Welcome back everyone to a very cold start to Term 3!  
Sue is on leave until the end of this term so we welcome Lynne Brenner to the Officer School Community as our Acting Principal for Term 3.

**Mud! Mud! Mud!**  
The school ground is very wet at the moment and of course no matter what we do students tend to find the mud or the puddles! It would be a great idea for students to have some spare clothes packed in their bag just in case they accidently slip over or step in that puddle of water………..

**Car Parking**  
Please find attached to this Newsletter important information from Cardinia Shire Council regarding changes to car parking on the street in Tivendale Road. These changes will come into effect over the next couple of months so please look at this information carefully.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**  
Our school is participating in this data collection and letters were sent home via students to parents yesterday. Please note that if you do not want your child included in this data collection you must sign and return the “opt out” form that was attached.  
Please refer to the attached article for further information about this data collection or please feel free to come and speak to me if you would like further clarity.

**Uniform**  
We have noticed some students coming to school this week out of uniform. Please find attached our uniform policy as a reminder of the expectations for our school. Students will begin to receive “breach of uniform” notices if they are out of uniform without an explanatory note next week.

**2015 Prep Orientation Day #1**  
Just a reminder that the first of our Prep Orientation Days for students beginning school in 2015 will be held next Thursday 24th July from 11:30am to 12:15pm. Any families who have not yet enrolled a sibling for 2015 or if you know of other families who have shown an interest in our school could you please call in to the office to pick up enrolment forms.

**Counselling**  
If one of your children is experiencing difficulties that may affect their emotional wellbeing and mental health such as dealing with bullying, depression, attention deficit disorder, grief and loss they may be eligible for support through this program.
The Shine Assist program is accessed by a referral from a General Practitioner, Paediatrician or Psychiatrist through a Mental Health Treatment Plan. Individuals may be eligible for up to ten individual sessions per calendar year and ten group sessions per calendar year.

This service will be bulk billed by OzChild psychologists so there will be no cost to young people, their families or the school.

If you are interested please see Julie or myself for the paperwork.

This service is totally confidential. The school has no knowledge of what is discussed in the sessions with the students. Our role at the school is to provide a private room and to dispense and collect the paperwork.

Paula Spierings.

NEW PARKING RESTRICTIONS OUT THE FRONT OF OUR SCHOOL

It has recently been brought to Council’s attention (from a number of sources) that severe congestion due to parking is occurring within Tivendale Road (south end) creating a significant safety hazard, particularly around school drop-off and pick-up times and impedes the access of cars, buses and heavy vehicles. This congestion also extends into the intersection with the Princes Highway and banks traffic back into the intersection and into the high speed highway traffic creating a safety hazard.

Council will be addressing these issues by placing additional parking restrictions in Tivendale Road and around the Princes Highway intersection. The proposed parking restriction details are shown in the attached plan. These measures are expected to reduce the congestion issues currently occurring, particularly during school pick-up and drop-off times, and increase the safety within the street. Ultimately in accordance with the Officer Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) it is expected that Tivendale Rd will be widened to safely accommodate expected traffic volumes and on-street parking. The parking restriction changes are expected to occur within the next 2 months.