Key Dates for 2016

Mon 14 March
Public Holiday

Fri 18 March
School Association Meeting
(9:30am)

Mon 21 March
Parents & Carers Meeting (10am)

Fri 25 to Tues 29 March
Easter Break

Thu 7 April
Term 1 ends

Tues 26 April
Term 2 starts

Fri 1 July
Term 2 ends

Mon 18 July
Term 3 starts

Fri 23 Sept
Term 3 ends

Mon 10 Oct
Term 4 starts

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Principal's Message
Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

It was a most sad occasion for staff members and families to acknowledge the passing of Thomas Beard on the 27th February by attending his funeral on Friday, 5th February. Tom who was only 7 years of age enjoyed participating in the Red room programs. We will remember his determination when using Eye Gaze technology.

We offer our sincere condolences to Tom’s parents, Kathy and Kevin and his big brother Jack. We will all miss Tom’s presence at our school. Rest in peace, dear Thomas.

SOSE NW Twilight Fair
We were so lucky that the rainy weather on 25th February cleared up before the commencement of our fair. It was so pleasing to see staff members, families and members of the general public mingling around the stalls and viewing the attractions – the coloured rabbits, the snakes and the appearance of Bob the Builder in particular.

The barbecue was a great drawcard along with the games with prizes that were drawn at the fair. There were lots of winners!

To date, we expect to raise at least $1,500 excluding expenses. Remember that we will draw the raffle on Thursday, 24th March (before the Easter break). If you haven’t purchased some raffle tickets already, please contact the school office.

The Fairy Godmother’s group are experts at fundraising and we thank every member who kindly donated their time with planning and assisting with organising on the day. Your energy and commitment ensured that fair was a most successful event. Well Done!

← We even had a visit by Lalaloopsy!!
**Bus News at the Devonport Campus**

The Ford transit bus is currently at the Shearwater Mechanical workshop and will shortly be fitted with a new motor. We wish to thank Matthew and Vanessa Baxter for their generosity by offering to support us with the installation of the new motor. We greatly appreciate your assistance in this venture. Without the bus, several classes have utilised the public bus service with students and staff taking rides on the MerseyLink bus to the supermarket and also to other places of interest. This new experience has given our students the opportunity to pay for their ticket and to sit alongside members of the general public.

**Latest News on the Capital Works projects**

At the Devonport Campus, Stubbs Construction’s workmen have worked steadily on the new office which is now becoming a ‘real building’ with walls, roof and windows currently being fitted.

Brooke Ansell’s classroom is now occupied by her class of early childhood students. This classroom is now more spacious with new joinery and storeroom.

The Yellow Room also has a new bench, sink and cupboard combination.

Kind regards,

Grace
TO GIVE AWAY
One of our parents has a bed guard to give away. If you are interested please contact the school office for more information.

FOR SALE – SECOND HAND
One of our parents has a pair of medium sized Eenee Swimmers for sale for $40. They have only been worn a handful of times. Contact the school office for more information.

PURPLE CLASS – WORM TEA – FOR SALE
The purple class have been busy with their worm farm and now have bottles of worm tea available for sale for $1 per litre. Watered down to 1 part tea to 10 parts water this makes wonderful fertilizer for your garden or house plants. Please see the school office if you would like to purchase some.

FOR SALE – FAIRY WANDS
Left over from our Twilight Fair we still have some pretty pink Fairy Wands for $1 each. These wands light up and flash when switched on. If you are interested in buying one please contact the school office.
Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month:
March: Damien, Sarah

Emailed Newsletters
If you would like to have a copy of the newsletter emailed to you please send an email to: cassandra.bonis@education.tas.gov.au and ask for your address to be placed on the list, or leave your email address at the office.

Emergency Contact Numbers
A reminder that the people you nominate as an emergency contact for your child MUST be someone who is able to come and collect them if necessary. People living on the mainland are not acceptable emergency contacts.

Head Lice
There are head lice out and about in the community all the time. Parents / carers are reminded to please check their child’s hair on a regular basis.

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.

Old Uniform Items
If you have any items of uniforms at home that your child has grown out of, and are still in good condition we would appreciate them for our spare clothes cupboard.

Outstanding Accounts
A reminder to parents who have outstanding accounts that we are happy to accept part payments. If you would like to discuss payment arrangements please contact the school office.

Sick Children
A reminder that if your child is unwell it is your responsibility to keep them at home to stop the spread of germs. If your child arrives at school unwell you will be asked to come and collect them and it will be YOUR responsibility to arrange their collection.

If your child is away from school / or sent home because of vomiting or diarrhoea we ask that you keep them home for 48 hours after the last episode.

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 MerseyLink on 6427 7626. You must also let MerseyLink know if the bus does not need to pick up your child for any reason.
• You must also contact the school office before 10:00am to inform us. Messages passed on by bus aides/drivers WILL NOT be accepted.
• If your child is arriving late (after 9:15) or leaving early (before 2:30) then you must sign them in/out at the school office.

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.

Uniform Items
The school office has a few spare uniform items still for sale if anyone is interested. Please see the office if you would like to look at what we have.

Also please remember to name all items of school uniform.