From the Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following netballers who represented the Devon Netball Association at the weekend's NAB Devon Junior Carnival; Tahli Boys, Chelsea Smith, Amelia Wells, Maycie Gale, Ivy Haines, Dayna Bellchambers, Hannah Magor and Elly Broomhall.

ACARA School Satisfaction Survey for Parents

Parents who have been randomly selected to complete surveys would have received a letter with your username to enable you to complete the online survey. The surveys are confidential. If you received a letter and believe you have a good reason for not completing the survey or do not wish to complete the survey, please return your letter to the school office so that it can be reallocated to another parent. This will ensure that the majority of surveys are completed to gain the maximum information.

Please speak to our school office staff if you need access to a school computer to complete the survey.

Better Schools Tasmania - Fairer Funding for all Students

The way Tasmanian schools are being funded is changing. In 2010 the Australian Government commissioned an independent Review of Funding for Schooling, led by Australian businessman David Gonski, known as the Gonski Review. The Gonski Review found that existing school funding arrangements were too complicated and were not meeting the education needs of all Australian children. The Review concluded that many schools, particularly those with larger populations of disadvantaged students, were missing out on much needed resources. The Tasmanian and Australian Governments reached an agreement on 9 July 2013 to deliver Better Schools Tasmania. Better Schools Tasmania addresses the issues identified by the Gonski Review.

Better Schools Tasmania is designed to reach the level of public funding for schools that will minimise educational disadvantage and facilitate a high quality education for every student in every school in Tasmania. By 2019 funding for the Tasmanian Education System will increase by $382 million. The additional funding will be phased in over a six year transition period from 2014-2019 and full benefits will not be seen immediately. This means that all Tasmanian schools will see a significant boost to their funding over time. Better Schools includes a National Plan for School Improvement which outlines five nationally agreed reform directions:
* Quality teaching
* Quality learning
* Empowered school leadership
* Meeting student need
* Transparency and accountability

Every school will need to develop a plan for becoming a better school, reflecting on these five areas. Tasmania will use its Fairer Funding Model in Tasmanian Government schools to distribute the Better Schools funding. Fairer Funding aims to ensure that young Tasmanians from all backgrounds receive an education that is equitable, of high quality and maximises their potential in life. This model features a core allocation to all schools that is supplemented where there is disadvantage or need:
* Students from low socioeconomic backgrounds
* Students with disabilities
* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students
* Students who need help with English
*Schools that are disadvantaged by their size or remoteness.

We are committed to ensuring our young Tasmanians have the opportunity to realise their potential in life and gain the skills and knowledge they need to fully participate in the community. An equitable and high quality education is the best way of ensuring this. If you have any questions about Better Schools Tasmania please talk to your principal or visit: www.education.tas.gov.au

Colin Pettit ~ Secretary
Department of Education

Hats

From the start of Spring students are required, under our sun-safe policy, to wear a sun safe hat whilst playing outside. Students will be asked to begin wearing their hats now. Hats can be purchased from the office for $7.50.

Canteen

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, canteen will commence again this Thursday and Friday. The menu was sent home last week. To order, please write all lunch items on a paper bag (these will be in each classroom), place the money inside the bag and put the bag in the canteen basket. All items will be delivered to the classroom at lunch time. Orders must be placed no later than 9am. Students can purchase recess items directly from the canteen at recess. Recess items include drinks and anything from the “Other” list.

Mandy Beard
On Friday 6 September the Student Council also held Footy Colours Day. Everyone enjoyed dressing up in their favourite football colours. We had so many participants that we raised the large sum of $302. The money raised will go to prevent cancer and support families on their cancer journey.

