From the Principal

Long Service Leave
During the last six weeks of this term (from August 18), I will be taking long service leave and travelling overseas. Sandra Allen will be Acting Principal and supported by senior staff Pip Evans and Meagan Smith, who will take on acting AST role. This will have implications for those teachers classes. Message book notes will provide details of these staffing changes.

Assemblies
Please note there will be no assemblies for the next two Friday's due to the ‘Commonwealth Games’ event this Friday and the ‘About Me Program’ the following week. Sharing assemblies will resume on Friday 22 August with feature classes; P/1 R, 3/4 EM and 5/6 Adams.

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School Socials
On Thursday 11th September the student council will be holding a social. There will be games and activities planned buy our student councillors for the evening.

The classes have been split into two groups:
Kinder-Grade 2: 5pm - 6:30
Grades 3-6: 6:30 - 8pm

This year by student request there will not be a theme for the primary 3-6 classes but K-2 will dress up in their pyjamas or onesies.

The Parent Fundraising Committee will sell drinks, chocolate frogs and chips on the night at a cost of fifty cents each item. There will be a gold coin donation at the door with money raised going to provide funds to enhance our school gardens.

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Book Week Dress Up Day
Book Week: Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect is held between 16 - 22 August. As part of our celebrations for book week, we are having a dress-up day at school on Friday, 22 August. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Have fun planning your costume in preparation for this day.

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‘Guess how many Lego pieces are in the Jar?’ Competition.
Guesses are 20c each. Grade 5/6 students from Miss Reeves class will come around before school to collect guesses, otherwise guesses can be made with Kindergarten staff.

Mandy Beard
We have been learning about different sports, countries, athletes and medals during the Commonwealth Games. Our Kindergarten students participated in a “Mini Commonwealth Games” where we held an opening ceremony with National Anthem and parade. Some of the games that we enjoyed were; running races, bowling, netball, badminton, soccer, javelin, discus, hurdles and gymnastics. We were all very excited to be presented with a gold medal at our closing ceremony. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers who made our games possible.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a bronze school banking certificate for their great efforts in making 10 deposits: Meg Sutton, Roland Smith, Kezhaia Diamond, Georgia Smith, Sebastian Morton, Cassidy Blake and Cullen Diamond.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a School Banking Silver certificate for their fantastic efforts in making 20 deposits: Morgan Brownlow, Samuel Sheahan, Izobel Woodberry, Elliot Brownlow, Amber Astell, Max Ambery, Masyn Hall, Elysha Holloway, Josiah Zwerver, Lara Atkinson, Samuel McCall, Jake Sheahan, Blake Penfold, Zoe Gaby, Logan Cadle, Mikayla Goss, Will Smith, Wade Astell, Mia Atkinson, Sophie Gaby and Tahli Boys.
Miandetta Primary School Lego Exhibition and Competition - Reminder
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:** ____________________________

**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 News**

**Devonport Junior Soccer**
Cory Vickers and Callum Moore will be running Soccer Smart Clinics on Friday nights (12 sessions for a cost of $60) every Friday night. Further information can be obtained through the school office or David Carter.

**Canteen - Soccer**
A note to all parents of soccer players will be sent home to enlist support to do the DJSI canteen duties. This responsibility is very important in the running and organisation of our soccer rosters. **Your support to perform these duties is critical.** Please return the parent assistance slip that will be sent home as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Victory League Game**
Good luck to all students selected to represent our school at the Victory League match at Valley Rd this weekend. Please remember to arrive at the Valley Road ground by 3.30pm to be assigned duties and be organised for the mini half time games.

**Devonport Basketball**
The spring roster for Grade 1 & 2, Grade 3 & 4 and Grade 5 & 6 will remain school-based, games will be played on Friday nights commencing on Friday 22 August until 26 September and then from 17 October until 5 December. If you would like to play please register online at www.devonportwarriors.com.au by Friday 8th August. If you require any assistance with online registrations or have any queries regarding rosters, please contact the DBC Office on 64242440 between 10am – 2pm daily.

**2014 Basketball Tournament**
Applications for teams to enter the Grade 5/6 and 3/4 Warriors Basketball tournament to be held on 19, 20 and 21 September - will close on Monday 25 August. Any basketball player interested in competing in this event please leave your name at the school office. Teams will be placed in to A/B/C divisions with a fee of $160 to accompany each entry. The nomination of a scorer and referee is a prerequisite and the responsibility of each team.

**Launching Little Learners**
Little Learners is on every Wednesday morning from 9:00am until 10:45am for children aged between 0-4 accompanied by their parents or carers. On 13 August we have a Dental Therapist coming to speak to parents and children about healthy teeth and any dental issues that may arise in young children. On 27 August we have a Speech and Language Pathologist coming to visit us to answer any questions/concerns about your child’s speech and language. This is a great opportunity for parents to ask specific questions regarding their child’s speech.

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