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## REDESDALE MIA MIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Values:

Respect  
Relationships  
Resilience

### Vision:

The community of Redesdale-Mia Mia Primary School considers itself a family that fosters well-being and embraces diversity. We strive to develop independent leaders who are globally capable.



Congratulations to the following students on their efforts last week:

### *Respect – Jayden*

for concentrating hard during the morning Mascot Challenge, remembering to encourage others who were trying their best

### *Relationships – Gabe*

for a great start to Year 7 transition, meeting new children and teachers.

### *Resilience – Lili*

for showing great focus and concentration during Yoga sessions and making sure she was able to hold the yoga poses

**KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK EVERYONE! MS GROVES**

Our bucket filler this week is *Max* for making sure our new trees had plenty of water on the hot days.

***Be a bucket filler not a bucket dipper!***





**Who is our Star of the Week ??????**  
**– Details on page 5**

Staff Days	
Monday	Trish / Jakson
Tuesday	Trish / Dee / Ebony
Wednesday	Trish / Dee / Ebony / MARC van
Thursday	Trish / Dee
Friday	Trish / Dee & Sonia

Dates to Remember – 2018		
Term 4		
December		
Thu 6	9:00am	School Council Meeting In Staffroom
Mon 10		Christmas Program Starts
Tue 11	All day	State Wide Transition
Fri 14		School Reports sent home
Thu 20	6:00pm	Christmas Carols / Graduation Evening
Fri 21	1:00pm dismissal	Term 4 concludes

## JOKE of the WEEK

### From Max

Knock Who's there?  
 I'm a lion  
 I'm a lion who?  
 I'm a lion at your door – let me in!

### From Sayge

Knock Who's there?  
 Mary  
 Mary who?  
 Mary Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week with some very hot days as well as windy and wet weather! Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day. We will refill the bottles as they empty them!

It's been great to see students playing cricket as a follow up to our Mascot Challenge ball skills sessions. Sportmanship and playing by the rules has been part of the students' play and there has been encouragement toward each other, especially the "one bounce, one hand – you're out!" play.

### Tree Removal

It was very strange pulling up to school and seeing the big pine out the front and the two big trees out the back had been cut down. The big tree out the back was a significant part of the school grounds and history. The tree removalist did note that the trees showed significant rot through the trunk middle and the yard is now a safer place for all to play in. Ten new trees have been planted around the school and we still have a number of established trees that provide lots of shade on sunny days. The mulch will be used on the playground and the wood will be raffled off at a later date.



### Community Library Project



Students have almost finished the decorating of the cabinet and the sunflowers are really standing out. Look out for the cabinet near the Redesdale Hall soon!

### Clothing Sale

The clothing sale organised by the RaDA committee is on at the school this Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup>. Afternoon tea is available, see the information at the end of the newsletter.

## Principal's Report continued.....

### Bus Safety



As part of our safety theme this Term, students had a visit from the BusVic representative Keith. Students watched a presentation outlining the safe way to enter and exit a bus. Paul, our bus driver, showed students through the school bus and where the emergency exits are. He also explained what to do in case of emergency and it was great to see students listening carefully and asking some great

questions about "What if...", and children enjoyed sitting in the driver's seat!

### Hats on Heads

Students are reminded to have their hat with them and on their day during Term 4. If the temperature is too hot, children will play quietly inside where it is cooler.



### Water Bottles

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle every day to school. They can fill up during the day as needed.

### Reading – Every Child, Every Night

I'll take this opportunity to remind all of our families of the importance of your children reading every night. Research says... 'There is a strong correlation between a child's ability to read and their academic performance. Because so much of our schooling relies on our ability to read, children must have strong reading skills to succeed and thrive in school'.

Please take the time to ensure that your child, no matter what their age is, reads every night.



### Family Accounts

To help with your books and fees for next year, parents are welcome to pay into your family school account from now on.

BSB                    063-517  
Account                0090 3062  
Reference:            Your Family Name

This will be put on YOUR family account and will help with your 2019 payments.

Money you put on your account this year will be carried forward to next year.

### Centrepay - An option to manage school costs

#### What is Centrepay?

Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to parents receiving Centrelink payments. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay bills by having a regular amount deducted from your payments and transferred electronically to Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School.



#### Why use Centrepay?

Centrepay is voluntary. Parents who choose to use Centrepay benefit from its convenience and security knowing that their bills are under control. Instead of having large bills every month or quarter, your bills are paid in manageable amounts from your payments, making it easier for you to budget.

#### How do I set up Centrepay?

You can follow the steps below:

- Step 1:** Sign in and access the main menu. Sign into MyGov and select your Centrelink online account to access the main menu and your homepage;
- Step 2:** Add a new Centrepay deduction;
- Step 3:** Choose a service provider;
- Step 4:** Enter the details of your deduction;
- Step 5:** Review and submit;
- Step 6:** Sign out.

