

Cardinia Primary Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER



Term 1	
MARCH	
Friday 13th	Yr 6 Sovereign Hill Excursion
Monday 16th	Footsteps Incursion
Tuesday 17th	Reader Training 2:30—new session
Wednesday 18th	School Council AGM
Friday 20th	School Fair—3:30—6:30
Monday 23rd	Footsteps incursion
Wednesday 25th	CURRICULUM DAY—No students at school
Thursday 26th	GRIP Leadership excursion—Yr 6 Leaders
Thursday 26th	Summer Interschool Sports—Yr 5 & 6
Saturday 28th	Open Day - 10:00am— 12:00pm
Monday 30th	JSC—Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle
Monday 30th	Footsteps incursion - Footsteps Assembly 3:00PM
APRIL	
Thursday 2nd	LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy two weeks have flown by at Cardinia Primary School!

We recently had our school photos taken, which ran very smoothly. Thank you to everyone for ensuring students were ready on the day. We are now eagerly waiting to see the final photos and are sure that everyone looked fantastic.

It has been wonderful to welcome our Foundation students to full-time learning. During February they were not attending on Wednesdays, but they are now at school every day. It has been great to see how enthusiastically they have settled into full-time school life.

Our students have begun their NAPLAN assessments. Pleasingly, they have approached these calmly and confidently, and we are very proud of the way they have begun the process. Thank you to Mrs Esler and Miss Henson for ensuring our students are ready for the challenge.

It is the time of year for School Council elections. Nominations have been open for the past few weeks, and as we received the same number of nominations as positions available, an election will not be required.

I would like to sincerely thank Jamie Wursthorn and Kirsty Kendall for their work and commitment to School Council. Your contributions over this time are greatly appreciated. I would like to warmly welcome our new School Council members, Annette Post and Melissa Robbins. Thank you for your enthusiasm and willingness to work with our school community to ensure the very best outcomes for our children.

At assembly last week, we were fortunate to receive a very special donation of four original pieces of Aboriginal artwork. These beautiful works were created by Matthew Dye, a family member of Melanii-Joyce and Shelby, and a member of the Wemba Wemba tribe. The artwork is truly stunning, and we feel very privileged to have these original pieces in our school. They will be proudly displayed around the school for our whole community to appreciate.

A reminder to families that school supervision hours are from 8:45am until 3:45pm each day. During these times, staff are responsible for supervising students and ensuring their safety. If you will be arriving later than 3:45pm to collect your child, please ensure they are booked into After School Care.

After school, students who are waiting to be collected should remain near the school gates where they will be picked up or on the playground near Cardinia Road. These are the only areas supervised after school. Please note that Ga Ga is not permitted after school. If families are elsewhere on school grounds with their children after school hours, parents must actively supervise them.

Tomorrow our Year 6 students are heading to Sovereign Hill, which is a much-loved tradition at our school. This special excursion takes place early in the year and provides our Year 6 students with a wonderful opportunity to create lasting memories with their teachers and parents. It is something many students look forward to throughout their primary school years. We hope they have a fantastic day with their teachers and Mrs Esler.

Looking ahead, Footsteps begins next week. Footsteps is our annual cultural dance program and forms part of our Harmony Week celebrations. Students always enjoy learning the dances and celebrating cultures from around the world.

Families are warmly invited to join us for our special Footsteps Assembly on Monday 30 March at 3:00pm, where students will showcase what they have learned. We hope to see many of you there.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Warm Regards,

Susan





FOOTSTEPS IS COMING!

All Cardinia Primary School students have the chance to participate in the Footsteps Dance incursion as part of our Harmony Day celebrations. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to receive some professional dance tuition from qualified instructors. Each year level will be taught a specific culturally-inspired dance which they will perform at a special whole school Harmony Day Assembly on Monday March 30.

The dances for each grade are:

Foundation students will perform a playful, German-inspired dance to *Schnappi*. This routine incorporates lively steps, clapping patterns and joyful expression, reflecting the celebratory nature of traditional German folk dancing.

Grade 1/2 students will present a Māori-inspired dance to *Wairua*. The choreography includes flowing arm movements, grounded stances and gestures that symbolise connection to the land and to one another.

Grade 3/4 students will perform a Bollywood-inspired routine featuring expressive arm movements, rhythmic footwork and dynamic formations.

Grade 5/6 students will showcase an African house-inspired dance to *Seve*. This style is known for strong rhythms, grounded footwork and expressive groove-based movement.

The Footsteps Dance incursion will happen on Monday March 16, Monday March 23 and Monday March 30. The cost per student is \$17.00. We strongly encourage all of our CPS families to join in this important and fun cultural activity.

