FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Well here we are at the end of the term. We have had a very full term full of really rich learning experiences. The children have learnt a lot of information about their chosen wild animal. On Thursday, at 2:00pm all students will be presenting their posters and dioramas to their peers. If you would like to attend you are more than welcome. This session will go until 3:30pm.

Early Dismissal on Friday: Please remember that Friday is an early dismissal of 2:30pm and that the bus run will be an hour earlier.

Term 2: Next term gets off to an unusual start with Monday the 21st being a public holiday for Easter Monday and the Friday also being a public holiday for Anzac day. We will be at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Term 2 Theme: Next term we are studying Ancient Cultures. As you know term themes are chosen by students at Redesdale-Mia Mia and they have chosen a very exciting topic for Term 2. We all look forward to jumping in and doing some learning.

Assessment and Reporting: As part of our reporting process we send home portfolios at the end of each term. The portfolio represents the learning your child has done through the term and gives you an insight into the types of learning tasks we do. Ideally you are able to see improvements in your child’s work. It’s a really positive experience to sit with your child and have them take you through the portfolio and share their learning experiences. There is a parent comment section and feedback is appreciated by teaching staff but it is also a positive way to interact with your child about their work. Please send portfolios back to school early next term.

Easter Bonnet: The Easter Bonnet to fit onto the Redesdale fire truck is complete! The children and Mrs. Mertens have worked really hard and should be very proud! The truck came for a ‘fitting’ last Thursday and tomorrow it will come again to take the hat home and wait for the Easter parade. A huge thank you to Mrs. Mertens who has worked above and beyond to ensure success!

DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL
Friday, 4th
Last of day of Term 1—2:30pm dismissal
Saturday, 19th
Bendigo Torchlight Procession—featuring our Easter Bonnet on the Redesdale CFA truck
Monday, 21st
EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 22nd
First Day of Term 2.
Friday, 25th
ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MAY
Saturday, 17th
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
Monday, 19th—Friday, 23rd
BOOK FAIR
Friday, 23rd
Zone Cross Country—Grades 3-6

ATTACHMENTS
⇒ Receipts for some families
⇒ Fire Procedures
⇒ Sausage Sizzle Roster for Term 2

Premiers Reading Challenge: All students are registered for the Premiers Reading Challenge. This year students are able to log on and record their texts themselves. Students log on details have been attached to the newsletter so they can do this at home if they wish. We will also be providing class time to do this, however it’s nice to have the option to do it in both places. As discussed in last week’s newsletter, reading is essential to life and it is important to make time to read.

Thanks,
Sally Gill, Acting Principal.
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FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
The School Council have organised for Aver & Line to come again and take family portraits on **Saturday, May 17th. Please highlight the date on your calendar.** The cost is $15.00 per session and includes a 20 minute portrait session, a 20 minute viewing session straight after, an 8”x12” print, a glass bottle frame + print, a complimentary retouching, option to purchase the best value packages and lowest cost options.
This is a great opportunity to get a family portrait at a very reasonable price and support the school at the same time.
Bookings are now being taken. Once the $15 fee is paid, an appointment time can be arranged with Joyce in the office. Sessions start at 8:40am and finish at 5:20pm.

PREP—GRADE 2 ROOM
**Hermit Crabs**
A huge thank you to the Bennett family for offering to house our Hermit Crabs and over the holidays. The junior students love their class pet and taking them on for the holidays is a big job!

**Junior Class Reading Volunteers**
A big thank you to all the volunteers who have come into our classroom over the past few weeks and read with our students. This is an involvement I’m hoping to continue into Term 2.

There’s a roster on the P-2 classroom door that I’d really appreciate you adding your name to if you are thinking of coming in to read. This will ensure we don’t have any double ups of volunteers.

*James Sait.*
fundraiser

$15 outdoor photo sessions

→ 20 minute portrait session
→ 20 min viewing session straight after!
→ 8"x12" print
→ glass bottle frame + print
→ complimentary retouching remove unwanted dribble & bumps!
→ option to purchase the best value packages & lowest cost options!

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Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School is Fundraising!

The fundraiser is on: Saturday 17th of May
Outdoors sessions will be held at Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School
Bookings close Tuesday 29th of April

To Book: Pre-pay your $15 in a labeled envelope,
then select a time on the schedule in the entry area

Please contact the school with any questions—phone 5425 3155
THE 2014 PHEE BROADWAY THEATRE PROGRAM.

The 2014 Phee Broadway Theatre program is now officially open and there are a few shows that students of all ages will be interested in seeing. Would you be able to promote these shows in your school newsletters?

I’ve attached information for your use or please visit the Castlemaine Phee Broadway Theatre website for further information about the shows and booking tickets.

Further to this, we will send additional information for schools in the mail shortly about The 13-Storey Treehouse production.

17 April 2014, 8pm: Controlled Falling Project
6 May 2014, 1pm and 6pm: The 13-Storey Treehouse
1 July 2014, 4pm: Swamp Juice
20 August 2014, 8pm: Circuit
30 August 2014, 3pm: Squaring the Wheel
11 September 2014, 8pm: Motion Transcend by Melbourne Ballet Company
**FC BENDIGO**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY SOCCER CLINIC**

Join in the fun with Bendigo’s newest elite sporting club

- Fun environment to play
- Get to know this new and exciting club
- Learn grow and improve skills
- Experienced and qualified coaches
- Receive a uniform as part of the clinic

Date: Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th of April Time: 10.00-3.00
Venue: Londonderry Reserve, Girtton Grammar, Bendigo Cost: $99
Contact: football@fcbendigo.com.au

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**MT MACEDON ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE**

Friday 25th April 2014 at 6am

CHANGED ACCESS: NO PARKING AT THE CROSS

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**FREE BUSES OPERATING FROM:**

- **Clifton Hill to Dawn Service**
  - Depart: 6.15am
  - Location: Clifton Hill Train Station
  - Arrive: 6.45am
- **Woodend to Dawn Service**
  - Depart: 6.15am
  - Location: Woodend Train Station
  - Arrive: 6.45am
- **Lancemore to Dawn Service via Borony**
  - Depart: 6.45am
  - Location: Lancemore Echidna Hall
  - Arrive: 7.15am
- **Toro Clarke Recreation Reserve, Waterfalls Rd, Macedon**
  - Notes: From Toro Clarke Recreation Reserve in Macedon all services will continue as a continual shuttle service with the first bus departing at 6:15am and the last bus departing at 6:30am. No booking required for this service.

**BOOKINGS FOR ALL BUS SERVICES ESSENTIAL**

To book: Visit www.organscoaches.com.au or phone 5422 1758
Gold coin donation appreciated

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**NO PARKING AT THE CROSS – CAMERON DRIVE CLOSED**

Take the free bus

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**FREE FAMILY FUN**

- Steam Trains for Kids
  - All Aboard for Family Fun
  - Sat/Sun: April 12/13
  - PH: 54706658
  - Steam Trains
  - Trolley Rides
  - Steam Train Ride
  - Diesel Rides
  - Animal Farm
  - Novelty Rides
  - Sausage Sizzle
  - Horse Cart Rides
  - Model Railway
  - Donkey Rides
  - Clown on board
  - www.vgr.com.au

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**FunLoong**

Help us celebrate Saturday April 5th
11.00am to 2.30pm
In the Hargreaves Mall

- Balloons
- Craft
- LEGO
- Birthday cake
- Face painting
- Balloon animal farm

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