Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
A warm welcome to the 2015 school year! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing holiday break! The students were happy and smiling as they entered their classrooms on Wednesday 4th February and have settled well into fostering friendships and familiarising themselves with the class routines and daily timetable!

At all campuses including the Acton hub several changes in class structure and location have taken place to successfully cater for the needs of several newly enrolled students this year.

It is a pleasure to introduce the following new students and their families to the Devonport Campus for 2015

Yellow Room – 5 day per week Primary/Lower Secondary girl’s class (Ms Darlene Kumar-Teacher) Ruby Reeman whose family has returned from Melbourne to once again settle in the Devonport area has joined the Yellow Room.
Mollie Whish-Wilson is also enrolled full-time in the Yellow Room after a transition year between SOSE and Our Lady of Lourdes in 2014.

Purple Room – 5 day per week Primary/Lower Secondary boy’s class (Mr Luke Dolbey-Teacher) Shaun Butwell and his family have recently relocated from Launceston. Shaun has already fostered new friendships in the boy’s class in the Purple Room.

Blue Room – 5 day per week Early Childhood class (Mrs Jessica Wood & Ms Brooke Ansell- Teachers) Grace Baxter and Alex Dolega are new students in the early childhood class.

Orange Room – 3 day per week Early Childhood class (Ms Joanne Corvinus-Teacher) Anthony Bryant is a dual enrolment in the Orange Room.

Red Room – 5 day per week Early Childhood/Primary class (Ms Tarnae Maibela teaching on Mondays & Tuesdays and Mrs Debbie Hawkins who has transferred to SOSE from East Devonport Primary is teaching on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

Dates to Remember
16th February
School Barbecue (4:30-5:30)
9th March
Public Holiday – No School
25th March
Immunisations for Grade 7 Students

Term Dates
Term 1 – 4th February to 1st April
Term 2 – 20th April to 3rd July
Term 3 – 20th July to 25th September
Term 4 – 12th October to 17th December

Student Free Days
Thursday 2nd April
Friday 23rd October
Green Room – 5 days per week Senior class (Mr Grant Maloney teaching 3 days per week and Mrs Anne Davies will also be supporting the teaching load each week)

A warm welcome is extended to Mrs Melissa Cameron, a teacher aide who has transferred her support role from Forth Primary to SOSE Devonport.

Physical Education has been included in the weekly timetable for all classes this year. Mr Grant Maloney will be responsible for this teaching load along with individualised therapy for students who are currently serviced by a DHHS Paediatric physio.

Exciting News!
SOSE NW’s partnership with the Independent Living Centre in Launceston to apply for funding from the Harcourt’s Foundation has been successful. The submission supported the purchase of software and specific ICT hardware to acquire eye-gaze technology to enhance the individualised learning programs for at least 20 multiply impaired students who are currently enrolled at our campuses. SOSE NW has been awarded with $18 000! This amount + the generous donation of $5 000 received from BP Australia in mid-December 2014 + a likely donation from the Burnie Shines Cocktail party held in October 2014 + our own fundraising efforts will be almost sufficient to purchase two complete suites of software and equipment to service the identified students at both Devonport and Burnie campuses! We envisage that professional learning from the Zyteq team who provided a trial day in Term 3 2014 will be visiting Tasmania again to share their expertise with Lynne Ryan, SOSE IT Consultant and other staff members once the new technology and equipment arrives.

Family and Staff Barbecue at SOSE Burnie & SOSE Devonport
A note was sent home this year advertising the dates of this event. We look forward to meeting up with many families, School Association members and friends at this annual event. Please return your acceptance as soon as possible to ensure that catering can be organised.

Minor Works Initiative at SOSE Devonport Campus
As a follow-up from a site visit in December 2014 by Mr Todd Williams who is the DoE Assets Manager, a plan was initiated to refurbish the three main classrooms off the main corridor along with discussions to greatly improve the outdoor area into a multipurpose and enclosed learning space. Ms Debbie Thomson, Senior Architect from GHD has undertaken an inspection of the school and is now undertaking the plans in readiness for viewing and comment by the staff and members of the School Association. The final draft will then be submitted to the Department of Education for consideration.

