From the Principal

Congratulations to our wonderful students and professional staff who have made a great start to the 2014 year. I commented to students at our short assembly last week how impressive everyone looked in their school uniform. We appreciate parent’s efforts to ensure their children are looking well groomed in their yellow, green and brown.

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, we encourage regular contact and sharing of information between home and school. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or a member of senior staff if you have any questions or concerns, or if there is information that may assist us in providing the best support for your child.

Good Character Check

Thanks to those who have returned Good Character Checks to the office. Copies of these are available from both classroom teachers and the office. Mandy Beard

Music News

Choirs

Miandetta will have 2 choirs this year. Junior for grades 3 and 4, and senior for grades 5 and 6. All grade 3 students and those children who were not in the 2013 choirs will need to audition within the next week. An audition involves singing Twinkle Twinkle Little Star or Happy Birthday by themselves or with a partner to Mrs McClymont. Auditions will take place at individual times during the normal choir time slot. Choir students are required to wear full school uniform including black shoes to performances throughout the year.

Instrumental Groups

Grade 5 and 6 students wishing to learn an instrument have been asked to give their name and preferred instrument to Mrs McClymont this week. Groups will be organised according to interest and time availability with grade 6 students given preference (if numbers are too great). Groups may include recorder, guitar, xylophone and drumming.

Launching Little Learners

This year our Little Learners program will be held on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 until 10:45 in the Kinder room. This is a play based program for children aged between 0-4 accompanied by their parent or carer. This is a great opportunity for your child to socialise with other children and have fun learning through exploring a variety of activities. It is also a fantastic opportunity for parents to meet other parents of young children. This is a free program where everyone is welcome, so please let your friends know. Could you please bring along a hat, a healthy snack and drink for your child. I look forward to seeing you there! Donna Myers

Assemblies

This year all assemblies will be held at 2pm on Fridays in a different format; beginning next Friday 21 February. Each assembly will include both principal recognition of student achievement and sharing of learning from different classes. More details next week.

Student Leadership

This week we begin the process of selecting our school leaders, with Grade 6 students nominating for the school captain role. Next week they will deliver speeches prior to the election. Good luck!

Kinder Gates

All parents who access the school via the Kinder area, are reminded to please make sure that all gates are closed behind you. If gates are left open, this could be a safety concern for our four and five year olds in this area. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 below and return to class teachers by TOMORROW, Wednesday 12 February. Early Childhood teachers will

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Explore the possibilities
From the Fundraising Co-Ordinator

With a new year starting, this is also the start of our fundraising year. Last year we bought 4 new pop up shelters to be used for the school; very helpful on school athletics day. We have nearly finished the paved area near the vegie garden/shed; just need to get some permanent seating and a bench area to make it a useful area for students. Hopefully, at some stage a covered area can be placed over the top, but that will have to wait as our new fundraising for this year is focussing on the purchase of a portable stage for the school which is a big cost that the school doesn’t have the money for. Our fundraising also supports class excursions, the cost of prep to grade 2 swimming and various other requests that come to us that aren’t covered in the school’s budget. So keep this in mind this year as we know things are tight for most, and hopefully we maybe able to purchase one this year or at least next year. Our first meeting this year will be straight after school on Monday 24 February in the room next to the office and we welcome any new people interested in helping us fundraise. Our meetings are pretty quick and any ideas are welcome so please come if you can. Thanks ~ Claudia Atkinson.

Calling all Chook Carers, Past and Future!

We need helpers to take part in a weekend roster to look after our “girls”. There isn’t a great deal to it. All we ask is that you check on them and give them some food (dry food is provided by the school) and water if they need it. They also love it when you chat to them. If you would like to help us out, please leave your details with either Mrs Ruffels, Mrs Rippon or at the front office.

2013 Lost Property - Last Chance

This week is your last chance to check the lost property basket before items are donated to charity or the second hand uniform room. There are a number of items from last year including: drink bottles, lunch containers, jumpers, hats and much more! If you think something may belong to you or your child, please make sure you check the basket prior to the end of this week. Thank you.
School Banking
School banking this year will be held every Tuesday. For this week only, it will also be held this Friday.

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program includes an exciting new Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time students make a deposit at school they receive a Dollarmite token which can be redeemed for a range of exciting reward items in recognition of their regular savings. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool gifts.

NWPSSA Penguin Athletic Carnival
Students will be able to ‘try out’ at lunch times in coming weeks for the NWPSSA athletics team to represent Miandetta. This event is organised for Thursday 13 March. Races include the 75m, 100m, 200m, 400m (grade 5 and 6), 800m and Relay teams for Boys and Girls in Grades 3 - 6. Information will be forwarded to the parents of students who are selected in the squad once the ‘try outs’ have been completed.

Devonport Basketball
The Devonport Basketball Council Junior Commission have changed the format of the 2014 Primary school rosters to return to school based teams. Age groups for the forthcoming roster are Grade 1 and 2, Grade 3 and 4, and Grade 5 and 6.

Fees:
$80 for children born 2003 and 2004
$90 for children born in 2002

The roster will commence on Friday 21 February with players required to register online at: www.devonportwarriors.com.au. Once registered, schools will be asked to organise players into even teams. The DBC are also asking that we have a School Liaison Officer. If any parent would like to volunteer for this role please contact David Carter.

Kids Triathlon
Information regarding this event to be held in March can be collected from Mr David Carter or the school office.

Surfing
The Surf Groms surfing program conducted by 42 Degrees South will be running a session at Devonport Coles Beach on February 15 and 16. To register phone 0419 120 704 or visit: surgroms.com

Dates to Remember
February 14 School Banking
February 18 School Banking
February 27 Uniform Orders and Payment Due
March 10 Public Holiday
April 8 Bushwahzee (keep this for your diary)
April 17 Term 1 Ends
May 5 Term 2 Begins

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