From the Principal

Mandy’s Absence
Its wonderful to be back at Miandetta after a four month absence due to illness. A huge thankyou to Sandra Allen who did a marvellous job as Principal. Thanks also to Pip Evans, Meagan Smith, Sandra McCall and Maria Chilcott who undertook additional or different roles and work hours. I will be working three days per week for the next three weeks; then reverting to full time. I visited all our classes yesterday and it was great to see such enthusiastic, focused learners!

School Satisfaction Survey
This year, school satisfaction surveys for students, parents and staff will be conducted during August/September. These surveys contain questions on a range of matters about our school.
This survey provides an opportunity for students, parents and staff to provide important feedback. This feedback is valued by our school as a means of identifying what the school does well and opportunities for the school to make improvements.
Students (from Year 5 and above), parents and staff will be invited to participate. Students who are selected to undertake the survey will do so during school time.
A letter accompanies today’s newsletter about participation in the parent survey. Your responses will be secure and anonymous.
We encourage you to participate and complete the survey so that the school has a clear direction when planning for future programs and services for students. The web address will be on the letter provided to parents, but a link to the address will be put on our Facebook page.
Please contact the office if you wish to use a school computer to complete the survey.

Dress Up Day - THIS FRIDAY
To celebrate Children’s Book Week we are having a dress-up day this Friday 28 August. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Have fun planning your costume for the day. No donation is required as this is not a fundraiser. Thank you.
National Maths Day ~ By: Josh 3AM
Friday 21 August was National Maths Day. 2015 is the International Year of Light, so the theme this year was ‘Let’s shine a light on the Proficiencies.’ Our class had some fun by exploring 3 different maths tasks. The tasks were Magic V’s, Reach 100 and Strike it Out. My favourite task was Strike it Out because I could extend my learning with negative numbers.

DJSI Soccer
This weekend is the last game of the season and I would like to thank the many parents who have assisted with ensuring our players have had an enjoyable season. In his last game, a special note of thanks must be conveyed to Mr Damien Ayton for his involvement as a coach and support person to Miandetta soccer over the years.

Canteen Helpers
Many thanks to the following DJSI canteen helpers that assisted last weekend; Bethany Carter, Sandra McCall, Melina Mainwaring, Emily Smith, Aileen Piapp, Naomi Lawes, Priscilla Fellows and Michelle D’Monte. It was wonderful that some of these helpers were able to do ‘double shifts’ due to a shortage of parents putting their hands up to help out.

End of Year Soccer Goodies
Please remember to collect your voucher after your game from your team’s Coach. This will enable you to collect a can of drink, packet of chips and a chocolate from the clubrooms to celebrate the end of the DJSI season.

Netball
This weekend will see a conclusion to the winter Netball roster. If your child is interested in playing in the Spring Roster please leave their name at the school office.

Burnie Netball Association Carnival
Well done to the girls that represented our school at the BNA Todd Rogers Carnival. Thanks to our coaches and umpires for the day.

NWPSSA Sports Representatives
We wish the following students the very best this Friday as they represent Miandetta in various NWPSSA Devonport teams playing Burnie; Sahanna, Brielle and Bridie (NETBALL), Fletcher, Oliver, Dylan, Flynn, Baynen, Josh and Lachie (AFL).
Your child should have received an Eisteddfod notice last week detailing times of performances and bus times. If you need another copy please contact the office or see Mrs McClymont (W,Th F). Please read the notice carefully. Some children will need to be at school earlier than normal in order to catch the bus.

**Early Starts:**
Junior Choir - Bus leaves 8:50am on Friday. Meet in music room at 8:35am.
Recorder Group - Bus leaves at 8:30am on Thursday. Meet in music room at 8:15am

**Late Pick-ups:**
Recorder solos grade 5’s - please see the Recorder Group notice given out last week for individual children’s names, times and arrangements. Please return your participation slip to the school office tomorrow if you have not already done so. See Mrs McClymont or the office staff for another copy if you have misplaced it.

**Practising:**
All children have been working really hard in school time to learn their choir songs and actions. They are sounding good and looking great.
Recorder Group children have been busy catching up with Mrs McClymont for extra practise of their solos and group pieces. Some have been putting in extra time at home and have really improved. Please make time to hear them perform their solo.

**Assembly:**
Both choirs will perform one of their Eisteddfod songs in assembly this week.

*Angela McClymont - Music Teacher*
Yearbook
Yearbooks are now available to pre-order for $17.00 each. Please complete the attached order form and return with the correct money to the office.

2015 Yearbook Order Form
Name: ____________________________
Class: ________ Qty: ________ $__________

Yearbook photos
Don’t forget to send your sport team photos to the office. So far I only have photos for U5 brown, U6 yellow, U7 Brown, U8, 5/6 Netball and Netta. So there are still lots missing! Photos can be emailed to sally.ling@education.tas.gov.au, bring in a USB stick or print a hard copy. Photos must be received by 25 September.

School Banking - Torch Reward Recall - Reminder
The Commonwealth Bank have raised concerns over the “Cosmic Light Beam Torch” reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards, the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardian are requested to dispose of any “Cosmic Light Beam Torches” your child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a “Cosmic Light Beam Torch” are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

School Nurse Update - Reminder
There have been changes to Ruth Rettie’s timetable. She will now be at Miandetta every 2nd Tuesday and Wednesday. Please keep track of these dates via our newsletter calendar. Ruth’s future visits during this term:

- Wednesday 19 August Tuesday 26 August
- Wednesday 2 September Tuesday 8 September
- Wednesday 16 September Tuesday 22 September

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