Dates to Remember

Wed 20 May
Footy Colours Day

Wed 27 May
Family PODD Learning Day

Fri 12 June
School Association Meeting (9:30am)

Sun 14 June
Dusty & Friends

Wed 1 July
Tenpin Bowling

Fri 3 July
Term 2 ends

Tues 21 July
Term 3 starts

Fri 25 Sept
Term 3 ends

Principal's Message
I hope our mothers and grandmothers across the SOSE campuses enjoyed a festive day on Mother’s Day! It is a great opportunity for family members to recognise and appreciate the love, commitment and boundless energy that ‘mums’ constantly display on a daily basis! I know that students made special little gifts at school to take home to their mothers in gratitude for their care and support!

Eyegaze Trial and Training Days at SOSE Devonport went ahead on Tuesday, 5th May and 6th May in the meeting room. The Independent Living Centre team from Launceston consisting of Gail Bennell, Speech Pathologist and Catherine Merry, Physiotherapist worked alongside Lynda Cameron, Vision Impairment support teacher, Lynne Ryan, ICT consultant and Felicity Lovatt our school’s Speech & Language Pathologist to set up the equipment. Sessions were offered to individual students to trial the technology. Whilst there were several students absent due to illness on the trial days, Chyanne Tunks, Chloe Osborne and Lily Stott were offered short trial sessions with them all becoming very excited and keen to participate.

The Devonport Mayor’s Gala Event was held on Saturday, 9th May in the gym at The Don College. This fundraiser was hosted by Mr Steve Martin who is committed to raising funds within the local community to ensure that local schools are able to offer breakfast programs to students who require it. This year, it is expected that over $10,000 has been raised once expenses are totalled. What a fine effort! The monies presented to SOSE will benefit both campuses.
Other Proposed Fundraising Events
Dusty and Joyce Winwood have kindly agreed to organise a Country & Western Music concert to be held at the Penguin Sports and Golf Complex on Sunday, 14th June from 1:00 pm onwards. There will be a $5 cover charge.

Counter meals will be available between 12:00-1:00 pm (average cost $12-$15). Lunches must be pre-ordered prior to the day.

Monies raised on the day will be used to purchase a new stove for the SOSE Devonport kitchen. Currently, there are 3 stoves in the kitchen which are showing signs of wear and tear. The students’ weekly cooking program is reliant on having reliable hotplates and an oven so that every student experiences success with their baking!

Please mark this event on your calendar as we would like to see as many families as possible to attend and support this venture.

To book your ticket or pre-order lunch please contact Dusty on 6496 1251.

Welcome to a new student
Sapphire Gibbons and her father Troy have returned to their home in Devonport after almost a year spent in Western Queensland.

Whilst, Sapphire is enrolled at Our Lady of Lourdes School, she will commence a transition into the girls combined Primary/Secondary class taught by Darlene Kumar. Mollie and Ruby were especially excited to meet Sapphire when she visited the class briefly this week.

Smartboard relocated to Yellow Room
The learning programs for students in the Yellow Room have been greatly enhanced by the Smartboard now operating and fully accessible to every student.

Students in the Yellow Room have been using the Interactive Smartboard on a daily basis for morning circle, literacy and numeracy activities, and to SKYPE with a student who has been unable to attend class on site.

This week, Felicity Lovatt and I will be attending the Agosci’s 12th Biennial Conference in Brisbane. We are committed to listening and discussing latest research and information which we will share with colleagues on our return. The teaching and support teams are committed to further enhance the development of individualised programming for the students who attend the School of Special Education NW.

‘Commitment leads to action. Action brings your dreams closer’. Marcia Wieder

Kind regards,

Grace
AGFEST Excursion

Last week a group of 8 students and 5 staff spent the day at AGFEST. Everyone had a wonderful time and did a great job staying together in such a busy and crowded setting.
Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month:
May: Katherine, Zali

Head Lice
There are head lice out and about in the community again at the moment. Parents / carers are reminded to please check their child’s hair on a regular basis.

Mobile Phones at School
Parents/carers are reminded that students should not be bringing mobile phones to school unless they have permission from their class teacher. Students are to be reminded that they MUST NOT take photos of other students or staff without asking permission first.

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.

Outstanding Accounts
A reminder to parents who have outstanding accounts that we are happy to accept part payments. If you would like to discuss payment arrangements please contact Lindy at the school office.

Sick Children
A reminder that if your child is unwell it is your responsibility to keep them at home to stop the spread of germs. If your child arrives at school unwell you will be asked to come and collect them.

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 MerseyLink on 6427 7626. You must also let MerseyLink know if the bus does not need to pick up your child for any reason.
- 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 (after 9:30) or leaving early (before 2:30) then you must sign them in/out at the school office.

School Hats
A reminder that we have school hats available at the school office for $10. During terms 1 and 4 students must wear hats when outside.

Uniform Items
The school office has a few spare uniform items still for sale if anyone is interested. Please see Lindy at the office if you would like to look at what we have.

Also please remember to name all items of school uniform.

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