From the Principal

ACARA School Satisfaction Survey for Parents
Parents who have been randomly selected to complete surveys will receive today a letter with a username to enable you to complete the paper or online survey. All surveys are confidential. If you receive a letter and believe you have a good reason for not completing the survey or do not wish to complete the survey, please return your letter to the school office so that it can be reallocated to another parent. This will ensure that the majority of surveys are completed to gain the maximum information. Please speak to our school office staff if you need access to a school computer to complete the survey.

Attendance
Currently, Miandetta Primary's attendance rate is 92.7% and we hope that this figure improves now the warmer months are approaching. It is essential that parents and guardians advise the office of a child's absence on the day of absence if at all possible, or as soon after. Student attendance is recorded electronically on the Department of Education site every morning and the data is continuously monitored. It is a requirement that we are advised of the reason for a child's absence.

If an unsatisfactory reason is provided to the school, a student will be recorded as “an unauthorised absence”. An unexplained absence where no reason is given is of concern and once a student has 5 unexplained absences our System now generates an alert and a legal letter may be sent home. Where possible we endeavour through our office staff, teachers or Senior Staff to make contact with families to discuss a child’s absences and alert families to concerns relating to their child’s attendance. This is not about staff being difficult. We are required by law to monitor student attendance as parents, by law, have the responsibility to ensure that their child is at school when well, once they are 5 years of age. Where a student accumulates 5 consecutive days of unexplained absence, a family is required to provide a medical certificate.

NWPSSA Sports Teams
Good luck to Baynen Lowe, Oliver Kelly, Fletcher Kelly (Football), Amber Astell, Erin Powell (Hockey), Anthony Plapp, Lachlan Marshall, Marley Williams, Jayde Powell (soccer) and Hannah Magor, Dayna Bellchambers (Netball) as they will play this Friday against students from Launceston in the NWPSSA Sports exchange.

Assembly
This week’s sharing assembly will feature classes; P/1 Somers, 1/2 Allison and 3/4 Allen/McCall.

NAPLAN Reports
Individual student reports will be sent home this week with students from grade 3 and 5 who completed these tests. Please see your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Sandra Allen

Uniform Order
A uniform order will be placed on Wednesday 24 September. Please make sure all order and payments are received no later than this date. Thank you.

School Photos
School photos will be held on Tuesday 14 October. Order envelopes for individual photos will be sent home today. Family Discount - When you purchase photo packs for the first two children in a family, you are entitled to a free pack for the third and subsequent children (to the same or lesser value). Please note that if you wish to use this offer, you must fill in a “claiming the family discount” form which is available from the school office. Full school uniform must be worn on this day. Please do not send your child to school with colourful socks/stockings or non-school clothing items. They will be asked to change. Orders are due back on Friday 26 September (last day of term 3).

School Socials - Reminder - THIS THURSDAY
This Thursday: Kinder-Grade 2: 5-6.30pm Grades 3 - 6: 6:30 - 8pm
The Parent Fundraising Committee will sell drinks, chocolate frogs and chips at a cost of fifty cents each. There will be a gold coin donation at the door with money raised going towards enhancing our school gardens.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Information Session - Reminder
All parent/carers are invited to an information session on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental condition that affects an individual’s communication, socialisation and behaviours. The session will be held at school on 18 September 1.15 - 2.45pm. It will be presented by Sarah-Jane Murphy (Early Childhood Autism Consultant) and will include a brief introduction to ASD, how it is diagnosed and its implications. Please return the form below to the school office by 15 September if you wish to attend this session.

Autism Spectrum Disorder Information Session
I/We will be attending the parent/carer session on ASD
Names: ________________________________
Miandetta Primary School
Important news for parents about the Asthma & Anaphylaxis Schools Program

Miandetta Primary School is undertaking the Asthma and Anaphylaxis Schools Program. The aim of the program is to provide school staff with a practical means to help decrease asthma and/or anaphylaxis from causing anguish, absenteeism and ill health. The focus is on risk minimisation and training. Therefore we require the following information from parents, even if you have already provided this information to us.

**Students with asthma – no matter how mild**

If your child has asthma – even if it is quite mild – please let us know.

We are about to undertake intensive training with the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania and they told us that there is no way of predicting if a student may suddenly have a major flare up, even if it has not happened before.

So please let us know so we can fulfil our duty of care and keep an eye on them.

**Students with anaphylaxis**

Please make sure that we have your child’s most recent Anaphylaxis Action Plan. The plan that we are referring to is the one that has the patient’s photo attached and signed off by a doctor – this must be in colour.

According to ASCIA, Australia’s authority on anaphylaxis, the plans should be renewed by your doctor at least once a year.

**Any questions on asthma or anaphylaxis**

If you have any queries, talk to the Asthma Foundation of Tasmania, the organisers of the Schools Program, by visiting www.asthmatas.org.au calling 1800 278 462.

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Miandetta Primary School
Asthma & Anaphylaxis Schools Program

My child …………………………………………………. in …………………… (Class) suffers from either **ASTHMA** and/or **ANAPHYLAXIS** (Please circle).
By: Mr Steven - 4/5 S

On Thursday 4 September an enthusiastic team of young scientists travelled to Burnie to participate in the North West section of the UTAS Science Investigation competition. Over the last 6 weeks, students from different 4/5/6 classes have conducted Science Investigations in order to answer a big question. Questions ranged from ‘What is the best household item to remove rust’, to ‘using a substitute for milk in cooking’. Our Miandetta scientists sat through a vigorous two and half hours of judging and their scientific knowledge was put to the test with on the spot questions. Returning to school we were informed that Fletcher, Lachlan and Benjamin had won the people’s choice award. They attended the awards ceremony that evening and won a cash prize to share. A special thanks to Todd Johnstone, Jason D’Monte and Sandra Magor for helping out on the day. I would like to congratulate all the groups involved on their work ethic, enthusiasm and determination.

