Principals Report
Another school year has passed! It seems no time since the start of the year when your children started school in a new class. Our transition sessions have finished and the students have met their new teacher and classmates, already for 2014 and another year of learning. At the end of the 2013 school year we have a few families leaving the school. Some of these families have had a long history with Mt Duneed RPS as they have watched each of their children go through the school. I would like to extend our thanks for their support and the positive partnership that they have forged with the school. On behalf of the school community, I wish the Pilgrim, Ballard, Henderson, Arts, Godwill, Bull, Norderbroek, Thorburn, Romeyn, Frencham, Russell Molloy and Anstee families good luck.

Staffing
Next year we will welcome another new teacher to our school community. Miss Phoebe Coulson will be teaching the 3/4 students in the Senior Learning Community. Sadly three staff are leaving the school at the end of the year, Robyn Warwick, Krisanya Caulfield and Tim Anderson. On behalf of the school community I want to thank them for their care, support and professionalism. I wish them all the best for the future.

Staffing for 2014:
- Prep Unit
  - Georgina Grace - teacher
  - Anna Crawford - teacher
  - Val Kent - teacher
  - Carleen Grant - teacher
  - Lauren Kavenagh - teacher
  - Melissa Craig - Integration Aide 1/2L
- 3 – 6 Unit
  - Judy Mitchell – Year 3/4 teacher
  - Phoebe Coulson – Year 3/4 teacher
  - Sonja Ballard – Year 4/5 teacher
  - Adam Lavars - Year 5/6 teacher
  - Debra Miller – Integration Aide 5/6L
  - Kelly Stewart – Integration Aide 3/4M
  - Tracey Blunt - Integration Aide 3/4C

Specialists
- Casey Burrill – Art / Music teacher
- TBA – PE teacher
- Carrie Rowe – LOTE Japanese and Teaching and Learning Coach
- Sue Hartnett – Reading Recovery teacher

Office
- Julie Makin – Principal
- Jo Turnbull – Business Manager
- Barb Luehman – Administration Officer

Winchelsea Swimming Pool season pass
I have been given a season Family Pass for the Winchelsea Swimming Pool. If you think that your family would use it often, then give the office your name by Thursday 1:30pm and I will draw it out of a hat at assembly on Thursday.

Thank you everyone for your support of the Mt Duneed staff and we will see you next year when ALL students start on Thursday January 30th.

Best wishes for a lovely holiday and Merry Christmas.

Julie Makin

EVENT CALENDAR

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END OF TERM
Don’t forget Thursday, 19th December is the last day of term 4 2013. Children will be dismissed at 3.30pm. The school buses and After School Care will begin at 3.30pm. After School Care will finish at 6.30pm as usual.

- TERM 1 2014 commences for all students on Thursday, 30th January.

To all our families at Mt Duneed Regional Primary School, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Julie Makin
NOTES SENT HOME

Listed below are notes that will be or have been sent home over the last week:
- Netbook Program information - all 2014 yr 3 students.
- Red Cross donation drive - all students

Contact your child’s teacher if you have not received the appropriate notes listed above.

TERM 1 BUS PASSES 2014

2014 Bus passes must be paid for by Friday, 31st January. Term 1 2014 is a 9 week term, therefore it will be $90.00 for each fare paying child.
New 2014 bus passes for fare paying families will be issued once payment has been processed.
All issued bus passes must be attached to school bags to enable children to access the bus to and from school.

SCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICES

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Vacation Care — January 2014
Our Rollins and Newtown Vacation Care Programs will be running from 6th - 28th January 2014. To ensure your child’s place book now by calling 0488662783.
Sessions run from 7:30am until 6:000pm.
Your child will need to have a packed lunch as they would for school. For any further information please visit www.schoolsupportservices.com.au or call our bookings line 0488 662 783.

STUDENT REQUISITES & CONTRIBUTION 2014!

Student Requisites & Contributions sale day #1 is now on Wednesday, 18th December.
Mt Duneed Regional PS now has the BPAY facility as an option for payment. Family statements including the 2014 charges were sent home at the end of last week. If choosing the BPAY option, please do so a couple of days prior to book box pick up and bring a copy of your receipt with you.

NO CREDIT CARD OR EFTPOS FACILITIES.

EMA for 2014
If you are eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2014, please see Jo or Barb at the office. Applications close 28th February 2014.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED
Jo Turnbull – Business Manager

ST WILFRID’S MT DUNEED (local church)
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS SERVICE
6PM Christmas Eve, 24th December.
Christmas Carols, Children Decorate the Crib and the Tree.
Christmas cheer and nibbles to follow.
ALL WELCOME.

BUS TRAVELLERS—TERM 1 2014
Parents please indicate travel requirements of your child / children for Term 1, 2014 in the form below.

Place a tick in the days you require bus travel and return it to the school office by Wednesday, 18th December.
We need to have correct bus lists at the beginning of each term as we have occasions where the bus is delayed whilst we look for children who haven’t been crossed off the bus lists (to find they have gone home with a friend or been picked up from school by family members). Please help us avoid this by letting the office know of any changes to your child’s arrangements.

Bus: — CONNEWARRE / FRESHWATER CREEK (please circle)

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Signed: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

- Please note MDRPS requires all bus travellers to indicate their travel requirements and to have a current bus pass.
- Changes to your child’s bus arrangements can only be made by a signed and dated note or diary entry or a phone call from a parent to the office.
- NO VERBAL MESSAGES FROM CHILDREN REGARDING BUS TRAVEL WILL BE ACCEPTED.