

DATES TO REMEMBER

Student Convention
October 1 – October 4

WANTED

We are looking for a small bookshelf suitable for one of our classrooms. Please see Rebecca in the office if you can help. Thanks.

TERM DATES 2012

Term 3 July 24 - Oct 5

Term 4 Oct 23 - Dec 19

TERM DATES 2013

Term 1 Feb 12 - Apr 19

Term 2 May 7 - July 5

Term 3 July 23 - Sep 27

Term 4 Oct 15 - Dec 18

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Don’t be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can’t cross a chasm in two small jumps.”

- David Lloyd George

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Lachlan Walker – August 4

PRAYER CORNER

~ Praise God for the little patches of warm sunshine we have been enjoying this week and for the beautiful spring bulbs that are slowly but surely poking their heads up.

~ Pray for students and teachers as they prepare, plan and practice, practice, practice for Student Convention.

~ Pray that God would bless each member of the school – parents, teachers, students and staff.

FAMILY PRAYER LIST

~ Jewell
~ Jordan
~ Jordan
~ Kaine
~ Kirwood

COMING TO SCHOOL & BEING ON TIME

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time. It sounds simple but it is true. When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, they often miss important interactions with their peers, which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

It is now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of 20 years ago such as family birthdays or being tired from watching too much late TV. It is hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year. This adds up to a years schooling over the school-life of a child!

Missing a few minutes of school each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realize if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive part of the day. When children arrive late and take time to settle, valuable learning time is lost.

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

- Michael Grose, Insights Parenting Educator

SOUTH PACIFIC STUDENT CONVENTION

This is to inform all parents and students who had indicated their intentions to go to Fiji for this year's SPAC, that due to low numbers we have been unable to make up a viable group to proceed with this trip. It has been a difficult decision to make and we have looked at all of our options, however we believe this to be the best one at this time. Please note that we do intend to take a group on the next SPAC in 2014, wherever that may be within the South Pacific region!!

PIE DRIVE

The P&F Pie Drive is on again. The pies are fantastic and delicious as anyone who has enjoyed them before will tell you. So gather as many orders as you can from family and friends and return your order form and money to school by Wednesday, August 22. Thanks for all your support.

BOOK CLUB REMINDER

Please have all book club orders and money to school by tomorrow, Friday, August 3! Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.



KINDER REPORT

We have learnt that tiger reads “t,t,t”. We loved having a tiny teddy picnic and made a big “T” and a little “t” with our tiny teddies. Mrs. McConnell showed us some special photos of her trip to Africa and told us about some children who only have one decent meal a week. We know we need to give thanks to God every day for the blessings we enjoy here in Australia.



PREP REPORT

We have enjoyed doing lots of “sh” activities this week in our literacy lessons. We talked about ships and drew pictures of the Spirit of Tasmania. On the deck, we spread out lots of shells and looked at the different colours, shapes and textures. We made a long line of shells from one end of the deck to the other and we also used the shells to make “sh” words. Our Convention preparation is going well and we are learning poems and scripture, finishing off craft work, singing in the choir and playing bells in the instrumental group!



GRADE 1&2

Lots of things have been happening this week. We are learning about the Olympic Games. We watched some of the torch relay on the TV. It was so cool! We started writing letters to some of the athletes. We are still doing the Tasmanian Premier’s Reading Challenge and are now participating in the Prime Minister’s Olympic Challenge, which encourages us to get outside and be more active!

Student of the Week

Maddy Payne – for being helpful

MOVE WELL, EAT WELL

The next criteria we are working towards is ‘Plant Fruit & Veg in Your Lunch Box’. To help us with this, we are giving students extra merits when they bring along some fruit or vegetables to eat. For example, an apple is worth one merit, and apple, orange and a salad is worth three merits etc. Please help your children choose healthy snacks like fruit and veg! Also, if you find that you have an over abundance of fruit or veggies, you are most welcome to donate them to the school to share. Thank you.

DRAMA AWARD

Krystallee Lamont – for an AMAZING character voice in her gold rush play

Amber Brosnan – for giving 100% in everything she does

GRADE 7&8

Student of the Week

Ryleigh Forward – for settling in well and having a great work ethic

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Morgan Derham is our Aussie of the Month for June for his outstanding effort at the Apex Art Competition during the Choc Winter Fest. His was awarded the overall student prize! Well done Morgan.



DROP IN CLINIC

What Child Development Drop In Clinic

Time 1:30 – 3:00pm

When October 4 or November 1

Where Meeting Room 1
Devonport Community & Health Services Centre
No appointments required.

COMBINED YOUTH RALLY

Latrobe Baptist Church will be holding a Youth Rally on Sunday, August 12 at 5pm followed by a light meal for all who would like to attend. For more details phone 6427 0006.

ALL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Just a reminder that we hold our full school assembly every Wednesday morning. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. Awards are given, there is a message from the Principal and groups or individual students perform something from their music or drama class. Its well worth attending if you are able. 9:00 - 9:30am each Wednesday.

GRADE 5&6 ICE CREAM DAY

Grade 5&6 are holding an ice cream day next Friday, August 10, 2012 for Samaritan’s Purse. It will be a cost of \$1 for an ice cream in a cone with a choice of three toppings.

