From the Principal

End of Year Reports
What a busy time of the year! Our teachers have been writing student reports and collating assessment data in preparation for 2014, confirming class compositions and planning our end of year activities.

Staffing/Classes
Student reports and Kinder learning portfolios will be sent home on Thursday 12 December and Friday 13 December. The staffing process in the North-West learning service is still occurring. Therefore, I am unable to confirm at this stage all teacher placements. However, I can advise that Mr Ems will be transferring to Reece High School and teaching a Grade 7 class next year. More about Gerard’s contributions to our school later.

There will be an additional class next year due to our increasing student enrolments. This will necessitate one of our classes being housed in the staffroom. Our class structures for next year have been confirmed as follows:

- Kinder (2 classes)
- Prep (1 class)
- Grade P/1 (2 classes)
- Grade 1/2 (2 classes)
- Grade 2/3 (1 class)
- Grade 3/4 (2 classes)
- Grade 4/5 (1 class)
- Grade 5/6 (3 classes)

Volunteer Morning Tea
This Friday is our volunteer morning tea from 10.30 until 11 am in the multi-purpose room. Regular volunteers who have assisted during the past year have been invited to attend as a way of recognising the valuable contribution volunteers make to our community. We have parents and community members who support us in a variety of roles. These include canteen helpers, fundraisers, reading tutors, classroom volunteers, coaches, banking coordinators and many more. We look forward to seeing you there to thank you for the time and commitment you offer our students! All volunteers welcome.

Grade 6 Orientation Day
Today our grade 6 students visited their high schools for orientation. These days are a great opportunity to meet students from other schools and the teachers they will be working with next year. We’re keen to hear reports of their day tomorrow.

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following members of the Grade 3/4 Basketball team for winning the State Championships over the weekend; Fletcher, Oliver, Lachie, Baynen, Jaiden, Beau and Flynn. A sensational effort from the boys, Kristen Kelly and a huge thank you to Richard the coach.

Congratulations to Dayna who participated in the recent Burnie Netball Association Carnival with Hillcrest Primary School. Their team won the Division B Grade 5/6 Championship winning all their games. Well done Dayna.

Congratulations to D’Artagnan and Nikita who were previous students at Miandetta who have been elected to be Student Leaders at Devonport High School in 2014. Congratulations.

Mandy Beard
By: Bridie Smith and Ty Cunningham

Last week Gr 3/4E, 3/4AM and 3/4EM had a visit from two Young Tassie Scientists, called Reyne Pullen and Emily Panietz. Reyne is a chemist who is a chemical education researcher. He did an awesome experiment with a chemical reaction which caused a big explosion. Emily is a marine scientist. She told us about how pollution and rubbish is ruining our world and hurting animals. We need to take care of what we put in the rivers and the ocean. Thanks to the UTas for letting the scientists visit Miandetta Primary.

Beautiful Japanese bento boxes with delicious looking sushi expertly made by students in 4/5A, 5/6R and 5/6G are now on display at the DECC (Devonport Entertainment and Convention Centre) along with daruma dolls made by students from Hillcrest Primary School. Please find some time in the next week or two to go and have a look at the display organised by the Devonport Sister Cities Association.
School Picnic
Order forms for the school picnic lunch day (Thursday 19 December) were recently sent home. Please return orders in a separate envelope for each child with correct money and student's name and class on the front. **Orders are due no later than this Friday 6 December.** No late orders can be accepted. Please note - If a parent wishes to transport their child from the pool rather than catching the return bus to school, the student MUST BE signed out with the class teacher. Thank you for you cooperation.

Launching Little Learners
Next week (11 Dec) Little Learners will be held at **The Bluff** from 9:15am. We will meet at the bluff carpark with bikes, scooters and helmets and then have a walk/ride together. Following this we will have a play at the park. If it is raining we will have LLL at Miandetta Primary School.

The following week (18 Dec) we will be heading to **The Bluff** at 9:15 for a Christmas party "Aussie style". Don't forget hats, drinks and sunscreen!

Launching Little Learners for 2014
In 2014 Little Learners will be held on Wednesday mornings in Kinder Chilcott from 9 am.

