FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Biggest Morning Tea: We had a lovely morning at the biggest morning tea last Friday morning and the students did very well and gave out their invitations to the Community Healthy Eating Day.

NAPLAN: We are midway through testing and our Grade 3 and 5 students who seem to be coping well. To compensate for the amount of work, we have attempted to make other sessions light and fun this week in an effort to not over load our children.

Cluster Athletics will be held at the Redesdale Reserve. We will be competing with our Cluster schools next Friday. Parents are welcome to come and cheer and be part of the day. Permission forms are not required as this is a local excursion.

Inter-School Cross Country at the Bendigo Racecourse is on Wednesday the 28th of this month. The Grade 3-6 class are involved. The idea of the day is to get in and do your best.

Webpage: The webpage is up and functioning. Please access the webpage at www.redesmiaps.vic.edu.au. We are updating the webpage weekly to keep it informative.

Policies: Please view the school policies that have been reviewed by staff. They are available on the website or in the break out space. Your input is welcomed and if you have anything to add please see a staff member.

Kyneton Secondary College Information Evening is on Wednesday 14th May (tonight) at 7:00pm in their library. We apologise for the late notice, however it was only just handed to us. Nevertheless, this information session will help you to know what will happen next year.

Leading Numeracy. We are very excited to announce that we have been accepted into the Bastow Course ‘Leading Numeracy’. This course fits in nicely with our plans for numeracy this year, with the idea of building a whole school plan for math and improving our skills as math’s teachers. This will mean that on the 17th and 18th of June both James and myself will be at this professional development and Toby Parkinson will be in with Chriss Mertens to look after the school.

Thanks,
Sally Gill, Acting Principal

DATEs TO REMEMBER
MAY
TONIGHT [Wednesday, 14th]
Kyneton Secondary College Information Evening - 7:00pm in their library
Saturday, 17th
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
Monday, 19th—Friday, 23rd
BOOK FAIR
Monday, 19th
AASC—Taekwondo
Tuesday, 20th
AASC—Soccer
School Councillor Induction Training—Bendigo
Friday, 23rd
Cluster Day—Athletics at the Redesdale Oval
Wednesday, 28th
Zone Cross Country—Grades 3-6
Friday, 30th
Community Healthy Eating Day
Saturday, 31st
Working Bee [more details next week]
JUNE
Friday, 13th
School Photos

ATTACHMENTS
⇒Receipts for some families
⇒Zone Cross Country Permission Forms [Grades 3-6]
⇒Payment Envelopes for your use
**WEEKLY AWARDS**

**Principal’s Award:** Connor for his responsible attitude towards extra difficulties.

**Class Award:** Kofi for persisting even when things are difficult.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Tianna and Jorja have celebrated their birthdays this week. We hope they both enjoyed their special day.

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**THANK YOU**

- To Trevor the Apple Man who donated our new chickens!
- To Betty Sageischek for the hand crocheted rug which she donated to the school for the Mother’s Day raffle.
- To Jodi Brophy for collating the newsletter today.
- To Regina Bennett for donating the fruit for the Sausage Sizzle today and to the SRC for cooking the sausages.

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**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

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**FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER**

A reminder to book a family portrait session on Saturday, May 17th (only 3 days away). 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.

There are still a number of sessions available, both in the morning and afternoon. Please contact the school office by tomorrow if you would like to book a session. Unfortunately, if there are no more bookings the booking will be cancelled.

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**THIS WEEK’S VIPs**

Tim and Sayge are the V.I.P.’s this week. Thank you!

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**FARM HANDS**

Jorja and Reegan are the Farm Hands this week. They are enjoying our chickens, who have started to lay eggs! Which is very exciting!
MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE

Congratulations to Bec Williams who won the Mother’s Day Raffle. We are very grateful to Betty Sageischek for her generous donation to the school. The raffle raised $21.00. Thank you to all those who bought a ticket at such short notice.

De-fibs Save Lives..

For every minute a person waits for defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 10%!!

Community Notice...

Our Defibrillator is located inside:

The Redesdale General Store
2609 Main Road (Heathcote –Kyneton Road)
Redesdale
5425 3154

The Defibrillator can be used by anyone in the community and has easy to follow, talking instructions. Please don’t hesitate if you think you need to use it!!

In the event of an emergency happening after the store has closed. Please call 5425 3154. Jenny and Dino will allow access to the defibrillator 24 hours a day.

An information session with training will be arranged in the near future.

Thank you Dino and Jenny for supporting this community project.

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 everyday 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.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

The Grade 3-6 students will be competing in the Zone Cross Country to be held on Wednesday, May 28th, at the Bendigo Racecourse at Epsom.

The cost of the excursion is $10.00, which has been heavily subsidised by the weekly Sausage Sizzle.

Permission forms are attached to the newsletter today and are due back at school by Friday, May 23rd.

BOOK FAIR

The books have arrived and will be on display in the break out space from tomorrow till Friday, May 23rd.

Purchases can be made anytime on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, when the school is open. Money can be left with teachers on Monday and Friday, but books will not be given out till the following Wednesday.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Thank you to those who have returned their slip regarding how you wish to receive the newsletter from now on. As we are waiting for all families to reply, everyone will receive a paper copy of the newsletter today. To those who haven’t yet replied, it would be appreciated if you could detach the slip below and return to school by this Friday please. Thanks.

Please complete and detach the following and return to school by Friday, May 16th.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Family Name:** ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

☐ I/We would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletter each week.

☐ I/We would like to download the newsletter from the school website, so I/we won’t require a paper copy.

I/we understand that an SMS from the school will be received when the latest newsletter is available.

**If no reply is received, the school will assume that you are happy to download a copy of the newsletter from the website.**

Thank you—Sally Gill [Acting Principal]