**Principal’s Desk**

What a fantastic turn-out on ANZAC Day last week. All students looked great in uniform and behaved excellently. It made me extremely proud to be the Principal of our school there with 38 students and staff commemorating Australia’s current and ex-service personnel. A big thank you to all those parents who were able to bring their children into Deloraine.

I would like to clarify that the cross country on the 8th of May is also the run that students will be completing for the fun run fundraiser that was sent home last week. Donation and sponsorship money along with the forms for this need to be returned by 18th of May. The Parents and Friends will also be running a BBQ lunch on this day after the cross country. See order form in this newsletter.

Also on the 8th May students from Deloraine High school will be visiting grade 5/6 students to discuss their experiences of High School. This is the first part of the 2012 transition program. Parent of grade 5/6 students were sent information regarding Deloraine High’s information evening on Thursday, 10th May.

On the 11th of May grade 5/6 will be travelling to Evandale Primary to participate in a Soccer Gala Day with schools across the Northern Midlands. This is a lead up event to Friday sports which begins later in May.

Beginning Tuesday, 15th of May is NAPLAN testing for 2012. Once again this testing will be undertaken by our year 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN testing is undertaken every year by year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia and is used to show how students are improving. We as a school use the results along with many other factors to determine areas of improvement focus for coming years.
Last week the School Association AGM was held. Thank you to those new parents who accepted nominations for the association and also to Katy Haberle and Leah Blair for being re-nominated and accepting the positions of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson respectively.

A flyer from the department of education is attached to this newsletter. It explains the department’s policy for all Tasmanian schools in 2012. I would encourage all parents to pay particular notice of the descriptors for children assessed with a “C” or “D” in their report. As you will see a “C” and “D” according to the Australian Curriculum is very different from our traditional understanding of what they represent.

Nathan Rockliff
A/Principal

P&F NEWS

Included with today’s Newsletter is an order form for our upcoming Cross Country BBQ. Sausages and hamburgers will be available. If you are able to assist on the day please contact Anna Philpott. We have a small amount of replies for our request for assistance in providing produce for our upcoming Cake Stall at the Legislative Council Elections this Saturday. If you are able to assist in the morning for an hour or two or are able to provide produce for the stall, please fill in the attached form. Produce may be delivered to the school on Friday or delivered on Saturday morning.

To encourage children to make healthy choices when eating we will be conducting a ‘Healthy Lunchbox’ competition on Wednesday, 9th May. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch to school on this day. Lunches will be judged by Mr Rockliff, prior to recess. The healthiest lunchbox from each classroom will win a prize.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 3rd May at 1.30pm in the Staff Room. Everyone is invited to attend and we always welcome new members.

CROSS COUNTRY DAY B-B-Q
TUESDAY, 9TH MAY, 2012

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Sausages—$2     Hamburgers $3
Please pay on the day. Canteen will be open for drinks and snacks only.

P&F CAKE STALL
SATURDAY, 5TH MAY, 2012

I can provide produce for the cake stall       YES / NO
I am able to assist at the cake stall         YES / NO

Name ______________________________________ Phone ________________________________
Kinder/Prep hard at work
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
DELORAINE HIGH SCHOOL THURSDAY 10TH MAY
6.00 PM - 7.30 PM

As part of Deloraine High School’s Transition program, parents of Grades 4, 5 & 6 students are invited to attend an information evening on Thursday 10th May at 6.00 pm.

This session will be held at Deloraine High School’s Student Centre (go to our front office for directions). Parents who attend this session will have the opportunity to view work and performances by current Deloraine High School students, receive information about our school’s curriculum and student support programs and tour our school’s facilities. There will also be a light supper, and the opportunity to meet and hear from some of our school’s current staff.

For further information, please contact Daisy Manion or Stefan Lendvay (Student Support Teachers) or Craig Brown (Principal) at Deloraine High School, on 6362 2742.

Free Puppet Making workshop for the under 5’s and parents.

30th May, 2012
Mole Creek Primary School
9.30 – 11am
Krazy Kitchen Kreations

Sean Manners from Pelican Puppets will help you transform everyday kitchen utensils into krazy puppets which then are brought to life in the puppet theatre and can be taken home.

An ideal workshop for parents and children to work together using materials easily found in the home. Explore and grow your child’s creativity.

Workshop length 2 hours.

All materials supplied.

This event is a collaborative initiative of the Meander Valley Early Years Network and funded by Deloraine Community Health Social Work & Deloraine House with support from the Tasmanian Early Years Foundation.

