

# Cardinia Primary Newsletter



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## DATES TO REMEMBER



Term 1	
Saturday 28th	Open Day - 10:00am— 12:00pm
Monday 30th	JSC—Fundraiser Sausage Sizzle
Monday 30th	Footsteps incursion - <b>Footsteps Assembly 3:00PM</b>
APRIL	
Thursday 2nd	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1—1:30PM Finish</b>
MAY	
Tuesday 5th	School Council Public Meeting—4:00PM

# SILENT AUCTION

We're giving our fete donations a second chance to shine!

After the success of our school fete, we have a fantastic selection of generously donated items still available; and now they're up for auction.

Don't miss your chance to bid, save, and support our school all at once!

For more information and to place your bid scan the QR code.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final newsletter for the term, and what a busy and rewarding term it has been. It has been filled with many fun activities and valuable learning experiences across the school.

We are pleased to welcome our new School Council members and extend a warm welcome back to our returning members. Our School Council composition is as follows:

- President: Simone Hobbelen
- Vice President: Annette Post
- Other parent members: Danneil Kitchin, Andreena Stables, Emily Cook and Mel Robbins
- DET members: Trudie Esler, Michelle Henson, Dale Carey and Trent Wursthorn

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th May from 4:00pm - 5:30pm. This meeting is officially a public meeting, and all members of our school community are warmly invited to attend. At this meeting, the Annual Report for the previous year will be presented. If you wish to attend, please notify the school office so we can ensure sufficient seating is available.

One of our School Council fundraising events will take place over the final weekend of the school holidays, on 18th and 19th April. School Council will be hosting a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Clyde North. We encourage families to come along, grab a sausage, and support our school community.

Thank you to those who have already taken the time to view our silent auction. If you are still interested in browsing or placing a bid on one of the generously donated items for our fete, please see further in this newsletter for more information. The fete was a huge success, as outlined in the email sent to all families, and we are very grateful for the support of our community.

We would also like to thank all families for their understanding and support during the industrial action this week. It is appreciated that many of our families recognise that we are working towards improved conditions that ultimately benefit your children's education.

Yesterday's curriculum day was a very productive time. Our teachers worked extremely hard and developed some engaging and high-quality lessons for students, which we look forward to implementing in the classroom.

We have an Open Day this Saturday from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Thank you to the families who have allowed their Year 6 students to participate as tour guides. They will be wonderful ambassadors for our school, and we look forward to welcoming prospective families who may join our community next year.

We are also looking forward to our end-of-term celebration. As part of our tradition here at Cardinia Primary School, we will be celebrating Easter in style. On the last day of term, we will hold our Easter Bonnet Parade at 12:00pm on the basketball court. Families are warmly invited to attend and enjoy the parade.

Students are encouraged to create their Easter bonnets at home. However, students who do not bring a bonnet will have the opportunity to make a simple headband with ears at school so they can still participate. There will be prizes awarded across a range of categories; for the best bonnet in each grade, best bonnet made from recycled materials, best bonnet made from natural materials, most colourful Easter bonnet, most original Easter bonnet and best overall Easter bonnet.

Today, our School Leaders are attending a leadership conference in the city with Mrs Esler and Mr Carey. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to travel by train, develop their leadership skills, and bring these experiences back to our school. We hope they are having an enjoyable and enriching day.

As part of our Breakfast Club program, we have requested some boxes of food for families in need. If your family would benefit from a box of food, please let Andy or Rachel in the office know.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We wish all families a safe and happy holiday break.

Kind regards,  
Susan



# SOVEREIGN HILL

One Friday the grade 6s went on an excursion to the one... the only... Sovereign Hill! The gold town which was really fun.

We all woke up at around 6am early, right? We left and did the roll at 6:45. We took a long time to get there although we did get a break half way through to have the snacks we brought.

