From the Principal

Long Service Leave
Next week I will begin a period of six weeks long service leave. During this time Sandra Allen will be Acting Principal, supported by Pip Evans and Meagan Smith. Please contact senior staff through the office if you have concerns or queries. Best wishes to everyone for a productive third term – we certainly have a few events and activities to look forward too including P-2 swimming, Miandetta has Talent and our school socials. I look forward to seeing everyone again in October.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
This week is the last week of the Premier’s Reading Challenge. We encourage all students to complete this challenge to read 10 books in 10 weeks. Once students have completed the challenge, please return their forms to class teachers.

Sports News From Mr Carter
Victory League Game
Well done to all the students who participated in the Victory League match at Valley Rd last weekend. Many thanks to the parents who were flexible with last minute changes around this event.

NWPSSA Grade 5/6 Sports Day
The rainy weather held off for a fantastic day at the Grade 5/6 Sports day. Students who participated in Hockey, Basketball, Soccer Netball, Football, and King of the court Volleyball displayed great behaviour to enjoy themselves in this event. Congratulations to the following students who will now go to try selections to represent the Devon side in each of the following sports; Netball - Hannah Magor, Dayna Bellchambers, Cassidy Blake and Elly Broomhall. Soccer - Marley Williams, Jayde Powell, Millie Johnson and Charlotte Newman, Lachlan Marshall, James Newman, Benjamin D’Monte and Anthony Plapp. Hockey- Amber Astell, Dyllyn Maxwell and Melakai Woolley.

Assemblies
Please note there will be no assembly this Friday. Sharing assemblies will resume on Friday 22 August with feature classes; P/1 R, 3/4 EM and 5/6 Adams.

Pre Kinder
2014 Pre Kinder sessions will commence on Tuesday 2 September and conclude on Tuesday 25 November. Parents of students starting Kinder in 2015 will receive information letters this week.

Plovers/Masked Lapwings
We have had some concerns that some students have been mistreating Plovers/Masked Lapwings. Please remind your children that it is illegal to remove eggs! An information sheet is attached. Please read through this with your child.

Net Set Go
Devon Netball is seeking Kinder to Grade 2 players to join the Winter Net Set Go program. Previous participants can join in at a reduced price. Sessions will run on Wednesday nights from 5pm to 6pm in the Spreyton Primary school gymnasium. Further details are available from the school office or contact devon netball on 6427 2786 or admin@devonnetball.com.au

Emergency Contacts
Please remember to keep your emergency contact details up to date in case we need to call you in an emergency or if your child is unwell. Thank you.

Illness
Please…..if your child is feeling unwell, keep them at home. We do not have the capacity to care for sick children here at school and they are much better off at home. This will also help reduce the spread of bugs and illness among other students and staff.

Mandy Beard

Spirit Cup
Last Thursday evening a group of Grade 4/5/6’s played in the opening round of the Spirit Cup. A great game was played by all as the Sheffield team made it a hard contest.
From: Hannah and Bridie - 5/6 Adams

Last Wednesday, 6 August, the 5/6’s went to a Sports Day. The sports we could choose from were hockey, soccer, netball, volleyball and basketball. Some boys were selected to go to football as well on the same day. During the day, we got to play against a lot of different schools. We played a lot of mini games of all the sports but we mostly just had fun and learnt some new skills. It was a fun day and we would like to thank Mr Farquharson, Mr Carter and all of the parent helpers for their hard work and support.

By: Brielle Cullen and Janeva Frankcombe

On Friday afternoon, the whole school participated in our own Commonwealth Games. The sports that the 4, 5, 6’s participated in were relays (running), relays (hurdles), javelin (vortex), discuss (frisbee), hockey and long jump. The kinder, 1, 2 and 3’s participated in the same sports but also an extra one, putt.
CHOIRS

Venue: Devonport Entertainment Centre, Rooke St Devonport

Performance Dates:
Junior Choir: Tuesday 26 August. Approximate performance time 11:00
Senior choir: Thursday 28 August. Approximate performance time 11:00
(Senior choir will be travelling with recorder students and will need to be at school no later than 8:30am)

Parents, please note that performance times are approximate only. Please arrive in plenty of time to avoid disappointment.

