about emergency drills. Over the coming weeks, we will be conducting an evacuation drill at school. While it is very unlikely that we would ever need to carry out a real evacuation, it is important that students understand why we practise these procedures and know what to do if an emergency situation were ever to occur. Our students participate in drills every term, and these conversations at home help reinforce the importance of being prepared and staying safe.

Child safety and wellbeing at Cardinia primary School: information for families and the school community

Cardinia Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: [Cardinia Primary School](#)

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact me at:

Cardinia.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Industrial Action

An industrial action day is planned for Thursday 23 July. If the union and the Department of Education are unable to reach an agreement before this date, the action will proceed and there will be very limited supervision available at school. I will send a separate information letter to families with further details. We ask that families please make alternative arrangements for their children on this day wherever possible.

The Importance of Regular Attendance

With the beginning of a new term, and a particularly cold one, it is a timely reminder to think about the time your child spends at school. We will soon be recognising students who achieved 100% attendance during Semester One with a special certificate presentation.

We are incredibly proud that many of our students have excellent attendance, and we thank our families for their ongoing support in ensuring children arrive at school ready to learn each day.

We understand that there are times when children need to be away from school for appointments or other unavoidable reasons. However, it is worth remembering that regular absences of even small amounts of time missed can quickly add up over the course of a term and result in several days of learning being missed.

Every day at school matters, and we appreciate your support in helping your child make the most of every learning opportunity.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are looking forward to a fantastic Term 3 filled with learning, growth and many exciting opportunities for our students.

Warm regards,
Susan



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

MONTHLY BBQ LUNCH

FUND RAISING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Thank you to everyone who has supported our sausage sizzles so far. Our School leaders love cooking the BBQ!



