Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
It’s the last week of Term 1. There will be a student-free day on Thursday, 2nd April. All teachers and support staff from both campuses will be undertaking professional learning at SOSE Devonport on the student-free day.
This week, Easter bunny will be visiting all campuses! I’m sure all the students will enjoy searching for the eggs!

Thanks to Parents and Carers who attended their son/daughter’s IEP meeting over the last few weeks. We really appreciate your input into reviewing the learning goals and also sharing new information about your child.
Teachers are completing the final copies of the IEP’s this week as all students’ IEP’s are required to be added to the DoE network.

It was very disappointing that the combined SOSE NW Athletics carnival was cancelled due to rain. As the ground is now in a soft and damp condition due to the constant rain over the last week, the carnival will likely be held during Term 4. A big thank you to Randall Hardy and Kathy Milne-Viney who were well organised for the carnival.

Sad News – Brooke White, the eldest daughter of Belinda and Andrew recently passed away. Brooke attended SOSE Devonport for her entire schooling. We will always remember Brooke’s quiet manner and her ability to communicate through her varying facial expressions. As the eldest child, she was a dearly loved constant companion to her younger sisters and brother who will miss her very much.

Burnie’s “three amigos” – Report in the Advocate scape on Saturday, 21st March ’15
This very interesting newspaper story written by Emily Woods, highlighted 3 past mothers, Glenda Scaddan, Diane Ewington and Wendy Timmerman whose children attended the Arthur Support School and the School of Special Education Burnie campus. The 3 page story outlines their intense commitment as three mums who stick together through thick and thin to lift the profile and improve the
opportunities of people living with disability. The close friends have taken the experience of raising a child with a disability and used it to lift the profile of disability by raising enormous amounts of money for students and adults living with disability on the North West.

The article describes their dedication and capacity to create the successful annual Burnie Shines Cocktail Party which is in its sixteenth year.

“Even though our children have left the school, it’s grown enormously which indicates that there is a swing back for a special school” Wendy said.

“The cocktail party has grown to a point where there’s so many people that support us now. We have a greater voice now, it’s not just us, we have a whole team that are very supportive of what we believe.”

“We’re not there to promote each of our own objectives – we’re there for people with a disability”.

I feel so proud to know these mums! What an inspiration they are!!!

In conclusion
Many students are outwardly showing ‘tiredness’ as the term draws to a close. I hope everyone enjoys a restful break during the holidays. I would like to thank teachers, office and support staff for their hard work throughout the term which has certainly been a very busy one!

Happy Easter!

Kind regards,

Grace
Lost Property
There have been many lost uniform items found recently that have not been named. It is important that parents name their child’s uniforms otherwise we cannot guarantee they will get back to you.

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.

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.

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.

Diary of a Wombat
During Term 1 Green Room students have been making a film of the story “Diary of a Wombat”. The students have learnt to make sound effects, use lighting, props and a green screen, narrate, and use video to record and produce a humorous version of the popular story “Diary of a Wombat”. To celebrate we held a premiere viewing for the entire school on Tuesday afternoon.
On Friday the 20th of March we celebrated Harmony Day with a special musical assembly followed by a lunch of dishes from around the world. Each class presented a musical item and cooked a dish from a different country to share. Blue Room chose the USA and staff and students sang 'Shortnin Bread' and made Mini Hot Dogs, Popcorn and Oreo cookies. Red Room danced to the Japanese Folk song 'Kaugutsa' and cooked Noodles. Yellow Room sang and acted out the song 'I am a Pizza' to represent Italy and made Pizza. The Purple Room chose China and played along to 'Chop Sticks' on the xylophones with chopsticks and made Fried Rice. The Green Room danced to 'The Mexican Hat Dance' and made Nacho’s. Thank you to all the staff and students for their enthusiasm to share music, dance and food from other countries. A special thanks goes to Jacqui Astley for working with each class to put together an entertaining musical item to share.
Family PODD Learning Day
Discussion, practice, trouble shooting, questions
For parents, guardians, grandparents, siblings and family members of PODD users

This session will include information about the principles of PODD, teaching and learning strategies, features of PODD books and activities to practice communicating naturally with a PODD book. We will also discuss day to day use of PODD books and encouraging ongoing communication development.

Wednesday 29 April
Acton Family Hub
Thorne Street, Burnie
10am-2pm

Facilitated by Felicity Lovatt
Certified PODD Presenter, Speech Pathologist

Lunch included
Childcare provided onsite by TasTAFE Childcare

Please complete the form below and return to SOSE to confirm your attendance. Or email felicity.lovatt@education.tas.gov.au

I/We ____________________________ would like to reserve ___ places at the Family PODD Learning Day. I will require childcare for ___ children, aged ___________.
Please specify any dietary requirements__________________________________________