**Dates for your diary...**

- **23 September**  Morning Tea for Gold card recipients.
- **23-27 September**  Footsteps Dance Program.
- **26 September**  Footsteps Social
- **27 September**  Last day of Term 3.

**NAPLAN STUDENT Reports**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) reports for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 were due to be sent home during this week have been delayed.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has identified an error in the reporting format for Years 5 and 7. This has required the reprinting of Year 5 and 7 student reports with a consequent delay in distribution of all student reports (including Years 3 and 9, which contain no errors).

ACARA apologises for the delay and we will provide advice to you when we have confirmed the date for the distribution of reports.

Your child’s report will show national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their particular year group, and in comparison to the national average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9 the 2013 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since the 2011 NAPLAN testing.

**Gold Cards**

We have had a large number of students who have been recognised as exceeding the School wide expectations. They are:

- **6A** – Gyniah, Oscar, Josh Rochelle
- **5W** – Tegan
- **3-4G** – MacKenzie, Grace, Abbey & Taneke
- **2-3G** – Blake, Elina, Chloe & Montana.

Well done to you all. I look forward to sharing morning tea with you next Monday.

**Staffing Term 4**

We have been advised that Mr Fraser will not be returning for term 4. I will be continuing in the position of Acting Principal and the AST roles will be filled by Mrs Harvey 0.6, Mrs Gleeson 0.2 and Mrs Kettle 0.2. Mrs Walsh will be working with 4K on Tuesdays in addition to her music/arts role. We are yet to fill Mrs Harvey’s position. Mrs Hall will be taking maternity leave and she will be replaced by Mrs Page. We wish Mrs Hall well. Mrs Sherriff and Mrs Youd will be returning in a small capacity to complete the programs established under the Investing in our Focus Schools funding.

**Up-coming events**

We have just 7 school days left this term and they are going to be extremely busy. We have our Footsteps program beginning Monday and running for the whole week, and this includes a disco on Thursday evening. Prep -2 children will attend from 5.00-6.00 and the children from Grades 3-6 will attend from 6.00-7.30. Please ensure that children are dropped off as close to the starting time as possible and collected promptly at the end. Parents and carers should collect children from the door. A gold coin donation will assist with payment for the program.

Kym Lardner will conduct story telling sessions on Wednesday morning & Mr Ellis and the Aussie Sports Leaders will conduct a footy day on Friday. More info will follow.

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**Website:** [http://www.deloraineprimary.tased.edu.au](http://www.deloraineprimary.tased.edu.au)
Congratulations to the following students who have received Gold Cards this week:

6A—Gyniah, Oscar, Josh & Rochelle
5W—Tegan
3/4G—Mackenzie, Grace, Abbey & Taneke
2/3G—Blake, Elina, Chloe & Montana

Devonport All Schools Basketball Championships

Grade 5/6 boys team and Grade 3/4 boys team played really well and only lost one game each. Well done boys.

Assembly - Our final assembly for this term will be held on Thursday at 2.00 pm. The SRC will be leading the assembly and Grade 2-3G will be performing. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Bendigo School Banking—Reminder - application forms are available from the DPS office if you would like to start an account.

Placing Native Shrubs

Canteen Special—Monday, 23rd September
Homemade Nachos topped with meat, cheese and sour cream. $3.

Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra will be visiting Westbury Town Hall this Saturday at 2 pm. For more information phone Stephen on 0429 795 979.

Soccer School Holiday Clinics—3 & 4 October at Mitsubishi Park, Prospect. More information available from DPS office or phone Kurt on 0457 360 483.

Basketball Under 10 Development Day—Monday, 30th September, 9.30—4.30 pm at Elphin Sports Centre. $50. More information available from DPS Office or phone Ben on 0498 228 326.

Meander Valley School Holiday Program 2013

Monday, 7th October—Weave the Wind Project—Westbury Community Garden from 9.30 until 3.00 pm. Making wind-breaks for fences around the Community Garden and painting tyres. Lunch and morning tea provided.

Thursday, 10th October—Movement to Music, song and dance at Deloraine Little Theatre. Morning tea and lunch provided. Phone Kylie to book or for more info on 0400 780 189.
Prep King have been exploring fairy tales in English and materials in Science. Last week we made the three pigs’ houses of straw, wood (icy-pole sticks) and bricks (duplo). The children made predictions about which houses would withstand the huffing and puffing of the big bad wolf (a blast of a fan on high speed) before testing their constructions. It was a day of fun and learning.

Beaconsfield Mine Excursion

On Thursday 12th September, 6AS and 3/4 Gale went to Beaconsfield Mine and Heritage Centre. We had a tour of the Museum and found some “Fools Gold”.

Everyone had fun.

Rochelle & Abbie

Footsteps Dance Program

23—27th September

The “Disco” is run by Footsteps. It will be on Thursday, 26th September.

Prep—Grade 2  5—6 pm
Grade 3—Grade 6  6—7.30 pm

Parents welcome.

Town Bus

The D.I.E.R. has finally fitted the electronic card reader to the Town Bus. This means that all passengers will need to tap their green card on the card reader as they enter the bus.

All green card holders, paying and non-paying, are encouraged to use the bus regularly to ensure its viability and continued service on the town.
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