From the Principal

Welcome to the 2014 school year, especially to our new staff, students and their families (listed below). I hope the summer break has been a relaxing, enjoyable time for your family. We're looking forward to a productive year for our school and supporting your child in achieving their full potential.

This is a rather lengthy newsletter containing lots of information about school processes. Please take a moment to read and please contact our office if you have any queries.

Effective communication is an important aspect of ensuring successful partnerships with parents. A vital link between school and home is through our message books which allow regular communication between teacher and parent. A print copy of our weekly newsletter will be sent home on Tuesdays and is also available on our web site at: https://education.tas.edu.au/miandettaprimary/ or via email if requested. Please advise the office if you would prefer an email copy of the newsletter. Please feel free to contact me through the school office as I welcome your views and opinions.

We value the contributions of volunteers in our school and have been fortunate to have received support in a variety of areas including classroom support, committee membership, fundraising, accompanying excursions and the list goes on...However, additional help is always welcome! There are however departmental requirements around good character checks for those supporting children - so please see the section opposite.

Thankyou to those parents who completed validation forms on book sale day. This information is required to ensure we have current information and contact details. Please return any completed medical action plans to the school office as soon as possible.

Staff Preparation and Professional Learning Day
Our teachers have been busy over the last few days preparing for the return of students. Thankyou for their efforts. We have also participated in professional learning in relation to ‘Discrimination, harassment and bullying’ and a Kidsmatter session about working with parents and our community.

Welcome
A big welcome to Daniel Steven who will be teaching 4/5 S. Welcome back to the following staff members: Donna Myers who returns to the Launching Little Learners role after maternity leave, Meagan Smith who returns full-time on 2/3S and Jessica MacQueen who will be sharing with Pip Evans on 3/4 EM and working in a Flying Start role in first term.
We also welcome a number of new students. They are:

DVD’s and Videos
At times, class teachers wish to show students movies as part of their program or as a reward. Many movies now have a PG rating. If your child is in Grade 3 to 6 and you DO NOT wish them to view PG rated movies, please complete the form over the page and return to class teachers by Wednesday 12 February. Early Childhood teachers will communicate personally with parents about viewing of electronic material.

Mandy Beard

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Student Absence Process
Student absences and late arrivals are monitored by the school on a daily basis. Parents are asked to notify the school office by 9:15am on the morning of an absence by calling 6424 4428 or by text messaging 0448 539 906. If notification has not been received, the office will call parents for an explanation. A reminder that students who arrive after 9am must sign into the late register. Thank you.

Good Character Checks
Volunteers assisting as helpers and coaches are required by the department to have a current Good Character Check. This includes; classroom support, excursions, programs, coaching etc. A Good Character application form is attached to this newsletter with copies also available from classroom teachers and the office. Please note that Good Character Checks expire after three years from the date of issue. You are welcome to check at the office if you are unsure of your expiry date as you will not receive notification by mail.
Sun Safe School
Reminder - As a sun safe school we require all children to wear protective hats until the end of April. We have sun screen available at school but encourage the daily application of sunscreen before school. Thank you for your support.

Allergy Awareness
This symbol indicates we are an allergy aware school and everyone is encouraged to:
- Not send nuts and nut products to school
- Educate children to wash hands after eating
- Dispose of any rubbish or any uneaten food appropriately
- Discourage the sharing of food and drink
Detailed information in relation to being Allergy Aware accompanies this newsletter.

Court / Parenting Orders
Could parents please provide a copy of any current court/parenting orders to the office. Thank you.

Mobile Phones
All students who wish to bring their mobile phones to school must fill in a Mobile Phone Policy form which is available at the office. This needs to be signed by the parent/carer and class teacher. Forms from previous years are no longer valid and we require a new form please.

Car parking
Parents are reminded to use the parent or overflow carparks to minimise movement in the staff carpark to ensure the safety of our children. Parents and students are asked to use designated pathways and not walk through the staff carpark. Thank you.

Turning Circle Drop Off/Pick Up
The turning circle is intended as a drop-off, pick-up area, not a standing area for cars. We seek your support in ensuring buses are not delayed. When using other access areas such as Wiena Cr etc, please park in designated parking areas and do not block residents’ access.

Scooters and Bikes
Students who ride their scooters and bikes to school are reminded to dismount when entering the school grounds. Bikes and scooters should be housed on or near the bike rack during school hours. Thank you.

