Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

Happy Easter! Whilst it is a much shorter holiday period this year, I feel sure that the students and staff are ready for a short break. The weather is still warm and there are plenty of special events happening over the Easter break. Enjoy a safe and happy family time!

**Playground Rejuvenation**

This last fortnight, Leigh Hinds and his crew of workers from A-Play have really excelled at preparing and levelling the ground, then laying soft material and artificial turf around newly erected pieces of play equipment. The Devonport campus playground has really been transformed. Yesterday, a large truckload of mulch was delivered and we’re very grateful as a group of Devonport High students will assist us after the Easter break to spread it around. More pictures to come after it is all finished.

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**Dates to Remember**

- **Friday 5th April** – Autumn Experience at Otto’s Grotto
- **Wednesday 10th April** – School Association Meeting at 1:30pm
- **Tuesday 18th June** – SOSE Has Talent
- **Tuesday 20th August** – Disco

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**Public Holidays**

- **Friday 29th March** – Good Friday
- **Monday 1st April** – Easter Monday
- **Tuesday 2nd April** – Easter Tuesday
- **Thursday 25th April** – ANZAC Day
- **Monday 10th June** – Queen’s Birthday
- **Monday 4th November** – Recreation Day
- **Friday 29th November** – Devonport Show

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**Term Dates**

- Term 1 – 5th Feb to 18th April
- Term 2 – 6th May to 5th July
- Term 3 – 23rd July to 27th Sept
- Term 4 – 14th Sept to 19th Dec

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**Student Free Days**

**Thursday 28th March**

- Friday 19th April
- Monday 22nd July
- Friday 25th October

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**Combined Campus Autumn Picnic**

Due to the heavy overnight rain on Thursday 21st March, the picnic scheduled for the following day was cancelled. We are now hoping that the event will happen on Friday 5th April at ‘Otto’s Grotto’ in Ulverstone. A reminder and specific requirements for the day will be circulated to parents and carers on Thursday 4th April via students’ communication books.
**Woolworth’s Earn and Learn Program**

I would like to sincerely thank families and members of the general public along with the staff at the Woolworth’s Devonport store for their mammoth effort in supporting SOSE Devonport. The amount of stickers that found their way to the SOSE box in the store was amazing, we collected over 23,000! New equipment from this feat has now arrived and was unpacked yesterday.

We have just registered for this year’s program which will begin on Monday 8th April.

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**Congratulations!**

Mrs Cassandra Bonis who is the Admin Clerk at the Devonport Campus has recently been awarded a Diploma of Library/Information Services. We all know how difficult it is to sustain a consistent approach to study and complete a course when one works, looks after a house, a husband and a son. Cassie’s achievement will further support Michelle Anthony’s role as the Library Technician across both school campuses.
**School Association Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting for the Devonport Campus will be held on Wednesday 10\textsuperscript{th} April at 1:30pm.

There will be several positions which will becoming vacant and I urge in particular, any new parents who may wish to further support the school to consider nominating for vacant positions.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment made by Ms Samantha Wisteria, who has held the position of President for two years. Samantha, who is the mother of Zephyrus, fulfilled this role admirably and I wish her all the best in the future.

The whole school community of SOSE NW relies on the dedication and foresight of the School Association’s President and members to discuss school issues, problem solve, lobby within the local community and determine ways forward particularly when inequities occur that adversely affect the educational pathways of our student population.

**Student-Free Day this Thursday**

All teachers and support staff members of both campuses will be meeting collectively at the Acton hub campus to work through the following varied program of Professional Learning:

- Self-Protective Behaviours
- Discussion on the main school priorities for 2013
- Class group meetings to discuss and evaluate student achievements and current class programming
- Practical workshops and information on Bee-Bots, Smart boards & iPads.

**Birthdays!**

Kayla Webb celebrated her 18\textsuperscript{th} birthday on 1\textsuperscript{st} March with a family get together.

Laurence House will celebrate his 11\textsuperscript{th} birthday today with a class party.

Happy Birthday Kayla and Laurence!

**School resumes on Wednesday, 3\textsuperscript{rd} April.**

Kind regards,

**Grace**

**Student Absences / Late Arrivals / Early Departures**

- If your child will not be at school for any reason, it is the parent/carer responsibility to phone the bus company Phoenix on 6427 7626.
- You must also contact the school office before 10am to inform us. It is NOT the responsibility of the bus aide to pass the message along.
- If your child is arriving late or leaving early then you must sign them in/out at the school office.