Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
What warm weather accompanied our ‘Meet and Greet Barbecue’ evenings at both campuses! It was great to note so many whole families and staff members who socialized and met up with in particular new parents to the school. The children certainly enjoyed playing and socializing together whilst parents and staff mingled. I’d like to especially thank the chefs – Luke at the Devonport campus and Brendan at the Burnie campus who superbly managed the cooking of the sausages and hamburgers whilst in the kitchen area several staff members prepared and served a tasty range of salads to accompany the hot food.

Parent-Teacher Meetings
Many parents and carers have taken advantage of the allocated times scheduled for meetings to review their son or daughter’s IEP. Here is an opportunity for you to meet with this year’s teacher to discuss any concerns or thoughts you have on what you believe are important goals for your child to be working on. If you have missed your appointment or have yet to contact the teacher to organize an appointment time then please phone the school office or write a note in your child’s communication book as soon as possible.

Autism Workshop – Positive Partnerships
It’s great that several parents registered and attended this free workshop in Burnie on 12th and 13th March. I am hoping that these attendees will be willing to share their experience of attending Positive Partnerships training at a parent meeting to be advertised shortly.

New Teacher
Welcome to Ms Kathryn Restall who has commenced a teaching position of one day a week at the Devonport campus. Kathryn will support the early childhood class to provide Jo Corvinus with release time to undertake a variety of Teacher-in-Charge duties.

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**Teachers attending Jane Farrall’s workshop**

Six teachers from both SOSE campuses will be attending the above workshop on Monday 18th March in Launceston. Luke Dolbey, Darlene Kumar, Kathryn Restall from the Devonport Campus will be joined by Michelle Williams, Sue-Ann Beaumont and Jess Alexander from the Burnie campus. Jane is a renowned Speech & Language Pathologist who continues to work in schools and adult services. She will outline a balanced approach to literacy that can be used with all students along with the specific software that teachers can utilize to support the implementation. Software programs will feature continuously throughout the workshop that will provide our teachers with further expertise in using Clicker 6, Powerpoint, web based resources and a range of iPad apps.

**Combined Campus Autumn Picnic**

This whole school event will be held on Friday, 22nd March at ‘Otto’s Grotto’ in Ulverstone. A note detailing requirements on the day will be sent home a little closer to the event.

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*Kind regards,*

**Grace**

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**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.
Bakers Beach Excursion

Our literacy groups have been studying a space themed unit, and as a part of this some students made space helmets and suits which they tested out at Bakers Beach. The sand dunes were perfect for imitating the desolate landscape of the moon, and the sand made walking difficult just like no gravity.