From the Principal

Planning for 2015
During the next few weeks, we will begin planning for 2015. If your circumstances have changed and your children won’t be with us at Miandetta next year, please advise the office as soon as possible. This information will assist us to gain an accurate picture of our enrolments for the next year, which impacts on our staffing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Assembly
This weeks sharing assembly will feature classes; P/1 R, 3/4 EM and 5/6 Adams.

Dogs on School Property
It has been noted some parents are bringing their dog to school at the end of the day. Parents are reminded that dogs are not permitted on school property unless prior authorisation from the Principal has been received.

School Attendance
Attendance at school is vitally important for all students. They should strive to attend everyday.
• Regular attendance helps your child gain the skills and knowledge needed for success now and in later life.
• Attending school helps your child to make steady and uninterrupted progress with their learning.
• Your child will be able to establish and maintain firm friendships by participating with others.
Absences are acceptable when your child is too sick to attend school or they have an illness that can be passed on to others.

What should you do if your child has to stay away from school?
All absences from school should be explained. If your child has to stay away from school, it is important to tell the school and provide the reason for their absence. You can do this by:
• Sending a note or email to the school; miandetta.primary@education.tas.gov.au
• Text 0448 539 906 or phone the school office on 6424 4428
• Visit the school office
If your child arrives late to school they are to arrive via the office and sign in so that their late arrival is recorded and they are not listed by our office staff as an unexplained absence. When collecting your child early from school, the same process must be followed by signing your child out. Thank you.

Kinder Enrolments
Please make sure you contact the office ASAP for further information and enrolment forms so we have an accurate picture of numbers for next year. If your child will turn 5 in 2015, then they are eligible to be enrolled for kindergarten. Please make sure that your child is enrolled by Friday 29 August. Pre-Kinder begins the following week.

Sandra Allen

Prep-2 Swimming and Water Safety Program
This year the Grade Prep -2 Swimming program will be held at the Nixon Street Primary School Swimming Pool starting Monday 15 September and concluding 5 sessions later on Wednesday 24 September. A Swimming and Water Safety Major Excursion Medical Form, a Parent Aquatic Permission form and a note with all the relevant information will be sent home once details have been finalised. With the new changes to the Education Department’s excursion policies, it is important that the Major Excursion Form and Medical form are returned fully completed to the school office. If these forms are NOT returned, students will NOT be able to swim at NSPS Pool in our Swimming and Water Safety Program.

Swimming and Water Safety
Many thanks to the staff and parents who assisted in our successful swimming and water safety program. It is wonderful to see students applying themselves to improve their personal swimming capabilities and understandings around safety when near the aquatic environment.

To achieve a National Benchmark in swimming skills, students need to complete a 3 minute survival swimming sequence and a distance of 50 metres recognised stroke technique with Backstroke, Survival Backstroke and Freestyle strokes. Students who have attained a national Benchmark with their swimming abilities are listed on the following page.

NWPSSA Devon Teams
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected, after the selection trials, in Devon representative teams in the following sports;

Football - Baynen Lowe, Fletcher Kelly, Oliver Kelly, Evan Lockwood, Flynn Ayton and Josh McConnon.
Netball - Hannah Magor and Dayna Bellchambers Bessell.
Hockey - Amber Astell

Soccer
A reminder for canteen volunteers to please return the slip indicating your availability for canteen duties this week.
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Speech Pathology Home Programme Support
Has our speech and language pathologist provided you with a home programme to follow with your child? Are you unsure about how to do it? Is it too hard or too easy? Do you just want to check that you are “getting it right?”
The Speech and Language Team are offering home programme appointments to help you. Appointments will be offered at 1 Fenton Street, Devonport during school holidays and also once per term. Please feel free to call them on Tel: 6424 9743 or 64245481 to book an appointment. The next term-time date is Friday 22 August. If you have any questions or concerns about your home programme, why not make an appointment or even just call for some advice?

Dates to Remember
- August 22: Book Week Dress Up Day
- 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
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- August 28: Reece High 2015 Parent/Student Info Night
- August 29: Kinder Enrolments Due
- September 15 - 24: Prep-2 Swimming Program
- September 25: Miandetta Has Talen Grand Final - 1:20pm

Yearbook Sports Photos
Don’t forget to take a photo of your team and send it in for the yearbook. With netball finishing up this week and soccer and basketball not far behind, it would be a shame to miss out. Please send all photos to: sally.ling@education.tas.gov.au. So far I have only received two team photos so there are a lot still to come in. Thanks.

Book Week Dress Up Day - THIS FRIDAY
Book Week: Connect to Reading – Reading to Connect is on this week. As part of our celebrations for book week, we are having a dress-up day at school this Friday. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book. We look forward to seeing lots of different characters around our school on Friday. Students who are not dressing up are to wear school uniform. The 2014 Book of the year Award Winners are:
- Younger Readers: City of orphans: A very Unusual Pursuit by Catherine Jinks
- Early Childhood: The Swap by Jan Ormerod and Andrew Joyner
- Picture Book: Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan
- Information Book: Jeremy by Christopher Faille and Danny Snell.

Reece High School 2015 Parent and Student Information Session - Reminder
Parent/Guardians and Grade 6 students are invited to attend an information session to be held in the performing Arts Centre at Reece High School - Middle Road, Devonport. Thursday, August 28 - 6:30pm to 8pm.
All families are invited to attend. If you have any questions about the night, please contact the school on 6420 8100.

Basketball
Nominations close on Friday 29 August for the 2014 Primary School Regional Tournaments to be held on Saturday, 18 October and Sunday, 19 October in Burnie. Divisions are as follows:
- Senior Boys (Years 5 & 6)
- Junior Boys (Years 3 & 4)
- Senior Girls (Years 5 & 6)
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Please leave your name at the office if you are interested in this basketball tournament.
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CHOIRS

Venue: Devonport Entertainment Centre, Rooke St Devonport

Performance Dates: Junior Choir: Tuesday 26 August. Item No 1 Approx. performance time 10:45 (Bus leaves school at 10:30. Returns 12:30)

Senior choir: Thursday 28 August. Item No 4 Approx. performance time 10:45 (Senior choir will not be travelling with recorder students as originally planned. Bus will leave school at 10:30. Returns 12:30)

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 (Total 25 competitors)

Bus leaves school 8:45am Students to be in the music room at 8:30.


Class 181 Recorder Duet approx. 10am (total 23 competitors)

13. Cassidy Blake/Emily Penfold

Class 174 Recorder Groups A and B approx. 10:45am (total 10 competitors)

3. Miandetta B 4. Miandetta A

All recorder students will travel together and stay for the whole morning. Please ensure they are at school by 8:30am. Children will need to bring a drink and morning tea. Thankyou to Mrs Phipps for accompanying our recorder groups on the bus.

Thursday 28 August Class 182 Recorder Solo grade 6 9:15 sharp start (total competitors 21)

As per individual parent notice: Recorder students to be delivered to the Devonport Entertainment Centre between 8:30 and 8:45 am to Mrs McClymont and will travel back to school by bus with the senior choir. Children need to bring a drink and morning tea, plus recorder items. If you have not received an individual notice please contact the school office asap.


12. Shayla Newall 15. Hayley Howe

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