From the Principal
Welcome back to second term! Hope you enjoyed a relaxing break.

First term ended with a moderation day for our staff who worked with colleagues from Hillcrest and East Devonport Primary schools to moderate assessment of student work samples in English and Maths.

Congratulations to Baynen Lowe, Bella Febey and Heidi D’Monte for participating in the State Athletics Carnival in Launceston. Some fantastic results from these great runners: Baynen 1st 1500m, 3rd 400m, Heidi 7th 8mm and Bella 4th 100m.

Also congratulations to Lincoln Hillier and Liam Brown who participated in the state Judo Championships in Hobart on 13 April. Lincoln won a gold medal in the under 11 boys and Liam won a silver medal in the under 14 boys. Well done.

During the break Miss Evans and a group of senior students represented Miandetta Primary at Devonport’s ANZAC Day service. Details are over leaf.

Hope all mothers enjoy a special celebration on Sunday. Thankyou to our hard working fundraising group who have organised stall this week (see over page).

Mandy Beard

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy)
Next week our Grade 3 and 5 students will be undertaking tests in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. These assessments will be undertaken during morning blocks.

We would appreciate your child being punctual to school with appointments scheduled outside these hours. The tests will provide information on how students are progressing against expected standards. Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child’s results and a comparison of their performance against other Australian students in their year level.

Dropping Off/Picking Up From The Turning Circle - reminder
A reminder to all parents dropping off and picking up students from the turning circle to please travel slowly and be aware of other students getting in and out of cars. All students should only enter/exit the car from the left hand side (footpath side) to reduce the danger from passing cars.

Breakfast Club
Breakfast club will commence next Tuesday 13 May and will operate every Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the year in the Multi Purpose Room. Breakfast club will open when the school doors open at 8:30 am and close at 8:50 am.

Breakfast will consist of fruit, toast and a hot milo. The club will not charge for breakfast, however donations are always appreciated. Huge thanks to our fabulous volunteers Margi Williams, Louise Ayton and Emily Harris. Without their support breakfast club would not be able to go ahead.

Miandetta Facebook Page - Reminder
Miandetta Primary School now has a Facebook page! The page is Miandetta Primary School, Tasmania, so please ‘like’ the page and keep up to date with what is happening at our great school!

Good Character Checks - Reminder
Parents assisting as helpers and coaches are required by the department to have a current Good Character Check. This includes; parent help in classrooms, excursions, swimming programs, coaching etc. Good Character application forms are available from 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 as you will not receive notification by mail.

Please remember to bring in a copy of your approved Good Character check when you receive it in the mail as the office does not get notified of your approval. Thank you.

School Association
Last night the School Association held its Annual General meeting, with Chair, Andrew Marshall recognising the schools achievements of the past year and thanking members for their contributions. Particular thanks to Leigh Marshall and Susie Penfold who have agreed to continue their terms.

Last night the School Association considered and approved the Parent/Carer and Volunteer/Visitor conduct policies which clarify expectations and processes. The policies are attached to this weeks newsletter.
Soccer News
The usual roster games will continue this weekend.

Six-A-Side Competition
The six-a-side competition will be held on Saturday 24 May. Players in the U9, U10 and Open teams must confirm with their coaches their availability to play if they wish to be part of the selection process. Coaches and I will be monitoring players' skills over the coming games to assist our team selection decisions. A confirmation note and relevant information including rosters will be sent home to players who have been selected.

David Carter

Fundraising Committee
Mothers Day Stall
The Fundraising Committee we will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall this Thursday and Friday after school outside the Multi Purpose Room. Prices range from $1 – $5.00. Please come along and purchase a wonderful gift for mothers day.

Snax with Attitude Fundraiser
Our first major fundraiser for the year will be selling Snax with attitude. Snax with attitude is a catalogue with lolly packs that can be purchased. We are hoping to build a portable stage this year so all proceeds raised will go towards this project. Each family will receive a Snax with attitude order form with the newsletter today. Orders are due back to the office by Friday 23 May. No late orders will be accepted. Please ensure the correct money is enclosed.

Next Meeting
The next Fundraising Committee meeting will be on Monday 12 May at 7pm in the Staff Room. Everyone is welcome - old and new!

Yearbook
What would you like to see in the yearbook this year? Please fill out the slip below and return it to office by Friday 16 May with your suggestions

Yearbook Sports photos
Parents are asked to take a photo of their child’s school sporting team ie soccer, netball, basketball and email it to sally.ling@education.tas.gov.au for the yearbook. It would be appreciated if teams could start organising their team photo now, rather than leaving it to the last game. Thank you.

EnzAC Day
On Friday 25 April at 11 am the Student Council, School Captains and Sports Leaders marched in the ANZAC Day Parade. The School Captains - Hannah, Kate and Chloe laid the wreath on behalf of the students and staff of Miandetta Primary School at the Cenotaph. The ANZAC parade concluded with us walking back to the Sixty and Over Club.
By Kate Mansfield and Chloe Holmes

Yearbook survey
What pages are your favourite? ________________
What pages are you not interested in? ________________
What else would you like to see included? ________________

By Kate Mansfield and Chloe Holmes
**Ready Set Go Cross Country 2014**

Students are getting ready for the Cross Country, which will be held on **Tuesday 20 May** with the first group of runners setting off at 11.15 am.

Students from Kinder, Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will participate in a modified form of the Cross Country by completing one lap around the oval. These students will run in their school uniform. If the weather is NOT suitable K-2 classes will not participate in the running activities.

