FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hi Everyone,
Another busy week for everyone at school!
In reading we have been checking for understanding by writing down a sentence to summarise a page in our story books. We summarise 5 pages a day and also find 5 interesting words for our word list. In writing we have been working on constructing a good persuasive text and practicing creating, writing and editing a piece in 40 minutes in preparation for our NAPLAN test next week.
We have also had practice testing for all the NAPLAN areas. The goal of the practice is that students are comfortable with the way questions are asked, that they will get reeeaaaally hard and to build our stamina to work for 40 minutes without a break. In maths the junior room continue with making 10 and adding 2 and 3 digit numbers while the seniors are working on timetables and measurement activities.
Last week we had our first visit from Ron to help children with their chess skills ahead of September’s tournament. I encourage you to get out your sets at home and have a game with your child.
I had a visit from Jonathan Lowe, Senior Advisor from Regional office last Wednesday afternoon. Jonathan will be the schools advisor while Anne Cunniff is on leave. We spoke about staffing and finance and my performance plan.
On Friday the grade 5/6’s headed to the Capital Theatre for an awesome Leadership session with the team from GRIP. Students learnt about the what good leaders do and how they do it. Thank you so much to Reegan and Zoes Mums for driving the students to Bendigo. Thank You!!
On Monday after assembly we planted our Gallipoli Oak to the west of the school building. The Gallipoli Oaks project is an initiative to commemorate 100 years of ANZAC day. It is a fascinating project which begun in the trenches of ANZAC Cove. More information is at http://gallipolioaks.org/. We need a biggish lump of stone to place next to the tree to stick the plaque on. If anyone is able to help out with a rock and more importantly getting it to the school, please let us know.
Kerrie Anderson visited the school as part of her work with the Redesdale Hall and Recreation Reserve committees to collect information about our school to support our local community assets.
The Cross Country was cancelled on Tuesday due to the nasty weather. Thank you to the mums who offered to drive.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY
Thursday, 14th
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea—Redesdale Hall
Wednesday, 20th
Responsible Pets visit to school
Tuesday 18th May
Education Week Open Day—2.30pm
Friday, 22nd
Cluster Athletics, Redesdale

JUNE
Monday 1st June
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Wednesday 3rd June
Conveyance Allowance Forms due
Monday 8th June
Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 16th June
School Council

We introduced a behaviour program after some disappointing behaviour from a number of students. This involves:
Name on the board: warning
1 tick: 15 minutes time out at recess
2 ticks: 25 minutes time out at lunchtime
3 ticks: removed from class to work and a letter home.
You will find some raffle tickets attached for a little mother’s day raffle. We have a Betty crochet rug as well as some other little prizes. Please return tickets by next Wednesday 13th May. Thanks to Betty and Jodi.
Next week is NAPLAN testing for grades 3-6. Please ensure that students get at least 10-11 hours sleep and have a good breakfast on the days of the tests. Some students can feel a bit overwhelmed with the tests. Please let me know if it is a concern. The tests aim to give a snapshot of where student learning is at on a given day. The benefit is in the growth shown over a students school life as well is identifying areas of curriculum for the school which we teach well or need attention.

Thanks, Joe Sebire (Principal)
**VIP’S**

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

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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.

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**FARMHANDS**

Ruben and Connor are the farm hands this week and they are doing a great job looking after the chooks and Roast

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**NOTICES**

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

Attached to today’s newsletter are raffle tickets for Mother’s Day. There are a number of prizes to won with first prize being a beautiful hand made rug. Each family is being sent home 12 tickets to sell. Tickets are either 50 cents each or 3 for $1. Please encourage your child to sell tickets to neighbours, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. Additional tickets are available from the school if you are able to sell more than 12. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 14th May at the Biggest Morning Tea at the Redesdale Hall. Please return all tickets by Wednesday 13th May. All money raised will go towards purchasing books for the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- Raffle tickets for Mother’s Day
- Pet Day Flyer
- Receipts

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**Education Week**

May 17th-23rd

We will be running some activities for families to participate in on Tuesday 19th if May at 2:30.

Come along and join in our paper plane making and flying competition as well as some other activities.
On Friday we went to a grip leadership in Bendigo. It was at the Capital Theatre. The 5/6s went to grip leadership we did a giant rock paper scissors with the noise boys. It was very fun if you got it wrong you had to sit down but if you got it right you were still in the game if you were one of the winning five you got to go up on stage and get a badge.

Next we play charades with the noise boys. There was a word behind them on a screen behind them and they had to guess what the word behind them was and we were doing the actions. We watched a few sort movie clips. They were Rio2, Mr Peabody and Sherman, Turbo and the Lego movie. It was a fun day.  Reegan Gr 5

Education Week College open for tours

Monday – Friday 18th- 22nd May 2015

Daily tours with the Principal at 9.30am

Enrolment packs will be delivered to primary schools in May.
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.

Our Community Dental Service provides care to:

- All children aged 0 – 17 years whose parents hold a Health Care or Pension Concession Card. No fees apply except for specialist services.
- Non Health Care or Pension Concession Card holders are entitled to treatment if they are aged from 2 years up to 13 years. A fee of $31.50 per calendar year applies.
- All children enrolled in a Special Developmental School up to 18 Years of age.

Please note: that as of 1st July 2015 the Sunbury Community Dental Clinic will no longer see children under the Child Dental Benefit Schedule (Medicare).

If your child meets one of the above categories, we would be pleased to offer you an appointment with our dental service. Please contact us for more details by telephoning Sunbury Community Health Dental Clinic on (03) 9744 4455.

Our Appointment times are scheduled Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 3.30pm. Please bring your current Pension / Health Care Card if applicable, and arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time to complete any necessary paperwork.