FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of the 2013 school year. It was fantastic to come to school yesterday and see so many familiar faces ready to start. It was great to see so many students wearing the new uniform already.

We welcomed some new staff to our school: Mrs Ransley (AST), Mrs Coogan (Grade 3/4) and Mrs Kershaw (Grade 1/2).

Mrs Morton will not be here for the next two weeks, so Miss Stephanie Becker will be with Grade 1/2M. Miss Christine Vance also joins 1/2M throughout the first half of the year as part of her University training.

If you have not done so already, I would like to encourage you to introduce yourself to your child’s new teacher over the next few weeks. Maintaining a good relationship between home and school is an important component in enabling the best and most productive school experiences for your child. If you have any other concerns or information that you would like to discuss with your child’s teacher, please phone the office to make a time.

Shane Oldfield, Principal

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SOME IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 11 February**
Public Holiday

**Thursday 14 February**
School banking commences

**Wednesday 20 February**
Fundraising Committee Meeting 1:30pm in the staffroom

**Friday 1 March**
Free Dress Day for Easter Raffle

**Thursday 7 March**
LNPs Athletic Carnival – Kangaroo Bay

**Monday 11 March**
Public Holiday

**Monday 18 March**
7pm School Association Meeting

**Friday 22 March**
Div C Athletic Carnival

**Thursday 28 March**
Professional Learning Day – student free

**Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April**
Easter Break (students return Wed 3 April)

**Friday 19 April**
Moderation Day – student free

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ASSEMBLY DATES – Term 1
Tuesdays - 2pm in the hall

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TERM DATES 2013

Term 1 5 February – 19 April
Easter 29 March – 2 April
Term 2 6 May – 5 July
Term 3 22 July – 27 September
Term 4 14 October – 19 December

ROAD SAFETY

Road safety, especially around school zones, requires extra care. Be vigilant when dropping off or picking up your children, obey the traffic signs and please refrain from using those areas immediately outside school entrances as a stopping point.

Please ensure your child crosses at either of the school crossings – not at the street junctions, and especially not at the top of Raminea Road where it meets the East Derwent Highway.

SCHOOL HOURS

Ideally children should arrive at school about 8:40 – 8:50am ready to start classes at 8:55am. Please do not send or deliver your children before 8:30am because there is no supervision and the buildings remain locked until then. Recess is from 10:30am until 10:50am. Classes eat lunch together at 12:15pm before being allowed outside for the lunch time break from 12:30 – 1:10pm. Afternoon classes end at 2:45pm and we ask that all children go home promptly unless there is an organised after-school activity or the child goes to after-school care. The office is open for enquiries from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL

Students are requested to use the external doors closest to their classroom to access the school. For ECE classes, that is the door near the Fort playground or the glass doors near the hall. Primary classes should access the school from Rowitta Road. To meet Occupational Health and Safety regulations, as well as duty of care requirements, we ask that no-one accesses classrooms until teachers are present at 8:30am when the external doors are opened.

SCHOOL LEVIES

Levies for 2013 for each child are as follows:
- Kindergarten $195
- Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 $245
- Grades 3, 4 & 5 (inc Learn to Swim) $270
- Grade 6 $245

A reminder that school levies are now due. Please pay at the office as soon as possible. Eftpos facilities are available.

STUDENT VALIDATION FORMS

Student validation forms are coming home today. Please read the forms carefully and make necessary amendments. Forms should be signed and returned to the school office by Friday 22 February. It is important that we have up-to-date contact details in case of an emergency. Please ensure you also answer the question in relation to excursions. You will need to add any information about emergency contacts as only parent guardians are shown.

NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to have the newsletter emailed, please let the office know your email address.

GUITAR GROUPS

Guitar will be commencing in the next couple of weeks with Louise Goich. Due to the four term year the cost is down to $25 per term. Guitar hire from school remains at $10 per term. Students from Grades 3 – 6 that are wishing to join the guitar group should leave their name at the office. Prompt payment would be appreciated.

UNIFORM POOL

Please note that the Uniform Pool will be open on Tuesday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30am. Payments by cash or cheque only please.

