From the Principal

Class Placements 2015
We will soon be considering class structures and compositions for 2015. Teachers give careful thought to the placement of students; considering their personal, social and academic needs including friendships and relationships with other children. We also consider gender and grade balances when compiling classes.

If there is important educational information you wish us to consider in this process, please make an appointment through the office to meet with Mrs Allen or Mrs Beard prior to Thursday 23 October. Please note that our teaching staff and class compositions will not be confirmed until later in the year. Whilst your input will be considered carefully, we cannot make any guarantees specific requests will be met.

Assembly
This week’s sharing assembly will feature classes; P/1 Ruffels, 3/4 Evans/MacQueen and 5/6 Adams. All welcome!

ACARA School Satisfaction Survey for Parents - Reminder
Parents who have been randomly selected to complete surveys would have received a letter with a username to enable you to complete the paper or online survey last week. All surveys are confidential. If you received 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.

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 TOMORROW, Wednesday 17 September. Additional copies of the order slip are available from the office.

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

School Photos - Reminder
School photos will be held on Tuesday 14 October. Order envelopes for individual photos were sent home last week. Additional copies are available at the office if needed.

Family Discount - When you purchase photo packs for the first two children in a family, you are entitled to a discount for the third and subsequent children. Please note that if you wish to use this offer, you must get a copy of the order form from the 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 Banking
Congratulations to the following students who have received a bronze school banking certificate for their great efforts in making 10 deposits: Addison Alexander and Sophie Fellows.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a school banking silver certificate for their fantastic efforts in making 20 deposits: Mia McBain, Codi Billing, Isabelle Scott, Eva-Maree Scells and Marley Williams.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a school banking gold certificate for their excellent efforts in making 30 deposits: Holly Bishop, Caitlyn Bishop, Nikita Frost, Nikki Howard and Mackenzie Muir.

Sparky Program
This week students have been enjoying the Sparky Program learning all about electrical safety.

Sandra Allen
By: Harry - 1 / 2 A

On Monday 1/2 A and 1/2 R went to Hagley Farm. First of all we had recess and then we went to the Old Classroom. We got to dress up. I wore a funny looking hat, a tie and a funny jumper. Then Miss. Grumpy pranked us. (It was really Mrs. Johns dressed up). We said the alphabet and the 12x table. It was fun. Ashton, Gabby and Gaius got the cane, Blake and Tamazyn C. got a red nose. Ashton had to chase his pony away from Miss. Grumpy’s roses. Piper got the Dunce’s cap for a minute. We also had to say God Save The Queen’s name. It was Victoria.

The next activity we did was cottage industries. First of all, our group went to the wool spinning. We had to brush the wool. It was so, so fun. So fun we actually got to keep the wool. Next we did butter making. It was good. When we finished we got to have some butter on a biscuit, but I didn’t want any. We made some bread and a candle when we were there too.

Next we went back to the classroom to see the baby chicks. We got a feel of them. When you hold them they scratch your hands. Did you know that Daddy chickens have spurs at the back of their feet? They have a wattle on their face, it looks funny. Later we went to collect their eggs from the shed.

We also went on a tractor ride. Miss Grumpy drove the tractor. We saw lots of calves. They sucked on our fingers. We got to pat them. I only patted them but I didn’t let them suck my fingers. We saw alpacas, goats, piglets, sheep and some dogs. Then we went back to the bus for home.
Science Expo

[Images of various science fair projects and activities, including a display table with food items, a table with student projects, and a family with a child exploring a science exhibit.]
**Take Home a Big Brother or Sister**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3.5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceaustralia@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaustralia@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

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**Devonport LINC School Holiday Program**

The Devonport LINC is once again holding a school holiday program at the Devonport Library. If you would a copy of the activities calendar please see the school office or call 6478 4230.

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**Devonport Little Athletics Centre**

Little Athletics is a modified athletic program for 5-15 year olds with an emphasis on “Fun, Family & Fitness”. Children of all abilities are catered for and children must have a parent/guardian present. Devonport Little Athletics 2014/2015 season commences Saturday 4 October at 8.30am and runs weekly until March 2015. Little Athletics is held at Girdlestone Park, Corner of St John and Caroline Streets, East Devonport. First 2 meets are come and try before having to pay registration fees by 3rd meet. For more information phone/sms: 0459 031 750 or email: devonport@taslittleathletics.com.au

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**The Junction School Holiday Program**

The Junction - youth information activities support services are holding a school holiday program. If you would like a copy of the program, please see the school office or call 6424 7353 for further information.

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**Stepping Stones Vacation Care - Reminder**

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.

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**Dates to Remember**

- 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

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