FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It’s hard to believe that we’re a mere month away from the middle of the year! Yet, I have seen real growth from all our students in what they are achieving at school. They are all showing improvements in their spelling, writing, times tables and maths skills. The students are showing themselves to be responsible leaders and all of them are eager to learn and better themselves in their school learning. We can be proud of all our children.

We have been learning about comparing and contrasting texts this week as well as retelling the story. This has involved using a Venn diagram to show similarities and differences.

In writing we have been looking at different ways to retell events. We have looked at using a comic strip and a mind map this week. We are also learning to write procedural texts such as how to do a task and recipes. In maths we have added to our number games with a game called Race to 100. A dice game where we can add, minus, multiply or divide the number on the dice with the number we land on.

Last week I attended a network meeting in Woodend. We discussed access to student services as well as Principals performance plans which were due last Friday. Principal’s are required to address 4 criteria and create goals that you wish to achieve for the school. My plan is currently being assessed and will be returned soon for approval by the Regional Director. All goals relate to improving student outcomes in all areas.

The schools 4 year strategic Plan has been completed. Due to some changes it will be approved again by school council at the next meeting and submitted to DET in Melbourne. The plan is a substantial document that will be closely followed by staff and School Council to ensure we are always moving forward and that student outcomes are always our primary goal.

This weekend is the Kyneton Poultry Show and the students have been busy creating their entries for the egg decorating competition. If you are in Kyneton on Sunday stop by and have a look.

Don’t forget next Monday is a public holiday. Have a lovely long weekend.

Thanks, Joe Sebire (Principal)

DATES TO REMEMBER

JUNE
Thursday 4th June
Book Club Orders Due
Monday 8th June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday—NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 16th June
School Council
Friday 26th—Last Day Term 2, 2015

JULY
Monday 13th July
First day Term 3

ATTACHMENTS
⇒ Sausage Sizzle Roster Invite Term 3
⇒ Receipts
Hello everyone,

Our Literacy work in Reading and Writing is producing some exciting results. The students are showing great stamina in choosing books they are comfortable with and often relax in our library corner on the bean bags. The students work very hard during writing time and show their enjoyment and skills. We will be creating our comics on Toontastic which should be lots of fun!

In Numeracy we continue to practice our numbers in Skip Counting, Before and After Numbers and games such as Get Out of My House. We are beginning work on Yes/No Questions and data, Before and After Number Lines and Measuring/Estimate and Actual.

It was great to meet with most of you during our Parent/Teacher/Student Interview sessions and thank you for your support and encouragement of your children.

Anne Southby
The Sausage Sizzle is every Wednesday.

**WEDNESDAY:**

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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 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.

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**CSEF—(the new EMA)**

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is a new initiative of the Victorian Government to assist eligible families with the cost of school-organised programs. Attached to the newsletter last week was a CSEF application form. **If you think you may be eligible please complete and return the form to school by 26th June 2015.** Thank you to the families who have submitted their forms.

Primary School Students are entitled to $125 per student.

For further information or speak to Dianne in the office. Alternatively more information is available on the CSEF website at [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**NEW GOVT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day. The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets. SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS).
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level.
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day. Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

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Queen's Birthday Weekend 2015
What's on at Redesdale and Mia Mia
during Heathcote on Show - 6, 7, 8 June

At the historic Redesdale Hotel,
2640 Kyneton-Heathcote Rd
Sat & Sun 10-5
Meet the winemakers and sample current and older vintages from three local wineries:

Suzie and Peter Williams
Redesdale Estate

Heather & Andrew Pattison
Burke & Wills Winery

Greg and Helen Miles
Coliban Valley Wines

Also visit
Mia Valley Estate
203 Daniels Lane, Mia Mia
Sat, Sun & Mon 10-5
Current and older wines plus pizza.

Kyneton Olive Oil
2090 Kyneton-Heathcote Rd
Sat, Sun & Mon 10-4
Olive products, wood fired pizzas, lamb skewers and entertainment.

Stone Axe Estate
390 North Redesdale Road
Sat & Sun 11-5
wines, food and entertainment.

Details of events at over 30 locations across the Heathcote region, useful maps of all locations, and contact details can be downloaded from www.heathcoteonshow.com.au

Coming Events at
Mia Mia Hall

June 20th: The Big Sing.
October 29: Flower Show.
Nov 7: Daylight Opera.
For information on Mia Mia events email us at miamiasocial@gmail.com and we will add you to our email list.

• Art exhibition by local artists including Heather McCormack, Hayley Ajona and Peter Russell-Clarke
• Music from the eclectic collection of Andrew Pattison
• Toorborac Brewery's craft beers
• Cafe all day with regional pies, wines, salads and coffee
The Mia Mia Big Sing
A Fundraiser for Mia Mia Fire Brigade
Saturday 20th June 2015

$20 - lunch at 12.00 noon at the CFA fire station in Westblade Rd, Mia Mia
PLUS concert at Mia Mia Hall with afternoon tea.

$15 concert at Mia Mia Hall, Valley Rd, at 1.30PM and afternoon tea.
$10 Performer's ticket.

Bendigo's Women of Note

The Souffle Sisters

The Homebrew Verandah Singers

A great day out for a very good cause

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/HMXR
Note: Lunch bookings close June 14th
Inquiries: Paula Curotte 93840371 or Stephen Cadusch 54255548