From the Principal

Swimming
Our students have made a great start to their learning in the classroom, and for Grade three to five students, in the pool. I visited the Ulverstone pool and was very impressed with the focus and determination of our swimmers. It was also wonderful to be told by the north-west swimming coordinator that we once again had a great group of students.

Uniforms
It is the policy of the Miandetta Primary School Association that students wear our uniform when attending school. To date students and parents have supported this, with the majority of students wearing appropriate uniform items. However, with the colder weather approaching some students are starting to wear items that are not part of the school uniform.

Students will be provided with uniform items from the second hand store if not in our designated uniform and a letter will be sent home advising this. If you need assistance to provide appropriate uniform items, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Disability Parking
Please ensure that you only park in these spaces if you have disability parking permits. We have some families that have mobility issues and it's important that these spots are available for those who need it. Thank you.

Congratulations
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has provided students with an opportunity to write a book review and post it online. The winning entries receive a $15 book voucher. Congratulations to Hannah Magor who wrote a book review about the book called “Lily’s in London” by Nancy Rue in the holidays and was a weekly winner.

Assembly
This Friday our feature classes at assembly are Prep Carn, 2/3 Smith and 4/5 Steven. All welcome!

Mandy Beard
By: Prep Carn and Prep/One Ruffels

Yesterday we went to Hagley Farm School. We did heaps of things and learnt lots too. We had lots of fun in the playground and we went on a tractor ride. We had a look in the dairy and learnt that cows have an udder with four teats. They have 70 cows they milk twice daily at Hagley but only after they have had calves. The ewes have just started having lambs and the sow, which is a female pig, is going to have a few piglets soon. Do you know that a sow carries the piglets in her tummy for three months, three weeks and three days? Mrs Ruffels loved the maths in that! The donkeys had a chat to us as well which sounded really cool. We got to hand feed the goats, sheep, ducks and alpacas. In the museum we were kept pretty busy. We had to look at pictures of modern tools and household items and then try and match them up with really old things. We got to wash and iron clothes the old fashioned way, have a scrub in the old bath, play in the shop, talk on the old phones plus heaps more. We also ground wheat to make flour which we brought back to school so we can use it for baking. We would like to thank all of the parents who came along with us. Without your help we wouldn’t be able to have these wonderful opportunities.
Miandetta Primary School Lego Exhibition
and Competition
Do you love LEGO?? Then keep on reading...

**Competition Details**

**What:** A display of Lego creations made by members of our school community.

**Why:** We are fundraising for a special artistic garden area near the Kindergarten entrance.

**Who:** Students AND parents are invited to display their Lego creations. (Prizes up for grabs!)

**Date:** Tuesday 26 August 2014

**Time:** 1:15pm to 4:45pm. Classes will be allocated some time where children can visit, or alternatively they are welcome to come with their parents after school.

**Where:** The Kindergarten area

**Cost:** Registration $2.00 per person for a small or medium display, or $3.00 for a large display of Lego creations.

$2.00 per visitor to view the exhibition. Visitors go in draw for a Lucky Door Prize.

**Other details:**

* Each visitor will be given a token to vote for their favourite creation/display. We will have prizes for people who earn the most tokens. (Please note that parent enthusiasts will not be eligible for the prizes).
* Additional registration forms are available from the office. Please pay your entry fee when returning your registration form. These are due back no later than Tuesday 19 August.
* We would love some parent volunteers to help supervise the exhibition.
* We are in need of clean empty yoghurt or take-away containers, to help with our voting system.

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**Miandetta Primary School Lego Exhibition and Competition - Registration Form**

Name: ___________________________ Grade/Class: ____________

**Type of Lego:** (e.g. City, Ninjago, Star Wars, Friends) ____________________________

**Approx. size of display area required:** Please circle one

- Small (25cm) $2.00
- Medium (50cm) $2.00
- Large (1m) $3.00

Parent Volunteer to help supervise: Yes/No    Name: ___________________________

**Time available:** _____________________

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**Organisational matters:**

* Please return this form with your registration fee of $2.00/$3.00 by no later than Tuesday 19 August.
* Lego creations can be delivered to Kinder Lawes before school on Tuesday 26 August.
* Lego can either be collected at 4:45pm that day or before school on Wednesday 27 August.
Sports Team Photos
Sports Team Photos – With the season coming to a close, don’t forget to take a team photo and send it to sally.ling@education.tas.gov.au so it can be included in the yearbook. I have received a couple of team photos for soccer already, thank you. The sooner the better, as you never know when games will be cancelled. Team photos can be submitted for all school sports including soccer, netball and basketball.

Uniform Order - Reminder
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 - Reminder
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 - Reminder
Sections have been scheduled but individual schools are yet to be allocated. Exact days, dates and approximate times of performances will be passed on when they are available.

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.

RBF Department of Education Awards for Excellence – Nominations Extended Until 1 August - Reminder
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
August 1 Book Club Orders and Payment Due
August 1 Assembly Featuring PC, 2/3S and 4/5S - 2pm
August 8 Uniform Orders and Payment Due
August 8 No Assembly
August 15 No Assembly
August 18 Premier’s Reading Challenge Finishes
August 19 Lego Comp Payment and Registrations Due
August 26 Lego Exhibition and Competition - 1:15-4:45
August 26 Eisteddfod’s - Junior choir
August 27 Eisteddfod’s-Recorder Group/Duet/solos
August 28 Eisteddfod’s - Senior Choir

Onesie / Pyjama Party for the Reading Hour
Tuesday 19 August 6-7 pm
Free Family Friendly Event
Come in your favourite Onesie or Pyjamas, bring your favourite book or use one of ours. Bring a comfy pillow and read with your family or a friend.
Free milo, tea, coffee and a biscuit along with the ultimate bedtime story.

Devonport LINC, 21 Oldaker Street
Please book so we can look out for you - Ph 6478 4230

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