Hello staff, parents, carers and friends,

There is so much news to share over this fortnight.

Firstly, I hope you are all aware that the State Government has released funding to support capital works projects in 11 schools across the state. The School of Special Education NW was most fortunate to be given $800,000.00 with some allocation of it to be accessed in the 2014-15 budget. There will be some flexibility in how we utilise the funds and I perceive that consideration will be given for plans to be proposed from both Burnie and Devonport campuses.

We, as a school community, will call on the collective wisdom of all sectors of the school communities to share in the decision making process. In particular, members of the School Associations will be major stakeholders in planning the whole project. Our minds will need to seriously consider concepts for the future to ensure that all students will benefit from dynamic learning spaces as well as the provision of basic services.

PODD Supporters Group NW

I wish to advise families and friends that the SOSE NW’s Speech & Language Pathologist, Felicity Lovatt, will be offering a workshop for participants to practice using PODD books and other comprehensive AAC systems (e.g. Tap Speak Choice page sets on the iPad) as a means of promoting real communication in a group situation. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, 19th June at the East Ulverstone Primary School Hall, Crawford Street, Ulverstone from 12.30 to 2.30pm.

If you require further information please contact and RSVP if you are attending to felicity.lovatt@education.tas.gov.au. Don’t forget to bring your child’s PODD book along with you to enable practice and discussion.
Body Cycles Visit to both campuses
Jeff and Tracey Loader, manufacturers of tricycles for special people have made a visit this week from Hackham in South Australia. Several students were given opportunities to trial adaptations to safely allow them to enjoy a ride on a tricycle with minimal adult assistance. Several tricycles were brought out of the school’s sheds and Jeff was able to make assessments of the ‘as is’ condition of the tricycles before fitting new parts to allow new students to have regular opportunities to ride and develop their muscular strength. See photo of Lily on the next page.

Special Thoughts for the House family
I wish to share that Matthew House, wife of Pam and father of Laurence who is a full time student in the Primary class at the Devonport campus is gravely ill in the NW Regional hospital at Burnie. Our thoughts are with the family members at this difficult time.

School Association Meeting – Devonport Campus
At the Annual General meeting held on Monday, 20th May the following new members were elected: President – Angela Dodd Community Members – Mrs Lynn Whittle (a former teacher) and Mrs Dianne Warren (former Director of Nursing at Melaleuca). A formal thanks and presentation was made to two retiring members – Mrs Kate French and Mrs Audrey Campbell who have worked tirelessly for the Devonport campus over several years. Kate has undertaken the role of Secretary whilst Audrey was an astute fundraiser for our school. Sincere thanks for your efforts and commitment. Mrs Leeanne Howe was re-elected unopposed as the Staff representative on the School A

Kind regards,
Grace

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**Asthma Helpline info**

Free helpline for students and parents who have asthma and need help to breathe easier.

Would you like to be less breathless with sport and lifestyle in general?

Please call 1800 asthma  Monday – Friday  9.00am to 5.00pm.
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 9,900.

This campaign finishes in Woolworths stores on Sunday 9th June 2013 so please bring collect your stickers and send them along to school as soon as possible.

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.

Companion Card

If anyone would like a Companion Card Package, please contact the school.

Lily Stott on the tricycle in class.