FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi Everyone,

What a busy week we have had.

Last Thursday the 5/6’s headed to Kyneton for the day as part of Kyneton Secondary Colleges transition program. They participated in a typical high school day including Maths, Art, Sport, English and Library.

I was able to spend time with the 5/6 teachers from all the other primary schools and share what we have been doing and some great ideas.

Back at school the F-4 students enjoyed a fantastic presentation from members of the Kyneton RSL. Mike Gretton, Secretary Kyneton RSL was in the Air force for 20 years, then Vietnam as an interpreter. Graham Day President Kyneton RSL and Jack Wilmont oldest member of Kyneton RSL at 95! Jack served in WW2 in New Guinea. There was also a bugler to play the Last Post.

On Monday we had our Cross Country day out at Mt Lofty reserve. The weather was kind and it was a lovely morning to go for a run. Thanks to Alex and Mitch for helping set the course by putting out hats and moving logs off the track. After the Cross Country we walked back to Alex’s house for a BBQ lunch and a play while enjoying scones, chocolate cake and a freshly picked apple! Thank you to Jo Smith for cooking and also driving students out and back to school.

Back in the classroom we are continuing building our stamina to read and write longer. In maths in the senior room we have been working on arrays and measurement. We spend 20 minutes at the start of each Math lesson on Sumdog.com improving our mental adding and times tables facts. The junior room are working at adding numbers to make 10 and measurement.

We have a couple of events for the older students this coming week and I am asking if we can have some parents share the driving to transport students. The vehicle has to have comprehensive insurance.

On Friday the grade 5/6 students are heading to Bendigo for the Grip leadership forum. There is a permission note today. We are looking for a couple of parents who can take the students to the Capital Theatre in the morning by 9am and pick them up at 2:30pm to take back to meet the school bus. There are 7 students (grade 5/6 students) who are attending so we need 2 cars. Could you let me know if you are available to drive either drop off or pick up or both.

Next Tuesday the grade 3-6 students are heading to Hanging Rock for cross country. We need parents to drive on Tuesday as well.

Thanks to Jodi for mowing the oval. It looks great!

Thanks,
Joe Sebire (Principal)
VIP’S

The VIP’s this week are Alex and Lachlan. Thank you for doing your jobs so well and so diligently.

FARMHANDS

Jayden and Mitchell are the farm hands this week and they are doing a great job looking after the chooks and Roast.

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.

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER

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.

NOTICES

BOOKCLUB

BOOKCLUB ORDERS DUE BACK
TOMORROW 30TH APRIL

SCHOOL CLOTHING

Could parents please return washed items of clothing that have been lent to students recently.

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.

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ANZAC DAY AT RMMS
Last week we visited Kyneton Secondary College

Made ANZAC biscuits

Went cross country running followed by a delicious lunch!
CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

The eligibility criteria varies depending on the type of school attended and where it is located. Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- reside outside Melbourne’s metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application)
- and reside in Victoria.

Students attending a government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- reside within the Designated Transport Area (DTA) for the government specialist school attended (applicable to government students only)
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application)
- and reside in Victoria.

If you think you may be eligible for Conveyance Allowance forms are available from the School Office. Forms need to be submitted by Wednesday 3rd June to receive payment for Term 2, 2015.