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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

With this being the final newsletter for 2013 I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support of our school. We very much appreciate the help of those who are able to come into the school regularly to hear children read and those who help out with transport.

Our special thanks to Doris Bleby and Julia Whennen who come in to the school each week to support a number of our students with their learning. Their knowledge and skills as retired teachers are very much appreciated.

Thankyou to the staff who have worked so well together to provide a safe and caring environment in which students are supported to achieve their learning goals. We wish you all an enjoyable holiday and look forward to working with you again in 2014.

Anne-Marie

CONCERT/PRESENTATION

Monday night was a night of celebration for our students, staff and families.

Congratulations to everyone on your performance at the concert.

The student leaders for 2014 were presented with their badges. Congratulations to Jack Muhovics and Karla Lambert who were elected by their peers to represent the students as their leaders.

We farewelled our year 7s and wished them all the best for their future learning at high school.

We also farewelled several families. Thankyou to the Hampton, Sorrell and Sandow families for the contribution you have made to our school.

Special congratulations to the following students who received individual awards:

- Academic Achievement – Cheyenne Robbins
- Quiet Achiever – Adam Sandow
- The Arts – Cheyenne Robbins
- Rotary Award – Kasey Lansdowne

STAFFING 2014

After reviewing class sizes for next year the Governing Council has supported a recommendation to fund a fourth class in 2014. This will allow small classes and we believe, give students optimum learning opportunities.
Classes for next year are as follows:
Preschool – Karmel Finch
R/1 – Kelsey Bromley
2/3 – to be advised
4/5 – Elizabeth Stuckey
6/7 – Lisa Scott

Raelene Wallis will be in the R/1 class one day a week and also cover junior primary and Pre-school NIT.
Congratulations to Lyn Houlihan who has won the Australian Curriculum Facilitator position for 2014. This is a 0.5 role and Lyn will also work in the 6/7 class one day a week and cover NIT in the 4/5 class.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

As part of our assessment and reporting process end of year reports were sent home yesterday.
If you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.

BOOK COLLECTION

Book collection day for 2014 will be on Thursday 23rd January between 10.00am and 2.00pm.
Invoices for Materials and Services charges for 2014 are being sent home today.
Could any outstanding fees for this year please be paid before the end of term.

MUSIC LESSONS 2014

Lee Leake and Nathan McDuff will continue to conduct music lessons in the school in 2014. Lee is willing to teach violin, viola, cello, piano ($25 per lesson) as well as singing and keyboard ($15 per lesson). While Nathan will take drum lessons ($15 per lesson). The school’s keyboard is available for piano lessons while the violin, viola and cello are available for hire through the Millicent High School. Nathan provides the drum kit for lessons.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MILICENT JUNIOR BASKETBALL NEXT SEASON
Register before school returns after Christmas
Junior Basketball (under 12, 14 & 16’s) or under 10’s (7-10 year olds)

MILICENT JUNIOR BASKETBALL
The next season of Junior Basketball registrations are to be lodged on or before Saturday 25th January 2014.
Intending under 12, 14 and 16 boys and girls can obtain forms from the Basketball website www.millicent.basketball.net.au and register at Denton Sports any time before due date. The 1st round of the season is played on Friday 31st January 2014. Under 12’s and 14’s play Friday’s and under 16’s play on Monday’s.

UNDER 10 SPORTSPOWER BASKETBALL IN MILICENT
Under 10’s Basketball registrations for boys and girls who wish to participate in under 10 basketball must be lodged at Denton Sports Millicent or the Basketball website www.millicent.basketball.net.au and must be returned no later than Saturday 8th February 2014. Season starts Thursday 27th February 2014. Under 10 Basketball is all about participation learning new skills and improving understanding and coordination while having fun and playing in game situations. To participate in under 10 Basketball intending players must be either turning 7 years old or 10 years old or under.

If you have any questions about Junior Basketball or under 10 Basketball please don’t hesitate to call Peter Seebohm 0438388073 or email jenpete@adam.com.au
BEACHPORT VACSWIM

The annual swimming programme for school aged children will run from Thursday 2nd to Thursday 9th January (including Sat 4th January) at the Rotunda beach in Beachport. Please note that Beachport dates are different to other centres.
LOCATION ENROLMENTS WILL ONLY BE HELD ON SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER FROM 9AM-10AM
Online enrolments are now open at www.vacswimsa.com.au
For further information you can ring the Vacswim office on 82002525 or Julie on 0438 358 400

THE MBCA INVITES YOU TO THE CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY-FRIDAY DECEMBER 20

Festivities from 6pm-9pm
Market stalls, food stalls, church choirs, amusements, late night shopping and more!
Fun for the whole family!
Santa’s Cave Opening Times.
Visit Santa at 69 George Street (next to Gino’s Pizza) and have your photo taken with him during the following times:
Wednesday December 18, 3pm-5pm
Thursday December 19, 10.00am-12 noon
Friday December 20, 6pm-9pm