Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends
I have some really exciting news to share in this newsletter. Please take some time to read through all the information.

Mayor’s Charity Gala – Saturday, 10th May, Devonport High School
The School of Special Education NW is listed as one of the schools to receive a contribution from the monies raised at this new event that Steve & Susanne Martin (Mayor & Mayoress of the Devonport City Council) are hosting. Please read the attached flyer. Here is an opportunity for members of the School Association, parents, carers and staff members to enjoy a great night out! Please consider getting together with some friends and dressing up for this occasion!

Artist in Residence Project 2014
I am very pleased to report that the school has been successful in securing $5,000 from the Department of Education to employ Evelyn Antonysen and Jan Marinos as our artists at the music camp which will be held mid-November. Jan and Evelyn will undertake some preliminary painting and craft sessions with the students at the 3 campuses during Term 3.

Sharing and Showcasing Students’ Participation and Successes with Literacy
Literacy planning, delivering and assessment of students’ performance are important daily components that every student engages in for over 1 hour each day in every SOSE classroom. Our whole school’s focus is on the 4 Blocks Literacy framework which consists of Writing, Working with Words, Shared and Guided Reading.

The teachers at the Devonport Campus have worked collaboratively over the last few weeks to devise weekly literacy lesson plans centring on ‘Our Home’
theme. Included in this week’s newsletter is a report written by Zachary Parnell-Fitzgerald which describes the learning opportunities that the senior students engaged in led by Grant and their teacher aides. Thanks Zachary for sharing your work!

Sharing students’ efforts and successes is such a worthwhile experience. Congratulations everyone!

**Reminder**
Individual student, whole class and whole school photos will be taken on Friday, 4th April at the Burnie and Devonport campuses. I would appreciate students in school uniform or in suitable school attire e.g. navy shorts or trackpants and blue T shirt and or windcheater. Please return any outstanding forms by Monday, 31st March, especially if you are requiring an individual student photo to be taken.

Kind regards

**Grace**

**New Uniform Items**
The new uniforms ordered have all been sent home. Payments are now due. If you would like to arrange to make part payments please contact the school office.

We will be placing another uniform order early in Term 2. Information will be sent home at the beginning of Term.

**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.
Green Room’s Caveman Project – by Zachary Parnell

This week Green Room has been learning about the stone age and about caveman. Our first project was to gather some materials to make a shelter with no tools to aid us in construction. We have just finished with our construction of a shelter made out of bamboo for the structure and leaves for the protection from the rain and wind. We weaved our leaves and the bamboo together and now everything is drying out so later on we will put some ferns on top of the leaves to make it more water proof.