Dads and Carers joined us for a savoury muffin, toast, tea or coffee on Thursday morning to celebrate Father’s Day. We enjoyed having our Dads at Kinder and share our morning classroom routines with us.
**Grade Prep - 2 Swimming and Water Safety**
PLEASE REMEMBER to return the Major Excursion Form and Medical Form as well as the Aquatic Consent form to the school office or classroom teacher.

**Netball Spring Roster**
The 10 week Devon Spring Roster will commence on Wednesday 17 September.

**Cricket Tas**
In term 4 the Milo in 2 Cricket program for grade Prep - 2 will commence. Details around the dates and times will be forwarded as soon as Cricket Tas can confirm who will be the centre coordinator. In the meantime please leave your name if you would like your child to participate.

**D.J.S.I**
Congratulations to coach Damian Ayton and the Open 5 Brown soccer team (Oliver, Fletcher, Lachlan, Beau, Baynen, Flynn, Jayde, Erin, Matthew and Benjamin) who came second in the Open 5 roster this year. Many thanks to the players who have supported this team when they were short. Below is coach Damian Ayton and some of the players who were able to attend the medal presentation on Saturday.

**Yearbook – Sports Photos**
We are still missing photos for the following teams: Under 5 Brown, Under 6 Brown, Under 7 Yellow, Under 8, Under 9, 3/4 Netball, 5/6 Netball and all basketball teams (except Mr Chilcott’s).
Please forward these to sally.ling@education.tas.gov.au or bring in a copy of the photo by Friday 12 September. This will be the last chance, any photos received after this date will not be included in the yearbook.

**Student Council Footy Colours Day Fundraiser - Reminder**
On Friday 26 September, the Student Council will be holding a fundraiser Footy Colours Day. Students are encouraged to dress up in their favourite footy team colours. Students who choose not to dress up for this day will need to wear school uniform. Face paint and coloured hair spray are permitted for this day. This day is a gold coin donation with any money raised supporting the Student Council’s chosen fundraiser Footy Colours Day.

**Special Lunch Day - Reminder**
On Friday 26 September, there will also be a special lunch day held with savs in bread sold for $2 each. Order slips have been sent home this week and need to be returned NO LATER than Wednesday 17 September.
Yearbook - Miandetta Matters 2014 - Reminder
Orders are still being taken for the 2014 yearbook. If you would like to order a copy, please complete the form that has previously been attached to the newsletter and return to the office with payment. Spare order forms are also available from the office. Books are $17 each. Please note: There was not an option to pre-order these at the beginning of the year so unless you have placed an order in the last fortnight we do not have an order for you.

Stepping Stones Vacation Care
Stepping Stones will be holding vacation care during the school holidays. If you would like further information, please see the After School Care girls near the multi-purpose room or the school office.

Latrobe and Districts Junior Softball and Tee Ball
Any Boys and Girls that would like to play/learn how to play Softball, please come along this Sunday September 14 at 11am. The ‘Come and Try’ Training Day is being held at the Picton Grange Softball ground – Latrobe. (Behind Latrobe Football Grandstands). Ages are 5-8 for Tee Ball and 9-16 for Junior Softball.

All games are social and friendly with all equipment supplied and no softball knowledge needed. For further information, please call 0439 361 804.

Dates to Remember
Sept 11 School Socials
Sept 15 - 24 Prep-2 Swimming Program
Sept 17 Special Lunch Day Orders Due
Sept 24 Uniform Orders and Payment Due
Sept 25 Miandetta’s Got Talent Grand Final - 1:20pm
Sept 26 School Photo order Forms and Payment Due
Sept 26 Footy Colours Dress Up Day
Sept 26 Special Lunch Day
Sept 26 Last Day of School
Oct 13 Term 4 Starts
Oct 14 School Photos

Class Achievers
Ella Ling, Nikki Howard
Maverick Young, Jackson Dickinson
Joshua Chilcott, Charlie Clark
Elizabeth Walsh, Georgina Bonfield
Lara Nielsen, Montana Young
Will Ritchie, Grace Ritchie
Deklan Butterworth, Coco Frankcombe
Racquel McGuiness, Jessica Durham
Tylen Gillies, Bailey Munro
Brea Cunningham, Titan Palaniza
Nickolas Currie, Tayla Dolega
Shade St-Claire, Theo Barker
Isabelle Scott, Keelan Billing
Nikita Frost, Morgan Brownlow
Addison Alexander, Lewis Young
Molly Davey, Mia McBayn
Mikayla Ray, Modesty Williams
Codi Billing, Bryce Chilcott
Connor Johnstone, Wyatt Jones
Miller Young, Joe Kunta
Samuel McCall, Koby Mus
Joel Bowden, Pheibe Horton
Isaac Woolley, Ivy Haines
Eve Sutton, Will Smith
Brylie Hingston, Jesse Davenport
Lily Snel, Bailey Saunders
Lara Atkinson, Heath Wainwright
Bridie Smith, Melekai Woolley
James Newman, Mitchell Davey

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By: Romy Dean - 1/2 Allison

Last week we went to see a performance called ‘Then and Now.’ It was based on the olden days. It was funny. Louise did the play she also had puppets, now they were funny. One of the puppets was named Jessica. She did not want to go to bed so her mum told her a story about what it was like in the olden days. I learnt that ladies wore gloves nearly all the time. Their clothes were very different to ours. Ladies had to wear a lot of clothes every day. Some people were poor and some were rich. In the olden days there was no electricity, also people had to travel by boat to get to Australia.

When we went down to watch the show we saw a GREAT BIG theatre. The show was the best I have ever seen. It was great. I wish we could see another one.