Uniform: Boys- black shoes, brown trousers, teal polo.
Girls- Black shoes, teal polo, and either fawn stockings and Winter skirt or brown trousers

Jumpers will be removed before going on stage. Please ensure jumpers are named. If you do not have any of these uniform items please talk to the office staff or Mrs McClymont, or arrange to borrow the item from another child.

Please ensure hair is tidy and off the face.

Parent Help: Thank you to Mrs Ling (Senior Choir) and Mrs Green (Junior Choir) who will accompany our choirs on the bus.

Entry Fee: Those parents coming to watch their child will need to pay an entry fee. Please ensure that you are seated before the section begins. The doors will not be opened for late comers during items.

RECORDER

Wednesday 27 August
Class 183 Recorder solo grade 5 9:15 sharp start
Class 181 Recorder Duet (Emily/Cassidy) morning session
Class 174 Recorder Groups A and B late morning

All recorder students will travel together and stay for the whole morning. Children will need to bring a drink and morning tea.

Thursday 28 August
Class 182 Recorder Solo grade 6 9:15 sharp start
Recorder students will travel with the senior choir and stay for the whole morning. Children need to bring a drink and morning tea.

Once the official program is printed an estimation of your child’s performance time can be given and bus travel times confirmed.
Please note that times can alter due to competitors pulling out. Please ensure you arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Angela McClymont
Music Teacher
Miandetta Primary School
From the Fundraising Committee
From: Claudia Atkinson
Hi all just thought I would pass on an update for this year so far, so you know what and why we do what we do. We have had a good year so far raising funds for the School. Prep to grade 2 swimming is almost upon us and the Fundraising committee pays approx $1500 per year to support this. The Fundraising Committee also pays $200 towards each class excursion. So well done to all parents and friends for all the support so far this year. Now should anyone out there be interested in attending one meeting or even more - it would be greatly appreciated as we are always in need of great ideas from anyone!!!! Our meetings are usually the 2nd Monday of each month but check the Miandetta Facebook page for updates on meeting dates and times etc as during daylight savings we try for meetings straight after school which is good for the mums that can’t get out of a night. So remember us and please come to a meeting or 2 or more.

‘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.

Launching Little Learners - Reminder
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.
Important Dates: 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.

Book Week Dress Up Day - Reminder
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.

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
August 13    LLL Dental Therapist Visiting
August 15    No Assembly
August 18    Premier’s Reading Challenge Finishes
August 19    Lego Comp Payment and Registrations Due
August 22    Assembly Featuring: P/1R, 3/4EM and 5/6A
August 26    Lego Exhibition and Competition - 1:15-4:45
August 26    Eisteddfod’s - Junior choir
August 27    LLL Speech and Language Pathologist Visit
August 27    Eisteddfod’s - Recorder Group/Duet
              (Recorder Solos either 27 or 28 August - TBC)
August 28    Eisteddfod’s - Senior Choir
              (Recorder Solos either 27 or 28 August - TBC)
September 25 Miandetta Has Talen Grand Final - 1:20pm
Look out for masked lapwings and their speckled eggs.

Be a backyard buddy.

Find out more about your own backyard buddies.
**Masked Lapwings Revealed**

These birds are unique to Australia and are known for their distinctive black and white masks. They are often found in grassy areas near water, such as wetlands and marshes. Masked lapwings are known to be aggressive, especially when protecting their nests and young. They are also known to use a variety of calls to communicate with each other.

**What is a backyard buddy?**

A backyard buddy is a person who is interested in creating a habitat for wildlife in their own yard. This can include activities such as planting native plants, providing water sources, and creating nesting sites. By doing this, you can help support the local ecosystem and create a more diverse and healthy environment.

**Be a backyard buddy**

To become a backyard buddy, you can do the following:

- **Create a habitat**: Plant native plants and trees. This will provide food and shelter for local wildlife.
- **Provide water**: Set up a bird bath or a small pond. This will attract birds and other wildlife.
- **Offer nesting sites**: Create nest boxes or other structures that can be used by birds.
- **Avoid pesticides**: Use natural methods to control pests instead of using chemicals.
- **Educate others**: Share your knowledge and enthusiasm for wildlife with others.

By doing these things, you can help create a more diverse and healthy environment for local wildlife.