**Dates for your diary...**

16 December  
Grade 6 Dinner in the Hall, 6.00 for 6.30 pm.

19 December  
Last day of term for students. School will finish at 2 pm.

20 December  
Last day for staff.

29, 30, 31 January  
Levy Payment Days, Stationery collection and uniform sales. EFTPOS available.

5 February  
School resumes for 2014.

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**Presentation Evening**

It was an absolute pleasure to attend our 2013 Presentation Evening last night. The new format proved to be very successful. We were able to provide opportunities for student performances as well as acknowledging award recipients and recognising our Grade 6 leavers. They are outstanding representatives of our school. We will miss them next year but wish them all the best for high school and the next stage in their education.

I would also like very much to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge all of the splendid efforts made by our staff and students in working so hard to prepare for last night. Last night was the culmination of many hours of hard work by all involved. Special mention to Mary Walsh, Mike Walsh, Kim Lord, Anne and Stuart Harvey and Ian Howard for the great sound. Sally Byard for her enthusiastic organisation of certificates, vouchers and invited guests, Claire Badcock, Cheryl Bussey, Jo Puccetti and Karen Lehman for their help. Many thanks to the many donors of awards, your support is much appreciated. Finally I would like to congratulate all of the deserving prize recipients and to thank our very talented MC’s—Rebecca Hyatt, Jesse Elmer and Lucas Bakes.

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**Staffing**

We have nearly finalised our staffing and classes for next year and we will inform parents of class placements this week.

We received notification that we will have a new Acting Principal for 2014, Ms Jeanagh Viney, a substantive Principal from Bicheno Primary. I will resume my role as AST and Mrs Harvey will take on the other leadership role for Term 1. We will be welcoming back Mrs Sherriff and Mrs Youd who will both be working 2 days each week.

Mrs Gale has been transferred to Waverley Primary next year. We welcome Mrs Ann Kleinig to our staff to replace her. I would also like to acknowledge Mr Colman and Mr Heyward who are retiring from our school. Many thanks to all three for their valuable work over many years.

Mr Colman will be replaced by Mr Ian McKenzie and Mr Heyward’s position will be advertised early next year via www.jobs.tas.gov.au. Miss Barber will be leaving us and will be getting married in 2014. We wish them all well in their new endeavours.

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**Staff for 2014 (as at 10/12/13)**

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Mrs Walsh will teach music and Mr Ellis will teach physical education.

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**Gold Card Morning Tea**

This morning we held the first of 2 special morning teas for our Gold Card recipients and SRC. We had 36 students attend and the remaining 51 will attend on Friday. Congratulations to all students who have been Gold Card recipients this year and thanks to SRC for their leadership.

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**Reports**

Reports will be sent home with students on Friday with attendance data, information brochures and class placements.

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**Early Departure on last day**

School will finish at 2 pm on the last day, next Thursday 19th December. Buses will transport students home at this time.

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**Celebrating Children Assembly**

The final one for the year is for Kinder children tomorrow, Thursday 12th starting at 2.00 pm.

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**DHS Band Performance**

Tomorrow students from Grades 2/3—6 will be going to Deloraine High School for a band performance from 1.30—3.00 pm.
Congratulations to the following students who have received Gold cards during the past week:

PS—Alex
2C— Olivia, Tegan, Nakiya & Thomas
2-3G— Maia, Lyon & Nikki
5W— Shane, Rebekah, Seth & Mia
6A— Noah, Jonathan & Beth

Second hand uniforms—Please bring in to the Office any second hand uniforms you would like to sell or donate to the school.

Lost Property—Please check the lost property basket as items not collected by the end of term will be donated to charity.

DPS Swimming Pool
Please note the pool will be closed from 23rd—29th December.
Next hire period will be the 5 weeks over the holidays from 30/12/2013—2/2/2014. $120 for private hour booking, $65 for lap swimmers. Please contact the school office or Karen Lehman on 0499 499 913 to arrange your booking before school finishes.

Deloraine House Holiday Sessions
On Wednesday, January 22nd and 29th 2014 from 11 am to 2 pm there will be school holiday sessions for kids and parents at the Deloraine Community Garden, making your own herb garden or worm farm. To book phone 63622678.

Meander Valley School Holiday Program—Copies available from the DPS Office.

School Association
Last Wednesday the School Association AGM was held. The new position holders are:

Chairperson: Suzanne Walters
Vice Chairperson: Melissa Sherriff
Treasurer: Kristen Bennett
Secretary: Fiona Gleeson
Parent Reps: Phillipa Neate, Alana Atkins & Alicia Boxhall

Congratulations to all the new position holders and a big thank you to all the outgoing committee.