The next Sausage Sizzle will be

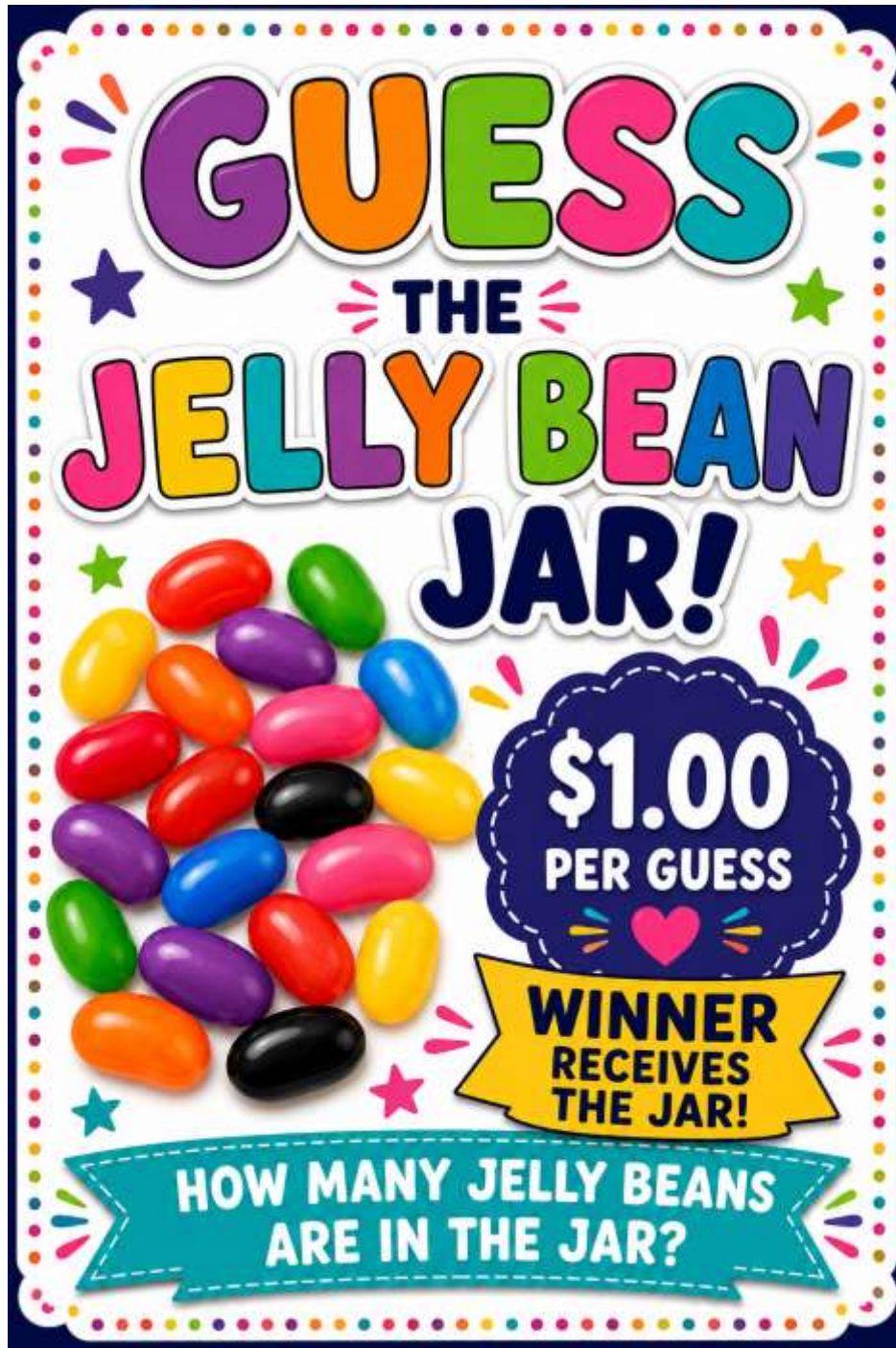
Monday 27th July

SAUSAGES FOR \$2.50

ORDER ON QKR OR AT THE OFFICE

CASH OR EFTPOS

ORDERS CLOSE THURSDAY 23rd July AT 9:00AM



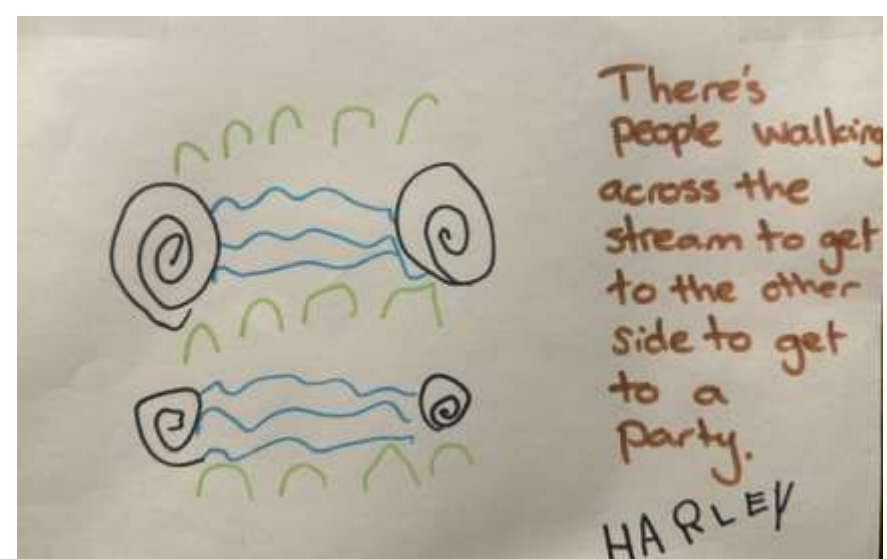
Introducing Junior School Council's
latest fundraiser

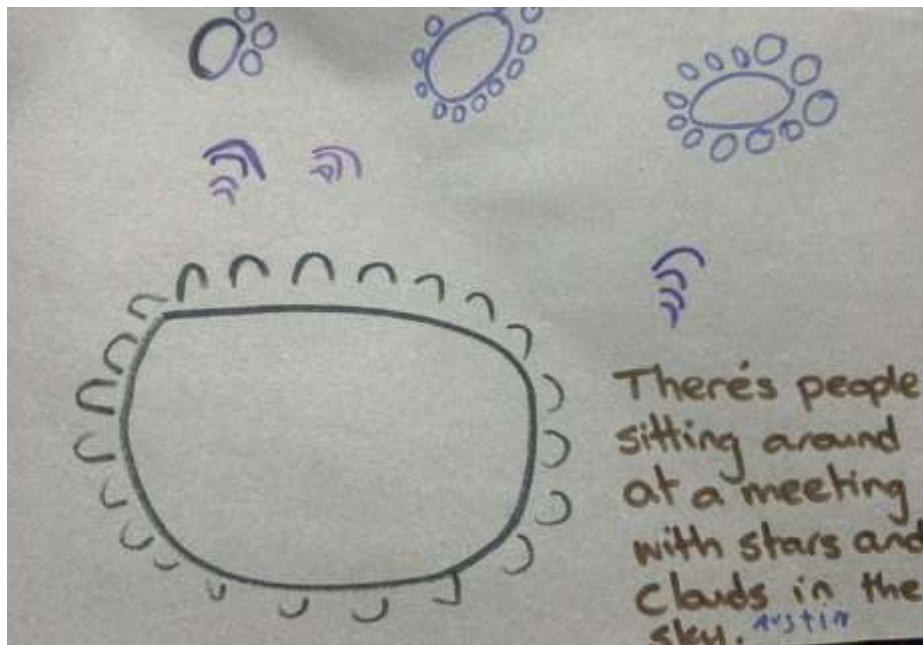
Our JSC students will be taking your guesses every Friday
at eating time at the office.

