**From the Principal…**

**Mrs Esler on Leave**
From Monday the 1st of June to Friday 19th of June, Trudie Esler will be taking Long Service Leave. While she is away Mrs Stapley and I will be taking Grade 6. Mrs Stapley will take Monday & Tuesday, while I'll take the remainder of the week. The Grade 6 students will follow their normal program and routine throughout this period of time. Any queries please see Trudie or Allan.

**Family and Friends’ Day**
It was fantastic to see so many Parents, Grandparents, Family members and Friends at our Family and Friends’ Day. We hope that all who attended had a rewarding time and enjoyed the experience of being at Cardinia Primary School. It was very pleasing for the staff to receive very positive feedback from a number of adults who attended the day and to have so many Family and Friends in attendance. A big thank you to all the staff for their support and to Michelle for all her efforts in organising and ensuring the day ran so smoothly.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**MAY**-
- Week Beginning 25th May
  Bike Ed Program – Grades 3 / 4
- **Wednesday 27th**
  National Story Time Event – 11.00 am
- **Friday 29th**
  Grade 3 / 4 Bike Ride – Casey Fields

**JUNE**-
- **Monday 1st**
  Splinter the Ambulance Visit for the Junior School
- **Friday 5th**
  Curriculum Day – Students don’t attend school.
- **Monday 8th**
  Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday
- **Monday 22nd** (Note Change of Date)
  Mid-year Reports sent Home for all students

**REMINDERS:**
- Camp Expression of Interest Forms need to be returned.
- **Grade 6 – Year 7 Transition Forms need to be returned ASAP**
- Camps/Sports and Excursions Fund Applications are now due.
ATTENDANCE

If your child is unwell, the best place for them is to rest at home. If they do need to stay at home you can call the office and Virginia or Sue will complete an Attendance Note on your behalf. When they return to school however, the Education Department requires a signed note from the parent. There are blank notes available from the office. Please ensure one is completed and handed into the Office so our records are up to date and accurate.

Meal Deal this week is a Roast Chicken Roll and Lamington for just $4.00

Please make sure your child’s lunch bag is clearly labelled with your child’s name and grade.

2015 SCHOOL CAMP INFO SESSION

Tomorrow there will be Camp Information Session Meeting held in the BER building at 3.30pm. Expressions of Interest forms have been sent home today. Please complete the form and return to the office if you are wanting your child to attend camp this year. For more information you can speak to Mrs Chidlow.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday 9 students represented Cardinia Primary at the Zone Cross Country. These students qualified to compete in this event by finishing in the top 10 at the District Cross Country held last week. All the students did us proud by competing hard and supporting each other throughout the event.

Congratulations to Charlotte, Caitlin, Jehi, Tom, Ossie, Hannah, Brody, Connor and Cameron for making it through to this event and a huge well done to Ossie and Hannah for qualifying to go through to Regional Cross Country which is a huge achievement.

Thank you to all parents and friends who came to support the students on the day.
Thumbs Up

SMTP To all the parents, grandparents and friends who came along and supported our Family and Friends’ Day yesterday. Your involvement, participation and support was greatly appreciated.
SMTP To Ms Henson for all her efforts in organising the very successful Family and Friends’ Day. Just a terrific outcome for the school.
SMTP To all the staff for their generosity of time and effort in assisting in so many different ways to make yesterday’s Family and Friends’ Day such a great experience for everyone.
SMTP To the ten students who represented our Association and School at the District Cross Country event on Monday – Ossie and Hannah have qualified to compete at the next level in a couple of weeks.
SMTP To Marj Scarce – Principal of Tooradin who retires this week after a long and distinguished career at Tooradin Primary School.
SMTP To the senior students yesterday who assisted with the lunch and organised their groups as they progressed through the various activities. Very much appreciated.
SMTP To everyone involved in levelling out the Car Park area in the Hall Car Park and along Cardinia Road – very much appreciated.
SMTP To the students who have expressed interest in the Tickets for Dream Time at the “G” – winners will be announced at assembly tomorrow. All the best!
SMTP To everyone who contributed to the fantastic Kooka Display outside the Grade 3 room – looks fantastic.
SMTP To all students for their outstanding efforts at the Family and Friends’ Day – well done everyone.