Robyn Masters and Miss Carly (Performing Arts teachers)

OPEN DAY

DISCOVER CARDINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Let our Student Leaders take you on a tour and hear why they are proud to be at Cardinia Primary School.

**SATURDAY
MARCH 28TH**

10 AM to 12 NOON

**2405 Ballarto Road,
Cardinia**



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JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

MONTHLY BBQ LUNCH FUND RAISING FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

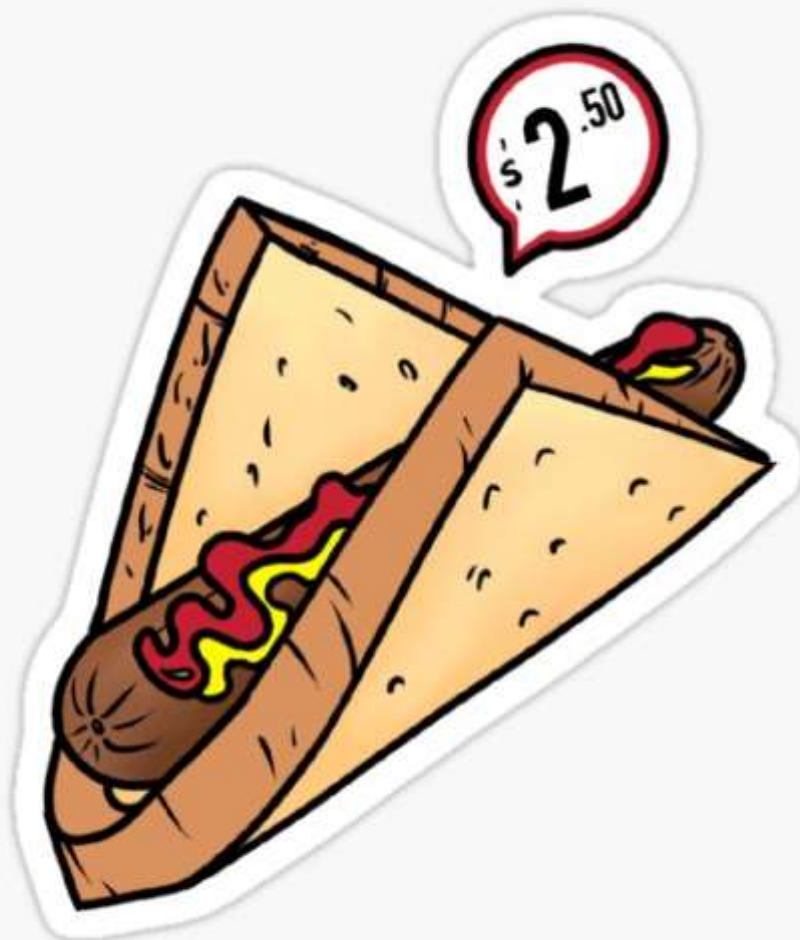
MONDAY 30TH MARCH

SAUSAGES FOR \$2.50

ORDER ON QKR OR AT THE OFFICE

CASH OR EFTPOS (\$5 MINIMUM EFTPOS)

ORDERS CLOSE THURSDAY 26TH MARCH AT 9:00AM





**It is tradition at our school to have a
BIG Easter Raffle.**

We would like to ask all families to contribute something for our raffle. It can be anything Easter related - chocolate eggs, fluffy toys etc.

All donations can be left at the office from now until
Friday 27th of March.

Raffle Tickets have been sent home. If you require additional tickets please ask at the office.

The cost is \$2 per ticket and can be paid for on QKR or at the office cash or eftpos.

Thank you for your support of our school.

RAFFLE DRAWN AT THE EASTER BONNET PARADE ON THURSDAY
2ND APRIL

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



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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:


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Week 7: Try one, or even all of these activities together as a family at home!

 **Gratitude:** Each family member says one thing they appreciate about another person in the house.

 **Empathy:** Imagine how a friend at school or work might be feeling and share your thoughts.

 **Mindfulness:** Try a short **5-minute silent walk** noticing sounds, smells, or textures.

 **Emotional Literacy:** When something frustrated you this week, name the feeling and what helped you calm down.



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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

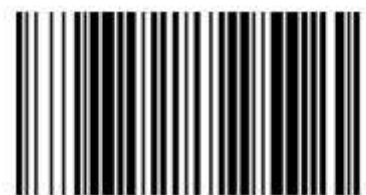
Container Deposit Scheme

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:

C2100075382



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