Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
This first term has really gone quickly and here we are into the last week before the first term holiday which commences for students on Friday, 19th April. Teachers and support staff however, will be attending a professional learning day to be held at the Acton hub on Friday, 19th April.

ANZAC Day
Anzac Day, which you’re all aware is held on 25th April, will occur during our first term holiday this year. Sophie Townley, a student in the early childhood class at the Burnie campus will represent SOSE students from both campuses as she will accompany her mother, Adele at the service and will present a floral tribute at the Burnie Park cenotaph. Thanks Adele and Sophie for taking on this very important role. We hope that families will consider attending the 11am service to support Sophie and Adele on this special occasion.

Combined Autumn Picnic
The picnic held at ‘Otto’s Grotto’ on 5th April was a sensational day enjoyed by all staff and students from both campuses. The weather was perfect which allowed the students to have a thorough explore of the several pathways that led to an outdoor stage area, sections of commemorative wartime memorabilia, a bridge to the beach and the playground. The students collected in small groups with a teacher and utilised their iPads to search for various clues around the area. This was a great learning initiative which was lots of fun. Students and staff took photos and video clips using their iPads to record their search efforts.

End of Term Assembly
End of Term Assembly on Thursday, 18th April will be held in the gym at the Devonport campus commencing at 9:30am. Green room will be hosting the assembly which will showcase individual student’s achievements and whole class learning initiatives in Term 1 including some special photos and video clips from the Autumn picnic. Parents, carers and friends are invited to attend.
**Staff and classroom changes in motion for Term 2**

At the Devonport Campus we will be farewelling Brooke Ansell who will commence maternity leave and will not be returning to teach at SOSE Devonport until the commencement of 2014. Brooke is a most accomplished teacher who carefully develops trust relationships with her fellow staff members and with parents. She has led a most productive team in the Kinder/Prep class. I’m especially very impressed with the progress all students have made in settling into Kindergarten and full time school for the Prep students during Term 1. I’m sure all members of the school community will join me in wishing her all the best as she and Brad look forward to the birth of their baby in June.

Ms Kathryn Restall will replace Brooke as the teacher in the Kinder/Prep class for the remainder of this year. Kathryn has been spending allocated time on a weekly basis in the class getting to know the students and the routines that Brooke has already in place. I am very confident that Kathryn will enthusiastically undertake the role as a replacement teacher.

Ms Darlene Kumar who is currently the Primary class teacher will be varying down her teaching load in Term 2 and will only be teaching 1 day per week. Darlene has a family commitment that requires her attention and we hope that she will return to her full-time teaching role in Term 3. Mr Luke Dolbey who has been team teaching on the Senior class with Mr Grant Maloney will step into the Primary class to be Darlene’s replacement. Luke is fully acquainted with the Primary class students and their program and I feel that there will be minimal disruption to the current program that is in place.

Ms Jo Corvinus will be away on leave for the first week of Term 2. Mr Steve Walsh will relieve on the early childhood class in Jo’s absence.

Mrs Lindy Parker, our conscientious SEO in the office will be taking leave for Term 2 and beyond and will not be resuming her role until September. We hope she enjoys a well-earned rest as she and her husband Rodney take a caravan holiday on the mainland.

**The ‘Circle of Friends’ Artwork**

This artwork is currently on display in the Burnie Library. Why not make a visit during the school holidays to see it?

**Farewell to Sharon Lovett**

Last Thursday night a group of staff members went out to dinner with Sharon Lovett to formally say farewell. Sharon is now working at The Don College in the Transed Unit.
Work Experience at Vincent Industries

Mrs Bronwyn West has worked hard to ensure that Tom Allen (Burnie Campus) and Jake Groom (Devonport Campus) participate in a transition pathway to work during 2013 as a preparation for adult life. Bronwyn has been responsible as the Transition teacher across both campuses for negotiating a work experience plan for both students. Meetings have been held with their parents and the initiatives in the plan including travel to and from Vincent Industries at Wynyard via the Metro bus have been carefully negotiated with the teacher assistants, Mr Adam Hardy and Mrs Jo Wunder.

Congratulations on last Friday’s success.
We can never under estimate what our students can achieve!

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful term holiday.

School resumes on Monday, 6th May.

Kind regards,
Grace

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.

Headlice

We have had a confirmed case of headlice in the school. Please have a look through your children’s hair to check.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year’s campaign is now underway. From now until June when you shop at any Woolworths store you can collect stickers for us to redeem for much needed resources.
Our 2013 goal is: 60,000 Our current tally is: 47
Naval Cadet Excursion

Last Thursday students from the Green and Red rooms visited the T.S. Mersey Navel Cadets Unit. They watched a video on Navy ships, pretended to steer a ship, tried some uniforms and hats on, and checked out the WWII anti-aircraft guns, and sleeping quarters.