From the Principal

Welcome Back
Welcome back to term 3. I hope families had a relaxing and enjoyable break. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term.

Student Free Professional Learning Day
Yesterday our staff were involved in a variety of Professional Learning activities including a focus on a new departmental resource, Respectful Schools Respectful Behaviour and differentiated curriculum.

Assembly
This Friday our feature classes at assembly are 1/2 Rippon, 5/6 Reeves and 5/6 Gardiner. All welcome!

Mandy Beard

Uniform Orders
The next uniform order will be placed on Friday 8 August. Please make sure all orders and payments are received by this date. Thank you.

Book Club
All book club orders and payments are due to the school office no later than Friday 1 August. Thank you.

Choir and Recorder Groups - Eisteddfod News
A brief guide has been provided by the Eisteddfod Society. Sections have been scheduled but individual schools are yet to be allocated. For example, at the moment there are 2 possible time slots for recorder solos. Exact days, dates and approximate times of performances will be passed on as soon as I have them.

Junior Choir - Tuesday 26 August Morning Session 9:15 (Miandetta performance probably late morning)
Senior Choir - EITHER Thursday 28 August Morning Session 9:15 OR Afternoon session 1pm
Recorder Group - Wednesday 27 August Morning session 9:15 (most likely late morning)
Recorder Duet - Wednesday 27 August Morning Session 9:15
Recorder Solos - EITHER Wednesday 27 August 9:15 OR Thursday 28 August 9:15

Please ensure you have your uniform items organised; black shoes, the new school polo top (teal), brown trousers or winter skirt and beige stockings.

Head Lice Information
Did you know?
- People get head lice from direct head to head contact with another person who has head lice. They do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head, they can only crawl.
- As parents you have the primary responsibility for detecting and treating head lice.
- If your child has head lice, you must treat with a recommended treatment. Your child may return to school after treatment has begun.

Tips
- Braid long hair or tie it back while your child is at school
- Teach your child not to share brushes, hats, swimming caps or hair bands.
- A nit will not easily come off the hair but dandruff will.

What will school do?
- We will notify you if there is reason to believe your child has head lice.
- Parents will be notified if there are known cases of head lice in a particular class and ask you to check your child’s hair.

What do you do?
- Notify the school as soon as you detect head lice in your child’s hair.
- Wash your child’s hair in lice-killing shampoo.
- Check the hair of all family members and treat if necessary

KidsMatter Parent Survey - Reminder
We would appreciate you completing our KidsMatter parent survey so that we can have your perspective on what we are doing well and what we can improve upon to promote children’s mental health and wellbeing. Your view is important to us and will be used as valuable information to assist us with our school planning.

Paper based surveys can be collected from the office or you can complete the survey online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey. Your answers will be completely anonymous and it will not be possible to identify you or your child from your answers.
During Term 1 in Ad Astra senior, we were challenged by Mrs Fletcher, our online teacher, to build the tallest tower we could that would hold a golf ball for two minutes. We could only use 50 straws, 50 pipe cleaners and 25 paperclips. We had different ideas at first but as a team we decided to base it on the Eiffel Tower and worked out how we were going to build it.

Once we had made the base for our tower we then started to build it up higher, but as it was getting taller we then realised that it needed more strength to hold the golf ball. We had to drop a level to use those straws for extra strength. Then we decided to build a basket out of pipe cleaners for the golf ball to safely sit in. We had finished the tower and measured it at 80.5cm. All we had to do was get the golf ball to sit in the basket. The wait was nail biting for all of us hoping that it would stay together for two minutes. We got Ms Anthony to do the honours of putting the ball in the basket. We were all a bit scared to do it really.

Our schools Ad Astra group had the tallest tower out of all Tasmanian students that took on the challenge. Some long awaited goodies arrived at the end of Term 2. We got a certificate, lots of sticky notes and a calculator/ruler each! Ella, Sophie, Tahli, Izabella and Esther.
DJSI Six-a-Side Grand Final
Good Luck to our two six a side teams - the under 11’s and Under 11/12 Girls team - playing in the Grand Final this Sunday (27/7). The Under 11 team will kick off at 2.30 on ground 3 and the Girls team will play at 3.30 on ground 4.

RBF Department of Education Awards for Excellence – Nominations Extended Until 1 August
Thanks to everyone for their wonderful support of the 2014 RBF Department of Education Awards for Excellence so far. In fact, we’ve received a record number of nominations. If you would like to nominate a staff member for excellence, please visit: http://uqr.me/tased/qr/rbf for more information about the awards, categories and the nomination process.

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Dates to Remember
July 22 - Aug 1 3/4/5 Swimming and Water Safety
July 28  PC & P/1R Excursion to Hagley Farm
August 1 Assembly hosted by1/2R, 5/6R and 5/6G
August 8 Uniform Orders and Payment Due
August 18 Premier’s Reading Challenge Finishes

Devonport Junior Soccer
D.J.S.I want to remind all Coaches that they need to fill out the team sheets correctly by placing their team’s sticker on the sheets. D.J.S.I Committee has also expressed concerns regarding spectators standing behind the goals and dogs at Meercroft. Please remember NOT to stand behind the goals and dogs are prohibited from entering the Meercroft Park area.