From the Principal

PIPS Assessments (Performance Indicators for Primary Students) will commence next week for all Prep students

These individual areas of student assessments are undertaken to pinpoint the knowledge, skills and understandings of Prep students in Literacy and Numeracy. Our Prep teachers will assess each child in their group. Reports will be available to parents later this term.

Parents Supporting Their Children - School and Home Partnerships

It is always worrying when your child comes home and shares something of concern that has happened. It may also make you as a parent feel quite angry and a little bit helpless. In order to best support your child, please encourage them to talk about their concern to the duty teachers, classroom teachers or senior staff. That way, we are able to sort through the problem on the day, support a resolution and ensure our students are safe and happy in their environment.

Invitation to Community Forum

At the end of this newsletter, I have attached information about an evening presentation on Thursday 22 May by Professor Donna Cross, focusing on aggression and bullying (including cyber bullying) among young people.

Each school in Tasmania is able to offer the opportunity to attend this session to seven parent/carer/community members. I hope you will consider attending, as bullying is something which can impact on the lives of everyone in a variety of ways; in school hours, outside of school hours, in the community and in the workplace.

If you would like to attend, please contact me as soon as possible, as places are strictly limited to seven. Thank you for your interest.

Mandy Beard

School Captains

Over the past week, students in grades 5 and 6 have nominated their peers for the positions of School Captain. With this position, come many roles and much responsibility, which began this afternoon with our 13 nominees giving their speeches. The votes have not yet been counted but please watch this space in next week’s newsletter to see who will become our 2014 School Captains.

Canteen/Breakfast Club

Late last year Miandetta Primary School was advised our Breakfast Club grant submission was successful allowing us to set up and run a breakfast club.

To make this a sustainable program, we are seeking parent/grandparent/friends of the school volunteers. We are looking at building up the program to run for 5 days a week from 8:30-8:55am.

If this is something that may interest you and you have even one morning a week free, please contact the office or see Pip Evans for more information.

The school canteen runs every Thursday and Friday. A current menu is attached over page.

Bob Cat Needed

The school is in need of the use of a bob cat to spread soft fall. It would only be needed for a maximum of a couple of days. Do you know somebody who might be willing to loan us one? If so, please let the school office know. It would be greatly appreciated!

Assemblies - Reminder

This year all assemblies will be held at 2pm on Fridays combining both principal recognition of student achievement and sharing of learning from different classes. Classes sharing this week are P/1 Ruffels, 2/3 Smith and 5/6 Gardiner.

Kinder Gates - Reminder

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.

Launching Little Learners - Reminder

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 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
**Nitro Fitness for Primary School Students**

Nitro Fitness are running classes for primary aged students on Monday afternoons. This is an exercise program that is both fun and good for you!

- **6-8 years** 3:30pm - 4:15pm
- **9-12 years** 4:30pm - 5:15pm

Cost: $40 for 5 sessions. For further information or to make a booking, please call Rebecca on 0408 233 406 or Emma on 0407 151 041.

**Latrobe Demons Basketball**

The Latrobe Demons Basketball Club will be running Primary School Rosters commencing with a registration day on Monday 24 February at 3.30pm. This will be running every week for all of first term.

These rosters are open to all boys and girls in grades 2-6 and will be supervised by the club’s new Junior Development Officer.

The club will also be running an Aussie Hoops Program which will commence on Tuesday 25 February at 3.30pm - this too will be run by our new Junior Development Officer. For further information, please call Rose on 0407 278 977 or Annette on 0419 505 682.

**Guitar and Bass Tuition**

Experienced tutor with current police check offering guitar and bass tuition. Learning to play an instrument is a lifelong rewarding asset. Lesson spots available now. For further information, please call John on 0403 318 944.

**From the Fundraising Co-Ordinator - Reminder**

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.

**School Banking Tuesday’s - Reminder**

School banking this year will be held every Tuesday.

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 Dollarmites 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.