If you are going to commence Centrepay payments for your child/ren, please see Sonia in the office.

### Bushfire Readiness

Students will be involved in both 'Shelter in Place' and "Off site' evacuation drills during Term 4 to ensure we can confidently respond to an emergency situation.



RMMPS is on the Bushfire at Risk Register and as a BARR school, will be closed on **CODE RED** days. School closure will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner. As much notice as possible will be given to parents/carers, four to seven days where possible, except in some instances when less than four days may be provided. Once a **CODE RED** day has been determined this decision WILL NOT change – regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. When a school is closed due to **CODE RED** day no staff will remain on-site and all out-of-school hours programs or scheduled meetings will not go ahead. Bus routes servicing the school will also be cancelled on **CODE RED** days.

A great help for you and your family to prepare at home can be found at <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fire-ready-kit>

## Principal's Report continued.....

### 2019 Prep Students

Paperwork for Prep students for 2019 should be completed by now. If you haven't submitted the following documents, please do so.

**A completed enrolment form** – if you don't have an enrolment form they are available from the office.

**A copy of your child's birth certificate** - we will photocopy the original for you. (Birth certificates can be ordered from the Victorian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages.)

**A copy of your child's immunisation certificate** - (This document is issued by the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register once your child has completed their 4 year old vaccine.)

### Child Safe Standards

The child safe standards require schools to consider all aspects of child safety and put measures in place to protect children from all forms of abuse, including:

- sexual or grooming offences
- physical violence
- serious emotional or psychological harm
- serious neglect.

There are seven child safe standards.

1. Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety.
2. A child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
3. A child safety code of conduct.
4. School staff selection, supervision and management practices for a child-safe environment.
5. Procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse.
6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
7. Strategies to promote child empowerment and participation.

### Kids Helpline

Contact - 1800 551 800  
Talking helps! We're here for you.  
No problems is too big or too small



We're here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Kids Helpline is Australia's only free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.**

### Parentline

[www.parentline.vic.gov.au](http://www.parentline.vic.gov.au)

Professional telephone counsellors are available from 8:00am to midnight (7 days a week) to discuss issues including:



- discuss any issues that impact on parenting and parent/carer-child relationships
- assist with developing strategies for positive parenting and personal coping
- promote and contribute to the resilience and wellbeing of families
- support the linking of families with their local community resources and services.

### Working with Children Checks (WWC)



Working with Children Check

Based on the new legislation and best practice that is in line with the Child Safe Standards, it is now a requirement for all parents and carers who volunteer their time at Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School to have a valid WWCC.

For more information about how to get your volunteer WWCC please come into the office or go to <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/>

### The Newsletter

The newsletter is the main form of communication with you so please ensure that your child brings it home. The newsletter will be sent home with the youngest child in each family or look on [www.redesdale.mia.mia.ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.redesdale.mia.mia.ps.vic.edu.au). The newsletter will be published on Friday. Sometimes, where we need to ensure that a piece of information gets to all of our school community, a notice will be repeated in a number of newsletters.

Have a great weekend!  
Trish



This term, students will showcase their work. They will explain what steps they took to ensure the finished product was their personal best and any learning goals they have been working on.

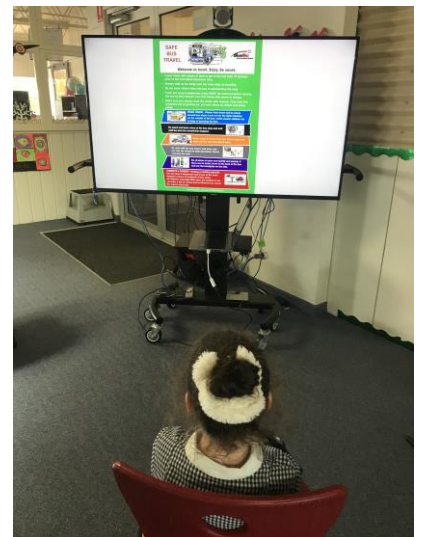
*This week's Star Student is Lili*



Lili has been working hard remembering to put her finger under the first letter when reading, and practising her spelling on the super speller app.



### Around the school this week....



## In the event of an Emergency:

- ✓ Don't panic – stay calm.
- ✓ Listen to the instructions the driver gives and follow them closely. The driver is experienced and will know what to do.
- ✓ If someone is hurt or ill tell the driver where they are and what is wrong with them.
- ✓ Do not move the person who is hurt.
- ✓ If the driver is hurt, leave the bus, assemble in a group in a safe place away from the bus and wait for help to arrive. Dial 000.
- ✓ If there are smaller children on board, make sure that they do not wander away or on to the road.

