From the Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to Fletcher, Oliver, Lachie, Beau, Jaiden and Evan who played St Joseph’s in the B grade grand final in the Devonport schools basketball tournament held over the weekend. Miandetta’s team won by 12 points. Well done boys!

Eisteddfod’s

Congratulations to Mrs McClymont, our choirs and recorder groups on their excellent achievements at the Devonport Eisteddfods yesterday and last Tuesday. Their enthusiasm, commitment and hard work was reflected in the performances I enjoyed last week. Well done and a detailed report will be included next week.

Footy Colours Day Special Lunch

Thank you to Louise Frost, Carolyn Nelson and Kay Ingram who volunteered to help make our Footy Colours Day special by having a saveloy lunch. Without volunteers this would not be possible. So sorry to Kay who we missed off last week’s newsletter. Thank you.

Chickenpox

The school has been notified of a student who currently has chickenpox. Symptoms for chickenpox can be: an infection starting with a cold, headache and temperature. Small red pimples appear on the body first, then on the limbs changing to yellow blisters that then scab and drop off after about 12 days.

Incubation period is from 2 to 3 weeks, commonly 13 to 17 days. Chickenpox is mostly a mild illness, but can be dangerous for non-immune pregnant women, newborn babies and people with altered immunity. It is highly contagious. Please seek medical advice if your child has these symptoms.

Turning Circle Drop Off/Pick Up

We have had recent concerns about parents picking up and dropping off their children at the turning circle. Please be mindful not hold up the school buses as they have a strict deadline. The turning circle is only to be used if your child is ready to get straight into the car and is not to be used as a waiting bay. Thank you.

NAPLAN STUDENT Reports

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) reports for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who sat the national tests in May this year that were due to be sent home this week.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has identified an error in the reporting format for Years 5 and 7. This has required the reprinting of Year 5 and 7 student reports with a consequent delay in distribution of all student reports (including Years 3 and 9 which contain no errors).

ACARA apologises for the delay and we will provide advice to you when we have confirmed the date for the distribution of reports.

Your child’s report will show national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their particular year group, and in comparison to the national average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9 the 2013 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since the 2011 NAPLAN testing.

Internet Awareness

Recent discussions with some families have highlighted issues in relation to students use of the internet social network site Facebook. We are aware that some students at our school have a Facebook page, although students under the age of 13 are not permitted to do so according to Facebook Terms and Conditions. I urge parents/guardians to monitor closely their child’s activity with internet sites.

I have included in this week’s newsletter, snippets from the parent magazine/publication Engage which offers suggestions for families in relation to technology.

Mandy Beard

Cambodia Fundraising

Two of our staff members are travelling to Cambodia in the school holidays to volunteer at education centres and an orphanage. They will be teaching classes, games and craft, participating in feeding programs and visiting a hospital. We are selling woven wrist bands that have been made by children in Cambodia to raise money to purchase medical and personal supplies, including rice and water filters. If you would like a wrist band for $1, please purchase one from the office during the last week of term. Thank you.
School Banking
We’ve had another record broken with a total of 105 students having banked. Fantastic effort!

Congratulations to these students who have received Gold certificates for their incredible efforts in making 30 deposits through the School Banking program: Bailey Good, Bridget Smith, Bryce Bingham, Caitlyn Bishop, Chelsea Smith, Connor Bingham and Holly Bishop.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a School Banking Silver certificate for their fantastic efforts in making 20 deposits: Amber Astell, Cullen Diamond, Jake Sheahen, Jake Timmerman, Keelan Billing, Kezhia Diamond, Lachlan Ayton, Lochie Smith, Miller Young, Morgan Brownlow, Roland Smith, Ryan Timmerman, Samuel McCall, Shayne Francombe, Toby Lowry, Wade Astell, Zade Patman, and Zoe Gaby.

Well done to the following students who have received a School Banking Bronze certificate for their great efforts in making 10 deposits: Eve Sutton, Leah Karafillis and Liam Brown.

Uniform Order - A uniform order will be placed on Friday 27 September. Please make sure that all orders and payments are received prior to this. Thank you.

Move Well Eat Well Report
It’s that time of the term again, where we look to the calendar for our Move Well Eat Well event! In association with the AFL Grand Final, we are having a “Footy Final Day” on Friday 27 September. This is a great way to finish off term 3 and to celebrate the AFL Grand Final. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite football team jersey or colours; soccer, AFL or rugby. There will be no cost for the day and football will be celebrated with Early Childhood and Primary students being involved in activities throughout the day.

Fundraising Committee - Freddo Frogs Sale
On the last day of school for this term, Friday 27 September, the Fundraising Committee will be selling large Freddo Frogs outside the multipurpose room for $1 each. There is a variety of flavours including: caramello, milk chocolate, white and 100’s and 1,000’s.