Sandra Bennett, Co-Ordinator

Parent Information Booklets have only been given out to students in Kindergarten. There are additional copies available in the office, should you require one.
APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT ASSISTANCE 2013

The scheme provides assistance for low-income families towards the cost of levies for students enrolled from kindergarten through to senior secondary level. It is available to students attending a Government or registered Non-Government school or college and those students eligible to pay levies at the Tasmanian Academy or the Tasmanian Polytechnic.

The scheme provides assistance to:

- Full-time students from kindergarten to senior secondary level in Government and registered non-Government schools whose parents/guardians meet the income test and have care of the student for a minimum of 50% of the time (as assessed by Centrelink).
- Students who are in "Out of Home Care" through the DHHS, Child and Family Services Section
- Grandparents raising grandchildren
- Some visa holders may be eligible. For further information contact International Services on (03) 6233 7016

Income assessment is applied to parents/guardians of dependent students applying for assistance under the scheme.

Applications are available at the school office and close at the end of Term 2.

Brenda McLarin, SEO

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Here is a quick, easy fundraiser to start the year. To order slip on book covers – No Contact – for all your new books, go to www.ezcover.net.au It is simple – place your order on line, look for Lindisfarne North Primary in the schools list, put ZFA186 in the Promotion Code and pay. Your order will be mailed to you and a percentage sent to school.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NETBALL ROSTER

The STNA runs a primary school roster for children grade 3/4 and 5/6 (girls and boys). Games are played on a Tuesday afternoon at either 4pm or 5pm. The season commences on Tuesday 26th Feb and runs for 8 rounds concluding on 16th April. Training is usually conducted at school during a lunch hour depending on availability of coaches. Cost is $25 per player.

If your child is interested in playing please leave their name at the office by Wednesday 20th February. (New and returning players are welcome). Payment must be made by Monday 25th February. If you are interested in coaching or managing a team please leave your name and contact details at the office. For more information contact Amanda Robertson – 0419714924 or amandaleerobertson@gmail.com

CANTEEN HELPERS REQUIRED

The canteen will be opening three days per week in 2013 – Wednesday to Friday only. We are urgently in need of helpers for the canteen. If you can spare some time to help, even if it is for an hour to help with recess, it would be much appreciated. Please complete the slip below and return it to the office.

The Canteen will be open tomorrow, Thursday 7 February. An updated menu comes home today with your child.

Di Everson, Canteen Supervisor

CANTEEN HELP – RETURN TO OFFICE

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I can help at both lunch and recess    ☐

I can only help at recess    ☐    or lunch    ☐

On ____________________ (day)

Weekly ☐ Fortnightly ☐ Monthly ☐
(tick whichever is appropriate)

Name: ____________________ Ph: __________
STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking will commence in 2013 on Thursday 14 February.

OTHER NOTICES

Soccer Registration 2013
Lindisfarne Soccer Club provides soccer for boys and girls from U/6 to U/12 age groups.
Registration will be:
Saturday 2nd March, 2013. 12-3pm
Lindisfarne Primary in the school hall.
The AGM will take place on this day.
Further information to follow or contact Sally Merritt, Secretary
lindisfarnesoccer@gmail.com

EASTERN REGIONAL SOCCER TRIALS
Venue: Rose Bay High School
U/10 Girls: 9am – 10:30am 17 February
U/11/12 Girls: 10am – 11:30am 17 February
U/10 Boys: 10 – 2pm 24 February
U/11 Boys: 2:30 – 4:30pm 17 February
U/12 Boys: 12:30 – 2:30pm 17 February

Please make sure your child has shin guards and drink bottle. Please do not arrive in your regional strip to the trial.

30 Minute Bootcamp
We wont hurt you, laugh at you, make you feel silly
We will make you stronger, leaner and boost your metabolism
Tues and Thurs 6:15 am
Lindisfarne Primary School
Casuals welcome - Ph Jo 0409 862 206

Simply Music is a remarkable Australian developed piano and keyboard program that has beginning students playing great-sounding contemporary, blues, classical and accompaniment pieces – immediately – from their very first lessons!

In contrast to traditional methods, the Simply Music program uses an entirely new, and far more natural approach, and focuses on the sheer fun of playing music.

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Free Introductory Session - New Classes start February
Helen Hull
Advanced Simply Music Teacher
For bookings call 6244 1672

Wing Chun Kung Fu (8 + years)
Montagu Bay Primary School Gym
Thursday 7:15pm to 8:15pm
Families welcome to train
Build Confidence, Control and Concentration
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