Cardross Primary School Newsletter

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From the Principal's desk
To our whole school community - staff, students, families - thank you for another fantastic year. Our presentation evening was a terrific way to celebrate achievements throughout the year. Below are some final reminders as we all switch off for the summer break. Please stay safe and look after each other during this time. I look forward to hearing about what you all got up to when we return to school in 2026. I want to wish our Grade 6 students all the best as they head to secondary school in 2026.

2026 Communication
There will be no more text messages from Kylie in 2026. All communication will be via Compass. The newsletter will continue to be uploaded to our school website. This is in line with the right to disconnect laws that have come in, as well as additional uses of Compass starting.

2026 School Calendar
On our transition day, I sent home a 2026 calendar with all students. These are important dates already set aside for next year. Please note that changes may occur. The calendar has been created for families to forward plan for curriculum days and special events.

2026 Prep Organisation
For the month of February, prep students will not attend school on Wednesdays. This allows students to be scheduled in to complete initial assessments. We will send a schedule home early Term 1, so everyone is aware of the time their child needs to attend their assessment.

Parent Teacher Interviews
In February, we will again hold parent/teacher interviews. This is important to get to know your child's teacher, share any relevant information and look at how to view assessments on Compass, as well as input your child's absences. No classes will run on this day to allow the interviews to take place. I will set up the schedule on Compass early Term 1 for you to book yourself into a time most convenient for you.

Useful website
https://www.vic.gov.au/new-year-learning

Thank you, Breakfast
We will be holding our annual free BBQ breakfast on Friday 19th December. This is a thank you for all the support you provide your child/ren throughout the year. Eggs, bacon, sausages, toast, cereal and juice will be on offer with staff in charge of the catering!

Breakfast will be served from 8am - 9am in our kitchen area adjacent to our veggie garden. We look forward to seeing families for breakfast.

Upcoming Dates:

December

18th Pool Fun Day
9.30am to 12.30pm (no BBQ lunch due to heat)

18th First 4/5/6 camp payment due

19th Thank you breakfast

Last Day Term 4 (early dismissal 1:15pm)

January

27th Staff Return to School

28th Students' First Day of 2026

February

2nd Breakfast Club Resumes

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th - Prep Rest Days

17 December to 19 December

There are birthdays to celebrate for the remainder of 2025

ROLL OF HONOUR

Jaxson Babbington, Dane Baldock, Asher Douglass, Andrew Seddon-Kerr, Ryan Harrison, Jesse Douglass, Xavier Cox-Vallelonga	For including others in their play in a kind and structured way	Jesse Douglass	For listening to a teacher's instructions and crossing the road safely
Maisie Calder, Matilda Calder, Poppy Gillies, Patrick Johnson, Ethan Frasca	For making positive choices and representing our school with pride during the excursion	Jacob Rowe, Troy Harrison, Ricardo L	For being kind and courteous to our bus driver on the excursion
Violet Madden, Miya Poole, Mateo L	For representing our school with pride and responsibility on our excursion	Frankee Sparkes, Otto Hamence	For being a good leader in our Mappen lessons
Ari Lockerbie, Ethan Frasca, Beau Webley	For continuing to embody our school values right up to the end of term	Jed Gross	For working hard to use apostrophes in his writing
Asher Douglass, Edith Calder	For working hard when collaborating with their learning partners during our Minecraft Challenge	Iyla Wake	For always making responsible choices in and out of the classroom
Violet Madden, Miya Poole, Lexie Knights, Wynter Gillies	For showing pride and investments in our Maryam Master interviews	All Grade 6 students	For working hard to reflect on your Primary School journey and reading your speeches with confidence at our graduation dinner

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2025 Award Recipients

2025 School Captains

Cardross Award Recipient

2026 School Captains

2025 Art Award Recipients

2026 Young Leader Award

2025 PE Award Recipients

2025 Grade 6 Educational Bursary Award

2025 Grade 6 Educational 'Agnes Torney' Bursary Award

2026 Young Leader Recipients

2025 Music Award Recipients

AUSTRALIAN GOLF FOUNDATION | Junior Girls Scholarship Program

Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls Scholarship program
Media Release

The Merbein Golf Club are offering junior girls' golf scholarships in 2026!

The Merbein Golf Club has obtained funding from The Australian Golf Foundation (AGF) to support 18 lucky girls to continue to develop their golfing skills.

Scholarships are open to girls aged 9 to 16 and while the program's primary aim is to retain girls in golf by giving girls a shared golf experience, girls new to golf may also be engaged in this program should they demonstrate a commitment to learning the sport.

"This is a terrific opportunity", said Melinda Binding, Community Golf Instructor, of the Merbein Golf Club. "Not only will girls receive 24 coaching sessions, but also a free one-year junior club membership that carries playing rights, to ensure girls can participate in club competitions and obtain a handicap".

The Scholarship program is part of a national campaign to get more girls playing golf. Along with over 165 other golf facilities across Australia, the Merbein Golf Club will be working closely with golf's national body Golf Australia throughout 2026.

"All we ask is that applicants display a desire and willingness to improve their golf skills, obtain a handicap, play in club competitions (or at least social play) and engage in any extra-curricular activity that fosters friendships between scholarship holders".

A total of 18 scholarships will be available for 2026.

For further information and to apply, please contact Melinda Binding on 0447 790 949 or email communitygolfinstructormjb@gmail.com

SYDNEY THUNDER
COMMUNITY BASH
COME AND TRY CRICKET AT A SYDNEY THUNDER COMMUNITY BASH. PERFECT FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-10. NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.
FREE Sydney Thunder School Holiday Program
Tuesday 13th January from 9am-1pm
George Gordan Oval, Dareton
Scan the QR Code to Register
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AFL PLAY
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED
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nab AFL Auskick
4-7 YEAR OLDS
Our youngest players experience footy through playful, age-appropriate activities and games, guided by supportive NAB AFL Auskick coaches. Emphasis is on basic skill development, teamwork, and building confidence, all wrapped up in an exciting day filled with smiles, laughter, new friendships and Good Clean Fun.
AFL Superkick
8-12 YEAR OLDS
Older kids level-up their footy experience with NAB AFL Superkick coaches. They'll participate in modified gameplay and advanced skill-building activities designed to challenge them, strengthen teamwork and leadership skills, and build lasting memories. It's a vibrant day filled with mateship, mud, and plenty of fun!
MILDURA SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
TUESDAY JAN 27- 9 TO 3
MSP (INSIDE THE STADIUM)

Stepping Stones
Children's Services

If you are interested in enrolling your children to our After school care service please contact the school for more information or contact the service directly (Dilara & Hailey) on 0499 246 226.
After school care operates Mon-Fri from 3:00-6:00pm.

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