Department of Education

Miandetta Primary
Newsletter – 25 November, 2014

From the Principal

Student Free Day - THIS THURSDAY
As a result of the Stop Work Action scheduled for this Thursday, the Minister for Education and Training has announced that all schools will close for the entire day this Thursday 27 November. This decision was made in the best interest of student safety.

The Minister has deemed that the time from 10.30 am to the end of the school day should be used for professional learning. To compensate for this, in 2015 schools will have one less professional learning day and therefore there will be one additional student attendance day.

As such, please do not send your children to school on Thursday 27 November. Miandetta Primary School will re-open as normal on Monday 1 December (Friday 28 November is a show holiday).
I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Athletic Carnival - NEW DATE
Due to the announcement late yesterday afternoon of the student free day on Thursday 27 November, we have rescheduled our Athletic Carnival to Wednesday 3 December. A full day program will run from 9:30am until 2:30pm. Pre-ordered sausage sizzle orders, drinks and icy-poles will be available on this day.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Dylan Boys who successfully auditioned last Friday at the Devonport City Council to perform over the Christmas Period in the Rooke Street Mall. Local musicians and performers will entertain shoppers over the festive season; Dylan will play guitar and sing. This will be a great opportunity for Dylan to develop his confidence and performance skills. Well done!

Mandy Beard

School Picnic
Our annual school picnic for Kinder to Grade 6 will be held at the Latrobe Swimming Pool on Thursday 18 December 2014. Due to the nature of this excursion, parents who have students who are in Kinder, Grade 3, 4 and 5 or are new to the school will need to complete an Aquatic Consent form and a Major Excursion Consent form. Other grade groups have already completed this process earlier; however if personal details have changed please contact the office to update these forms. BOTH these forms need to be fully completed and returned to school. If these forms are not returned students will NOT be able to attend the Picnic day.

A note will be sent home to parents with all Picnic day details once arrangements have been finalised with the Latrobe Pool.

Thanks
The Kindergarten children and staff would like to say a very big thank you to the Chilcott family who have generously donated a cubby house for the Kinder playground. It was lovingly made by Mr. John Chilcott - Josh and Bryce’s grandfather. Thank you also to the helpers who assisted with the moving and placement of the cubby. The Kinder children love playing in the cubby.

Save The Date -
Saturday 6 December - Kinder Garden - Reminder
On Saturday 6 December, we will be having a working bee for the Kindergarten Garden. We will be working alongside the artist Em Horswill, who has designed and created an art piece and garden plan. We are looking for some volunteers to help with planting on this day (no prior gardening experience required). At this stage we are looking at working in two shifts, morning and afternoon. Please register your interest/ability on the slip below and return to the office by Tuesday 2 December. Any assistance will be gratefully appreciated!

Kinder Garden Working Bee
I ____________________ (name) am able to help at the Kinder Garden Working Bee on Saturday 6 December. I can help at the following time/s: (Please circle one)

Morning time               Afternoon time
School Banking
All school banking tokens need to be redeemed with next week's school banking. Any tokens redeemed after this cannot be guaranteed sorry.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a school banking bronze certificate for their great efforts in making 10 deposits: Michael Bunch, Crystal Bunch and Samuel Barker.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a school banking gold certificate for their excellent efforts in making 30 deposits: James Harwood, Campbell Lawes, Acacia Myers, Bryce Chilcott, Ryan Donohue, Cadel Myers, Ow-Anne Rush, Sara Donohue and Matthew Ruffels.

Yearbook - LAST CHANCE TO ORDER
This is your last chance to order a 2014 yearbook. If you are yet to order, please return order forms with payment of $17 no later than TOMORROW. Please note: There was not an option to pre-order these at the beginning of the year so unless you have placed an order recently, we do not have an order for you.

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) 2015 - Reminder
Application forms for STAS in 2015 are now available from the school office. If you received STAS in 2014, you do not need to re-apply as you will have been sent correspondence.

Launching Little Learners - Last Session
This year our last in-school Little Learners session will be held tomorrow, Wednesday 26 November. We will also have a break up picnic at the bluff on Tuesday 9 December at 11:30am. I am going to get some hot chips to share so please let me know if you would like to come. I would love to see you at our last session!  

Donna Myers

Positive Impact of Attending Launching into Learning.
The Department of Education continues to track the performance of children who attend Launching into Learning prior to starting school via a Longitudinal Study. The latest analysis continues to show that regular participation in Launching into Learning consistently and significantly improves educational outcomes for reading and numeracy performance measures.

The proportion of students who achieved all markers on Kindergarten Development Check (KDC) continues to be higher for LiL students (students who participated in LiL regularly) than it is for non-LiL students.

The number of LiL students scoring below expected standards on the Preparatory (Prep) assessments Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) is lower for LiL students compared to non-LiL students for both reading and maths.

A higher proportion of LiL students were above NAPLAN National Minimum Standards (NMS) than non-LiL students.

These are exciting findings and we encourage all families with children aged birth to 4 years to take advantage of the free Launching into Learning activities that occur in our school.

Class Achievers

Dates to Remember
Nov 26  Yearbook Orders Close
Nov 27  Student Free Day - Stop Work Action
Nov 28  Devonport Show Day - NO SCHOOL
Dec 3  School Athletics Carnival
Dec 4  Volunteers Morning Tea
Dec 6  Kinder garden working bee
Dec 11  Grade 6 Big Day Out
Dec 16  Grade 6 Final Assembly - 11:15am
Dec 18  School Picnic
Dec 18  Last Day for Students
Dec 19  Last Day for Staff
Jan 29  Book Sales - 8am - 4pm