

Cardinia Primary Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER



TERM 3

SEPTEMBER

Friday 11th	Foundation Myuna Farm excursion
Monday 14th	Division Athletics—selected 3-6 Students
Thursday 17th	Whole School Sleepover
Friday 18th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - 1:30pm finish

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Monday 5th	Term 4 commences—hats must be worn outside
Friday 9th	Assembly 3pm
Wednesday 14th	Foundation Transition Session Two —2:30 to 3:30pm

From our School Leadership Team...

As we come to the end of another wonderful and busy Term 3, We would like to take a moment to reflect on some of the fantastic experiences our school community has shared.

One of the real highlights was our Fathers and Special Persons Breakfast last week. It was absolutely wonderful to see so many fathers, special people and students coming together to enjoy a delicious breakfast of bacon and eggs.

The morning was filled with smiles, laughter and plenty of great conversations. Events like these are such a special reminder of the wonderful community we have at Cardinia Primary School, and we thank everyone who came along and helped make the morning such a success.

And the excitement certainly isn't over yet!

We are all looking forward to our Whole School Sleepover next Thursday. This promises to be an incredibly fun and memorable experience for our students, with everyone coming together to share in a very special school event. There is already plenty of excitement building, and what a fantastic way to finish the term before heading into the school holidays.

It has been a busy and rewarding term, and we are incredibly proud of all that our students, staff and families have achieved together. Thank you to our wonderful school community for your continued support, enthusiasm and involvement.

We look forward to finishing Term 3 with plenty of fun, laughter and wonderful memories. Wishing everyone a fantastic final week of term and a safe, happy and well deserved school holiday break.

Thank you for another wonderful term

Your Leadership Team Susan, Trudie and Michelle

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CARERS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Carer Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback.

The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Carer Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 17 August to Friday 18 September 2026. All families are invited to participate in the survey. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / carers who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to your child's teacher, or the school directly for survey guides in your language.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

Please use the link and information below to complete the survey.

Warm regards, Susan Wepster

Please refer to previous newsletter for Survey Link as well as the QR codes displayed around the school.

FROM THE OFFICE

APPROVALS AND PAYMENTS DUE

Please ensure approvals and payments are completed by the due dates.

EVENT	YEAR LEVEL	DUE DATE	AMOUNT
Deadly Day— Thur 17th Sept	Selected Students	14th September	No cost
Whole School Sleepover— Thur-Fri 17th/18th Sept	Whole School	11th September	\$15-\$20
Whole School Camp— Wed 25th—Fri 27th Nov	Whole School	4th instalment— 16th September Full balance is due— 18th September	\$70 \$280



25 CARDI AWARDS



Congratulations—Zariah O, Scarlett M, Axel F, Zelda O
and Max W from 1/2's



50 CARDI AWARDS



**Congratulations—Briege P 5/6B, Evie J 5/6B , Riley S 5/6A, Ruby S 5/6B, Obie K 5/6B,
Xavier W 1/2A, April F 5/6B, Ava H 1/2A and Kaiden M 1/2A**



★ 75 CARDI AWARDS ★



Congratulations— Natasha W 5/6B, Luca R 1/2A, Lottie K 1/2A and Genesis T 1/2A on reaching their 75 Cardi Awards

★ 100 CARDI AWARDS ★



Congratulations Lottie K from 1/2A on reaching 100 Cardi Awards and raising the bat at assembly!!





Book Week Fun





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RISE

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Grade 5/6

Excursion

Recounts of our excursion from 2 of our students...

Old Melbourne Gaol

Hi I'm April and on the 14th of August 2026, the grade 5/6's went to the Old Melbourne Gaol.

Firstly we hopped on the bus at 9:30am and arrived at 10:30am. So we hopped on out and had a lovely photo. We were soo EXCITED and AMAZED. So we set off for an adventure....

But long after we had lunch/snack and we had to wait 1 hour, yes 1 hour.... sooo after a long time the tour guide came and we set off to the inside of the gaol.

But before that the man said some information about what was going to happen like... cell 16 & 17 were the haunted cells in the gaol. I got spooked. There were photos of... guns, people's faces and skulls and more creepy stuff. After that we got a short amount of free time to look around the gaol but I was so spooked I did not.

Next we headed down the street and entered the court to do a play of Ned Kelly. The actors were Evie as Ned Kelly, Caitlin as Ned Kelly's sister, Travis as the Judge, Oliver as The Police, Errol as the Jury, Briege as the Prosecutor, Javen as Ned Kelly's lawyer, Obie as Dr Reynolds, Blake as the Judge's Associate, Brax as Constable McIntyre, Zac as Sergeant Steele, Josh as George Stephens, Jack as Robert Scott and Harley as Edwin Living.