Our fantastic canteen volunteers Louise Frost and Carolyn Nelson provide us with a tasty footy style lunch of a saveloy in bread with sauce. The queue was out the door for this special lunch, with lots of hungry football dressed students. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

We would like to thank everyone who helped by purchasing a cupcake last Thursday. We were amazed at the number of cupcakes that were sold, all of our cupcakes were sold in just five minutes. Special thanks to Kristy Rataj who spent a whole day last Thursday helping us to bake and decorate some one hundred and fifty cupcakes. After our baking costs were deducted we were left with a profit of $204 which will be donated to the Make A Wish Foundation to support children such as Charlotte Rataj with their childhood illnesses. Thank you to everyone who helped us to learn about spending and donating as part of our Numeracy unit.
Last Friday 6 September we held Miandetta’s Got Talent (MGT) Grand Final. There were thirteen quite different acts ranging from individual singing to tap dancing, ballet, a whole class choir and rock music. Our student leaders did a fabulous job at hosting the event. Many thanks must go to everyone who participated in all of the heats leading up to our Grand Final and the Grand Final performances. We had a wonderful afternoon of entertainment.
School Uniform
As we are nearing the end of the year it has been noticed some non-school uniform items sneaking in. Please assist us by ensuring your children come to school wearing school uniform. Orders are placed approximately twice a term and some of the more popular items are kept in stock at the office. Students who are wearing non-school uniform items will be asked to change into something from our second hand uniform store. A copy of the School Uniform Policy is attached.

Move Well Eat Well Lunch Box Ideas
Turkey Pinwheels
Serves 1 - Spread dollop of store-bought hummus on whole-wheat tortilla, then layer a slice of turkey and some spinach leaves. Roll up and cut.

Touch Footy 2013 Term 4 Competition
The Devonport Touch Footy association will be running a term 4 competition at Meercroft Park (Thursday 24 Oct - 12 Dec). Registration fees are $50 per player. Any Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students interested in forming a team of players please leave your name at the school office.

Spring Roster
The Devon Netball Spring Roster will commence on Wednesday 18 September. A roster of games will be available as soon as Devon administration passes on these details.

Voucher Books
Entertainment Voucher Books are still available for a limited time from the office for $60. The book of vouchers can be used at various restaurants, cafes, amusement venues, wildlife parks and many more places around Tasmania. Even if you only use a couple of vouchers, this book is of great value!

Grade Prep - 2 Swimming and Water Safety Program
A reminder that our Grade Prep - 2 Swimming program will start next week at the Nixon St Pool.

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School Banking
Congratulations to the following students who have received a School Banking Silver certificate for their fantastic efforts in making 20 deposits: Shayne Frankcombe, Nikita Frost, Mikayla Goss, Janeva Frankcombe, Isabelle Scott, Flynn Ayton and Dylan Frost.

Well done to the following students who have received a School Banking Bronze certificate for their great efforts in making 10 deposits: Angel Wells

Milo in2Cricket Program
During the school holidays Cricket Tasmania will be holding Miloin2 Cricket, Have A Try Days for 5-8 year olds at the Devonport Oval.

This fun introductory program will involve bowling fast and taking spectacular catches, learning new skills and playing some games.

The program will be run by Cricket Tasmania’s Game Development Staff on Tuesday 8 October at Devonport Oval. Two sessions will be held from 10am-11am and 2pm-3pm. Registration close on 7 October.

To Register call Sam O’Keeffe from Cricket Tasmania on 6424 1835 or 0448 904 609 or email sokeefe@crickettas.com.au

Breast Screen Tasmania
Breast Screen Tasmania is a population health screening program, part of the National Program for the early detection of breast cancer. The program targets women aged 50 to 69, however all women aged over 40, without breast symptoms, are eligible to participate in the program. The Breast Screening bus will be available from September 9 - November 22 and will be situated in the car park adjacent to the Council Chambers, Rooke Street, Devonport. This is a free service. Please call 132050 to make an appointment.

