**Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends**

The last week of Term 1 passed by in a flurry of Easter celebrations which were thoroughly enjoyed by all students and staff.

**Student Free Day – Thursday, 17th April**

All teachers and support staff members participated in a busy timetable of professional learning initiatives at both Devonport and Burnie Campuses on the last day of term.

- A short theory session led by the DHHS paediatric physiotherapists was followed by a practical skill development and practice session on techniques and support to be utilised with students who either access weekly sessions of hydrotherapy or swimming. The Devonport campus staff transferred to the Splash Devonport Council pool for the practical training which was led by our teachers Luke Dolbey and Grant Maloney. A sincere thank you to Cherie, Andrea, Angie, Luke and Grant for sharing their knowledge and expertise. Many staff have reported that this was a particularly worthwhile PL session.

- Teachers and support staff met in their class groups to review the term’s program. Reflective discussions centred on reviewing individual student’s progress and programming with opportunities to determine new priorities for Term 2.

**Anzac Day Commemoration**

SOSE Burnie again elected to represent the whole school by participating in the service held at the cenotaph at the Burnie Park. Sophie Townley represented the School of Special Education NW by accompanying her mother Adele who is a returned Australian Service woman who joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1989 at the age of 18 years. She served in East Timor in 1999 – 2000, and she was also stationed in the Middle East in 2008 -09 for 8 ½ months. John Lees also supported Sophie and represented our students. Many thanks to Donna and Shannan Lees and also Jess Alexander who attended and supported the students on the day.
Transition planning for Upper Primary Students
This term the Devonport campus will involve several students in a weekly transition program which will be held at Reece and Devonport High Schools. This initiative has been suggested as an opportunity to provide an introductory ‘taster’. Three students will be accompanied by Mrs Chevy O’Callaghan and two teacher assistants to the high schools to be included in a food class. A letter will be distributed to parents of the students explaining the details of the program on offer. Signed permission is required before each student is able to participate.

I look forward to sharing photos on the students’ participation in the next newsletter.

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 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.

Purple Class - Easter Eggs
Green Class – Trying on Clothes for Work Experience

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