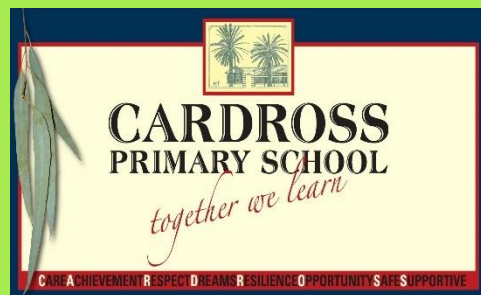


Cardross Primary School

Newsletter

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4 March 2026

From the Principal's desk

What a big two weeks it has been with our swimming program in full swing! It has been wonderful to see their skills and confidence in the water increase over their week of swimming.

School Council

I would like to acknowledge the work of some School Counsellors who finished up their role last week: Vincent Madden, Darren Poole and Steven Taylor. Your insights have been so welcome over the past two years, we thank you for the commitment you gave to our school. We welcome our new School Council at our next meeting with new members Eliccia Bryce, Norma Allford, Daniel Calder and Isobel North, who have all signed on for a two-year tenure. These people are joined by existing members Sherrin Madden, Sarah Hamence, Belinda Bailey, Nadine Mitchell, Kelly Thornton and myself.

Child Safety

I would like to give our annual reminder that Cardross Primary School has a commitment to child safety. We take proactive steps to identify and manage any risk of harm to our students. Child safety is a shared responsibility, every person in our school plays an important role in promoting child safety and wellbeing and promptly raising any issues or concerns about child safety. We have a number of policies on our website you can read in relation to child safety.

Grandparent/special person morning

We are opening up our classrooms next Friday 9-11am and inviting grandparents (or special people) to come and join us for the morning. Some light refreshments will be available at 10:45am in the kitchen for our guests. We look forward to seeing you there!

NAPLAN

Next week Grade 3 and 5s will begin NAPLAN, which will spread across 2 weeks. Students will complete four assessments in this time. We ask that they try their best in these assessments (as they would in anything we do at school).

Upcoming Dates:

March

- 2nd-6th Prep-3 Swimming
(no lunch orders available for Prep-3 grades)
- 11th Hot Lunch Orders & Money Due
- 11th Grade 4/5/6 Camp Instalment 3 Due
- 13th Grandparents/Special Person's Morning, 9am-11am
- 16th Hot Cross Bun Order & Money Due
- 18th Hot Lunch Day – Chicken Burgers
- 24th School Council and AGM
- 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 & Raffle drawn
- 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 pick up
- 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

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
5 March – 29 April

Makenzi Van Gils, Tanner Nunn, Kobe Wilcox, Grady Bettess, Iyla Wake, Lenny Clarke, Alecia Reynolds, Aleiya Wake, Dane Baldock, Harper Vermolen, Mason Morrow, Beau Webley, Lincoln Witte, Patrick Johnson, Ryder Bullock, Jude Bailey, Matilda Calder, Maisie Calder

ROLL OF HONOUR

Ari Lockerbie, Lucas Allford, Milly Scafe	Working hard on their personal growth when learning number formation	Aria Gathercole Selma San	Giving your peers positive feedback to help them improve
Aleiya Wake	For showing empathy and care for others when they didn't realise they even needed it	Ruben Balog, Toby Sitters, Makenzie Van Gils, Jupiter Collins	For showing respect and actively listening in Chinese
Jaxson Brereton, Braxton Taylor, Otto Hamence	For showing effort towards mastering classroom routines	Teddy Pearce, Benjamin Balog,	For growing their responsibility and pride
Lenni Vermeulen	For showing resilience when speaking up and standing up for herself	Iyla Wake	For being ok with mistakes and being positive when fixing them
Lexus Rohde	For helping and encouraging others	Lachlan McManus	For doing his best work all week



2/3M News



Exploring addition and subtraction

In Maths, we have been practising our addition and subtraction strategies. We can represent addition and subtraction number sentences in different ways.

