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REDESDALE MIA MIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

New Acting Principal: Andrew King

I would like to introduce myself as the new Acting Principal of Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School. My name is Andrew King and I have been working at Camp Hill Primary School in Bendigo for the past four years. Prior to that, I was working in Shepparton and Mooroopna. I have two young daughters and my wife has worked at Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School as a Casual Relief Teacher for the past two years. I thoroughly enjoy the outdoors, gardening and most sports (go the Pies).

I would like to say thanks to all the families who have been in contact with me, it has been great to have a chat about where we are at as a school and what we are doing to support your children in these bizarre times.

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.



Principal's report

Remote and Flexible Learning

I would like to recognise what a tough time it is to try and teach and learn from home, given everything that is happening globally. As we all begin teaching and learning in a completely new way, it is important to acknowledge the new learning that will occur for all of us. As a parent of two children myself, I understand the challenges posed by going to remote learning and I appreciate your time and effort to try and implement this new way of learning.

In the meantime, work packs are available every Friday for pick up at school in the undercover area near the BBQ, please feel free to drop in after 12PM on Fridays to grab one.



WebEx

James and I are hosting daily WebEx meetings as well so if you are able to access WebEx, please jump on and say g'day and we can try and support you remotely as best we can. I am available on WebEx at 9AM and 11AM every day and James is available at 10AM and 12PM every day. Below are the addresses for our WebEx meetings:

Mr King's meeting room: <https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/king.andrew.d>

Mr Addlem's meeting room: <https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/addlem.james.w>

UeducateUs

As you would be aware UeducateUs has been offline due to a major malfunction. They are working to fix this and we hope it will be ready to go next week. In the meantime we will email all correspondence to you.

I look forward to meeting and working with families over the coming weeks.

Many thanks,
Andrew King

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.



Working with Children Checks (WWC)

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/>



Parentline

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.

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 Lou in the office.

School life without students...

