From the Principal

Last week we received a visit from Mr Jeremy Rockliff, Minister for Education. He was visiting a number of schools in the north to meet staff and students. He was very impressed with our students as we moved around all classrooms and showed him recent developments at our school. After the tour, Danny Taylor (School Association chair) and I had the opportunity to share with the Minister the strengths of our great school and also some of the challenges we face as a school community. The Minister was very receptive and we appreciated the opportunity to discuss issues with him in person.

On Wednesday, all Prep, Gr 1 and Gr 2 students will be participating in a Meander Valley Fun Day at Deloraine Primary School. Our students will join with those from Meander, Mole Creek, Deloraine and Hagley Primary Schools for a day of games and fun activities. The bus will depart from school at 9.20am.

Our final excursion for the week is on Friday when Mrs Riley and Mrs Rixon will be leading an excursion to Brickendon for all our Early Years students.

Next week on Wednesday, we will be holding a Band Celebration assembly. This will be an opportunity for all band members to demonstrate the huge progress they have made this year with Ms Borton. The assembly will start at 11.30. All parents/carers are welcome to join us in the GP hall.

Due to the recent staffing cutbacks and unconfirmed families moving into and leaving our school zone, I am unable to confirm our class structure for 2015 at this stage. As soon as our staffing and numbers are established, I will inform parents / carers of the class structure.

Marcus Cramp

STOP WORK ACTION

Dear parents

As a result of the Stop Work Action scheduled for this Thursday, the Minister for Education and Training has announced that all schools will close for the entire day on Thursday 27 November 2014. This decision was made in the best interest of student safety.

The Minister has deemed that the time from 10.30 am to the end of the school day should be used for professional learning. To compensate for this, schools will have one less professional learning day in 2015 and therefore there will be one additional student attendance day as a result of this.

As such, please do not send your children to school on Thursday 27 November. School will re-open as normal on Friday 28 November.

I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause; however, this decision was made in the best interests of student safety.

Colin Petit
Secretary of Department of Education

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Marcus Cramp A/Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

**November**
- Wednesday 26: K-2 @ Fun Day @ DPS
- Thursday 27: Schools Triathlon

**December**
- Monday 1: Volunteers Morning Tea
- Wednesday 3: Band Celebration Assembly 11.30am
- Thursday 4: Assembly Gr 2-3 12.10pm
- Friday 5: Christmas Celebration
- Wednesday 10: School Picnic
- Thursday 11: Presentation Evening
- Wednesday 17: Grade 6 Day
- Thursday 18: Last day for students

MERIT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificates at our last Assembly:

Riley Lockhart, Gypsy Lewis, Cherry Schonefeld, Jonty Triffitt, Solomon Piercey, Tyrell Wall-Holmes, Courtney Winzar, Mary Hepburn, Nathan Burn, Jemma Visser, Jordan Moss, Maddison Walsh, Sarah Gelston, Zannon Foskett, Danielle Laugher, Sam Willshire, Sarah Wilson, Mackenzie Webster, Quin Annesley, Archie Peck-McKinnon

**BRONZE STAR CERTIFICATE**
These students have achieved 50 stars this week for following our school expectations:
- Lachlan Brown
- Gus Perkins
- Layla Shepheard

RETURNING OF LIBRARY BOOKS
It is that time of year where all Library books need to be returned. Please have a good look at home and in your classroom and return to the Library ASAP.

There is no borrowing for students from the end of November.

Thanks for your help with this matter.
Mrs Walker
Library

Last week the Deloraine Gems U7 soccer team were recognized at the Examiner Junior sports awards at the casino. The team was selected from over 50 entries as one of 14 finalists.

Congratulations to Solomon Piercey and Jake Rushton who are in the team for this wonderful achievement.

Well done Boys.

Over the next few weeks we will be completing some Phonological Awareness screening with the students from K-1. We will be looking at students early literacy skills including their sound awareness.

If you have any questions please see Robyn Williams Speech and Language Pathologist or Cheryl Broomhall Support Teacher.

**TRIATHLON NEWS**
The school has been informed this morning that teachers cannot travel to the triathlon on Thursday as they are required to participate in professional learning on student free days. The triathlon is still on BUT parents will be required to transport their children to the race if they still wish to compete.

If you plan to do so, please contact me at school tomorrow so I can give you student race numbers and further information. If you are able to transport more than just your own child I’m sure that would be of great assistance to other parents.

Despite the change in circumstances, I hope we can still get as many students as possible to the race.
**Kindergarten Enrolments 2015**

Do you have a child who turns four this year?

Did you know they will be Kinder age for 2015

Please bring your child along to join us at Pre-Kinder on a Friday morning 9am—11am to enjoy wonderful experiences which will help their development and readiness for “big school”. A tiny investment now, will give your child the best possible start towards their future schooling.

**Lions Recycle for Sight Australia**

Glasses can be left in the box at the office of Westbury Primary School until 5 December when they will be collected.

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

If you have an item to submit for the newsletter, please forward to the office no later than Friday 3 pm.