Dates to Remember
September 11  School Banking
September 16 Eisteddfods - Recorder Group and Solos
Sept 16 - 25  Prep - 2 Swimming (Mon, Tues, Wed)
September 19 Reece High School Information Evening- 7pm
September 27  Move Well Eat Well - Footy Final Day
September 27 Term 3 Ends
October 14  Term 4 Starts
October 25  Student Free Day - NO SCHOOL
October 29  School Photos

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MIANDETTA PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE
The School Association encourages staff and students to dress in a manner which is appropriate. It is hoped that the dress standard will foster a sense of pride and positive attitude towards the school.

PURPOSE
• To promote a community sense of belonging to the school.
• To encourage pride in the school and acknowledge that our school has high expectations regarding the standard of dress.
• To promote a sense of identity when on excursions out of school.
• To provide a durable, economical, warm, readily available and attractive school uniform.
To encourage staff to act as role models with personal dress standards.

GUIDELINES

GENERAL
• Students must be in full designated uniform to represent our school or attend any events in the community.
• Students are required to wear the designated school uniform.
• Teachers regularly monitor student’s wearing of uniform and remind them of the policy.
• Parents support the school in its expectation that all students will wear the correct uniform and maintain it and their appearance in a neat, clean and conventional manner at all times.
Where there is repeated non-wearing of uniform, the principal or delegate will contact parents. Assistance and support may be offered to encourage the wearing of school uniform.

ASSESSORIES
• Students may wear watches and either sleepers or small studs in their ears. Any other type of ear wear or jewellery is seen by the DOE as an Occupational Health & Safety risk. Other piercings will not be accepted. No stretchers to be worn.
• It is strongly recommended that watches, studs or sleepers be removed or taped over for PE lessons and for sports team games and practice sessions. The school accepts no responsibility for care of such items or for injury caused by the wearing of jewellery.
• Make-up of any description, nail polish, fake nails, face/hair glitter and brightly coloured hair tinting will not be accepted.
• Hair accessories – only in school colours
• Sun safe hats are to be worn to the end of April and from the beginning of September, in accordance with our sun smart policy. Baseball caps are not acceptable.
Scarves/Snoods – Can be worn to and from school but must be removed during school times, including recess and lunch.

FOOTWEAR
Students may wear sandshoes on their Physical Education day. Sturdy school shoes must be worn every other day, but students may bring sandshoes to change into for daily PE. Coloured high-tops and flimsy ballet flats are not appropriate shoes to be worn to school.
SPORTS UNIFORMS

- It is the responsibility of the Miandetta Primary School Uniform Sub-Committee to manage and maintain all Miandetta Primary School sports uniforms. This includes ensuring all uniforms are returned in good condition and replacing and updating uniforms when required.
- Sports Uniforms may include, but is not limited to: soccer, netball and basketball tops, netball skirts and school representative tops. The uniform sub-committee will endeavour to expand this list as funds allow. Funds that become available from either donations or sponsorship should be directed to the uniform sub-committee to determine where the greatest need is for sports uniforms.

RECOMMENDED MIANDETTA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM – See Schedule A

Schedule A

RECOMMENDED MIANDETTA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

GIRLS
- Brown windcheater or jumper
- Rugby top
- Lemon polo shirt – long or short sleeves
- Teal and white polo shirt
- Grade 6 leavers tops
- School summer dress
- School winter skirt
- Brown school trousers
- Brown pleated netball skirt
- Brown school shorts/skorts
- Black sturdy school shoes
- School hat
- White or black socks
- Fawn or chocolate stockings

BOYS
- Brown windcheater or jumper
- Rugby Top
- Teal and white polo shirt
- Grade 6 leavers tops
- Lemon polo shirt – long or short sleeves
- Brown school trousers
- Brown track pants
- Brown school shorts
- Black shoes
- School hat
- White or black socks

SOCCER AND HOCKEY
- School sports top
- Brown shorts
- Brown long socks

NETBALL
- School sports top
- School netball skirt
- White socks

BASKETBALL
- School sports top
- Brown shorts
- White socks

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