From the Principal
Our students have settled well into routines, with a positive attitude and approach to learning.

I received a letter today from a parent who had recently witnessed the care and concern our students show for their peers. It is wonderful to receive positive feedback about our values and culture.

A belated welcome to Acacia Davis who is undertaking her university practicum with 3/4 Smith.

West Duty Area/Supervision
Please note that the school hours of supervision are from 8.30am to 2.45pm, with the West playground supervised until 3pm. Please make sure you drop off and pick up your children between these times. Parents and students are not to access the school building outside these times.

Please note: there is no teacher duty in the East playground. Thank you for your co-operation.

Facebook
Recently, I have been alerted to inappropriate conversations relating to our school on Facebook. I encourage you to raise directly with me any concerns you may have about activities, incidents or situations. If I am unavailable, please feel free to talk to another senior staff member. Parents are asked to be mindful of the consequences of posting comments and/or pictures on social media platforms (such as Facebook) that have implications for the school and its staff. I look forward to your support in ensuring we maintain a respectful school culture.

Clean Up Australia Day
Next week on Friday 27 February, classes will be participating in Clean up Australia Day. There are four different routes with each group responsible for cleaning specific areas of our local community. Parents will receive notes from their child’s teachers providing details.

Assemblies
We love to have parents attend our assemblies. These are opportunities when we celebrate and share learning achievements from different classes. Feature classes at our first assembly this Friday at 2pm are P/1 Ruffels, 1/2 Rippon and 4/5 Reeves.

No Smoking on School Grounds
Parents have recently raised concerns about smoking in our carpark. A reminder please that smoking is not permitted in government buildings, vehicles, facilities and school grounds.

Mandy Beard

Breakfast Club
Breakfast Club recommenced today with an outstanding number of children in attendance. Today we had 75 hungry and eager students partaking in milo, toast and fruit sharing. I would like to acknowledge the work of our wonderful volunteers Marg Williams and Louise Ayton who did a great job today in buttering toast and making milos for our 75. Tomorrow we welcome Jennifer Snell to the team alongside some fabulous grade six helpers. I would also like to acknowledge the kind donation of a tube of Vegemite from the McEachern family. As our breakfast club has been funded by a once off grant, these fabulous food or gold coin donations allow for the continuation of this vital program in our school.

Pop-Top Drink Bottles Needed
If you have any spare small plastic pop-top drink bottles that you no longer need, classes would love to use these. Please bring these to the school office. Thank you.

Student Council
Congratulations to the following students who were voted by their peers to represent their class on our student council. Student Council Term 1 2015: Izobel, Montanna, Brylie, Nikki, Benjamin, Fletcher and Oliver

And our School Captains: Tahli, Baynen, Bridie and Izabella

I look forward to working with you all on our next project.

Pip Evans ~ AST/Student Council Convenor

NWPSSA Athletics
Our Grade 3 – 6 students have been busily preparing to be a part of the Penguin Carnival athletic team by having trials and run offs. Information about this event will be sent home in coming weeks to the students who have been selected to represent Miandetta on Tuesday 17 March.
**From the Fundraising Committee - Easter Raffle**
The Fundraising Committee will once again be running an Easter Raffle. Raffle books will be sent home shortly and it would be appreciated if all families could please donate an Easter egg/bunny to the raffle. The more eggs donated the more prizes we have. All raffle books and payment are due to the office no later than 20 March with the draw taking place on 27 March. Remember - we are doing this to benefit our kids. If anyone would like to attend our meetings or help in anyway, please ask at the office and they will pass on my details. Keep an eye out in the newsletter under important dates for the dates and times of our next meeting.

**Devonport Junior Soccer Association**
Those students wanting to play soccer in the 2015 Devonport Junior Soccer Roster can still record their names at the school office. The first roster match is on Saturday 2 May. Under 5 players (born in 2010) are welcome to sign up.

At the recent D.J.S.I meeting Marlene Crabtree tendered her resignation after many years of working for D.J.S.I. We thank her for her support to Junior Soccer and Miandetta teams. The following positions now need to be filled: Canteen Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, Roster Secretary, Team Sheet co-ordinator (This role could be incorporated with roster secretary), Referee Co-ordinator, Referee Trainer and Equipment manager. If you are interested in helping out in these roles please contact David Carter.

**Message From The Department of State Growth**
The Department of State Growth contractors are currently undertaking milling, sealing and asphalting works at the busy junction of Stoney Rise Main Road and Don Road. The works will extend from Devonport Road to approximately 200m beyond Durkins Road. These works are essential maintenance works. Information about the project can be found at: [http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/closures_delays](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/road/closures_delays)

There may be some delays in the area, particularly when the sealing and asphalting works are in progress. To avoid any delays road users may wish to use alternative routes where possible. Works are expected to be completed by Friday 20 February 2015 (weather permitting). Please obey all traffic signs as this will ensure the safety of drivers, pedestrians and workmen.

**North West Futsal School Titles**
The Australian Futsal Association will be conducting the North West Tasmania School Titles at Ulverstone on the 27th April for both Boy and Girl age groups 11/12/13. Interested Futsal players please contact David Carter.

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**Devonport Basketball**
Basketball Tasmania will be conducting basketball skill sessions at the Devonport Forbes St Stadium on Saturday mornings. This is an ideal program for students wanting to improve their basketball skills. All players will need to bring a ball. Further information including cost and registration forms can be found on the BTAS website: [www.tas.basketball.net.au](http://www.tas.basketball.net.au)

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