## Should a fire break out on the bus:

- ✓ Move to a safe place well away from the bus – 2 lengths of the bus or 100 paces.
- ✓ Assemble as a group in a safe place away from the bus and wait for help to arrive.
- ✓ Don't panic – stay calm. Stay together.
- ✓ Do not go back to the bus for any reason.
- ✓ DIAL 000.



## Mums and Dads

This is a special section for mums, dads and carers.

Meeting your children at the bus stop is terrific but please wait for them on the same side of the road as the bus stop and do not park in the bus parking bay. The bus needs plenty of room to get in and out of these areas.

**Parking opposite the bus stop is dangerous and is one of the most frequent causes of accidents at bus stops.** All children, especially little ones are anxious to see you after a hard day at school and are likely to run across the road to meet you. If you have to park on the other side of the road, get out of your vehicle, cross the road and wait on the same side as the bus stop.

It may also be wise to establish a designated waiting place with your child close to the bus stop. As well as preventing them from running across the road to meet you this also gives them somewhere to wait in the event that you are late to meet them.

Older children should also be reminded that their behaviour will dictate the actions of smaller children who see the "big kids" as role models.

Please help us to help keep your child safe by reminding them of the few simple rules in this booklet.

## Schools

Public Transport Victoria (PTV), the face of public transport in Melbourne, provide a wide range of education tools and programs for use by schools when teaching kids how you use public transport safely.

For more information on the tools available visit the Public Transport Victoria website: [www.ptv.vic.gov.au/about-ptv/education/](http://www.ptv.vic.gov.au/about-ptv/education/)



## Safety First

The bus industry prides itself on its passenger safety record. In Victoria alone some 470 bus operators are involved for over 27 million passenger trips per year.

The bus industry and your local bus operator hold the safety and interests of their passengers paramount at all times.

## Careers in the Bus Industry

The bus industry is a growing and dynamic industry that offers a wide range of job opportunities for school leavers. You can find more information about working in the bus industry by visiting [www.ozebus.com.au](http://www.ozebus.com.au).

Detailed information on becoming a bus driver can be found at [www.beabusdriver.com.au](http://www.beabusdriver.com.au).

For more information about the Bus and Coach industry in Victoria please contact:

Bus Association Victoria  
450 Graham Street  
Port Melbourne, Vic 3207

Tel: 03 9645 3300  
Fax: 03 9645 4455  
Email: [buses@busvic.asn.au](mailto:buses@busvic.asn.au)  
Web: [www.busvic.asn.au](http://www.busvic.asn.au)

With compliments of your local bus company



# Safe Bus Travel



## LADIES FASHION

- 'Lorissa' is closing down ☹️
  - ✓ size 12 -30
  - ✓ locally designed and made ladies fashion
  - ✓ in time for Christmas
- You win!**

**GRAB A BARGAIN**  
\$10 or \$20  
Dresses, pants, jackets, tops  
And accessories..

Want to make your own?  
Fabric remnants for sale too.

ONCE ONLY SALE --  
IN REDESDALE

# SALE

- Bring a friend
- Do some shopping
- Grab some afternoon tea...

Gold coin donation goes to RMMPS

- Give yourself a treat?
- Christmas gift for a friend/family?

**Saturday November 24**

Redesdale & Mia Mia Primary School  
9.00am - 3.00pm

Gold coin donation gets you entry and a cuppa.



# Christmas is here at

0409231662

# Riverview

491 Lyell Rd Redesdale

Once again our lavender barn turns into a Christmas wonderland, extensively decorated to welcome in the festive season. We invite you to come and browse through our extensive range of lavender products, preserves, gifts and Christmas treats. Our newly established container shed has an enormous amount of auto and car parts (great for the men), collectables, gardening, books, fashion and lots of odd and unusual bits and pieces.

Browse

WIRE GARDEN ART SALES  
BY LISA + ANDREW CAMPBELL

Chat

(please extend this invite  
to friends and family)

Relax

PANCAKES, HOMEMADE  
CAKES + SLICES + COFFEE  
ALL WEEKEND

Date:

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER - 8.30 - 4.00

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER - 10.00 - 4.00

This really is a great opportunity to get in the Christmas spirit, relax in wonderful surrounds and do some pre-Christmas shopping if you desire,

NO CARD FACILITIES AVAILABLE

**REDESDALE FIRE BRIGADE  
INVITES YOU TO A**

**COMMUNITY  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**

**Agnes Mudford Reserve, Redesdale**

**16th DEC 12PM**

Santa, Lollies for the Children, Sausage Sizzle, Games and a great fun day out.  
B.Y.O. Picnic lunch and blanket