A casual parent position has become available for a one year term because of a resignation. We will advertise this early next year. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, 19th February, 3.15 pm in the Library.

Aussie of the Month
Congratulations to Jessica from 5-6C who is our Aussie of the Month for October.

Please note: School will finish at 2 pm on the last day. Buses will transport students home at this time.

Thank you
I would just like to thank staff, students, parents and members of the community for their heartfelt messages and help during these difficult times. I am so grateful to have the support of so many wonderful people.

Thank you. Mrs Katie Kettle

Report Cards
Reminder—Reports will be sent home on Friday.
P-5 Awards

Greg Hall Award—"Citizenship & Community Service" - **Connor Sydes**
Apex Endeavour & Persistence Award—**Jaiden Gleeson, Tamara Maroney**
Grade 3—Freda Cubit Award—**Abbey Beck**
Cresswell Award—"Academic Achievement" - **Hannah Walters**
Cresswell Award—"Sporting Achievement" - **Georgie Bennett**
Westwood’s Award—"Respect & Responsibility" - **Chloe Woodhall**
Bowen Family Award "Mateship, Acceptance & Understanding" - **Laiden Bloomfield, Cody Franks**
Minister for Education & Skills' “Global Citizen Award” - **Rebecca Hyatt, Rose Shepherd**
Use of Technology Award (donated by Mr & Mrs L Walters) - **Cameron Steer**
Music Award (donated by Deloraine Rotary) - **Ruby Howard**

Principal’s Awards

**Courtney Bester**—For Persistence, Perseverance and School Spirit (donated by Meander Valley Council)
**Tegan Johnson**—For Persistence, Perseverance and School Spirit (donated by Mr E Hutchinson)
**Ned Looby**—For Academic Achievement (donated by Deloraine Upholstery)
**Otis Looby**—For Academic Achievement (donated by Birchalls)
**Marilene van der Lek**—For Academic Achievement (donated by Spotless Group Ltd)
**Danika McCabe**—For Academic Achievement (donated by Senator Carol Brown)
**Chenoa Cunningham**—For Academic Achievement (donated by Mr R Hidding)
**Aimee Viney**—For Academic Achievement (donated by Evans Building)
**Cody Berne**—For the love of learning (donated by Birchalls)
**Kayley Boxhall**—For Endeavour (donated by Spotless Group Ltd)
**Seth Squires**—For Outstanding Art work (Book donated by Hon D Llewellyn)
**Qinwan Mahmood**—For consistently demonstrating respect and responsibility, good sportsmanship and exemplary attitude to learning (donated by Deloraine Primary School)

Grade 6 Awards

2013 Lions Club “Young Citizen Award” - **Karlee Evans, Gyniah Taylor**
Ricoh Award—"Academic Achievement & Application Award" - **Genevieve Best, Jessica Wasserfall**
PSST Award—“Excellence in Sport & Sportmanship” - **Joshua Commins, Matilda Page**
Lynne Watson "Care and Share" Award—**Fayth Drury, Kayla Walters**
Use of Technology Award (donated by Mr & Mrs L Walters) - **Andrew Carr**
Music Award (donated by Spotless Group Ltd) - **Jessica Wasserfall**
Ms GB Award for Personal Achievement—**Rochelle Peck**
Cole Family Award for Persistence, Perseverance & School Spirit—**Latara Mountney**

Principal’s Awards

**Georgia Enright**—For consistently displaying our school and department values (donated by Mr R Hidding)
**Matilda Page**—For Persistence, Perseverance & School Spirit (donated by Mr R Hidding)
**Tristan Webb**—Most improved student (donated by Mr M Polley)
**Jonathan Bradbury**—For displaying respect, responsibility and enthusiasm in all areas of school life (donated by Deloraine Upholstery)
**Karlee Evans**—For displaying respect, responsibility and enthusiasm in all areas of school life (donated by the Rotary Club of Deloraine)
**Nykara Simpson**—For ongoing contributions to Deloraine Primary School (donated by Mr M Shelton)
**Andrew Shield**—For outstanding art work (donated by Ms R White)
**Oscar Reeve-Palmer**—For outstanding leadership and application to all areas of school life (donated by the Rotary Club of Deloraine)
**Melissa Kirby**—For being co-operative, friendly and supportive of others (donated by Rotary Club of Deloraine)
**Declan Kearns**—For Australian Curriculum—Maths (donated by Mr E Hutchinson)
**Genevieve Best**—For Australian Curriculum—English (donated by Meander Valley Council)
**Ben Walker**—For Australian Curriculum—Science (donated by Rotary Club of Deloraine)