Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

I hope you all enjoyed the great weather over the term holidays. The fine and warm days gave families an opportunity to be out and about instead of staying indoors. The students seem quite refreshed and ready for Term 2 which is 9 weeks in length.

Anzac Day Commemorations
As I stated in the last newsletter, Sophie Townley represented the School of Special Education NW by accompanying her mother, Adele, to the Anzac Day parade and service at the Cenotaph at the Burnie Park on 25th April.

These very special photos were taken by Adele and another member of their family. Many of you may not be aware that Adele 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 8½ months. During this time, Sophie came to Tasmania to live with her grandparents.

Adele left the Air Force in 2011 after serving for 22 years and is now living in Havenview and is working and caring for Sophie, who is a full-time student in the early childhood class at the Burnie campus.

Student Free Day on Friday, 19th April
All staff from both campuses met at the Acton hub to participate in a whole day workshop on Performance and Development – A framework for Cultural Change. The presenter, Roz Smart is a facilitator with Frameworks for Change and she is also the Senior Training, Education and Development Officer for the Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner. Roz introduced the new DoE initiative by setting the scene of creating a school culture that focuses on improvement in teaching and learning, in a climate of trust, collaboration and ongoing feedback. These improvement strategies align with our school’s plan 2013-14.

After the introductory session, staff met in groups and focused on their Role descriptors and Statements of Duties,
whilst teachers in particular, utilised the AITSL standards as a guide to developing their own individual Performance Development Plans. These plans will be negotiated with me and the Teachers-in-Charge over the next 6 weeks. This process provides all staff members with opportunities for self-reflection and setting of objectives for coaching and mentoring to ensure that teachers obtain the best possible outcomes for all students.

Staff Changes
Mr Devin Cullis has transferred to the Devonport Campus to team teach full-time with Mr Grant Maloney on the Senior class for this term only.

NDIS
Several community meetings were held in regional NW towns – Burnie and Latrobe on Tuesday 23rd April. Mrs Bronwyn West, the transition co-ordinator for both campuses has attended workshops to fully understand the impact of the NDIS especially on families of disabled students who are 15 years and over. Already, she has been speaking with parents to ensure that families have been directly contacted and her role will extend to supporting parents to fully understand and appraise the options available to them as the scheme commences.

School Association Annual General meeting
The Devonport Campus School Association Annual General meeting will be held on Monday, 20th May commencing at 1.00pm. This will be a meeting with refreshments as several long servicing community members will be retiring this year.

Kind regards,

Grace

Certificates of Achievement
At our end of term assembly, the following students were presented with these certificates:

- Logan Barnes – Improvement in Swimming;
- Chyanne Tunks – Settling Well into Class Routine;
- Brandon Stendt – Improvement in Verbal Communication;
- Zac Parnell-Fitzgerald - Peer Leader Award; and
- Laurence House – For Always Trying His Best.

Attached to this newsletter is Zac Parnell-Fitzgerald’s story about Gallipoli.
**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 approximately 500

**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 10.00am 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.

Below are photos of Sophie Townley and her Mum, Adele at Cenotaph at the Burnie Park on 25th April for Anzac Day.