From the Principal

Congratulations

Congratulations to everyone on a great 2013.

Our students have had a busy and productive year and the last few days are action packed. We held our final assembly today and farewelled 29 special grade 6 leavers. Students will visit their new classes for a short time tomorrow afternoon and on Thursday we look forward to a fine day for our end of year picnic at the Latrobe pool. I hope students and their families enjoy a restful and safe holiday break. Thank you to parents for their support during the year and looking forward to working with you in 2014.

Farewells

As the year comes to an end we say farewell and thankyou to staff. Mr Gerard Enniss will be leaving our community at the end of this year after six years as a primary classroom teacher. Gerard has also taken a significant leadership role in promoting sustainability practices at our school, including the creation of various gardens and our chicken shed. We thank Gerard for his contribution to our school and wish him all the best at Reece High School next year.

Thanks also to Mrs Susie Penfold who finishes her current contract with us at the end of the year. We look forward to welcoming her back again soon!

We also say farewell and best wishes to the following families with best wishes for their future education: Bellchambers, Clarke, Curran, Denton, Forbes, Gow, Lawler, Newett, Smith, Broos, Cooney, Cronly, Frankcombe, Good, Jones, Mabley, Harding, Bradshaw, Wright.

Welcome

Welcome to Mr Daniel Steven who will be joining our primary staff teaching a Grade 4/5 class. Daniel has taught previously at East Devonport Primary and Parklands High School. We welcome Mr Steven to our primary team. We welcome back Mrs Meagan Smith to a full-time class position on Grade 2/3 and Mrs Donna Meyers as our Launching Little Learning co-ordinator. We are pleased that Mrs Jessica McQueen remains on our staff, teaching with Miss Pip Evans on class. Jessica will also be undertaking a Flying Start role replacing Mrs Leana Mitchell who will be returning in second term to the Flying Start position.

Term Dates ~ 2014

Term 1: 5 February - 17 April
Easter: 18 April - 22 April
Term 2: 5 May - 4 July
Term 3: 21 July - 26 September
Term 4: 13 October - 18 December

Professional Learning Days:
*Monday, 3 February, *Monday, 21 July, *Friday, 24 October
Moderation Day:
*Thursday, 17 April

Mandy Beard

School Uniform

The new polo teal and white polo shirts are now being worn in conjunction with the lemon polos and are a fabulous addition to our uniform. It is great to see so many students still looking smart at this late stage in the year. Uniform orders have been placed for 2014 and these will be available for collection on book sales day. It is always great to see students wearing their uniform with pride and looking terrific. However, it has been noticed that multi-coloured and inappropriate shoes slipping in that are not part of the uniform. We understand at this stage of the year you don't want to buy new shoes, but when buying new shoes for next year, please keep in mind that students need to wear sturdy black school shoes in line with our School Uniform Policy. Let's get our students looking great from top to toe!

Yearbook

The 2013 edition of Miandetta Matters was distributed to families who purchased a copy last week. There are still copies available for $17.00 if you would like to purchase one.

School Picnic

We will celebrate the end of our school year at the Latrobe pool this Thursday 19 December from 10 am - 2pm (weather permitting). Students will need suitable casual clothes including a hat, rash shirt or t-shirt that covers their shoulders, bathers, towel and a plastic bag, snacks, drink bottle and lunch - if not already ordered. Class sunscreen will be available for students to use, however, if you prefer you may provide your own sunscreen. Parents are welcome to join us at the pool for this end of year event. PLEASE NOTE: If parents wish to take students home from the pool parents must sign them out through the classroom teacher. Alternate arrangements will be made if there is inclement weather.
On Saturday, the student councillors were involved with the Devonport Christmas parade. After months of planning, designing and creating, the day finally arrived. Fourteen very excited student leaders hopped onto the back of the Servag truck—known as our Night before Christmas scene—and began the ride up Oldaker Street.

With a few jolts and rocks, we took off waving and calling out “Merry Christmas”. We saw many friends and family along the way. By the end of our journey towards the bottom of Best Street, we all had very sore hands from waving so much.

