

Cardinia Primary Newsletter



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DATES TO REMEMBER



Term 2	
APRIL	
Monday 27th	Year 3 –6 Cross Country 10:20am—12:20pm Year F—2 House activities at School
Tuesday 28th	KWRSC—Grade 5 Discovery Day
Wednesday 29th	Mother’s and Special Person’s Day Stall
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Friday 1st	Assembly—3:00 pm
Tuesday 5th	School Council— 4:00pm—5:00pm
Thursday 7th	Possible Industrial Action—Information to follow
Friday 8th	Mother’s and Special Person’s Day 2:30—3:30 parents invited and raffle will be drawn
Monday 11th	Volunteer Training— 9:10am
Wednesday 13th	CURRICULUM DAY—Student Free
Thursday 14th	District Cross Country—Years 3—6
Friday 15th	Simply Your Best - Grade 5/6 Presentation
Friday 22nd	Family and Friends Day
Wednesday 27th	Division Cross Country—Selected Students

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday filled with rest, relaxation, and quality time with family and friends. It's been fantastic to see students return refreshed and ready for another busy and exciting term of learning.

At the end of the holiday break, our school community came together for not one, but two Bunnings BBQ fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who came down to support us by purchasing a sausage. Your support truly makes a difference. A very special thank you goes to our dedicated School Council members and parent volunteers who gave up their time during the holidays to run these events. Thanks to your efforts, we raised approximately \$3,000, which is an outstanding result! Your commitment to supporting our school is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Dylan and Coral for generously donating the bread for the BBQs. Contributions like this significantly increase the funds we can raise, and we are very grateful.

Our annual **School Council Public Meeting** will be held next week. Please note that School Council meetings have now moved from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 5th May at 4:00pm** at the school. This is a public meeting, and all members of our school community are welcome to attend. If you would like to join us, please notify the office staff by **Friday, 1st May** so we can make appropriate arrangements.

Next week is our **Mother's Day Stall**, which will be held on **Wednesday**. It is always a joy to see students excitedly choosing a gift for their mum or another special person in their life. Students are encouraged to bring \$5. To ensure all children have the opportunity to purchase a gift, we ask that students buy only one gift for each special person.

We ask that parents willing to help with reading in the classrooms attend a one-hour volunteer session. Our next session will be on **Monday 11th May at 9:10 am**. If you would like to attend, please notify the office staff by **Friday, 1st May**.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is about to start. I ask that parents encourage children to participate in this challenge by reading and recording what they have read. Class teachers will be supplying log-in details. Let's see if we can get everyone completing the challenge this year!

Our next **school assembly** will be held on **Friday, 1st May at 3:00pm** on the basketball court. Families are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate student achievements and share in the life of our school.

As the term gets underway, it's wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and positive energy around the school. We are looking forward to a productive and engaging term ahead.

Kind regards,

Susan



Art Room Upgrade: A Huge Thank You to Bendigo Bank

Our Visual Arts room has received a fantastic boost thanks to the generosity of **Bendigo Bank**. Their recent donation of funds allowed us to purchase a brand-new television, which is already becoming a central part of our creative lessons.

Mrs. Parker has been using the screen to bring the art world into the classroom, showing high-quality examples of famous works and detailed videos of artistic methods. This technology helps our students see the finer details of techniques they are learning, making a world of difference to their hands-on projects.

Mrs. Parker, our students, and the entire school community are incredibly grateful for this support. It's wonderful to see local businesses like Bendigo Bank investing in our children's education and creativity.



YEAR 3 TO 6 CROSS COUNTRY RUN



This term a major sporting event is the - Year 3 to 6 Cross Country Run. Our school will be holding trials for each age group to determine the 10 students who will represent our school at the District Cross Country Run competition.

House Sports/School Trials:

The school trials will be held at Cardinia Recreation Reserve on Thursday the 27th of April from 10.20 am to 12.20pm. The first 10 place getters for each age group and gender will form the team that will represent our school at the District competition.

Students need to be appropriately dressed for this running event, have a bottle full of water and dress in their house colours. We will be awarding a cross-country house winner at Assembly on Friday the 1st of May.

District Competition:

The district competition will be held on Thursday the 14th of May at Cardinia Recreation Reserve. The students who have qualified to move to this round will receive a letter the week after the trials with all the information.

All students have filled out a permission form at the start of the year so do not require an additional one.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2026

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open, and Cardinia Primary School is excited to be participating. This year's Challenge theme is 'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'. Stories can inspire and challenge us, and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 4th September 2026.

All students at the school have now been registered, and we would like to see as many students as possible complete the challenge.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To listen to the Premier's launch, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>.

To participate in the challenge, parents and/or students must login to the [PRC Application](#) and record the books that have been read. To do this, you will need your child's unique Username and Password. This will be sent home to you by your child's classroom teacher.

Please see me if you have any questions.

Happy Reading!
Sam Brownlie
PRC Coordinator



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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

From the Science Room

This term, our Grade 5/6 students are studying earthquakes. They will be investigating the causes and impacts of earthquakes and they will also be exploring how earthquakes can be measured. One of the activities planned for later this term is for students to work in small teams to make and test out their own simple seismograph machines. In order for us to do this, we need a quantity of empty shoeboxes.

If you have any shoeboxes that you can donate, please bring them to the Science Room. I am at school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Many thanks,

Robyn Masters (Science Teacher)



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

 **Gratitude:** Share something good that happened at school or work this week.

 **Empathy:** Ask someone about a challenge they faced this week and really listen.

 **Mindfulness:** Sit quietly for 2–3 minutes and notice your breath.

 **Emotional Literacy:** Describe a time you felt frustrated and what helped you feel better.

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



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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



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*Prices will vary depending on each families CCS application

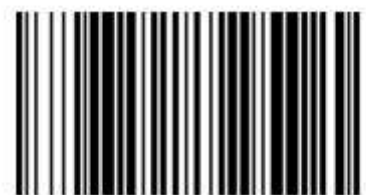
Container Deposit Scheme

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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