Class Achievers
Ayla Sharp   Tahli Boys   Josh McConnon   Jesse Johnston
Baynen Lowe  Jonny Barnes  Kate Mansfield  Ryley Johnston
Lachlan Marshall  Brielle Cullen  Bella Appleby  James Newman
Dayna Bellchambers  Flynn Ayton  Nena Dean  Oriana Harris
Titan Palaniza  TamaZyn Churchill  Caylum Redpath  Will Ritchie
Grace Ritchie  Seth Woolley  Denley Harris  Tyler Redpath
Xander Woodberry  Ella Ling  Mackenzie Muir  Lily Snell
Kaycee Palaniza  Sebastian Morton  Zac Galilese
WANTED!

The student council are in need of large cardboard boxes to use as props for this year's Christmas float. Please bring any unwanted boxes to the school office. Thank you.

Canteen - Reminder
The canteen is up and running again on Thursday and Friday. 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 lunchtime. 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.

Move Well Eat Well Lunch Box Ideas

Vegetable Pasta
Serves 4 ~ Mix 6 oz cooked tricolor rotini pasta, ½ Tbsp melted butter, ½ cup cooked peas, 2/3 cup quartered cherry tomatoes and salt and pepper to taste. Yum!

Devonport Little Athletics
Little Athletics offers a modified athletics program designed for a range of children to develop their athletic skills in a warm friendly environment. We cater for children from 4 – 16 years of age. Little athletics involves running (long and short distances), throwing and jumping. It runs from October to March, usually on Saturday mornings. Athletes can come and try for 2 days free before needing to register. As little athletics is based on personal bests, we cater for all abilities. For more information call 0459 031 750 or email: devonport@taslittleathletics.com.au

Latrobe Council School Holiday Program
The Latrobe Council will be holding a school holiday program with many fun activities including: horse riding, golf competition, toy making workshop, pottery, candle making, cricket clinic, scrapbooking, hair styling, street wise skateboarding and much more. Programs are available from the school office.

Devonport LINC School Holiday Program
A school holiday program will run at the Devonport LINC, 21 Oldaker Street, Devonport from 30 September - 11 October. Programs are available from the school office or for further information call LINC on 6421 5200.

Dates to Remember
Sept 16 - 25 Prep - 2 Swimming (Mon, Tues, Wed)
September 19 Reece High School Information Evening- 7pm
September 20 Sharing Assembly ~ 2 Allison - 2pm
September 27 Move Well Eat Well - Footy Final Day
September 27 Principal Assembly - 1:25pm
September 27 Term 3 Ends
October 14 Term 4 Starts
October 25 Student Free Day - NO SCHOOL
October 29 School Photos
November 5 Athletics Carnival

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**Tips For Parents On Family Internet Use**

- Have access to the internet password protected so your child can only be online when you are there to put the password in. This may change as the child gets older and they have learnt safe internet use.

- Have a negotiated time limit for being on the internet each day. Long periods of access can impair health and safety, for example eye strain and poor posture, and can lead to the development of an online world and life that excludes or limits normal social interactions offline.

- Children must know and agree not to give any personal details away online such as their phone number, address, the school they attend or sporting clubs they belong to and so on. A fake name to use online, a 'username', is a good idea.

- Show by your own example how to use the internet by talking with your child about things such as what details you give out about yourself over the internet and correct use of copyright.

- If children ever come across anything worrying, nasty or upsetting, they must show or tell an adult.

- The computer should be in an open, public area where the parent can walk past regularly and can easily see what is on the screen.

- If the child quickly clicks out of something or trying to hide things, you might want to check further.
  - Have a look at what is on the start bar - this shows programs and web pages are open but only one will be displayed on the screen.
  - You can check the history of sites visited by your children and only parents should be allowed to delete the history.

- Keep up to date with what social networking sites are, for example FaceBook and MySpace, and understand how online personas are developed and identities protected. Ask to see any networking sites your child has and depending on the child’s age, you could:
  - develop a social networking site for the family to use
  - have the password so you can monitor your child’s use of their own site or
  - develop your own site so you can be a ‘friend’ on your child’s site so you can see what is being posted there and interact.

**Supervision Not 'Snoopervision'**

How to monitor children's internet use and talk with them about it.

- Parents should take an active interest in their children’s online activity - especially at home. Young people have to feel safe in their environment and be able to let adults know when they feel uncomfortable without fear they’ll be 'cut off' from accessing online activity.

- Children today use their online world for much learning and social activity. The fear of being 'cut off' is often far greater than the discomfort or confusion they might be experiencing through communications with potential predators.

- While it might take some negotiation, some monitoring of children’s online activity should happen in the home; one of the best ways is to show an interest in their online world.

- **Why not:** ask to see their Bebo, Facebook or MySpace page if they have one and discuss changing anything you find inappropriate. Discuss the reasons so they know it is not arbitrary censorship, but for their safety and your peace of mind, find out more about the online games your child wants to play and ask them to show you how to play and save. This will help you develop and stick to rules about the length of sessions your children should be playing games and the total amount of time spent playing per day.