Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends

Goodness, days pass by so quickly and the Easter break which is included in the term holiday is almost upon us! Teachers at both campuses are planning some whole school special Easter activities which will be undertaken next Wednesday, 16th April!

Photos
I am proud to make a comment on how well our students coped with having their photos taken last Friday! We were so fortunate to have young photographers who spoke quietly, had happy facial expressions which certainly impacted on every student producing some great smiles as the camera constantly clicked! I’m sure all parents and carers will be extremely pleased with the photo packs when they are available.

Birthdays
There have been lots of birthdays celebrated by staff members and students during March and April. At the Devonport Campus last week, Mollie Whish-Wilson celebrated her birthday with all her classmates in the Primary class. Mollie is currently undertaking a transition from her old school, Our Lady of Lourdes in Stewart St, Devonport to SOSE Devonport. Mollie attends the Devonport campus on Mondays and Tuesdays and is accompanied by her teacher aide, Donna. As a birthday treat, Mollie invited her SOSE friends and staff members to visit her classroom at OLOL. They were also taken to the movies. Everyone had a great time!

Catalogue Delivery – the first step towards work experience
As many parents and carers are aware, some senior students at both campuses participate in a weekly session of carefully folding catalogues, putting them in bags and then either walking or using our school bus to drive to the designated street where the delivery to the letter boxes takes place. There is a sense of purpose and enjoyment that the senior students gain from this practical experience.
Teacher’s professional conversations
All teachers from both campuses met after school on Wednesday 9th April at the Renaissance cafe in Penguin to discuss the new learning goals shared and agreed upon with parents and carers at recent meetings. These conversations support all teachers to develop consistency when writing up new goals and information. Consensus between teachers ensures that goals are meaningful and achievable within a given time frame. It is an expectation that parents and carers will verify and sign off on their son/daughter’s new IEP. Once signatures are completed, all students updated IEP’s, behaviour management plans and medical action plans will be electronically entered onto the NCCD (Nationally Consistent Collection of Data) database.

Student Free Professional Learning Day – Thursday, 17th April
Teachers and support staff will be meeting together on this day to discuss timetabling and plan specifically for Term 2. A hydrotherapy/swimming training session for all staff will also be held to share theoretical information and practice skills as described on individual student’s hydrotherapy and swimming programs. This training will be undertaken by DHHS paediatric physios who are responsible for servicing students in the SOSE contexts. At the Devonport Campus, Luke Dolbey and Grant Maloney will also share practical stroke development with staff members in the new Devonport Splash pool.

A Speedy Recovery
We extend our best wishes to Sharelle Ogden, who is a long-term volunteer at the SOSE Devonport campus. Sharelle has been in the high dependency ward for several weeks but has now returned home to fully recuperate. We hope that Sharelle recovers well and returns to work alongside students and teachers in Term 2.

In Conclusion
I am on Long Service Leave for 5 days commencing Friday, 11th April. In my absence, Ms Jo Corvinus will be responsible for the management of the Devonport SOSE campus whilst Mrs Allison Hardstaff will oversee the day to day running of the Burnie SOSE campus. I hope you all enjoy a relaxing Easter break and term holiday.

Students return to school on Monday, 5th May.

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.
Photos from around the school