We then walked to the mall to hear the winners announced. We were ecstatic to find that our float won the school’s division and a huge basket of goodies was our prize.

We must say a huge thank you to all of the parents who helped us with our pj costumes, Sandra Faulds for her engineering and design skills and Andrew and Adrian for being our truck crew.
Christmas Poem ~ By: Sophie Gaby
Christmas is fun to celebrate for boys and girls.
Hanging up stockings and putting up the tree.
Rudolf has a nose that shines like a lolly pop.
It’s time to open presents for good girls and all the good boys
Santa and his elves deliver presents when you’re asleep.
Time has come for CHRISTMAS!
Merry Christmas cards make you bright and cheery.
All the family gets together to celebrate!
Santa works so hard for all the children.

School Banking
Congratulations to these students who have received outstanding achievement certificates for their amazing efforts in making 40 deposits through the School Banking program: Caitlyn Bishop, Bridget Smith, Chelsea Smith and Bailey Good.

Congratulations to these students who have received Gold certificates for their incredible efforts in making 30 deposits through the School Banking program: Zoe Gaby, Joshua Chilcott, Miller Young and Lachlan Ayton.

We have had a great year of banking with 167 bankers making a total of 3334 deposits for the year. Our record number of deposits for one week was 105. The school has received a commission of $923.81 for the 3 terms. Term 4 commission is still to be tallied at the bank. Thanks to the students that have made this a great year of banking.

Class Achievers
Isaiah Compagne
Tom Anderson
Ari Lawes
Hayden Davey
Lily Snell
Mackenzie Muir
Cadel Myers
Tahli Boys
Taryn Rataj
Sahanna Brady
Will Ritchie
Jordan Woolley
Jake Timmerman
Oriana Harris
Harry Chisholm
Seth Rawson
Amelia Wells
Dayna Bellchambers-Bessell
Isabella Appleby
Eliah Zwerver
Konstantinos Mallios
Georgina Bonfield
Kezhia Diamond
Cullen Diamond
Will Smith
Maddison Saunders
Eve Sutton
Nikki Howard
Leah Karafilis
Mikayla Goss
Dekota Cullen-Jago
Denley Harris
Sebastian Morton
Antonia Bramich
Maycie Gale
Maliki Gorman
Brianna Johnstone
Roland Smith
Nena Dean
Elle Campbell
Takeiah Dixon
Tian Palaniza
Amber Astell
Janeva Frankcombe
Dylan Boys
James Newman
Gabrielle Phillips
Romy Dean
Mikailee Wright
Brianna Smith
Ella Hill
Nicole Ling
Beau Banham

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 this date.

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

Tim Blair Run For Kids Foundation
Over the past 5 years Tim Blair has run distance ranging from 60Km to 120Km raising money for sick children and their families to help with the financial burden. These runs and the money raised would not have been possible without the support of the local communities and schools.

On April 17 2014 Tim and good friend Shane Taylor will be running from the Bluff Beach in Devonport to Bondi Beach in NSW. The journey will take them through three states and a distance of approximately 980Km. They will average 120km per day for 7 days with day 8 being a short 25km run through Sydney to Bondi.

LETTER FROM TIM BLAIR
Next year the week before my run, from Monday 14 to Friday 18 April I would like the children to Run 10Km in the week averaging around 2km per day for the week. The children will be encouraged to seek sponsorship for their run; the runs can be completed as an individual or in teams with the focus being on participation.

The idea is for the children to participate in an event that is helping others and encourage them to be active. The run will also give the children an insight into our Bondi Run where, during the course of each day head out for a run for a week. The motivation for the children will be the same as my motivation; they are doing something for other peoples benefit. We also invite you to run your 2 Kilometers’ on Thursday the 17 at the gala send off for Tim and Shane to be held in the grounds of Devonport High School. Join with Tim and Shane as they run the 2 kilometers’ with you all and then head to the Bluff and onto Bondi from there.

