From the Principal

Change of School Times
At our last School Association meeting, a slight change to school times was approved. Classes will begin five minutes earlier at the start of the day to allow an extension of recess from 15 minutes to 20 minutes.

The new times are:
- 8.35 am - Classrooms open
- 8.55 am - School begins
- 8.55 to 10.40 am - First block
- 10.40 to 11.00 am - Recess

There is no change to the remainder of the day. These times will commence from second term.

Bushwahzee - Whole School Event
Bushwahzee are coming next Tuesday! The theme is THE BEACH, so students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their beach gear, ready for our beach party! Students will be learning songs and dances during the day and will perform these to parents and families at an evening concert starting at 6pm in our Multi Purpose Room.

Families are invited to come along and have tea with us from 5pm to 6pm. Our Fundraising Committee are putting on a sausage sizzle where you can buy sausages for $2.00 each. This will be a great opportunity to mingle before the show. See you there!

Anti Bullying Day - by Hannah Magor and Chloe Holmes
On Friday 21 March it was Anti-bullying Day and the Student Council made up some posters. Bullying is not just a one off thing, it is a constant teasing, calling of names and it can also sometimes be physical. Bullying can be hurtful outside and in. If you are being bullied, or if someone close to you is being bullied, please speak out to a teacher, parent or someone close to you.

Bushwahzee - Teachers and Students posing with Anti-Bullying posters

Duty Areas
Prep and Prep/One classes are now restricted to the early childhood play area. This change is to ensure some areas are not too congested and we provide appropriate duty cover by teachers. Our sports leaders are organising games at lunch time in the East playground for early childhood students.

Moderation Day
On Thursday 17 April, the last day of term one, teaching staff will be moderating student work with staff from other Devonport schools. This ensures teachers are consistent in expectations and assessment of students learning; our focus on the Thursday will be on English and Maths work samples. Students do not attend school on Moderation Day. Our last day of term is Wednesday 16 April.

Basketball
Congratulations to the following basketballers who have made the U/12 Devonport Warriors Team; Ty Cunningham, Lachie Kelly, Baynen Lowe, Josh McConnon, Beau Banham, Fletcher Kelly and Oliver Kelly. Baynen, Fletcher and Oliver have also been selected for both the U/12 North West Thunder and Basketball Tas Future Development Teams. Well done boys.

Launching Little Learners
Next Tuesday 8 April, Launching Little Learners will be holding a Move and Groove session in the school music room from 9am to 9.45am. The following Tuesday 15 April we will be visiting the Devonport Playhouse. This will be at no cost.

Mandy Beard
Chook Squad News
We are excited to announce that as of yesterday Miandetta Primary School has three new members of our school community. Prep/One Ruffels and 1/2 Rippon were excited to welcome our beautiful new Silky chooks, two ladies and one male. They are yet to be named so stay tuned as we will be having a competition very soon. In the meantime please feel free to go down and say ‘hello’ to our feathered friends. A special thanks to Mr Elis Dick who was kind enough to donate our new friends and for helping Mrs Rippon and Mrs Ruffels to become chook experts.

Miandetta Primary School is a member of the Chooks in Schools programme. It is a component of this programme to take our chooks to a poultry show. Our first show will be on Saturday 12th April from 10am at the Devonport Poultry Club (at the showground). Please come down and checkout our lovely/handsome beauties. They will have been washed, blowed dried and oiled up just for the occasion!

Soccer News
Devonport Junior Soccer Incorporated rosters will be handed to all players this week. Important information for players and parents is located on the bottom of the rosters. Please note that a lost property box is located in the clubrooms for anything that has been lost. Registrations for soccer are now due. Any player who has not paid registration by Friday will not be permitted to play this Saturday morning. Soccer tops will be sent home by Friday to players who are registered and have paid the top hire fee.

A copy of the Codes of Conduct relating to sport has been sent home to Coaches and Players representing Miandetta Primary. Please take time to read the information and discuss it with your child. With the roster commencing this weekend, we wish all teams and players the very best for the coming season.

Soccer Canteen
Miandetta has DJSI canteen this weekend. The canteen provides valuable financial support for DJSI to run activities. It is important that all schools take their turn to run the canteen. Please contact the school office or David Carter if you are able to assist with these duties. A special note has been sent home to highlight when teams will be able to assist in this important duty.

DJSI Representative Teams Training
Devonport ‘Rep’ teams will train on Sunday 13 April. All registered U10’s, 11’s and 12’s Boys and Girls are welcome to try out. The U10’s will start at 1.30 pm and U11’s and U12’s will commence at 2.00pm.

DJSI Grass Roots Coaching Course
A Grass Roots course will be held on Saturday 12 April at 1.30 pm at Meercroft Park for coaches who haven’t coached before or are interested in revitalising their skills. The free course runs for 2-2.5 hours with each participant receiving a rule book. DJSI will also be prepared to run a session one evening for anyone that can’t make this course. Please contact David Carter or leave your name at the school office.
Walkathon
ICAS Testing
Entries close on Friday April 4. Entry forms can be found in previous newsletters. If there are less than 3 entries for each component, the test will not go ahead.

Play School Concert
Play School will be performing “The Prince of Bears” on Saturday 12 April at Reece High School, Devonport. Tickets are $17.60 and are available from Playgroup Tasmania on 6432 3228.

Slipstream Circus
Slipstream Circus will be holding free workshops on 12 April in ANZAC Park from 11-2pm followed by a circus performance from 2-3pm. There will be a BBQ, hot and cold drinks plus circus equipment for sale.

The Junction
The Junction is a youth community group who organise workshops for the broader community. Currently they have planned:
- April 29 (10-2) Come and make your own Shaker and have a bash on the drum and join in for a jam session. Lunch will be provided.
- April 30 - PARKOUR. Parkour is a new way of moving within your environment and overcoming obstacles of any kind.
- May 2 - Yoga
For further information and bookings please contact the Junction on 6424 7353.

Latrobe Basketball Association
School holiday clinics will be held on 30 April and 1 May. For further details please phone 0407 278 977.

Community Forum
As advertised in our newsletter, Tasmania is fortunate to have Professor Donna Cross visiting in May. Our school has 7 invitation’s to attend an evening Community Forum along with parents from North-West schools. We still have invitations available for interested parents. Professor Cross is internationally recognised as an expert on Bullying and Cybersafety. If you would like to know more about Professor Cross or the opportunity to attend, please contact the office.