We are also learning how we can quickly recall facts for our friends of ten and doubles.





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TERM 1 - 2026

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4 & 5 years	>	MON	3:30pm – 4:00pm	-	\$7 p/session
5-12 years	>	MON	4:00pm – 4:45pm	-	\$10 p/session
5+ years	>	TUE	4:30pm – 5:15pm	-	\$10 p/session
4-12 years	>	SAT	9:00am – 9:45am	-	\$10 p/session
MATCH PLAY	>	SAT	9:45am – 10:15am	-	\$3 p/session



Includes a **FREE Hot Shots T-Shirt!**

Racquets available. Learn the fundamentals of tennis in a safe, fun, and social environment!

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Come along and walk for a world without type 1 diabetes for your special someone

Event details

Date: 1 March 2026

Time: 9:30am

Location: Ornamental Lakes Park

Join us with your family, friends or colleagues at Ornamental Lakes Park, in March 2026! It's a family-friendly day of fun, food and entertainment – the perfect way to celebrate your fundraising success. Plus, you'll connect with others impacted by T1D in your local community.

Find out more and register

walk.breakthrough1d.org.au



Scan to register

Illana & Xavier are fundraising to help create a world without type 1 diabetes.

Our goal is to raise \$1000

Funds raised will go towards supporting breakthrough research aimed at finding cures and improving lives.



To make a donation

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Thank you for your support ❤️



Rivaside Hockey Club Hockey Beginner Skill Sessions

Want to give hockey a try and learn new skills?
Come along to our junior skill sessions.

Starts Thursday March 12

5.15pm – 6.15pm

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24 February 2026

To parents,

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Dear parents,

I have noticed a lot of E-Scooters being ridden by school age children around our town. These scooters are being ridden both on the road as well as footpaths, with many riders not wearing helmets or protective gear. E-Scooter related injuries has caused an increase in the number of Emergency Room visits, a large proportion of these are School aged children presenting with injuries such as broken bones, spinal injuries and serious head injuries resulting in ABIs (acquired brain injuries).

'More than five Queenslanders per day are ending up in the emergency department due to e-scooter injuries, according to new state hospital data.' (Queensland hospital data shows e-scooter injuries escalate to five per day, ABC News 11/02/2026)

Children have been shown to take greater risks as they are still growing and have not achieved the brain development required to always make good decisions.

"A teen's developing brain places them at greater risk of being reactive in their decision-making, and less able to consider the consequences of their choices." (Why teenagers make terrible decisions: A guide for parents ABC news 22/01/2018 By James McCue, Edith Cowan University)

E-Scooters are high powered, heavy transportation devices that require sensible decision making to avoid risk of injury to themselves and those around them in public. The Victorian government creates legislation to govern the safe use of these devices and Victoria Police are responsible for enforcing the laws. You may not be aware of these laws, so I have put some of them below. The brackets contain some of the contributing factors as to why these laws were created.

E-Scooter riders must:

- be at least 16 years old. (Under 16 yr olds not developed enough to make safe choices)
- not ride with a second person. (The brakes are not designed for this)
- not ride on the footpath. (Danger to pedestrians)
- wear an approved bicycle helmet. (High chance of head strike with footpath in collision)
- not travel faster than 20 kph. (The faster they go the more dangerous they become)
- not travel on roads signposted above 60kph. (High speed vehicles present a large risk)
- not use mobile phones while riding. (This is a massive distraction)

The above offences may attract fines of up to \$611.

The use of headphones for music while riding an E-scooter, while not illegal, is strongly discouraged. This can act as a distraction and may prevent your child from hearing any approaching danger.

I am asking parents to please consider the safety of their children when they are considering purchasing one of these devices for their kids and please reconsider. If your child is 16 or over and has an E-Scooter, please have a discussion with them about the importance of riding on the road, wearing a helmet and being safe.

Thank you for taking the time to read this message,

Nick RAYNOR
Senior Constable 41794



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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