From the Principal

Class Placements 2016
We will soon be considering class structures and compositions for 2016. 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 Beard prior to Friday 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 that specific requests will be met.

SunSmart Policy - Hats Required As Of Next Week
Miandetta Primary School has just been re-accredited by Cancer Council Tasmania as a SunSmart School. The SunSmart Schools Program is an initiative of Cancer Council Tasmania. SunSmart accredited Schools agree to encourage measures to protect students, staff and the school community from the harmful effects of the sun and to follow guidelines on safe sun for vitamin D protection.

Our policy is implemented from mid-September to mid-April. As of next week, students are required to wear school hats. These can be purchased from the office for $7.50 each. If students do not have a hat, they will be required to sit under a shade shelter during break times.

Important Health Message - Please Notify the School Immediately If Your Child Has Chickenpox or Measles
We would like to ask for your co-operation in an important matter. One of the children in our school is receiving medical treatment, which puts them at risk if they develop chickenpox or measles. The risk for this child can be reduced by receiving a special injection as soon as possible after coming in contact with these illnesses. It is very important therefore, that you let us know immediately if your child develops chickenpox or measles, so that the child at risk receives the protective injection at the earliest opportunity. This protection lasts for a few weeks only, and must be repeated every time they come into contact with these illnesses. Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of one of our students does depend on your help and cooperation. With many thanks.

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Sport
During the last couple of weeks I have enjoyed watching our motivated and energetic students participate in both soccer and basketball games. Thanks to those people who enable this to happen; our hardworking Sports coordinator David Carter, our coaches, managers and umpires for their time and commitment and parents for their support.

School Satisfaction Survey - Reminder
Last week we sent home information about the School Satisfaction Parent Survey. 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 is on the letter provided with a link on our Facebook page. Paper surveys can be returned to the office. Your responses will be secure and anonymous. Please contact the office if you wish to use a school computer to complete the survey.  

Mandy Beard

Calling All Chook Carers, Past and Present!
We need helpers to take part in a weekend roster to look after our feathered friends. All we ask is that you check on them and give them some food (dry food is provided by the school) and water if they need it. They also love it when you chat to them. So, if you would like to help us out, please leave your details with either Mrs Ruffels, Mrs Rippon or at the front office (this includes those who have been on the roster this year).

Breakfast Club - Operating Monday to Thursday
We have some exciting news...breakfast Club is now also running on a Thursday. This now means that Breakfast Club will operate on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers! Many thanks to Kay Ingram for her generous donations.

Veolia Visit

By: Hayden and Joel - 2/3 MA
In 2/3MA we had a visit from Mr Mace from Veolia. He told us about his job and how to recycle and reuse. We learnt about all the machines and he told us that we need to put the right material in the right bin. The trucks can pick up 500 recycling bins before they are full and need to go and be emptied at Veolia. We also learnt about the importance of re-using items rather than throwing them away. In Singapore, Veolia are trialing a zero emissions collection vehicle. It is a bike with a bucket on the back.
Coastal Young Voices Choir Ticket Sales
On Friday children in the Coastal Young Voices Choir should have received a parent update including details for the concert night and how to purchase a ticket. I urge all parents to come to the concert as the sound of a massed choir is quite magnificent. Tickets are $10 each and can be purchased from the school office by Friday please, cash only. Each participant is allocated 2 tickets for purchase by family members. Participants do not need a ticket. Unpurchased tickets will be offered for sale to participants families on a first in first served basis.

Prep Carn Pizza and Fruit Salad Day

Prep Carn enjoyed working in the canteen to make pizzas. We got to design our own pizza first with a drawing and then we took our drawing to the canteen and made our very own pizza. They looked good, smelt delicious and tasted yummy!!! Thank you to Mrs Myers, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Gaby for helping us. We would not have been able to enjoy a lunch day like this without them!!!
School Banking
Congratulations to the following students who have received a bronze school banking certificate for their great efforts in making 10 deposits: Lewis Huett, Addison Alexander, Jake Hingston and Ella Alexander.

Congratulations to the following students who have received a silver school banking certificate for their fantastic efforts in making 20 deposits: Keelan Billing, Ari Lawes, Max Whyte, Fynn Grey, Isabelle Scott, Ow-Anne Rush, Wade Astell, Luka Bugeja, Wyatt Rush, Codi Billing, Mikayla Goss, Mia Atkinson and Ryan Timmerman.

Footy Colours Day - Reminder
On Friday 25 September the Student Council will be holding a Footy Colours Day. Students are invited to dress up in their favourite team’s football gear/colours for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will be given to The Fight Cancer Foundation. This foundation is dedicated to providing care, treatment and support to people with leukaemia and other blood cancers. It’s a fun and easy way to raise much-needed money for kids fighting cancer.

There will also be a canteen special food day, with pies or saveloys being available for $2.20 each. These need to be prepaid and pre-ordered by Friday 18 September. Snacks and drinks will be available but please note that no other food from the normal menu will be available on this day. Order forms were sent home last week. Our Sports Leaders will also be running some fun football related activities throughout the day.

