From the Principal

School Captains
Congratulations to all students who nominated for school captain positions; all would have been great role models and ambassadors for our school. Those elected were Kate, Chloe, Hannah and Lachlan pictured below after the votes were counted. During the next week our sport’s leaders and class representatives will be confirmed.

Please put this date in your diary – Friday 21 March – Open Classrooms and Walkathon
Parents are invited to visit their child’s classroom on Friday 21 March between 11.30 and 12.30, providing an opportunity for parents to view and share in the work undertaken in classrooms. Parents are welcome to enjoy a muffin and coffee in the multi-purpose room from 12.30 until 1pm. Then.......stay on and join us for our walkathon.... Which will be held from 1pm in the afternoon.

We hope that families and friends will again support our students by providing donations for the Walkathon. This year money raised will go towards the purchase of East playground equipment. We encourage students to seek donations only from family and those people known to the family. Students are asked to return their donation forms, along with donations to the office by Wednesday 19 March. Family members (with a good character check) are welcome to join us as we take to the streets of Miandetta. Please let your child’s class teacher know if you will be joining them for the afternoon.

More details about open classrooms and walkathon later!

School Supervision Hours
Please note that the school hours of supervision are from 8.30am to 2.45pm, with the West playground supervised until 3pm. Please make sure you drop off and pick up your children between these times. Parents and students are not to access the school building outside these times. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mandy Beard

Clean Up Australia Day
This Friday 28 February, seven of our classes will be participating in Clean up Australia Day. There are four different routes with each group responsible for cleaning specific areas of our local community. Classes participating are: prep Carn, P/1 Ruffels, P/1 Somers, 2/3 Smith, 3/4 Evans/MacQueen, 5/6 Adams and 5/6 Gardiner.

Uniform Order
All uniform orders and payments are due no later than this Thursday 27 February. Please keep in mind that some items can take approx. 6 weeks after date of order and with the upcoming cooler weather, you may wish to order winter items.

Footy Boots Drive
The Devonport City Council along with the Devonport Football Club, The Rotary Club of Devonport and local schools are running a Footy Boots Drive. If you have any second hand footy boots that you no longer need, please drop them off at the school office so they can nuggeted and re-laced. The boots will then be distributed to schools/families who need support.
Breakfast Club - Reminder ~ From Pip Evans
In last week’s newsletter, I mentioned the successful breakfast grant. However, we have only had one volunteer. Without your help it will be difficult to operate the club.

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.

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 the late register. 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.

Bob Cat Needed - Reminder
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!

Invitation to Community Forum - Reminder
An evening presentation will be held 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

Basketball
Devonport Basketball rosters commenced last Friday night. Any students that would like to join a Miandetta team can register online at www.devonportwarriors.com.au or contact the DBC Office on 64242440 (10am - 2pm daily).

Netball
Devon Netball Association will start their winter Primary school roster on Saturday 5 April. Registrations will need to be paid at the netball centre office before this date. This year the Grade 5/6 registration will cost $65 for the full year and the Grade 3/4 registration will be $60. Please leave your child’s name at the school office so that further details can be forwarded to this year’s players.

Dates to Remember

February 27 Uniform Orders and Payment Due
March 10 Public Holiday
March 19 Walkathon Donations/Form Due
March 21 Parent Morning
March 21 Walkathon
April 8 Bushwahzee (keep this for your diary)
April 17 Term 1 Ends