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New Staff Member
An additional teacher has been employed from our staff allocation from April to December for 3 days per week. Darlene Kumar has worked as a relief teacher over the last two years and is known by all staff members, students and many parents. Darlene will familiarise herself with the class groupings over the new few weeks and will work alongside Ted Barrance and Grant Maloney during the daily literacy block to gain initial expertise with planning and implementing the 4 Blocks Literacy program. She will also provide individualised therapy support to individual students across the grade groupings.

The Annual Surf Experience Day
This was expected to be held on Friday, 20th April, however due to the forecast of inclement weather and lifesavers assisting on the day having to travel from the East coast and Hobart it was decided to cancel the day. It may be possible to organise the event for November or early December 2012.

School Association Meeting
The Devonport Campus Annual General meeting was held on Wednesday 18th April commencing at 1:30 pm. Membership for the 2012/13 School Association is as follows:

Samantha Wisteria – continues as President for 2012/13
Ted Barrance – continues as Minutes Secretary for 2012/13
Kate French – continues as Correspondence Secretary for 2012/13
Leeanne Howe – continues as a Staff Representative for 2012/13
Cherry Thomas – has completed her term as a Community Representative
Audrey Campbell – re-elected unopposed as a Community Representative
Dominic Donellan – newly elected unopposed as a Parent Representative
Angela Dodd – newly elected unopposed as a Parent Representative

We especially welcome two newly elected parent reps. to the School Association.

At the School Association Annual General meetings, the Annual Report for 2011/12 was presented and discussed with the members. If any parent or carer wishes to read the report, then please contact me to obtain a copy.
Visit by Principal and Senior Teachers from the Southern Support School

Sherry Edwards accompanied by her two Senior Teachers visited both campuses on Tuesday, 24th April. This pre-arranged visit focused on the visitors observing our students in their grade groupings and gaining further knowledge and understanding of specific programs of interest – PODD and 4 Blocks Literacy in particular. We shared information on timetabling and alternative program provision. It was a very worthwhile visit and it is hoped that a return visit by several staff members from SOSE can be arranged at a later date. We can always learn so much from each other!

Best wishes,

Grace

Woolworths Earn & Learn

The 2012 program will soon be starting. Last year we were lucky enough to have over 2000 points to spend on some fantastic educational activities/puzzles for our library.

This year the program will run a little differently. Instead of having to send us your shopping dockets, Woolworths will give you a sticker for every $10 you spend. At the office we have a some cards to place the stickers on. We will be sending them home soon, or you can just send along your stickers and we will put them on the cards ourselves.

The program starts on 9th May and will run until early July.

We are hoping to have a collection box at our local Devonport Woolworths store as well. More information will be sent home once the program starts.