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.

**Dates to Remember**

- **February 25** 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
Aggression and Bullying (including Cyberbullying) among Young People

The Department of Education, through the Professional Learning Institute is pleased to invite parents and carers and members of the wider school community to an evening with the internationally acclaimed health educationalist:

Professor Donna Cross

Professor Cross is an internationally renowned health educator from the School of Exercise, Biomedical and Health Science at Edith Cowan University. She has an international profile in school health promotion intervention research and is a renowned campaigner for the wellbeing of children and young people.

Reducing bullying has been the social issue of highest importance to Australian students since 2010 and it is a significant issue impacting on the wider community. Bullying behaviour causes both victims and bullies to experience distress and psychological harm, and impacts the ability to learn effectively.

Her most significant research relates to her work on aggression and bullying (including cyberbullying) among young people. She has also made significant research contributions in the areas of drug use, cigarette smoking, child abuse, HIV and road safety. While much of this research was conducted in Australia she has also been involved in youth-based research throughout the USA, South Africa, Canada, and Japan.

Three regional community forums will be held across the state. The forums are free, however numbers are limited to seven (7) per school.

**South:**
- **When:** Tuesday 20 May 2014
- **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:00 pm
- **Where:** Derwent Entertainment Centre

**North:**
- **When:** Wednesday 21 May 2014
- **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:00 pm
- **Where:** The Albert Hall Launceston

**North-West:**
- **When:** Thursday 22 May
- **Time:** 5:30pm – 7:00 pm
- **Where:** Burnie Arts Centre

**Free tickets are available from all schools–Limit seven (7) per school**

**Closing date Friday 21 March 2014**
HEALTHY CUISINE

School Canteen Service

| Tossed salad (lettuce, grated carrot, cucumber, tomato, pineapple & cheese) | $3.00 |
| Add to salad – shredded chicken or ham                                   | $0.80 |
| Pasta with bolognise sauce                                               | $3.50 |
| Chicken or vegie burger with lettuce, tomato, carrot & cheese            | $3.50 |
| Sausage roll - long                                                      | $2.50 |
| Wedges with sauce                                                        | $2.00 |
| Pizza wrap                                                               | $3.00 |
| Salad Wraps - Vegetarian, Ham or chicken (can be toasted)                | $3.50 |
| **Sandwiches/TOASTIES**                                                   |        |
| – Ham, cheese & pineapple                                               |        |
| - Chicken, shredded apple & cheese                                       |        |
| - Lettuce, carrot, tomato & cheese                                       | $3.00 |
| **OTHER**                                                                |        |
| Fruit Muffin of the week                                                 | $1.00 |
| Chocolate coconut balls                                                   | $0.50 |
| Fruit yoghurt varieties                                                  | $2.00 |
| Mousse – chocolate or berry (gluten free)                                | $0.80 |
| Fruit salad – (seasonal fruits)                                          | $2.00 |
| Icy fruit tubes                                                          | $0.80 |
| **Fresh fruit**                                                          |        |
| **DRINKS**                                                               |        |
| Nippys milk 250ml – chocolate or strawberry                              | $2.00 |
| Plain milk cup                                                          | $1.50 |
| Hartz water 600ml                                                        | $2.00 |
| Juice bombs - apple/blackcurrant or apple/raspberry                      | $2.50 |
| **LUNCH PACKS $5.50 EACH**                                               |        |
| • Salad wrap with fruit and nippys milk                                   |        |
| • Pizza wrap with fruit and hartz water                                   |        |
| • Toastie with fruit and juice bomb                                      |        |

For special dietary (gluten free, vegetarian, etc) requirements students are supplied with a labelled lunch box for placing orders in – please do not hesitate to contact school to set up a new lunch box with us.

**HEALTHY CUISINE** promotes healthy eating by using Low Fat and No added Salt products plus NO NUTS/NO EGGS. We fully support the More Well Eat Well programme.

As of: 18/02/2014