When we arrived, we waited outside for the teachers to do their thing. It took a while. The first things we did were kind of fun. We looked at replicas of old houses. After we looked at candle making. I paid 5 dollars to make a candle. It was kind of hard to make the colour combination I wanted. It was pink, yellow and blue and why? Because it was hard to do the blue.



Then we did 9 pin bowling. It was like bowling but with a few twists. The first and obvious twist was only 9 pins. We also have to do 2 hands and not one it's really fun!

After that we saw how classrooms were in the olden days. It was fun and boring at the same time. We left half way through it because we needed to see how the hard candies where made and we got to try a fresh sample. We then had a tour of the old houses that gold miners lived in. It was a cool tour.

We had lunch. It was really yum. We got to pick between sausage roll or pie. We got to see muskets fire. It was loud and cool! We went to this Chinese camp after then we got to see how people make gold bars. It heats at 1000 degrees. We then went gold panning. Personally I didn't find any gold and I don't think anyone did. We went on the bus and stopped on the way for McDonald's. It was yum! I had an awesome day at Sovereign Hill but boy I was tired when I got home!



By Blake – 5/6A

# SOVEREIGN HILL

The sky was pitch black at 5am. I am tired, excited and nervous. I got in the car at 6am and it is still dark. When I arrived at school Mr Briginshaw was there and so was Jaxon. We waited until more people came then at 6.45am, we did the roll and everyone was ready to jump on the bus.

After we got on the bus, I sat next to my friends in the back. We watched Lion King 2, it was a great movie. We drove for about two hours, then we stopped to have morning tea. We stayed for 10 minutes and we got back on the bus. Finally we arrived at Sovereign Hill just before 10am. We waited in the rain until it opened. When it opened we got a group photo.

After the photo we went to look at some old houses from the 1800's. Then we went to see where they make candles. I made a coloured candle, when we finished making the candles, we went to nine pin bowling. It was fun.

For our next activity, we had to go straight to an old classroom. This lady/ Marm taught us a bit about the past and we walked around with her to look at the old campsites.

After our lesson we were shown how they make their lollies and we all got a free one to taste.

Then we had lunch. For lunch I had sausage roll and ice tea.

After lunch we went to the Red Hill Mine self guided tour.

Our group then went exploring at the Chinese Camp and then watched a smelter pour gold that was melted at 1000 degrees.

After the gold pour we went on this underground train to learn about the mines.

Afterwards we had some free time, my friends and I were thirsty, so we bought something to drink. We then sat down and had some ice cream. Next it was time for gold panning. I found a bit of gold.

At 5pm we left Sovereign Hill, we stopped for dinner at Maccas, I fell asleep on the bus, then we got back to school at 8.30pm.



By Evie J 5/6B



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# 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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**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.



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](https://theresilienceproject.com.au)




**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.

JOIN CARDINIA LEISURE FOR SOME  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!**

**THURSDAY  
9TH APRIL 26  
4.00PM TO 6.00PM**

**FREE  
ENTRY**

**COCHRANE PARK**

243 ROSSITER ROAD,  
KOO WEE RUP

FOOTY



Cardinia  
Leisure

TUG OF WAR



CATCH & THROW



BIG JENGA!



ROPE QUOITS



COME ALONG & HAVE SOME FUN WITH THE CARDINIA STREET TEAM WITH FUN  
ACTIVITIES & GAMES IN THE PARK! SUITABLE FOR PRIMARY AGED (KIDS 4-10YR)  
LITTLE ONES ALSO WELCOME!

**LESSONS AT CARDINIA PS- DURING SCHOOL HOURS**  
**GUITAR & PIANO LESSONS**



**EVERY  
FRIDAY**



**SIGN UP FOR TERM 2- FIRST LESSON FREE**

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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

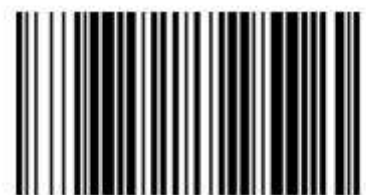
## Container Deposit Scheme

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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