Lastly after a longggg day we hopped on the bus at 2:00pm and arrived at 2:30pm. But that's not all we did... had free time at the end of the day.

It was very interesting and overall it was pretty good.
By the amazing April F

The Old Melbourne Gaol

Small cells, a rope for hanging, smooth floors. This is the place the grade 5/6s recently went on an excursion to. Edward Kelly's last moments were here. We got to learn all about him, and see his armour and his possessions.

On the bus trip, we went all the way to the city, the traffic was great, and we got there on time. While I was waiting, I had my second favourite book on the bus, Wings of Fire. The traffic was amazing and we got there on time.

Once we got there we were an hour early, and had some food while we waited. Because the bus got there so early, we had a whole hour to eat our lunch and snack! But again, once I had my food, I read my book and had a chat with my friends before the tour.

Later on the tour we learnt all about Ned Kelly- yeah that's right- our most famous bushranger, and we decided whether he was a hero, or just another bushranger. Apparently he was hanged in this jail, and his last seconds were there.

Then we got to do a short amount of free time before we did the reenactment of Ned Kelly's trial. The reenactment included someone being Ned Kelly, someone being the judge, a group of people being witnesses, and many more roles.

After that we had the bus trip home, and once again, beat the traffic. Like before, since I had things in my bag to do, I was having fun doing that.

In my opinion, the Old Melbourne Gaol was amazing! I really enjoyed learning about Ned Kelly and what jails used to be like. So this is probably a 5/5 star excursion for me. I loved doing the reenactment.

By Natasha W 5/6B

District Athletics

On Thursday 3 September, our students competed at the District Athletics Carnival at Casey Fields. Everyone should be proud of their fantastic effort, sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the day. Congratulations to all students who competed, and good luck to those who qualified for the Division Athletics Carnival!

A big thank you to Mr Benedek, Mr Briginshaw, Mrs Stephens and Mr Carey for taking and supporting our students on the day.



From the Eco Zone

Trent and Hunter showing some of our latest produce from our Eco Zone...



Bunnings Family Evening

Trent and I attended the recent Bunnings Family evening at Clyde Nth.

While it wasn't as busy as the last event we made some great connections with the community and our chocolate toss was extremely popular.

A huge thank you to everyone for all the chocolate donations.

We gained a \$50 Bunnings gift card as a thank you for attending and also made some fundraising money from our chocolate toss and Father's Day Raffle.

Thank you so much Trent for organising this event.

Simone



HATS

At the commencement of Term 4 all students must wear a broad, brimmed or bucket hat during play times and outside activities. Students who do not have a hat will be required to play undercover on the basketball court.



