FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

We are into another busy week here at Redesdale-Mia Mia P.S. Daniel, Isy, Chelsey and Alex left for Woorabinda (Somers) Camp on Monday. We hope they have a wonderful time.

Grade 3 and 4 students left for camp today and so far everything has gone well! Such opportunities to do extra curricular activities are wonderful for our children as we often see a different side to them. Camps often challenge children and the success they gain provides them with confidence in themselves and the ability to grow. Having to take care of themselves in making beds and packing clothes, getting on with other students and challenging themselves on activities such as the giant swing really all leads to more capable children.

The Book Week Parade, held last week went very well and it was great to see the students dressed up and discussing books. We all took part in book comprehension tasks and art activities associated with the ‘Notable’ books from this year. Thank you to all the parents for ensuring your child was dressed up and included. Hopefully we are initiating a life long love of books for these children.

Enviroday was also held last week. A great day was had by everyone and the students worked well in preparing for Kids Teaching Kids Day, which is on September 11th. The Envirocentre is prepared. The hut building group organised their huts, so they are ready to build on the day. The ‘drainage group’ measured for ‘aggi’ pipe. The water testing group practiced their skills. We also made quiches, from our chicken’s eggs, to be served on the day. On top of this, vegetables for our Christmas lunch were planted. Again these days are important for all students as they encourage students to think for themselves, learn to lead, follow and get on with others. This is a day when children who are not academically strong can shine as its about getting a job done.

Chess: We are entered into the Mt Alexander School Cluster Chess Championships on Wednesday, September 17th. We have 7 students who are interested in representing our school. Permission forms will be sent home next week with the newsletter.

We are very happy to have Jackson Conforti, Jack Millard and Ben Denton from Kyneton Secondary School who are doing community service with us. The boys will be here on Tuesday mornings for 10 weeks. Its great to have some former students come back and visit us!

Thanks,
Sally Gill, Acting Principal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST
Monday, 25th—Friday, 29th
Enviro Week
Somers Camp
Wednesday, 27th—Friday, 29th
Grade 3/4 Cluster Camp
Thursday, 28th
Due date for Book Club orders and payment

SEPTEMBER
Monday, 1st
AASC—Skipping
Tuesday, 2nd
AASC—Bike Riding
Wednesday, 3rd
JIGSAW with Alison
School Council—4:00pm
Thursday, 4th
Chess with Ron
Monday, 8th—Friday, 12th
Kids Teaching Kids Week
Wednesday, 10th
Final date for PRC submissions to school office
Thursday, 11th
Kids Teaching Kids Day/Cluster Day
Monday, 15th—Friday, 19th
Literacy and Numeracy Week
Wednesday, 17th
Chess Championships—Castlemaine SC

ATTACHMENTS
⇒ Receipts for some families
⇒ Enviroday highlights
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⇒ Parenting Ideas
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Please fill out the form below and return to school by Friday, September 12th.

All proceeds from this will go towards subsidising camps and excursions for the whole school.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Kylie Munro

Please detach and return to school by Friday, September 12th.

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Family Name: .................................................................

Contact Phone Number: ..................................................

☐ Yes, I/we can assist with the barbecue at Bunnings.

☐ Sorry, we are unable to assist this day.

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By Isy

By Bryce

Term 3 Enviroday
Ten common discipline mistakes

Here are 10 common and easily avoided mistakes parents make when disciplining their children. Replace these mistakes with better techniques and you’ll be on your way to parenting easy street.

1. Repeating yourself
   If you do this, you are training your kids to become 'parent deaf': Kids learn more from respectful actions than your repeated words, so speak once – twice at most – then DO something.

2. Shouting to be heard
   You will get better results by going below the noise baseline to get their attention rather than raising your voice.

3. Setting limits too late
   If you set a limit a few weeks after new object or situation is introduced (e.g. a kid gets a new mobile phone, a teen starts going out at night), you will be seen to be taking away a freedom. It’s better to set limits first then loosen them up later.

4. Setting no limits
   Boundaries, rules, expectations and standards teach kids what's expected. Boys love them. They also like to push against them, so you need a firm backbone.

5. Failing to follow through.
   Talk! Threaten! Nag! No way! See No. 1 above.

6. Making consequences too harsh
   "You’re grounded for a month, Mr 6-year-old" is a tad harsh and will usually bring resentment, not to mention confusion. Stick to the 3 Rs – respectful, reasonable and related to the behaviour – when setting consequences and you can’t go too far wrong.

7. Applying consequences when you, or they, are angry
   When anger is in the air kids will become madd at you ... If they listen at all. Calmness makes a huge difference to effectiveness at the point of discipline.

8. Mixing discipline with counselling
   Never mix the two as it sends mixed messages. If a child misbehaves manage that situation. If you suspect something negative is going on in their life, then deal with that at a separate time.

9. Deferring discipline
   Deferring discipline to a child care centre, preschool or school. This is taking the easy way out and teaches kids that you don’t have real authority. Have the confidence to be the authority and take a lead.

10. One parent is always the bad guy
    This gets wearing. Also it’s hard to have fun when you are the tough cop all the time. If you are in a two-parent situation take discipline in turns. If you are parenting solo, bring spares into the act.

We’ve all made mistakes when disciplining kids. Tiredness, emotion and lack of skill can get in the way of effective discipline. But part of the evolution and growth of you as a parent involves eradicating some of your old ways, and replacing them with new, more effective, more sophisticated ways of managing yourself and your kids.

For better, more sophisticated and more effective discipline techniques visit my online parenting manual – the ParentingIdeas Club. There are 1,000s of strategies waiting to be used. Take your FREE trial now at parentingideasclub.com.au