So remember to bring your \$1 coins.



As part of our Reconciliation Week activities, Cardinia Primary students were given the opportunity to explore and interact with Koori artifacts. Foundation students learnt facts about Koori culture and the meaning behind many markings used to record facts and share stories. Highlights were touching a genuine possum skin and rolling an Indigenous Australian football called a *marngrook* (game ball crafted from possum skin stuffed with pounded charcoal, ash or grass). Students then told their own story using Aboriginal art symbols.





Ahoy there me hearties! Friday the 19th of June 2026, saw the Foundation classrooms taken over by swash-buckling pirates. Students wore pirate costumes, sang sea shanties, played pirate games, found huge amounts of treasure (some edible), and even made visitors walk the plank. They also learnt how to walk like a pirate and talk like a pirate ('Land Ahoy,' 'Avast,' 'Hoist the main,' 'Swab the deck' and 'Aye, aye captain'). Students learned some cool pirate facts including the reason that pirates wore eyepatches (to make each eye stronger so they could see in the dark!), the parts of a ship (bow, stern, port, starboard, rigging and sails), pirates wore gold and silver because they believed it gave them good eyesight and the pirate flag is called the Jolly Roger (pirates flew this flag to warn others of trouble ahead).



DRAMA CLUB

Some of our students have been attending Drama Club with Barbara on a Wednesday during break time.

Maka, Emily, Hayden, Luca, Braydon and Kasey have enjoyed learning about self-regulation through drama. They will be presenting their play at assembly on the 7th August.





Application forms are due by Wednesday July 22

The Science Fair is BACK for 2026!! The Science Fair will be happening in conjunction with the Art Show to be held at CPS on **Thursday August 20**.

I need some highly motivated Grade 3-6 students who are passionate about Science to devise and make a special project for display at the Fair. Do you have what it takes to be a part of the 2026 Science Fair??

The aim of your project is to educate your audience about an area of Science that you are both passionate AND knowledgeable about. You will need to complete your project at home and getting other members of your family involved is strongly encouraged. Your project can be on any Science topic you like and it would be great if it has at least one interactive element – for example a project about Mars that includes a working model of a Mars rover.

Application forms are now available in the Science room. If you would like to participate in the Science Fair, please hand in your application form to

Ms Masters by **Wednesday July 22nd**.

Let's make the 2026 Science Fair the best one yet!!



Grade 5/6 District Winter Sports Report

Last Term the Grade 5/6 students participated in the District Winter School Sports. Cardinia Primary School had representatives in AFL 9's, Soccer, Mixed Netball and T-Ball. It was a fantastic day and everyone represented the school with pride and enthusiasm. Congratulations to the Soccer team and the Mixed Netball team who won the District Competition and will progress through to the Division Stage on Friday.



From the Office



****ALL EXCURSION FORMS AND PAYMENTS NOW IN XUNO****

XUNO is your parent portal to view news and events, book parent teacher interviews, check your child's live attendance, mark absences, view reports, and more. Please contact the office if you have any problems or questions about setting up, and signing in to your account.



Qkr! Is the app that the school is using to accept payments such as: Meal Deals, second hand uniform and fundraising.

Please see the office staff if you need more information about using Qkr!

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club runs each Friday between 8:30-8:45am in the Science Room. This program is government funded and open to all students.

Food available may be Weetbix, muesli, toast with Vegemite or honey, baked beans, spaghetti and fruit cups. Please let us know when dropping off your child if there are any allergies we need to be aware of.

