FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Active After School begins next Monday with skipping and Tuesday with bike riding. Both of these activities have been chosen keeping in mind that we could use these skills in our Circus at the end of the year, so we hope participation will be high. Please drop off bikes to school for next week. It is also worth noting that the Active After School program has been axed by the federal government. Therefore these will be the last two terms of AASC. Another program will replace AASC but at this point we are unsure of what format the new program will take.

Banksia Planting: Next Tuesday we are having a lesson and then planting Banksia’s around the envirocentre. If you are one of the families receiving banksias, attending this session will assist you in planting your banksias successfully. If you are free and would like to assist us in planting banksias please come and join us at 1 o’clock on Tuesday. We would also ask that students wear old clothes and gum boots, as it is quite wet in the envirocentre at this time of the year.

Parent Opinion Survey will be handed out next Wednesday. A random selection of families are asked to anonymously fill in the parent opinion survey and provide feedback to the school on a number of issues. If you are one of the randomly selected families, please take this opportunity to provide us with meaningful feedback about ways we can improve our ability to assist families with schooling.

As part of our extended transition program, Rosalie has been coming to school on Tuesday afternoons. Yesterday she had a lovely time playing and conversing with the other children. If you know anyone who would benefit from this program, please come and see us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY
Thursday, 24th
Chess with Ron
Monday, 28th
AASC begins
Tuesday, 29th
Banksia Planting Day—1:00pm
AASC—Bike Riding
Tuesday, 29th—Thursday, 31st
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 31st
Due Date—Book Club orders and payment

AUGUST
Friday, 1st
Follow up Head Lice Checks
Friday, 8th
Due Date for Parent Surveys
Friday, 15th
Excursion to Melbourne Aquarium
Friday, 22nd
Enviro Day
Monday, 18th—Friday, 22nd
Book Week
Friday, 22nd
Book Week Parade
Monday, 25th—Friday, 29th
Somers Camp
Wednesday, 27th—Friday, 29th
Grade 3/4 Cluster Camp

ATTACHMENTS
⇒ Parenting Ideas Newsletter
⇒ Receipts for some families
⇒ Disco flyer
⇒ Head Lice letters

Thanks,
Sally Gill, Acting Principal.
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
Keeley celebrated her birthday during the holidays. Happy Birthday Keeley.

**THANK YOU**
- To Jodi Brophy for cooking the sausages for Sausage Sizzle today and Regina Bennett for providing the fruit.
- To Jo Smith for making the nesting boxes for our chickens (see photo on page 3).

**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

There is a vacancy on August 13th for someone to cook the sausages. If you can assist, please contact the school. All proceeds from the Sausage Sizzle subsidise excursion costs for all families.

**S.R.C. REPORT**
The SRC have decided to hold a DISCO. The disco will raise money for the Red Shield Appeal. It will be held on Friday August the 1st from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and Ms. Gill will supervise. Entry is $2 and there will be drinks, lollies and party pies for sale. Invite your friends!!! Everyone is welcome!!

*A flyer is attached to the newsletter.*

**HEAD LICE CHECKS**
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**WEEKLY AWARDS**
**Principal’s Award:** Nicholas for his positive start to the term

**Class Award:** Lucy for her positive attitude at school.

**THIS WEEK’S VIPs**
Tianna and Mia are the V.I.P’s this week and are doing a great job looking after all of the rubbish!

**FARM HANDS**
Tait and Kofi are the farm hands this week and have done an excellent job with making sure the chickens are let out early. Thank you!

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**WEDNESDAY:**
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**BOOK CLUB**
The latest Book Club information and order forms were attached to the newsletter last week.
Orders (with money enclosed) are due back at school by Thursday, August 31.
As always, there are some great offers available.

**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 3 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.

**GRADE 3/4 CAMP**
The Cluster Grade 3/4 Camp will be held from Wednesday, August 27th to Friday, August 29th. The School Council has resolved to subsidise the cost by $60.00 for each child. Subsequently the total cost for families will be $150.00. If you would like to start a payment plan for the camp, please speak to Sally or Joyce.

**PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
The Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for next week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons).
Thank you to those who have returned their interview preference times.
If you haven’t returned yours yet, it would be appreciated if you could return the slip on Page 4, by tomorrow please. Each of your children will require a separate interview time.

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**MELBOURNE AQUARIUM EXCURSION**
As part of the term theme ‘Ocean’ we will be heading to the Melbourne Aquarium mid-term. The excursion will be on **Friday the 15th of August**. Like last year we will be getting the train to and from the city. Students will be required to be at the **Kyneton Railway Station at 8:00am** and will be ready to be collected from the station at 4.30pm when the train returns. The cost for the excursion is $10 per student, a discounted rate as a result of donations. This cost covers train fares along with entrance to the Polly Woodside Tall Ship and the Melbourne Aquarium. Students are required to wear full school uniform and bring their lunch with them packed in their school bag – there will be no opportunities to purchase lunch on the excursion. A visit to the Aquarium really consolidates the learning about Oceans at school this term and we really encourage all students to attend.

**Important Details:**
- **Date:** 15/08/2014
- **Cost:** $10.00 per student
- **Drop Off:** 8:00am @ Kyneton Station
- **Pick Up:** 4:30pm @ Kyneton Station
- **Require to bring:** Full school uniform and a packed lunch/drink bottle.

*Permission forms will be distributed next week.*

**THANK YOU**
A huge thank you to Jo Smith-Sargent, who MADE a laying box for our chickens. She has done and excellent job as you can see and now our chickens can lay their eggs in a nice place!
Parent, Student and Teacher Interviews July 2014

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If none of these times suit please write a time and day that does and we will attempt to meet your needs. 😊

Alternative Date & Time:  ......................................................
Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School

Disco

Friday, August 1st at the school
$2 Entry
6:30 - 8:30pm

Lollies, party pies, pasties and drinks for sale.

There will be games such as bobs and statues, limbo and best dance awards

No Pass Outs

The money raised will be go to the Red Shield Appeal
Positive Parent Involvement - you make a difference

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school.

Parental withdrawal from children's education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. By the time you get home from work or doing other activities you are spent.

But the message for parents is clear - become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child's education. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents' views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Many primary schools offer parents classroom jobs such as hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple ways to assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include: hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child's education in positive ways:

- **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child's school apart from others.

- **Support a broad, balanced curriculum** that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R's.

- **Direct constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child's teacher, the principal or the school's governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school's reputation.

- **Become an advocate** for your child's school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

- **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.

- **Consult with your child's teacher** about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

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Redesdale Community Fundraiser

ROCK ‘N’ ROLL DANCE NIGHT

With
THE HUBCATS

Beer, Wine & Soft Drink available at Pub Prices;
BYO Spirits

When: Saturday 30th August
Where: Redesdale Hall
Starts: 7:30 pm
Entry: $20.00 per person (pre booking essential)

Enquires please call 5425 3154