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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to term 2. I hope you had an enjoyable break and students and staff are refreshed and ready for another great term. Term 2 is only a short term at 9 weeks but it is a settled term without many disruptions. This means it is a very good term for learning.

Next week grade 7 and 9 students will participate in the nationwide NAPLAN testing. Students in all schools across Australia will undergo numeracy and literacy tests. NAPLAN tests are conducted to gain information on your child's performance against other students in the country as well as their progress against the expected Australian Curriculum standard for students their age. A report will be sent out after the tests detailing this information.

During the Holiday, Reece High School was represented by Victoria Jones and Hannah Aikman at the memorial service on ANZAC day. I would like to thank these Prefects for acknowledging the sacrifices of so many Australians by laying a wreath on behalf of Reece High School.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to recognise Mitch Pulford's achievements in Athletics. Mitch is heading off to the Cook Islands to represent Australia in the Oceania Area Championships in Athletics. Congratulations, good luck and we look forward to hearing how you go!

Trent Graham
Acting Principal

ANZAC DAY SERVICE 2014

On Friday 25 April Prefects, Victoria Jones and Hannah Aikman attended the ANZAC Day service in Devonport at 11:00am to honour those who have served for our country. The girls were among a number of other local school and business representatives who attended the ceremony to lay a wreath at the base of the Cenotaph. Reece High School commemorated ANZAC day with a whole school assembly on Wednesday 16 April. In attendance was special guest Mr Grant Munday, Devonport RSL President and Devonport Band Member. Mr Munday's address discussed the significance of the ANZACs, with a particular focus on Australia's current troops who have been fighting in the Middle East. The Prefect Board conducted a moving service that included poems, stories, videos and speeches. The Prefect Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the assembly, in particular the music students who performed, the class representatives who placed rosemary on the stage and art students, Hannah Campbell and Kayla Traj who completed a landscape scene for the service.



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2014

In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2014 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common national tests in Reading, Persuasive Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions.

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2014 are Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May.

These national tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child's results and a comparison of their child's performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how their child performed in comparison to the national average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2014 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2012.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the national tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the national NAPLAN website at: <http://www.nap.edu.au>

What Matters Writing Competition

This week we have posted off 25 entries in the Tasmanian division of The Whitlam Institute “What Matters” Writing Competition for 2014. Students were required to write between 400 and 600 words about an issue which *matters* to them. Some of the topics our students wrote about ranged from climate change, to bullying, to homelessness, to modern day slavery, terrorism and also identity. We wish these students luck with the judging. It was great to see such interest and enthusiasm for the challenge from the following students.

Grade 10	Grade 7
Rowena McPhee	Josephine Muther
	Riley Fenn
Grade 9	Jack Rand
Brielle Daly	Emmerson Long
Danika McLean	Paige Curran
	Taylah Lucadou-Wells
Grade 8	Eliza Compagne
Shari Cock	Betty-Jean Gamble
Laura Richardson	Samuel Winwood
Luke Muir	Angus Wells
Payton Connell	Ebony Collins
Tahli Beveridge	Shanyse Barnes
Nikaela Barker	Caleb Lawler
	Ronan Storay
	Ava McDermott
	Tiarna Barker

CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

13 – 15 May	NAPLAN Testing
27 May	Cross Country
30 June – 4 July	3 Way Conferences