Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
Welcome back after the long holiday break! It was a great pleasure to greet the students as they came into school on their first day with their faces glowing with excitement and saying ‘Hello’!
Welcome to all new students and their families!

New Students
At the Burnie campuses there are 4 new Kinder students – Monica Williams, Quinn Smith, Ruby Evans and Jack Corrie who are attending on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Their teacher, Mrs Allison Hardstaff commented that each one is settling well into the class program for 3 full days.
Nelson Stubbs, Louise Zupan, Brendan Harrison and Thomas Townsend are full time students this year whilst Kyle Kamalakannan, Tyran Stewart, Ryder Cooper and Clay Irwin are new dual enrolments. There are five students who are continuing to access specific programs from their local mainstream schools.

New Teaching Staff Members
Mr Joe Smallbon has taken over the music program on Mondays & Tuesdays for all classes at SOSE Burnie.
Mrs Kathy Milne-Viney accepted a senior leadership role at West Ulverstone Primary School and Miss Kelli-Ann Howard is taking over the phys-ed program for Terms 1 & 2. Mrs Rhiannon Bomford will be teaching in partnership with Laurie White and Sue-Ann Beaumont for Terms 1 & 2. New T/A’s joining the staff are:- Kristy Broughton transferred from Hobart, Holly Cock, Emma Rattray, Sarah Atkinson and Tracey Rawlings………welcome to you all.

These new staff members are forming partnerships and striving to develop a consistent approach to organizing the routines and programing within the classes that they are responsible for.
Every class teacher will be making personal contact with parents and carers over the next few weeks so that face to face meetings can be set up.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 1:
Long W/End: 13th March
Thu 13th April Pupil Free (Staff Moderation)
Easter: 14th - 18th April
Anzac Day: Mon 25th Apr
Term Holidays - continue - 28th April
Students return Term 2 Monday 1st May
End Term 2: 7th July
New Kinder Students getting involved on their first day at school
Reminders:

Many forms for permissions for our various programs and student validation have been sent home for you to sign. Please return these as a matter of urgency.

**HATS:** Please ensure you send a suitable sunhat

For your child to wear outside while at school.

Sunscreen will not be applied unless you provide it.

**PERSONAL ITEMS:** Please NAME all items of clothing - uniform, spare cloths, drink bottles and lunch boxes.

**NAPPIES:** If your child wears nappies please ensure a supply is sent along to school each day.

**BUS:** If your child is travelling on the school bus, please make sure they are ready at the given times and that you are waiting for the bus on the return in the afternoon.

Parents/Carers must take the child TO & FROM THE BUS.

These times are approximate as situations can change daily.

THE BUS CANNOT WAIT FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT OUT SIDE WAITING AND READY FOR SCHOOL.

Please phone the bus if your child is going to be away.

Garry’s Bus - 0409 0977809: Graham - 0400 089724

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance at school is compulsory as set by the Education Act.

*If your child is sick or unable to attend for any reasons, you are obligated to contact the school OFFICE 64 333870*

We enter the attendance daily, the Education Dept. requires a reason while your child is absent.

*A Medical Certificate is required for 5 or more days*
What’s been happening over the holiday break?

Stubbs Constructions workmen returned early in January to continue with Phase 2 at Acton. If you live nearby, you may have noted that the workmen are currently working outdoors at the moment constructing new level pathways and balustrade, replacing roofing and removing old play equipment that belonged to the old Acton School.

A customized spa is expected to arrive and be installed around the 26th February. A large crane will be required for the installation. I feel sure that the students will enjoy watching the crane at work from their classroom window when this work begins.

In 2017, there will be eight classes at both Devonport and Burnie campuses.

Shanika Thomas has undergone major surgery in Melbourne during the holiday break. She has returned to school on a part-time basis using a wheelchair for mobility and sporting very glamorous purple plaster casts sprinkled with glitter. Shanika is very proud of them and is very happy to be back at school with her class mates and teacher – Verity Tomkins.

Many Thanks to Bronwyn West who supported many parents during the holiday break by accompanying parents to NDIS meetings. We are all aware that she is a vital link to many parents who require advice and support throughout the NDIS process.

Reminders
Please return all permission forms and remember that a signature is required on almost every one. Without the updated forms, our alternative programs such as swimming and hydrotherapy cannot commence. Parents need to provide a reliable contact phone numbers for the school/teacher to contact you if your child becomes sick at school or other issues.

Regards.........

Grace

*** Please make yourself familiar with the attached information regarding the school bus.