All Grade 3 – 6 students need to bring suitable running gear to change into. At the conclusion of the Cross Country, students will change back into school uniform.

To encourage team spirit, Grade 3-6 runners are encouraged to wear House colours.

**Woniora RED**  **Wareatea GREEN**  **Orion BLUE**

The Cross Country is both a house and individual competition for students in Grades 3 – 6. All Prep to 6 students who complete the course will earn points for his / her house. A presentation will be made to the first girl and boy in Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6.

For students in Kinder, Prep, Grade 1 and 2 the Cross Country event is a participation activity and a sticker will be given.

Parents and community members are welcome to view and join this event.

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**Latrobe Basketball Roster**

Roster starts on Monday 12 May and is open to all boys and girls in grades 1 to 6. For further information please contact Rose on 0407 278 977.

**Wizard of Oz**

The cast of The Wizard of Oz come from all across the NW and include actors, singers and dancers from 10 years of age through to 60 years. It is suitable for all ages and is based on the film version of the story filled with memorable songs and iconic characters. It starts at the Devonport Entertainment Centre form 16 May to 30 May. Please contact DECC on 6420 2900 for further information or ticket purchases.

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**

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**Fundraising Committee Fundraiser - Entertainment Voucher Book - NOW AVAILABLE**

Once again, we have Entertainment Voucher Books available for purchase from the school office for $65. The book of vouchers can be used at various restaurants, cafes, amusement venues, wildlife parks and many more places around Tasmania. There are also some amazing offers that can be used throughout Australia including; accommodation, car hire, Virgin flights, Ticketmaster, theme parks and much more! This year the voucher book can purchased as a book or as an electronic version on your smart phone. Even if you only use a couple of vouchers, this book is of great value and will save you a huge amount! If you would like to have a look through the book and see all the amazing offers, there is a display book at the office.
Parent/Carers Approaching The School
From time to time parents or other members of the school community approach the school in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of their child.
- Express concern about actions of other students.
- Enquire about school policy or practice.
- Express concern about actions of staff.

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together. These guidelines aim to:

- Provide a guide in order that concerns are addressed in an open and fair manner
- Ensure that the rights of students, staff and parents are respected and upheld.
- Support sensitivity and confidentiality
- Help reach an agreed solution.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organize a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

Please Note: No parent should directly approach another person’s child. The school will respond to issues between students as part of the school’s Positive Behaviour Support Systems.

In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority as the ‘Person in Charge’ of Crown Property to:

- Direct the person to immediately leave the grounds.
- Call the police to remove the person should he/she refuse.
- Withdraw future permission (by letter) for the person to enter the grounds without permission of the Principal.
- Seek further legal avenues.

Appropriate Action To Take If A Parent Or Carer Has A Concern

The academic progress of your own child
Directly contact the child’s teacher either by note, by phone or at an appropriate time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of your own child
- For minor concerns directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify information.
- For more serious concerns, contact the school front office. State the nature of your concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with the class teacher or appropriate staff member.
To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. – please contact the school office.
Actions of other students
- Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.
Contact the class teacher or senior staff for playground problems.
School policy or practice
- Contact office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or appropriate member of staff.
Actions of a staff member
- Contact the teacher directly in the first instance. If the matter is not resolved, contact Senior Staff.
**Code Of Conduct For Parents/Carers And Volunteers**

A code of conduct for parents and visitors ensure that everyone who visits the school site is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner and to ensure that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

Parents and visitors are expected to:
- Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- Ensure their child/children are punctual to class.
- When possible, make appointments in advance to obtain an interview.
- Allow staff to supervise, investigate incidents and manage students without interference.
- Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures.

Follow school procedures governing entry and behavior on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

**Please Note:** Any person contravening this Code of Conduct is advised that the Principal (or relevant delegate) will follow appropriate action that may involve restricted access to school grounds.

Specific inappropriate conduct includes:
- Actual physical assaults or threatening physical assaults on students, staff, parents or community members at the school or during the course of school activities;
- Behavior in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors to the school that causes alarm or concern to the students, staff, parents or other visitors; intimidating gestures
- Use of offensive or abusive language (including swearing & shouting) in the presence of students, staff or other visitors to the school;
- Any interruption to the learning environment of the school such as entering classrooms without permission.

**Visitor and Volunteer Helpers Policy**

Throughout the school year, volunteers support our school in a variety of ways.

**Parents and other volunteers assisting us do so on the understanding that:**
- Teachers are responsible for the programs operating within the classroom and/or school.
- Teachers are in charge and have ultimate responsibility for the safety, welfare and care of the students.
- Visitors and volunteers should have a valid Good Character Check.
- Visitors and volunteers conduct and manners should at all times be respectable and an appropriate model for students.
- Visitors and volunteers should refrain from smoking – the school is a government non-smoking area.
- Visitors or volunteers should cooperate with teachers in charge to ensure safety and welfare of students.
- Visitors and volunteers should sign themselves in and out in the attendance folder at the Miandetta Primary front office.

Visitors and volunteers must wear a volunteers/visitors badge as identification whilst assisting with students.

Confidentiality is of prime importance. Parents and volunteers are not to discuss any information they obtain at school, with the exception of the classroom teacher or the Principal.

**Please Note:** Any parent or volunteer helper not fulfilling these requirements may be excluded from the volunteer program.

Your co-operation is sought and appreciated in maintaining a safe and happy school environment.