School Levies/Book Sales Day
Levies have been set for 2014 at $130 for kindergarten and $165 for prep to grade 6 students. Book sales are scheduled for Thursday 30 January from 8am to 4pm. Book packs will not be available any earlier. If you are unable to pick up packs on this day, a later time can be negotiated.

On book sales day, a book pack will be given to each student. Full payment of levies is encouraged on the day, but payment instalments may be negotiated. Parents may organise this prior to the date.

All levy paying families will receive an invoice in the mail per child. This invoice **MUST** be brought in on book sales day. This year levies can be paid by cash, cheque, eftpos, BPay or at Service Tas.

Yearbook - Miandetta Matters 2013 - LAST CHANCE
Orders are still being taken for the 2013 yearbook. If you would like to order a copy, please return orders and payment to the office no later than Thursday 28 November. Books are $17 each.

School Photos
Parents have been asking when these will be back. At this stage we do not know but are expecting it to be another 2 weeks. They will be sent home as soon as they arrive.

Lost Property
The lost property basket is overflowing with items such as; drink bottles, lunch containers, jackets and much more. If your child has anything that has gone missing over the term, make sure you come and have a look if anything belongs to you.

Pizza Lunch Day
Will be held this Thursday 28 November. Please note as this lunch day is being provided by Healthy Cuisine we cannot guarantee that late orders will be filled. If you returned your pizza order this week, please bring lunch to school just in case.

Mary Kay Fundraiser
The Fundraising Committee in conjunction with Mary Kay Cosmetics will hold a Christmas shopping day on December 6 from 10 am to 3pm. The stall will be outside the MPR. More details will be in next weeks newsletter.

Let’s Chat Habitat
Last Monday our Kinder to Grade 6 students were treated to a performance called Let’s Chat Habitat. Holly presented some good messages about protecting our environment through her amusing banter and use of puppets. Students were shown how everyone doing a little can make a big difference. Common themes were picking up litter, turning off taps, lights and appliances at the power source. Holly used rap and opera singing, shadow puppets and members of the audience to help her convey her message.

(She also taught us how to make a very nifty puppet from a piece of paper and a rubber band.)

Devonport Challenge
Last Thursday on the 21 November, 8 students from grade 5 and 6 were chosen to participate in a mind tournament at East Devonport Primary School. There were two teams for Miandetta; in team 1 was Lachlan Marshall, Tianah Hill, Shanyse Barnes and Alex Forbes. In team 2 was Riley Bradshaw, Bailey Good, Eliza Compagne and Emily Penfold. The two teams versed schools around Devonport and surrounding suburbs. There were 6 categories going across 4 and a half hours and they were: art, maths-problem solving, technology, applied technology, english and science. They had a marvellous time and came back with a greater education.

By Lachlan Marshall and Riley Bradshaw.

3/4EM and 4/5A excursion to the Maritime museum and Imaginarium
Last Wednesday 34E/M and 4/5A began walking to their excursion in the light drizzle. We all walked together and then parted ways at Oldaker Street. 4/5A went to the Imaginaruim and 34E/M the Maritime museum. The Imaginaruim taught us about forces as we made hovercrafts and paper rockets. We also experimented with eggs, vinegar and candles to make the egg move into a bottle. Class members volunteered to be a part of forces in a necklace falling t the ground and noisy balloons with bolts and washers. We also made sherbet.

At the Maritime museum we tracked the history of boats that had sunk in the Tasman Ocean. We saw all of the different ferries that have been used in Tasmania and we learnt about Matthew Flinders and George Bass. Despite the weather we all had a great day and we were very glad to see the bus for the trip back to school.
Devonport Junior Soccer Association (DJSA)
The DJSA has recently advertised the 2014 Representative and Development coaching positions. Further information about this opportunity is available from the school office or David Carter.

Sports Uniforms
With Spring rosters finishing in the coming week, all sports uniforms need to be returned to the office and in good condition. If uniforms are returned in good condition $5 will be refunded. Uniforms which remain outstanding will be invoice to the parent at $45.

Christmas Raffle
Thank you to all families who have already donated items for our Christmas Raffle. Donations are still being accepted and we ask if each family donate a non perishable item in the box near the office. Raffle books must to be returned (sold or unsold) by Thursday 28 November And the raffle will be drawn on Friday 13 December. Also have you seen the big block of Toblerone in the office that can be won as part of the Christmas raffle. If not, come and check it out!!

School Banking
The last school banking for the year will be Wednesday 11 December. Please use any tokens for rewards before this date. The rule of one money box per child per year has been removed. If students would like to redeem an additional money box and have enough tokens, we encourage them to do so as the current set of money boxes will be unavailable in 2014.

School Picnic Lunch Orders - reminder
Order forms for the school picnic lunch were sent home last week. Forms, along with correct money must be returned to the office no later than Friday 6 December. No late orders can be accepted sorry.

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2014
Applications for Student Assistance in 2014 are now open. If you received Student Assistance in 2013, you do not need to re-apply as a letter of confirmation will be mailed to you. You will be contacted by the Financial Assistance Unit either advising of your STAS approval or requesting further information. If you did not claim STAS in 2013 and think you may be eligible next year, application forms are available from the office. Please refer to the table below to determine eligibility. Your income needs to be at or below these thresholds.

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Yesterday we had an Olden Day school role play. I dressed up as a boy from a rich family. My Nanny Freda gave me a red tie, trousers and a hat. When we got to school we got changed into our old clothes. I was called Benjamin for the day.

Firstly, we lined up in the hallway to do a hand inspection. Heaps of people had to go and wash their hands. Mrs Allison and Mrs Rippon dressed up too as teachers from the olden days (but we could only call them ‘Miss’).

Secondly, we marched into the classroom and stood behind our desks. We weren’t allowed to sit down because we had to salute Queen Victoria’s portrait and sing “God Save the Queen. After we sat down we had to do our lessons. We had handwriting, spelling and arithmetic.

Thirdly, Heidi broke her pencil and Ebony made a mistake, so Miss Allison made them put their noses on a red chalk dot. It looked very funny. Mason got a sum wrong in Arithmetic and had to wear the Dunce’s Cap. Hayden C got into trouble because his pony escaped from the paddock and ate Miss Allison’s roses. Hayden got caned on the hand. (He had to say “ow” when Miss A hit the shelf in the storeroom). It was very funny.

I would hate if I was in the olden days at school. The teachers were so crabby and there were lots of rules. But I did like the role play, it was fun.

By Tolan Clark

On Tuesday 19 November all of the 3-4 classes and the grade fours from Mrs Adams class went on a Sports Expo. We were split up into three groups and we got sent to three different destinations. The three destinations were Meercroft Park, Forbes Street basketball stadium and Maidstone Park. We travelled by bus to our destinations and after we got there we got some stickers and were sent into try different sports. We tried 3 or 4 different sports to see what they are like and we mixed with students from other schools. Most of us even made some new friends. In my group I did diamond cricket, tee ball and football. Another group tried netball, futsal and minor games. After a full day of exciting games we got back onto the bus and headed back to school. So that rounds up our fun and wonderful 3/4 sports expo day.

By Eve Sutton and Nicolle Ling