If you would like to know more about the Network or events please call Libby (Community Health Social Work) 63625005 / 0400622461
Or Ros (Deloraine House) 63622678

Deloraine Little Athletics Club AGM is being held This Saturday May 5th at the Deloraine Primary School New Hall at 6.30pm. It is essential that as many parents of athletes as possible attend for the club to continue. If we do not get enough parents to attend the club MAY NOT continue. Hope to see you there.

JUNIOR BADMINTON
CAVESIDE HALL
11TH MAY, 2012
7pm

Any children over the age of 8 who are interested in learning Badminton are invited to come along to the Caveside Hall every fortnight, commencing 11th May. $1 per player.

Contact Spud Haberle for more information 63678222.

Tasmania
Explore the possibilities

Mole Creek Primary School
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Email: mole.creek.primary@education.tas.gov.au
Active After-school Communities

Come and join the fun!

PLEASE NOTE ALL CHILDREN NEED TO FILL IN A PERMISSION FORM TO PARTICIPATE IN SESSIONS.

Come and join the fun Active After-school!
Great weekly prizes to be won!

All active after school forms now need to be returned to Miss Kleinig

Monday 7th of May: Grades 3-6 – Mixed Skills with Geraldine How
Mole Creek Primary School 3:00 – 4:30pm
(Permission slip required)

Wednesday 9th of May: Grades K-2 – Mixed Skills with Tamara Lockhart
Mole Creek Primary School 2.00 – 3.30pm
(Permission slip required).

K-2 Permission:
I give permission for ________________________ to attend the Active After-School Program on Wednesday 9th of May at Mole Creek Primary School, 2.00 – 3.30pm.

My child will / will not be travelling home on the after-school bus. (Please Circle)

Signed ________________________________

The bus will leave at the conclusion of activities (3.30) and travel along the Union Bridge Rd, back through Mole Creek and onto Caveside, followed by Chudleigh and then returning to school.

3-6 Permission
I give permission for ________________________ to attend the Active After-School Program on Monday 7th of May at Mole Creek Primary from 3:00 – 4:30pm.

My child will / will not be travelling home on the after-school bus. (Please Circle)

Signed ________________________________

The bus will leave at the conclusion of activities (4.30) and travel along the Union Bridge Rd, back through Mole Creek and onto Caveside, followed by Chudleigh and then returning to school.

No Form No Attendance

One lucky student, each week, will receive a price for excellent attendance, new attendance or participation.
Good Luck. You have to be here to win.
How will your child be assessed under the Australian Curriculum?

The Australian Curriculum in 2012

The Australian Curriculum is currently being implemented in all Tasmanian schools for all children in Prep to Year 10. In 2012, your child is being taught English, Mathematics and Science using the new curriculum. They may also be taught History. This means that your child is being taught the same content and assessed against the same achievement standard as a child in the same year level in every other school in Australia.

Changes to teaching and learning and assessment

There will be changes to the teaching and learning program in your child’s classroom. There will also be changes to the way that your child is assessed. The reports you receive in July-August and December will show your child’s achievement using an A–E scale.

The new assessment scale

Your child’s reports will use these descriptors:

- A well above the standard expected
- B above the standard expected
- C at the standard expected
- D approaching the standard expected
- E below the standard expected

If your child is in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you will only see the descriptor on the report. If your child is in any other year level you will see both the letter rating and the descriptor.

Why is this happening?

This new approach has been adopted to make reports simpler and assessments easier to understand. Other than that, the report you receive will be very similar to the one you received in the past. Comments will be written in plain language. The report will still give you information about your child’s overall progress at school.

If you child is not making progress against the curriculum

In a few cases your child’s teacher may decide that your child is finding the curriculum at their year level very difficult and that they are making very little progress. We expect this to happen only in a very small number of cases.

If it does, the school will contact you to discuss your child’s situation at some stage during Term 1 or early Term 2. One option will be for your child to be taught the curriculum at a lower year level where they can make progress and achieve. If you and your child’s teacher agree to this approach your child will be assessed at that year level and their official school report will show this assessment.

If your child is making excellent progress against the curriculum

Your child may be showing excellent progress at their year level. In this case, their teacher may offer them the opportunity to be taught parts of the curriculum at a higher year level. If this happens, they will be assessed as an A or as “working well above the standard” for their year level to reflect their very high achievement and the exceptional progress they are making.