Yearbook Photos – We are still missing photos from the following teams: U6 Brown, U10, and Open 6 Yellow, 5/6 Netball Magic, any basketball teams. A reminder if you wish team photos to be in the yearbook, they must be sent to the office by 25 September. Thanks

Class | At the pool | Leave N.S.P.S
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Session 1 | P/1 Somers | 9:15am | 9:55am
Session 2 | Prep Carn | 9:55am | 10:30am
Session 3 | P/1 Ruffels | 10:30am | 11:05am
Session 4 | 1/2 Chilcott/Evans & 2 Mitchell/Allison | 11:05am | 11:45am
Session 5 | 1/2 Rippon & 2 Mitchell/Allison | 11:45am | 12:25pm

Yearbook - Reminder
Yearbooks are available for pre-order for $17 each. Please complete the order form that was attached to last week’s newsletter and return with the correct money to the office. Spare order forms are also available from the office.

Book Club - Reminder
All book club orders and payments are due no later than this Friday 11 September. Thank you.

All Girls Auskick Clinics
Come and join the WAFL women’s Magpies team for an all girls Football clinic on Tuesday 8th, 15th and 22nd of September at Byard Park (3.30 - 4.30). For further information contact Danielle Dunstone on 64 244542 or dunstonedanielle@gmail.com

Devonport Soccer
Congratulations to all the soccer players who played in the DJSI Representative and Development teams in the WASSA tournament. Some excellent results, the Under 12 Girls team came 2nd and the Under 12 Boys 1st. Congratulations!

Disclaimer: Parents should note that advertisements for educational services, companies, activities or similar events are published as ‘community service’. Miandetta Primary School is in no way liable for the quality, supervision or integrity of the provider and strongly suggests that parents make their own enquiries before engaging with the advertised event.
Attendance

One of the most important factors for success at school is regular every day attendance at school. Students who attend school regularly perform and achieve much better than those who miss school.

**Must I send my child every day?** YES. You should send your child to school every day. A small number of absences may be justified if your child: has to go to a special religious ceremony, is required to attend to a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral) or is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.

**Why is regular attendance at school important?** Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children. If your child doesn’t learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

**Why is arriving at school on time important?** Arriving at school and class on time:
- ensures that your child doesn’t miss out on the important learning activities scheduled early in the day when they are most alert
- helps your child to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- gives your child time to greet their friends before class and therefore
- reduces the opportunity for classroom disruption.
- Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence

**Do not keep your child away from school for the following:** birthdays, shopping, minding other children, routine check-ups or care such as haircuts, minor family events, sleeping in. Medical and other health appointments for your child should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

**What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?** If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for your child’s absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:
- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school,
- or visit the school.

All absences must be explained to the school. The principal of the school has the right to question parents’ or carers’ requests for their child to be absent from school. The principal may also question any explanation given for a child’s absence from school. Please note that if you do not inform the school of why your child was absent or there is a very large number of absences letters detailing the absences and asking for satisfactory explanation will be sent to you.

**My child won’t go to school. What should I do?** You should contact the Mrs Beard, Mrs Allen or Miss Evans as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help.
Do you have problems with getting your child to school, for some of the following reasons?

• won’t get out of bed
• won’t go to bed
• can’t find their clothes, books, homework, school bag...
• school lunches not ready
• slow to eat breakfast
• homework not done
• watching television late at night or when they should be getting ready for school
• test or presentation at school
• birthdays
• screaming and not letting go of you.

Here are some suggestions which are based on setting regular routines:

• Have a set time to be out of bed
• Have a set time to go to bed
• Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
• Make lunches the night before
• Have a set time for starting / ending breakfast. A routine is important.
• Set time for daily homework activities
• Turn the television on for a set time and only if appropriate
• Be firm, children must go to school
• Provide lots of positive encouragement
• Be firm, a birthday is not a holiday
• Time arrival at school to coincide with bell time and leave quickly. If arranged with the teacher beforehand, place your child’s hand into that of the teacher and then leave.

Class Achievers

Theo Barker          Morgan Brownlow          Tahlia Heald
Max Whyte            Mitchell Davey           James Newman
Izabella Wharmby      Georgia Smith           Nicole Ling
Oliver Fittkau       Ella-Lee Wallwork-Johnstone Aiden Ashdown
Oscar Connell        Tylah Dyke               Conner Johnstone
Koby Mus             Hudson maubey            Piper Smith
Simon Beck           Liam Amos                Reid Gillies
Ace St Claire        Angel Edwards            Fynn Smith
Scott Ganderton      Ruby Brett               Wyatt Jones
Samuel Sheahan       Sophie Smith             Danny St Claire
Josiah Zwerver       Jordan Rawson            Joe Kunta
Toni Hazeldene       Luke Franey              Jessica Wright
Joshua Chilcott      Ashton Smith             Mikayla Goss
Addison Carroll      Emma Connors             Joel Hazeldene
Nikki Howard

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