Music News
Choir Performance
Junior and Senior choirs will be performing at the final assembly on Tuesday 17th December beginning at 11am. Choir children will need to be in full school uniform.

Girls - school dress or brown shorts/trousers with yellow polo, black shoes.
Boys - brown shorts/trousers with yellow polo, black shoes.

*If children no longer have a yellow polo suitable to wear, the new style polo top will be fine. Grade 6 students may wear their white leavers top.*

Props - Our final song is a Christmas song. If children have a Santa hat, reindeer ears or similar Christmas head attire could they please bring them on Tuesday 17th December. There will be a small number of Santa hats for loan if you do not have one.

Instrument Return
Guitar group has finished for the year and recorder group will finish this Friday. Could all school instruments and cases please be returned to Mrs McClymont directly so they can be marked off the loans list. Thank you.  Angela McClymont - Music Teacher (W/Th/F)

Bus Safety Messages to Share With Your Children
From: Department of Infrastructure, Energy and resources
Please talk with your children about the following safety suggestions when children are catching buses:

- Always walk on the footpath to bus stop, never run
- Respect the “danger Zone” which surrounds all sides of the bus. The “Danger Zone” which surrounds all sides of the bus. The “Danger Zone” is 3 metres wide on all sides of the bus.
- Always remain 10 steps away from the bus to be out of the “Danger Zone” and where the driver can see you.
- Never walk in front of a bus.
- STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK before crossing the road.

Class Achievers

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Congratulations!
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.

Congratulations to the following students who have received Gold certificates for their incredible efforts in making 30 deposits through the School Banking Program: Ryan Donohue, Lara Atkinson, Lewis Young, Ari lawes, Max Whyte, Lily Snell, Logan Cadle, Mackenzie Muir, Hayley Muir, Marley Williams, Matthew Ruffels, Mia Atkinson, Perri Young, Sara Donohue, Will Smith, Ella Alexander, Flynn Ayton, Jordan Cadle, Addison Alexander, Mikayla Goss, Mitchell Wilson, Addison Alexander, Hannah Magor, Shade St Claire, Isabelle Scott and Shayne Frankcombe.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a School Banking Silver certificate for their fantastic efforts in making 20 deposits: Savannah Morton, Codi Billing, Zachary Sallese, Cassidy Blake, Charlotte newman, James Newman, Coco Frankcombe, Hollie Tattersall, Paige Curran, Samuel Barker and Abigail Bonfield.

Well done to the following students who have received a School Banking Bronze certificate for their great efforts in making 10 deposits: Caylum Redpath, Harry Chisholm, Jake Hingston, Grace Johnstone and Brylie Hingston.

Christmas Raffle - Reminder
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. All Raffle books must to be returned (sold or unsold) by TOMORROW. 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!!

Mary Kay Fundraiser - Reminder
The Fundraising Committee in conjunction with Mary Kay Cosmetics will hold a Christmas shopping day this Friday, December 6 from 10 am to 3pm. The stall will be outside the MPR. There will be random giveaways throughout the day. The money made from this will be going towards purchasing a portable stage. Please come along and support this event as without fundraising we are unable to have extra equipment, excursions etc for our children.

Try-Outs for Devonport Warriors Basketball U14 Boys Inter-Town Team
Try-outs for boys born in the year 2001-2002 will be held on Tuesday 3 December from 4pm 5pm and also on Monday 9 December 4pm - 5.30pm at Devonport stadium, Forbes Street. Please bring a drink, $3 and a size 6 Basketball. For further information, please call Richard Hugen on 0437787724 or Brendon Clark on 0448536344.

Devonport Junior Soccer
Applications for Representative and Development Coaches for Season 2014. All coaches applying must have a minimum of Grass Roots and be prepared to do equivalent to Junior Licence as soon as they are available. Age groups are U10, U11 and U12 (boys and girls in both age groups). Applications close by 16 December. Please apply to Secretary, Devonport Junior Soccer, PO Box 1243. Devonport. Or email to marlenecrabtree@hotmail.com

School Levies/Book Sales Day - Reminder
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 Tass.

Sport’s Uniforms - Reminder
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.

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