Josh Earl’s Evening of Entertainment – Friday, 6th February
Many thanks to Lyn Bester and the President, Jess Tabart and all members of the Fairy Godmother’s Fundraising group who pledged their ongoing support to SOSE Burnie last week. The chance to arrange Josh to perform his comedy show at the Menai Hotel was certainly a unique one. Josh was born and grew up on the North West coast and whilst his mother Lyn is extremely proud of his successes the audience who viewed his show was extremely appreciative of his unique ability to transform a family tale into a hilarious rendition accompanied by graphic words in song, gesture and guitar playing.
It was so gratifying for the organisers to have 90 people attend this event. We look forward to another performance by Josh in the future. He is truly a dynamic performer.
Proceeds from the evening will be added to the previously raised monies intended for a new swing which we expect to be installed in the Acton playground in the near future.
Kind regards,
Grace
Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month, and also to those who celebrated last month:
January: Chloe, Damon
February: Chyanne, Jack, Christopher

Mobile Phones at School
Parents/carers are reminded that students should not be bringing mobile phones to school unless they have permission from their class teacher.
Students are to be reminded that they MUST NOT take photos of other students or staff without asking permission first.

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 let Phoenix know if the bus does not need to pick up your child for any reason.
- 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 (after 9:30) or leaving early (before 2:30) then you must sign them in/out at the school office.

Old Uniform Items
We are looking for some second-hand uniform items. If you have any items at home that your child has grown out of we would appreciate them.

School Hats
A reminder that we have school hats available at the school office for $10. During terms 1 and 4 students must wear hats when outside.

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FORMS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL:
- Validation forms (urgent)
- Permission forms
- Hydrotherapy / Referral forms
- Swimming Permission forms
- Uniform Orders

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Smart Phone Survey
At SOSE NW we are looking into a smart phone app called “Skoolbag App”. This app allows parents to get newsletters, alerts, event information etc straight on their phone, as well as send in absence notices. This app would NOT cost anything to you. Can you please answer the following questions and send back to the school.

Do you have a smart phone? YES / NO

Would you use this app if it was available? YES / NO

Name: ___________________________________________
Bowen Therapy
Bev Chell will commence working with students who have participated in individual therapy sessions during 2014. Bev will work with students at the Burnie Campus on Tuesdays and at the Devonport Campus on Wednesdays.

Parents and carers of newly enrolled students may wish to consider Bowen Therapy sessions which are held on a weekly basis. Bowen Therapy is a form of body work in which very gentle moves are performed over the muscles and connective tissue. The therapy sends messages deep into the body supporting a relaxed and balanced way of wellbeing.

Students who experience stress and anxiety or physical impairment including poor muscle tone and co-ordination have benefitted greatly from individual and ongoing sessions.

If you have any questions/queries and wish to contact Bev to discuss your child’s specific needs please contact her on 0400 846 650 or 6432 2279.

Parents of new students who wish to access Bowen Therapy are required to sign the written permission form before treatment can commence. Please contact the school office if you would like a permission form sent home for your child.

Immunisations
IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS – 2015 SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME
The Devonport City Council immunisation team will soon visit the school to administer vaccinations for Grade 7, Grade 9 and Grade 10 students that may be due.

- Grade 7: Adult Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (1 dose course)
- Grade 7: Human Papillomavirus (3 dose course)
- Grade 7: Varicella (1 dose course)
  (only available for those if they have not had Chickenpox)

The team will be returning to the school later in the year to provide the second and third doses.

Consent forms are now being distributed to students in the relevant grades. Please return your consent form (completed in blue/black pen) to the school office no later than Wednesday 18th February 2015.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding immunisation, please contact the Devonport City Council Health Department on 6424 0576 directly, not through the school office.
Students at SOSE have begun learning about Geology. In Green Room we have been learning about the different layers of the Earth. As a class we made a model of the Earth, showing all the different coloured layers. After collecting rock samples from around the school yard we have been classifying and sorting rocks by their colour, texture, shape and weight. As well as classifying rocks into three categories: Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic. Green Room students really enjoyed discovering fossils by chipping away at some “Fossil rocks” and learning to cook “fossil cookies”.