Kindest Regards,
Tim Blair - President, Tim Blair Run for Kids Foundation Inc.
AFL Grand Final Footy Tipping Winners 2013

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Thanks to everyone for having a go and supporting 3/4 E in a great maths activity.

We discovered some interesting facts:
We had 4 winners that tipped the exact margin! This is a world record for MPS.
6 out of the 8 winners follow Hawthorn.
5/6 R had the most trouble following the tipping instructions.
Collingwood is the best black and white team.
Girls were the best tippers – just for this year!
Also this is the latest ever the results have been announced- sorry.

Thanks again and may your team win next year (as long as it’s Collingwood),
Gerard Enniss

Others who were very close -
5/6 Girls Emily Penfold 14 Bulldogs, Amber Astell 16 Bulldogs
3/4 Girls Hayley Muir 12 Kangaroos, Kyla 34EM 18 Richmond

Kinder Excursion

Our Kindergarten classes were extremely busy last Tuesday, we visited the Police Station, Library and Devonport Mini Golf. Our Adopta Cop, Constable Cass showed us around the new station and we all sat in a police car, heard the sirens, had our thumb print taken, and went inside a ‘lock up’ cell. At the Library, Jilly read us some stories, showed us where to find picture books and how to check them out (and it’s free to borrow them!). A big thank you to Devonport Mini Golf at the Waterfront Café for inviting us to play Putt Putt golf, I think we have a few budding golfers! For many of us, our first ride on a bus was also very exciting!
Launching Little Learners
Tomorrow (11 Dec) Little Learners will be held at The Bluff at 9:15 for a Christmas party "Aussie style". Don’t forget hats, drinks and suncream!

Stepping Stones School Holiday Program - Reminder
If you would like a copy of the Stepping Stones School Holiday program, please see the school office. For further information or to make a booking, please call 6425 3499.

Reece High School Levies/Stationery Collection and Uniform Sales 2014
The following days and times will apply for levy payments and stationery collection (including students who have been approved for student assistance).

Levy Payments/Uniform Sales – cash, Bpay, Service Tas, cheque, or eftpos.

Monday 20 January 12.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Tuesday 21 January 10.00 am - 2.00 pm
Wednesday 22 January 7.30 am - 11.30 am

Student Assistance Scheme Stationery Collection/Uniform Sales – cash, cheque or eftpos
As the Department of Education is inundated with late STAS applications/declarations, which delays the processing/approval and information to schools, it has been necessary to organise a later date for collection of stationery for those who have applied for STAS.

Thursday 23 January 12.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Friday 24 January 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Surf Groms
Surf Groms will be holding sessions on January 4 - 6 in Devonport. Learn how to surf and develop some exciting new skills that will last a lifetime! For further information, please call 0419 120 704 or call into the school office for an information brochure.

Drop In Clinic
Are you concerned about some aspect of your child’s development (eg: talking, walking, coordination)? Come along to Drop In Clinic and speak to a health professional about your concerns. No appointment required. Call into the Child and Family Centre, Drew Street, East Devonport between 1:30pm - 3pm . 2014 dates are: Thursday 6 March, 5 June, 4 September and 4 December.

Devonport High School Fundraiser
Hate contact? Book covers are here to help!
Help us help you! Students at Devonport High School are fundraising for the 2014 Japan trip and with every order purchased using the link below or our school code (DHS13/14) will help us raise funds for our trip. There are clear covers and patterned covers. NO CONTACT! Just slip your book into the cover, and you are done!

Please order through the following link and please make sure the school code has been entered (DHS13/14) or we will not receive any funds.


If you live in the Devonport/Latrobe area, parents can choose free shipping to receive their order by 24 January and a member of the Japan Trip Fundraising team will contact you to organise pick up or delivery. OR you can choose to pay for shipping to receive their order directly to your home address or purchase products as gifts and shipped to a 3rd party.

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Dates to Remember
December 18 Students Visit New Classes
December 19 School Picnic / Last Day of School
January 30 Book Sales Day
February 5 Term 1 Starts

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