FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Transition Day: Our Grade 5 and 6 students are off to Kyneton Secondary this Thursday. As stated last week they are to get onto the high school bus, which helps to make the experience authentic. I will meet the students at the other end and they should have an excellent day.

School Council: School Council has been re-scheduled to next week to give us time to prepare. The agenda is attached to today’s newsletter.

NAPLAN: NAPLAN will take place in the 4th week of term, on the 14th, 15th and 16th of May. The NAPLAN is for all grade 3 and 5 students. The 3-6 class have begun practicing in earnest and will be well prepared to take the tests. It is important that students have seen the test booklets before and understand the type of questions that they will be asked as it is quite different from everyday class.

If you do not wish your child to take part in NAPLAN please send a letter explaining and ensure you have signed and dated it as it has to be sent to the NAPLAN authority.

AASC: Active After School Communities begins next week. This term we have taekwondo on Mondays and Soccer on Tuesdays. Taekwondo will take place in the breakout space and soccer will be on the oval. These are perfect sports for this time of the year! Participation in Active After School doubles the amount of physical activity we can offer at school and provides your child with an extra social activity. Our program to Redesdale-Mia Mia P.S. is one of the most successful Active After School Programs in the state because such a high percentage of our students attend.

Pet Day: On Wednesday the S.R.C. are running their Pet Day. We are very excited to have pets coming into school. The event will get underway very close to 9 o’clock and will probably take around an hour. It would be good if pets could be taken home after that, but if they are caged or restrained they can stay at school.

Biggest Morning Tea: Friday the 9th of May is the Biggest Morning Tea at the Redesdale Hall. We will be attending the biggest morning tea and singing some songs. This is a great opportunity for our students to get out and meet the older generation of the town. We will also be giving out invitations to our Healthy Eating Lunch on May the 30th. This very simple act ensures that our students meet people and speak to them at the morning tea, as well as enjoying some yummy refreshments.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

Thursday, May 1st
Pre-Orientation Day—Kyneton PS [Grades 5 & 6]

Monday 5th
AASC—Taekwondo

Tuesday 6th
AASC—Soccer

Wednesday, 7th
Pet Day—SRC Fundraiser
School Council—6:00pm

Friday, 9th
Biggest Morning Tea—Redesdale Hall

Tuesday, 13th
Due Date for Book Club Orders

Saturday, 17th
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

Monday, 19th—Friday, 23rd
BOOK FAIR

Friday, 23rd
Cluster Day—Athletics

Wednesday, 28th
Zone Cross Country—Grades 3-6

ATTACHMENTS

⇒ CentaCare Family Newsletter
⇒ Book Club #3

Easter Parade: We were fortunate to win the Best Themed entry at the torchlight procession! Myself and Jimmy Boyd went to a presentation last Thursday to receive our plaque. Well done to the children and Mrs. Mertens for all their good work!

Thanks,
Sally Gill, Acting Principal.
WELCOME
Another three children have enrolled at our school. We welcome brother and sisters, Taitan, Tyra and Keeley (along with Sayge last week).

THANK YOU
- To the SRC for cooking the sausages and Regina Bennett for providing the fruit for the Sausage Sizzle this week.
- To Jodi Brophy for collating the newsletter today.

COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP
We are still seeking community members who are interested in being part of our Safety Committee. The Safety Committee is being formed to address the issue of School Rd. We would like to make it safer for our students and we would like people who are interested in lobbying council and vic roads to address the matter. If you are interested please contact the school to leave your details.

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

This term proceeds from the Sausage Sizzle will subsidise the cost of excursions and the weeks the SRC are cooking, will go World Vision to assist Suavie, our sponsored child. Thank you for your support everyone.

BOOK CLUB
The latest Book Club is attached to the newsletter today. As always, there are fabulous offers available, catering for a wide variety of interests and age groups. Orders (with money enclosed) is due back at school by Tuesday, May 13th. Orders can also be submitted and paid by credit card via the website (http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/). Click on the ‘Parent Payments’ link on the top right-hand corner. Submit your order to school as normal, making sure the receipt number is included.

WEEKLY AWARDS
Principal’s Award: Lachlan M. for his excellent attitude and tackling his work with one hand!
Class Award: Mitchell for believing in himself and taking other peoples’ opinion on board.

THIS WEEK’S VIPs
This week’s V.I.P.’s are Connor and Lachlan S.

FARM HANDS
Bryce and Max are the farm hands again this week. As our chickens are still on holidays, we thought they could have another go. Thanks boys!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Happy Birthday to Brendan who turned 13!
Congratulations Brendan.
HEATHCOTE ART SHOW:
This weekend our students’ art work is on display at the Heathcote Lions Club Art Show. Children have selected a piece of work to be in the Show, which is on at the Heathcote Senior Citizens in High Street, Heathcote. If you are free, pop along and have a look.

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 2 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.
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.