CAMPS SPORTS and EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

As part of the State Government’s election commitment they are making funds available to eligible families for $125 per child to participate in Camps, Sports and Excursions. Please read the attached application form and information flier to see whether your family qualifies for this assistance program. In essence this replaces the previous EMA system that was abolished by the previous State Government. Please return the application form to the school as soon as possible.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Just a reminder that any orders from this month’s Book Club will need to be received at the office by close of business Friday 25th May together with payment. If you have any questions you can speak to either Sue or Virginia in the office.
Deepest Sympathy

On behalf of the School Community I’d like to express our Deepest Sympathy to Mr Adams and his family on the recent loss of his Grandmother after an ongoing battle with cancer. Our thoughts are with Brenton and his family at this time.
CURRICULUM DAY

Just a reminder that next Friday 5th June is a School Curriculum Day. No students are required at School on this day.

It is important that children arrive punctually at school, 5-10 minutes before bell time in the mornings so that their day can commence on time and in a casual manner. We all have mornings that can be crazy however constant disruptions can affect not only your child’s learning but other students in the classroom. If you are late, please remember to sign in your child at the office.

LOST

Jamison Stone has lost his black & green basketball with signature on it last Friday after school. It was between the 2 water tanks near the netball courts. Could you please ask your child if they have seen the basketball, and if so, please return it to Jamison in 3A?

FREEDOM MEDITATION SESSIONS

EVERY THURSDAY 7.30 PM

IN THE TECH ROOM, CARDINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

$15 per session

Be Free to relax, breathe, let go

CONTACT ROBYN ALLAN on 0429 491 070 or eyeconnectyou@gmail.com to book your place.
What is VCOP?

VCOP is short, fun, oral activities on improving vocabulary, connectives, sentence openers and punctuation (VCOP).

The session before recess on Thursdays, students participate in VCOP activities.

Vocabulary...

V = Vocabulary (also known as the WOW words). Children combine their current knowledge of words, their weekly spellings and the use of a dictionary and thesaurus to create exciting pieces of work.

Connectives...

C = Connectives (also known as conjunctions). As children develop their sentences beyond simple statements, they will require a range of connectives. The most common and earliest used connective is 'and' but it can become rather overused.

Punctuation...

P = Punctuation. A wide variety of punctuation is required to reach the top marks in writing. Children are encouraged to experiment with punctuation and they use the Punctuation Pyramid, which introduces new punctuation at different levels (starting with the level 1 full stop and ending with the level 5 semi-colon.)

Openers...

O = Openers. Students use exciting openers that give extra information. Many students will use '-ly' adverbs to begin their sentences, until connectives are introduced. Openers can also be genre specific, such as for persuasive writing: 'it is strongly believed...' 'experts agree that...'

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Vinny Vocabulary
Connie Connective
Ollie Opener
Penny Punctuation
CSEF Application Form

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb State Postcode
Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

Foster parent* OR Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant __________________________ Date ___ / ___ /
CSEF eligibility
Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility
To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

• on the first day of Term two, or;
• on the first day of Term three;

1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
2. Be a temporary foster parent, and;
3. Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term two (13 April 2015) or term three (13 July 2015).

Payment amounts
CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

How to complete the application form
NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your Centrelink card - unless you are claiming as a Foster Parent or Veterans Affairs Pensioner. You will also need to provide your Centrelink card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, tick the appropriate box. In this case, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
The CSEF payment is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- enter SURNAME AND FIRST NAMES in full.
- enter the DATE OF BIRTH e.g. 15/09/2008.
- enter the YEAR LEVEL, unless the student is ungraded, e.g. attending a Special School or language Centre, then enter ‘UNGRADED’ in the YEAR LEVEL column.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

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Financial Assistance
Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
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Thank you to everyone for making this day special!