FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi Everyone,

The weather is certainly turning as we head towards some cooler weather. Students have put their hats away for the winter.

I was on leave Friday and Monday with Mrs B taking the class. Students did a great job and represented the school very well.

In the classroom we are continuing in our work in building our reading stamina. Students are showing more independence to read the whole time during sessions. They are making good choices of where to sit while working and picking just right books. We are seeing some great writing pieces produced.

In maths we are continuing building our times tables knowledge as well as completing some great measurement activities.

In sustainability we have had a visit from Bridgette from kerbside pride. Bridgette reminded the students about what can be recycled, composted and is waste. Have your child help to sort waste in your home as well. Bridgette also presented the students with a worm farm and talked about getting a great compost working.

Tomorrow the grade 5 and 6’s travel by the Kyneton school bus for a pre-transition day.

On Friday we are having a little ANZAC ceremony at the school at 1:45pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Next Monday (not Tuesday as previously advertised) we are heading out to Mt Lofty for our Cross Country day. The Biggest Morning Tea will be at the Redesdale Hall on Thursday 14 May at 10am. Students will be singing at 10.30am

Thank you to parents who have returned your child’s Premiers Reading Challenge permission forms. Please return them as soon as possible so we can begin to enter our reading books.

Our new look School Council met last night for the first time. We welcomed Tina to the council.

Next Wednesday will be our first visit from Ron to start our preparations for the Chess Challenge. All 3-6 students will be involved. The Mt Alexander Schools Chess challenge is on May 20th at the old Castlemaine Gaol. This is a new national competition. We hope to gain funding for travel.

The cluster Competition is on September 16th in Castlemaine.

Ms Gill is on long service leave until the 23rd of June. Mrs Southby will be teaching until then.

We also must welcome Dianne Slater in the office. Dianne comes with a wealth of experience and is looking forward to trying to fill Joyce’s shoes! Welcome Di!

Thanks,
Joe Sebire (Principal)

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL
Thursday, 23rd
5/6 Transition Day Kyneton Secondary College
Friday, 24th
ANZAC ceremony 1:45pm

MAY
Friday, 1st
GRIP Leadership Conference—Grades 5&6
Thursday, 14th
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea—Redesdale Hall

DO YOU SHOP AT STRATHFIELDSAYE IGA?

Strathfieldsaye IGA store supports our school with a shopping token system.

Every time you shop there, a token is swiped and a portion of the sale goes to our school.

It’s easy and effective—the school has received a considerable sum since the scheme’s inception.

If you shop there regularly and would like to support the school, tokens are available from the school office.

ATTACHMENTS

⇒ Note for Cross Country, Mt Lofty
⇒ Family Statement with BPAY Reference No.
VIP’s
The VIP’s this week are Chelsey and Reegan. Thank you for doing your jobs so well and so diligently.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
The Sausage Sizzle is every Wednesday. Students can purchase a barbeque lunch for $3.00 (sausage in bread, drink and fruit). Extra sausages can be purchased for $1.00 each. There is no option to not have fruit or drink.

Prices per student are as follows:
1 sausage in bread + drink + fruit = $3.00
2 sausages in bread + drink + fruit = $4.00

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The roster for Term 2 was attached to the newsletter in the last newsletter of term 1. Thank you to all those who have offered to assist. Unfortunately there has been very little response to providing fruit. Please contact the school if you can provide fruit for any of the weeks. The students really enjoy the Sausage Sizzle and help from families is very much appreciated.

BOOKCLUB
Bookclub orders for Term 2 have been handed out.
Please have orders back to the school by Thursday 30th April, thank you.

EPPALOCK WARD MEETINGS
Ward meetings may be subject to change, to confirm please check the City of Greater Bendigo website www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

BPAY
BPay is now available to pay all school related expenses.

Please find attached to this week’s newsletter your family statement which shows the Biller Code and your unique Family Reference Number. Any payment received by the school is allocated to your family account.

Please use this system rather than paying by Direct Deposit as this will ensure the payment can only be allocated to your family.

The Family Reference Number will remain the same for the whole time your child/ren are at Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School.

CLOTHING
Could parents please return washed items of clothing that have been lent to students recently.
Students have been finding lots of Bogong moths in the yard.
Aussie Hoops provides boys and girls with a fun and safe Basketball experience that serves as an introduction to a lifetime of involvement in the game. In addition to promoting healthy and active lifestyles, the program serves as a platform for social development and inclusion - fostering stronger and more vibrant communities and individuals.

Aussie Hoops has been developed for 5 to 7 year olds as an introductory program that ensures all participants develop the fundamental skills to participate in and draw satisfaction from Basketball.

**BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN**
- Children learn the fundamental motor skills for future physical activity and sports participation;
- Children learn the basics of fitness conditioning, muscle management and well-being;
- Children learn the importance of health and nutrition;
- Important physiological and mental skills are nurtured;
- Respect for others as well as social, team work and cooperation skills are developed;
- Contact with coaches, ambassadors, older children and parents provides valuable role modelling;
- Children are exposed to multi-functional environments creating greater self-confidence;
- Physically active children are more attentive, have a more efficient memory and better problem solving skills;
- Children are coached and encouraged by accredited and periodically assessed coaches;
- Children are exposed to the Australian Basketball pathway from Aussie Hoops through to the elite level; and
- Aussie Hoops provides a structured and federally endorsed program for children to participate in over a five year period.

**BENEFITS FOR PARENTS**
- Convenient, local opportunities for safe, quality time with your child and family.
- The opportunity to engage with children and other families in a common setting.
- Greater social contact and interaction.
- Opportunities to become actively involved in program delivery.
- Periodic and consistent activity for the whole family.

Register at: http://www.aussiehoops.com.au

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Your Local School of Choice

- Top two VCE ATAR scores for 2014 across Macedon Ranges schools
- Safe and friendly learning environment
- **BOOST Acceleration Program** – targeting Literacy for all Year 7 to 9 students. Introducing Numeracy support in 2015.
- **Individual Learning Plans** for all students
- **Comprehensive curriculum** including flexible VCE, VET and VCAL options in the senior years
- **Homegroup Program at Year 7 & 8** – students are based in their own classroom and work with a small team of teachers
- **Science and technology stimulus** – partnership with Veski to experience research and innovation in Science.
- **Established Welfare team** providing support for all students. Whole school focus on Respectful Relationships program in 2015.
- Wide range of **extracurricular activities** providing opportunities for **leadership, engagement and participation**
- **Free bus travel** for students living within our catchment area
- **Over $11 million** committed to our school for capital upgrades

**Invitation to see our whole school in action during Education Week:**

18th – 22nd May 2015

You can see what is happening in the classroom at different year levels.

Tours of the college each day 9.30 – 10.30am – please sign in at the front office – no need to book.

**Please call to make an appointment for other times.**