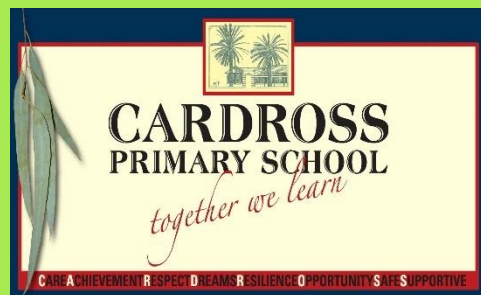


Cardross Primary School

Newsletter

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18 March 2026

From the Principal's desk

Today our students in Grades 3 and 5 finished their NAPLAN assessments. I am so proud of the way they focused and used known strategies to answer questions posed to them. Well done!!

Staffing update

We have welcomed new ES Alice Rodgers to our team. Alice will be here each day 9-12:30pm. I will be taking long service leave from the start of Term 2 with a proposed return date of 11th June. Steven Taylor will be stepping into the Acting Principal role in my absence, with Sophie Carney (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) and Elissa Johnson (Wednesdays) backfilling his position.

ATTENTION: Industrial Action

As many of you may have heard, there is stop work action for AEU staff on Tuesday 24th March. Due to the amount of staff striking across the region, teachers may not be replaced due to the lack of available relief staff. I will have more specific information around what classes will not running on Monday 23rd March, and I ask that you please keep in touch with me if there are any concerns. Monday's update will be posted on Compass.

Last week of school fun

We are hosting an Easter bonnet parade at 9am on Wednesday 1st April – students are encouraged to make their hats at home and showcase them on this day.

Last assembly for the term will be 2:45pm Wednesday 1st April. The Easter raffle will be draw at this time – please ensure you get your raffle books in.

We are having a fundraising sausage sizzle on the 2nd April to raise money for a wellbeing space. Watch out for the note.

Upcoming Dates:

March

- 24th School staff industrial action day
- 25th Hot Cross Buns delivery
- 26th Casual Dress Day (bring easter donation for raffle)
- 27th Student Curriculum Day (no students at school)

April

- 1st Easter Hat Parade 9am
- 1st Raffle drawn at assembly 2:45pm
- 1st Grade 4/5/6 Camp Instalment 4 due
- 2nd Last Day Term 1
Cross Country/Colour Fun Run Day (please bring a gold coin donation)
2.15pm student dismissal
- 3rd Good Friday
- 20th First Day Term 2
- 22nd Grade 4/5/6 Camp Instalment 5 & **Full Payment Due**

May

- 1st Mother's Day Stall (please bring small change/money for stall – no large notes please)
- 5-8th Grade 4/5/6 Roses Gap Camp
- 12th School Council 6pm
- 20th Hot lunch day (details to come)
- 29th Chinese Cultural Day

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	=	Which is...	Which over 13 years of schooling is
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years



There are birthdays to celebrate during
18th March – 29th April

Kobe Wilcox, Grady Bettess, Iyla Wake, Lenny Clarke, Alecia Reynolds, Aleiya Wake, Dane Baldock, Jackson Kovac, Harper Vermolen, Mason Morrow, Beau Webley, Lincoln Witte, Patrick Johnson, Rvder Bullock. Jude Bailey. Matilda Calder. Maisie Calder

ROLL OF HONOUR

Dane Baldock, Xavier Cox- Vallelonga, Jesse Douglass	For showing persistence in maths after a big week of swimming	Harper Vermolen	For showing great listening skills during swimming
Darcy Webley, Ostyn Poole, Dainah Bailey	For taking the time to show effort, responsibility and pride in their work	Lexi Bailey	For showing respect to all peers and staff at school
Maisie Calder, Lucas Allford, Ari Lockerbie	For developing their confidence in the pool during swimming week	All Grade 3 Students	For giving their best and showing incredible effort in their NAPLAN this week
Grady Bettess, Kobe Wilcox, Lenny Clarke, Shay Grennan	For actively listening and making intelligent connections to their reading	Jackson Kovac	For being open to learning new school routines
Selma San	For working hard and moving to the next booklet in your Duck Level Words	Bray Trinick, Joseph Fotheringham	For applying themselves with a positive, can-do attitude



Writing Through Touch: Communicating Through Braille

Our students recently explored the world of Braille! Reading a story about vision impairment helped them build empathy and a deeper understanding of how people communicate without sight. They learned how letters can be created through patterns of raised dots and used pins to replicate the tactile experience, gaining insight into how touch plays a vital role in reading.



Students then extended their learning through a creative writing task, describing their sense of colour without relying on sight. They demonstrated thoughtful and imaginative perspectives on how the world can be understood in different ways.

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Event details

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walk.breakthrough1d.org.au



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Meet & Register Day

Miniball 2026

An illustration of four diverse children (two boys and two girls) running and playing basketball. They are wearing colorful athletic wear and holding basketballs. The background is dark blue with confetti and basketballs.

IRYMPLE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

MINIBALL

TERMS 2, 3, 4

Terms 2-4

An illustration of five diverse children (three boys and two girls) running and playing basketball. They are wearing colorful athletic wear and holding basketballs. The background is light blue with confetti and basketballs.

For more information, Contact Stephanie
0408 893 596 or ibaminiball@gmail.com



SUNSMART

We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.



Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.

SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect students and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), *use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.*

1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. **SLOP** on SPF50+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved *school hat*. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra *home hat* to help keep children protected at home.

4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language



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