FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A cold and wintery week at school has meant plenty of time inside.

In class this week we have completed our end of semester assessments. Students found staying on task and concentrating for the 30-40 minutes to be quite a struggle. We have worked a lot on this during our reading and writing sessions. We will be working on students building their stamina in all areas to stay on task next term. In reading we have continued to look at comprehension strategies such as compare and contrast and checking for understanding. Students have also been working on their comprehension by following instructions to make origami objects.

This week in Maths we have been busy working on our measurement projects. Students have been learning about using compass and protractors to make polygons, among other project work involving measuring items and ordering them and hefting book’s. We have also continued our daily mental maths sessions. This week we have made Sumdog.com games times table and division only (as well as some fraction and decimals sums) as well as adding complications to our make 100 game and a new card game to help with our times tables.

School Council was held on Monday night. We passed our school 4 year strategic plan. This is an important document for our school that will guide the direction of many decisions that we will make. We also had a long discussion about Sausage Sizzle Day. Due to most parents being unable to help out on Wednesdays we will look at alternatives over term 3 to modify or replace the program. Students love their sausage sizzle day but it can place an unfair burden on parents who are available on Wednesday. Suggestions included different or more healthy/rounded meal or change the day from Wednesday to another day.

There will be camps for grade 2 to 6 students over the coming terms. The first is the 3/4 Camp to Pioneer Settlement in Swan Hill on the 26-28th of August. Please be aware of the cost of about $300 for this camp. The grade 5/6 Camp to Anglesea on October 21-23 will also be around $300 after subsidies.

Next week is the final week of Term 2. School will finish early on the last day.

Have a great weekend.

Thanks, Joe Sebire (Principal)

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE
Thursday 18th June
City of Greater Bendigo community meeting at school
7pm all welcome
Wednesday 18th June
Roster forms due back.
Friday 26th
Last Day Term 2, 2015—FINISH TIME 2.30PM

JULY
Monday 13th July
First day Term 3

AUGUST
Monday 3rd August
School Council Meeting—7pm
Wednesday 26th—Friday 28th
3/4 Camp to Pioneer Settlement, Swan Hill

ATTACHMENTS

⇒ Data Collection Form—please complete and return to school as soon as possible
⇒ Farm Animal Feeding Form —Term 2 Holidays
⇒ Sausage Sizzle Roster Form—Term 3
⇒ Book List Statements
Hello everyone,

Procedural or Step by Step writing has begun in earnest and the students will be pairing up to create their own procedure. We will then be following, doing and making some of the procedures to see if we have followed all of the steps. I hope my Chocolate Crackle step by step recipe is yummy!

The students are working hard on their numeracy with chance, ordinal numbers and subtraction and some are practicing their times table at home which produces great results.

Congratulations to those students who read to an adult at night and then remember to bring their reader bag to school every day!

Thank you

Anne Southby

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

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

A Big Thank You to all our volunteers for your help during Term 2 to make the Sausage Sizzle program successful.

The Sausage Sizzle is every Wednesday.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER**

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

Please have sausages cooked by 12.30pm due to sports this Wednesday.

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.
HEADLICE

I guess it is the way you look at a problem...

In some cultures not to have head lice is the problem. There is an old Bedouin proverb, referring to head lice, that equates “a deserted head with an ungenerous mind”!!

Head lice can be controlled but it takes a systematic approach – follow these steps and remember if you look once a week using this conditioner and comb method you find a molehill before it’s a mountain.

Step 1  Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;

Step 2  Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;

Step 3  Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

Step 4  If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;

Step 5  If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

There is no need to make a huge effort to clean the entire house. Only the pillowcase requires specific laundering.

It is important that we share the accurate information about head lice. There are families at Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School that may be having similar problems to you.

Accurate information on the treatment and control of head lice is available from the school.

FARM ANIMAL FEEDING

Attached to the newsletter is the Farm Animal Feeding ‘Offer to Help’ form for the Term 2 School Holidays. Please complete the form and return to school by Wednesday 24th June so that the roster can be sent home with next week’s newsletter.

Thank you for your help our animals can’t survive without you!!

DATA COLLECTION FORM

Data Collection Form—please complete and return to school by Friday 17th July. It is important that each family complete this form accurately as Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School receives a portion of their government funding based on this information. Attached to the form is a Fact Sheet if you have any queries in relation to the information you are providing.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER FORM

Please complete the attached Sausage Sizzle Roster Form and forward any suggestions you may have for an alternative program that supports the DET Healthy Eating Guidelines and that may provide an opportunity for someone in your family to volunteer to help. Thank you.
Help shape the Education State

The Victorian Government has launched the Education State consultation – a state-wide conversation on what we need to do to make Victoria the Education State.

As part of the consultation, we want to hear your ideas, experiences and aspirations for Victoria as the Education State.

The vision for the Education State is about more than the education system – it’s about putting education at the forefront of everything we do. Education influences every part of our society and improving education has benefits for all of us at every stage of life.

We want to hear from students, parents and carers, teachers, trainers, businesses, local government, education providers, communities and anyone with a passion for education.

This is an opportunity to have your say and play a role in shaping what our education system will look like in the years to come.

To have your say, head to educationstate.education.vic.gov.au and join in the online conversations or register to attend one of the roundtables running across the state throughout June and July.