ZOOOPER DOOPERS

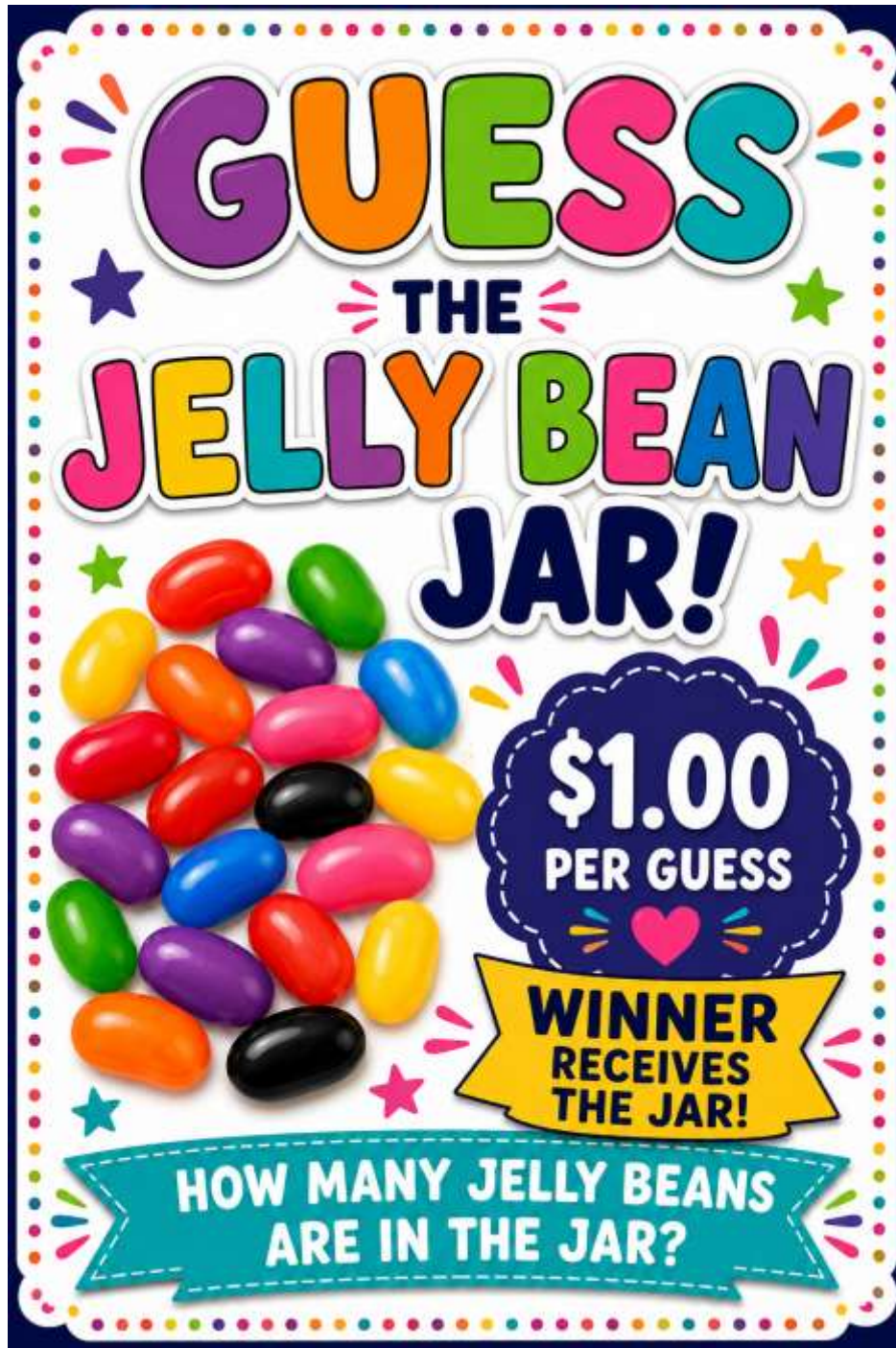
Term 4—Available every Thursday at the 2PM Break

Students can bring \$1 to school and purchase them directly from the kitchen window in the Science room each Thursday at 2pm.

This gives our Year 6 students a great opportunity to develop their organisational and customer service skills while supporting their fundraising efforts.

We are asking for donations from families of packets of zoooper doopers to make this fun treat possible. (Please no sugar free or sour flavours)

Thank you to all of the families that have donated



Introducing Junior School Council's latest fundraiser

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

So remember to bring your \$1 coins.

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.



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

 **Gratitude:** Over the holidays, notice small things that make you happy at home.

 **Empathy:** Check in with family members and ask how they are feeling each day.

 **Mindfulness:** Try a nature scavenger hunt, notice textures, colours, and smells.

 **Emotional Literacy:** When conflicts arise, name the emotions involved and talk calmly about them.



**WE WANT
YOU
TO JOIN!**

**GUITAR • BASS GUITAR
UKULELE • PIANO LESSONS**



GUITAR



BASS GUITAR



UKULELE



PIANO



**SPOTS AVAILABLE DURING
SCHOOL TIME
FOR CARDINIA PS
EVERY FRIDAY!**

**LEARN.
PLAY.
GROW.
SUCCEED!**



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



DSSPORTS Cardinia Primary

Before & After Care Service

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

What's Included

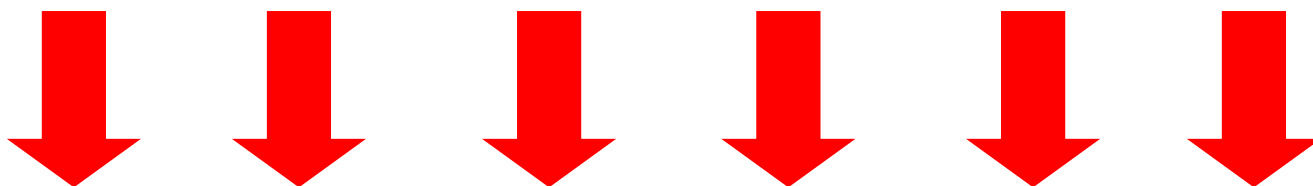
- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Afternoon Tea
- ✓ Games, Coaching, Activities for all
- ✓ Extended hours

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



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