Children are welcome to come to the Science Room from 8:30am. Please do not drop your child off any earlier than this. We welcome any parents who would like to come once a month (or less if we get enough help) to serve and tidy up.



Before and After School Care

Our before and after school care is provided by DS Sports. Click on the link below for more information

<https://www.dssports.org/cardiniaprimary-1-1>

Monday to Friday: Before School Care from 6:30am
After School Care from 3:30pm - 6:30pm



Cardinia General Store

Shop lunch orders can be ordered any day of the week and will be delivered to students in time for lunch (12:20pm) - sandwiches, hot food and drinks included!

Place your order directly at the shop.



Phone: 5998 8488

Term Dates 2026

Term 1:	Wednesday 28th January - Thursday 2nd April
Term 2:	Monday 20th April - Friday 26th June
Term 3:	Monday 13th July - Friday 18th September
Term 4:	Monday 5th October - Friday 18th December

We're working with The Resilience Project

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program. Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**.

Gratitude



Gratitude involves recognising and expressing appreciation for the people, places and things in our lives. Practising gratitude allows us to pay attention to what we have, increasing feelings of happiness and leading to a more positive outlook on life.

Empathy



Empathy involves understanding others' feelings and perspectives and is practised through kindness, compassion and curiosity. Developing empathy fosters deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions.

Mindfulness



The practice of mindfulness is about an awareness of life as we are living it.

It allows us to be responsive to our experiences rather than being reactive, and to live with greater balance, presence and connection.

Emotional Literacy



Emotional Literacy involves learning to identify and label our emotions, as well as developing emotional regulation skills. When we can accurately name our feelings and emotions, it reduces the impact of uncomfortable emotions and enhances the effect of positive ones.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESILIENCE PROJECT, HEAD TO:



@theresilienceproject_



The Resilience Project



The Resilience Project



theresilienceproject.com.au



Week 1: Try one, or even all of these activities together as a family at home!

 **Gratitude:** Share one thing you are proud of accomplishing last week.

 **Empathy:** Talk about someone who needed help and how you could support them.

 **Mindfulness:** Before a meal, pause for a moment and notice the colours, smells, and textures of your food.

 **Emotional Literacy:** Describe one feeling you experienced during the week and why.

<https://www.dssports.org/cardiniaprimary-1-1>



DS SPORTS Cardinia Primary

Before & After Care Service

BEFORE CARE \$2.80* **AFTER CARE \$3.40***

What's Included

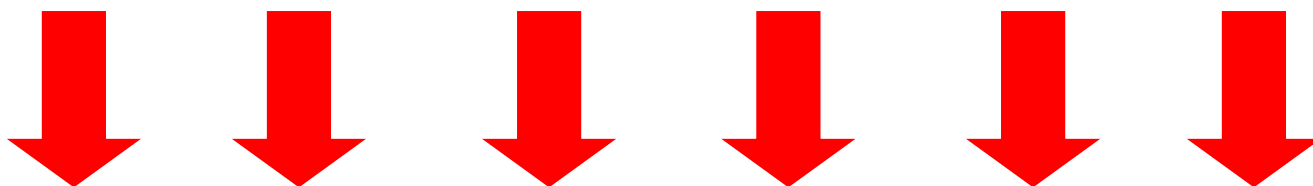
- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Afternoon Tea
- ✓ Games, Coaching, Activities for all
- ✓ Extended hours

FUN - ACTIVE - ENGAGING

DSSPORTS.ORG **ENROLL NOW**

*Prices will vary depending on each families CCS application

The poster features several circular images: a girl giving a thumbs up, a boy in an Argentina football jersey, a group of children with mugs, and children playing pool.



NEW BAR CODE

PLEASE ENSURE TO USE THE NEW BAR CODE PROVIDED BELOW ON YOUR NEXT VISIT TO YOUR LOCAL RETURN-IT CENTRE.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING CARDINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR YOUR DONATION

Container Deposit Scheme

Help to raise money for our school by collecting bottles and cans.

At the return-it centres, customers feed their eligible cans or bottles through the machine, then they can enter the zone ID or scan barcode to choose to donate their deposit to the school. We also have a couple of bins around the school to collect eligible bottles (at the office and the middle learning centre) Please check all items placed in the bins at school have the 10c mark.

Your Zone ID Barcode:

C2000080784



RISE

Respect

Integrity

Self-Regulation

Excellence