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, 21 July, Friday, 24 October
Moderation Day: Thursday, 17 April

Disclaimer: Parents should note that advertisements for educational services, companies, activities or similar events are published as ‘community service’. Miandetta Primary School is in no way liable for the quality, supervision or integrity of the provider and strongly suggests that parents make their own enquiries before engaging with the advertised event.

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
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 April 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.
**Allergy Awareness**

Some students in our school have severe allergies and are at risk of life-threatening emergencies. We ask for your support in caring for these children.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction. It often involves more than one body system (e.g. skin, respiratory system – causing swelling of the airways and preventing breathing, gastrointestinal and cardiovascular). Peanuts, tree nuts, milk, egg, fish, shellfish, sesame, soy and wheat cause 90% of food allergic reactions in Australia, however any food containing protein can cause anaphylaxis in a susceptible individual. Other common causes of anaphylaxis include insect stings, medications and latex.

The number of children with severe food allergies is increasing. Some children have a single food allergen whilst others may have multiple food allergies. Schools are encouraged to implement several strategies to reduce the risk of anaphylaxis. Some schools will place restrictions on certain foods being brought into the school as well as foods sold through the school canteen. Where restrictions are in place, please try to abide by them. Other risk minimisation strategies can include:

- Hand washing after eating
- Appropriate food handling
- Eating in designated areas at a specified time

We understand that as some children have a number of allergies, it may be impractical to impose restrictions on foods brought into the school as it could significantly limit other students’ diets. Where this is the case, extra care needs to be taken particularly when eating. Students can assist by:

- eating only at designated times and in designated areas
- disposing of any rubbish or uneaten food appropriately
- encouraging the non-sharing and trading of food and drinks
- being aware of an allergic student’s high risk foods and not bringing them into the school whenever possible
- washing hands before and after eating.

One of the most beneficial ways parents can help is by educating their non allergic children about allergies and encouraging them to wash hands after eating and to be responsible with their food. It is important to understand that even trace amounts of food can cause life-threatening reactions if ingested. Preventative measures are extremely important and help to limit the danger to students with allergies whilst they are slowly learning to care for themselves in the real world.

Nuts, Egg, Dairy, Sesame, Soy, Seafood and Wheat are some foods that can cause anaphylaxis, even in small trace amounts.

Your assistance with hygiene and handling food appropriately is appreciated.

Children at risk of anaphylaxis carry an EpiPen (auto injector containing a pre measured dose of adrenaline) and Anaphylaxis Action Plan with them at all times. Teachers and staff have been trained in the management and emergency treatment of severe allergic reactions, which includes administration of an EpiPen before ambulance transport to hospital for further emergency care.

Your assistance and understanding are greatly appreciated. More information on anaphylaxis or the Be a M.A.T.E. (make allergy treatment easier) program can be obtained from [www.allergyfacts.org.au](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au) or by enquiring at the school office.
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Mrs Angela McClymont - Music (Wed/Thurs/Fri)
Mr David Carter - Phys Ed (Mon Morning, Tues & Wed)
Mrs Natalie Potter (Tues/Wed/Thurs)
Mrs Jessica MacQueen (Wed/Thurs/Fri)
Mrs Donna Myers - Birth to 4 (Tues/Wed)
Mrs Rosemarie Baker - LOTE / Japanese (Mon)

Teacher Assistants
Mrs Melinda Williams
Mrs Sally Briant
Ms Lynda Anthony
Ms Sandra Faulds
Mrs Lisa Hill
Mrs Sam Horton
Mrs Susie Penfold

School Attendants
Mrs Vicki Knox
Mr Mathew Daly
Mr Craig Heger

Leadership Team
Mrs Mandy Beard (Principal)
Mrs Sandra Allen (Thurs/Fri)
Mrs Pip Evans (Mon/Tues)

Cluster Support
Penny Johnson
(Educational Psychologist)

Network Support
Mr Mark Rayner (Network Controller) (Tuesday PM)
Mr Tyson Verschuren (Thursday AM)

Miandetta Primary School Staff ~ 2014

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2014 DVD and Video Viewing - Primary students

My child ____________________________ in ___________________________ (class) does not have permission to watch any PG rated movies.

Name ____________________________ Signed ____________________________