FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Emergency Management: The recent hot weather conditions and accompanied fires has bought attention to the fact that schools have revamped their emergency management plans but that their local communities were unaware of what the plans were. In light of this we will print sections of our emergency management plan over the next few weeks. This week we will focus on our evacuation plans. Students have practiced evacuating from the building and are aware of the procedures.

Please see the evacuation procedures attached to the newsletter.

Labour Day: Next Monday is a Public Holiday! Please enjoy the long weekend and don’t send any children to school on Monday.

Friday, Friday, Friday! Zoo: We are all very excited for our trip to the zoo this Friday and today the children planned their groups and which animals they would like to see. They also planned what information they wanted to find out while they are there.

All children need to be at school by 7:45am and we will be leaving at 8:00am. Please ensure you pack extra food and two drinks for the day. We will arrive home at 4:30pm and if that changes due to traffic, an SMS message will be sent.

Healthy Eating: Friday week is Healthy Eating day and the S.R.C. has decided to make it into a fundraiser; please see their entry later in the newsletter. Healthy Eating will be breakfast! All parents are welcome to join students for breakfast between 9 and 10 o’clock. For catering, please let us know by Wednesday next week, so that enough food will be provided.

Cluster Day: On Friday the 21st we are participating in Cluster Day, where we will be doing Athletics Sports. At this point we will be doing this at Malmsbury, however, this could change. Permission forms will be sent home next week.

EnviroDay: On Friday the 28th of March we are having our EnviroDay. With the weather, hopefully cooler, we will be heading down to the Environmental Centre and doing some maintenance work, weeding and topping up our paths. We are planning to hold a ‘Kids Teaching Kids’ event in Term 3 where our students will be teaching other students about our wetland, forest and work on our proposed desert area.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**MARCH**
- **Friday, 7th**: Zoo Excursion—Whole School
- **Monday, 10th**: LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- **Tuesday, 11th**: AASC—Skateboarding
- **Wednesday, 12th**: RSVPs due for Healthy Eating Day
- **Thursday, 13th**: WaterWatch Incursion
- **Friday, 14th**: Healthy Eating Day
- **Tuesday, 18th**: Due date for Book Club #2 Orders/Payment
- **Friday, 21st**: Cluster Day—Athletics at Malmsbury
- **Wednesday, 26th**: School Council—6:00pm
- **Friday, 28th**: EnviroDay

ATTACHMENTS

⇒ Receipts for some families
⇒ Book Club #2
⇒ Redesdale Bush Market flyer
⇒ Harcourt Applefest brochure
⇒ Healthy Eating Day
⇒ Evacuation Procedures

Flag Pole: We had some men come with a cherry picker on Tuesday who fixed our flag pole! Thank you to Mr. Sait’s Dad, who works with the men! They did a great job and now the flag pole works properly and we can get the flag up and down!

Thanks,
Sally Gill, Acting Principal.
THANK YOU

To Kathryn Sundblom for cooking the sausages and Sonia Vescovi for providing the fruit for the Sausage Sizzle this week.

To Jodi Brophy for collating the newsletter.

ZOO EXCURSION

The whole school will be travelling by bus to the Melbourne Zoo this coming Friday, March 7th, leaving school at 8:00am SHARP. All children are required to be at school by 7:45am. The bus will return at 4:30pm. The school bus run will not be happening that day, so children will be required to be dropped off and picked up from school. The cost of the excursion is $20.00 per student.

Children must wear school uniform (including their school hat) and will require their lunch, snacks and plenty of drink for the whole day.

Parents are invited to join us for this excursion at a cost of $23.00 per person, which is the cost of entry to the Zoo. Please speak to Sally before Friday.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Order forms are attached to the newsletter today. There are some great offers available. Orders along with payment are due back at school by Tuesday, March 18th. Payments can also be done online on the Scholastic website: http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The tenth annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge (the Challenge) is now open.

The 2014 new look Challenge website is celebrating ten years of the Challenge which promotes the importance of reading among students in Victorian schools and early childhood settings.

In 2014 we once again welcome young children from birth to five years, as well all Victorian students in Years Prep to 10, to discover the magic of books. Families and parents are encouraged to be involved with their children's reading both in and beyond school.

The 2014 Challenge booklists have been expanded and cater for all interests. Students may also read books in other languages.

This year the Challenge will soon have a dedicated Facebook page with resources for parents, and the Challenge website will be updated with weekly videos to encourage students to stay motivated and read more throughout the Challenge.

On Tuesday 11 March, a poster size countdown calendar will be inserted into the Herald Sun so parents and children can track their reading progress, count down the time left and stay motivated throughout the Challenge.

WEEKLY AWARDS

Principal’s Award: Kofi for her excellent attitude towards school.

Student Award: Chelsea for settling in well at R.M.M.

THIS WEEK’S VIPs

Zoe and Mia are the V.I.P’s this week and they have done a great job. Thank you girls!

FARM HANDS

The Farm Hands this week are Mitchell and Kofi, who have done an excellent job. Thank you Mitchell and Kofi.
**BUS FORMS**

There are a number of Application for Permission to Travel by Bus forms still outstanding. These are attached to the newsletter for the families concerned. Please fill them out and return to school as soon as possible. **Please note that the children must also sign the application.**

**S.R.C. REPORT**

The S.R.C. have planned a number of activities through the year. Next week we are having Pyjama Day on Healthy Eating Day. Please bring $1.00 to come in pyjamas and donate money for Camps and excursions. We are also planning to have a Pet Day to help the Guide Dogs. We are going to have Capture of the Flag Day and Taco Day, Crazy Hair Day. We are also organizing Ten Pin bowling on a Gym Say. We are having an Out of Uniform Day and on Capture of the Flag Day we are having a picnic.

We hope everyone supports the S.R.C. and helps us to raise money for different things.

_Lachlan M. and Connor._

**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 a drink.

**Prices per student are as follows:**

1 sausage in bread + drink + fruit = $3.00
2 sausages in bread + drink + fruit = $4.00

**SCHOOL LUNCH DAYS**

We continue to encourage students to have healthy lunches at school. Foods such as salad sandwiches, wraps, salads and quiche are recommended as every day foods. Foods such as pies, sausage rolls and pizza are recommended as sometimes foods. The days for heating food for Term 1 are as follows:

**Thursday** - Food may be heated in the oven.

**Friday** – Toasties [School Captains will toast the children’s sandwiches].

Please do not send foods that require boiling water to be added as this is a safety issue for staff and students. We are unable to microwave any food.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

We have received three nominations for School Council. Jo Smith, Kylie Munro and Regina Bennett will be elected unopposed at the next School Council meeting on the 26th of March. It’s great to have new people coming on to School Council and some experience in Jo.

We would also like to thank Carolyn Boyd who will be leaving School Council after many years of service. For the last twelve months Carolyn has served as a community member but now feels it is time for others to come into the role. Thank you Carolyn for all your work over the years.