Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends
I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend holiday break. The weather was perfect and there were plenty of events to choose from along the northwest to entertain families.

Learn to Swim Program
As you’re aware, the 2014 program was only one week in duration instead of the usual fortnight’s program which has been offered in past years. On Friday, 7th March, all teachers and support staff together with the Learn to Swim instructors concluded that the one week’s program had been very successful. The junior and senior students mingled well in the pool and there was enough space across the pool for them to work in small groups on special water tasks and exercises that were chosen to match their current skill levels.

I was able to also attend for 3 days of the program and I supported individual students in the water, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Attending consecutive days allowed every student to repeatedly practise specific skills in the water and it was very heartening to note the increase in personal confidence that every student outwardly displayed.

Well done everyone!

The Billy Tea Bush Band
Students and staff from both campuses travelled to the gym at the Acton hub to be entertained by Mike and Phil. They are expert musicians – one plays the violin whilst the other plays a guitar. The children enjoyed the music and participated in the interactive dance movements for over an hour.
This unique event was funded by the proceeds from the weekly cooking program undertaken by the senior class students from the Devonport campus throughout 2013. Under the direction of Steph, Rose and Leeanne, the senior class students prepared a variety of lunch choices in the school kitchen and took orders from staff members and students. This enterprise raised a little over $700.

Congratulations to Grant, Luke, support staff members and students who participated in this worthy enterprise! Raising money and sharing it across both campuses is an impressive venture!

Kind regards

Grace

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**Head Lice**

There are head lice out and about in the community again at the moment. Parents / carers are reminded to please check their child’s hair on a regular basis.

**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 or leaving early 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.
Four Blocks Literacy

The Four Blocks Literacy program has started again this year and students have been working hard on their tasks as always. “Rules” has been the topic for the first 6 weeks. Green Room students spent time in Art and Craft classes completing this model of a pool complete with the 5 Rules important to all:

1. Fence the pool
2. Shut the gate
3. Learn to swim, it’s great
4. Supervise and watch your mate
5. … and learn how to resuscitate.