Key Dates for 2015

Mon 8 June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tues 9 June
Lamington Order due to office

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

Sun 14 June
Dusty & Friends

Fri 19 June
Lamingtons available for collection

Mon 22 – Fri 26 June
Learn to Swim

Wed 1 July
Tenpin Bowling

Fri 3 July
Term 2 ends

Tues 21 July
Term 3 starts

Fri 25 Sept
Term 3 ends

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Principal’s Message
Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

The SOSE NW community has received some wonderful news as part of the 2015-16 Tasmanian Budget that was announced on Thursday, 28th May. I am pleased to announce a $4.5 million Capital Investment Project which will provide for the refurbishment of the old Acton school site. This initiative will enable the students and staff to relocate from the current SOSE Burnie beside Hellyer College as we have outgrown the site.

The scope of the works includes the modernisation of the old Acton school. The project funding includes allowances for furniture and equipment, supply and installation of artwork, professional fees and allowances. A Project Committee will be formed to manage the project and will include representation from the school, Learning Services and Asset Planning.

This project commenced as a ‘vision’ at least 4 years ago when our student population continued to grow steadily from year to year. I mooted the idea with Sandra French, President of the Burnie SOSE School Association and the past Learning Services Manager, Mr Malcolm Wells of taking over some classrooms that were empty when the Acton school staff and students relocated to the newly built Romaine Park Primary School. With the continued support from the Learning Service Managers, Bruce Cameron and Trudy Pearce, and School Association President, funding was initiated to upgrade access and basic refurbishment of the toilets and classrooms with new paint and floor coverings. Gradually, we have continued to improve the amenities as our student population has continued to increase.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has been so supportive of the long term plan to ultimately relocate to the Acton hub.

A new journey is about to begin.................
Join Hearts and Hands with School Aide for the children of Nepal
Together as one education community we made a difference! A Footy Colours Day and a Pizza Fundraiser raised $202.50 across both Devonport and Burnie SOSE campuses which will be donated to UNICEF. Thanks to staff, students, parents and carers for your support.

Parents/Carers PODD Support Group was held on Wednesday 27th May at the SOSE Moorville Rd campus. The school’s Speech & Language Pathologist, Felicity Lovatt prepared and presented the day’s program whilst Michelle Williams and the senior class students prepared morning tea and lunch for the 12 parents and children. It certainly was a very successful day!

Reminder: On swimming and hydrotherapy days could parents please dress students in tracksuit pants rather than tight fitting trousers and tights. Loose clothing is preferred when dressing students after being in the water.

Mayor’s Gala Event
The Devonport Mayor, Mr Steven Martin has informed me that SOSE NW will receive $650.00 towards the ongoing costs of providing a life skills/cooking program for our students. This is a very worthy fundraising venture and we appreciate the efforts made by the Mayor and other organisers of this annual event.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be taking place from Tuesday 9th June until Friday, 19th June. Class teachers will contact you to organise appointments on mutually suitable dates and times. Please take this opportunity to come and and discuss your child’s progress.

Kind regards,
Grace

Green Room Work Experience
Green Room students have been very busy continuing with their weekly Work Experience Programs. Jayde, Damon, Alex and Jack are involved in collecting, collating and delivering catalogues. Katherine, Nathan and Brandon are involved in Work Experience at K & D where tasks range from working in the café, plants department and putting displays together. Jayde also visits the Gateway Church and assists in the kitchen. Most of the class visit the Gateway Church each Thursday and carry out various tasks including vacuuming, wiping tables, gardening, cleaning windows and toys. We are very fortunate to have Bronwyn West working hard to make these placements possible, as well as the businesses who offer work experience opportunities to us.
ARE YOU A PARENT OR PRIMARY CAREGIVER WITH SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN?
IF SO YOU COULD HAVE THE CHANCE TO WIN $100 BY COMPLETING AN ONLINE SURVEY

Previous research on parental involvement in child education has shown parental involvement to be linked to a range of positive educational outcomes throughout student’s academic lives. Some examples of positive outcomes include improved academic achievement and emotional functioning. The aim of this study is to determine what motivates Devonport parents to be involved in their children’s education. For full details and to participate please follow the link below to the online questionnaire:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FDBNWCJ

2015 RBF Department of Education Awards for Excellence Nominations Now Open!

The RBF Department of Education Awards for Excellence formally acknowledge the dedication and commitment of staff and volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding excellence, innovation and have put Learners First in everything they do.

This year’s RBF Awards includes fourteen award categories, which have been designed to ensure all staff and volunteers have the opportunity to be nominated for an award.

So, if you’d like to acknowledge a member of your school community, nominate them for an RBF Award and show them that their work and commitment is truly appreciated.

The online nomination form is easy to use, and can be completed and submitted at http://edu.formstack.com/forms/rbf_awards_2015

Nominations close on Sunday 14 June.

Finalists in all award categories will be invited to a state-wide awards ceremony, where the winners will be announced on 16 October.

For more information about the awards, categories and the nomination process, visit http://www.education.tas.gov.au/Community-and-Providers/Pages/Awards-Program.aspx

Weighted Lap / Cot Blankets

Deep Pressure Touch Stimulation (DPTS) supplied by weighted blankets, toys or other resources is believed to release a chemical in the brain (serotonin), which naturally calms the user.

Many people who have had trouble sleeping or concentrating have found benefits in weighted resources as the users feel a sense of calm and relaxation, helping them to focus.

Prompt Education have expanded their range of weighted resources using the safest non-toxic, biodegradable products, these items can be washed and all products are double stiched and lined for safety reasons.

Website: www.prompteducation.com
Messages from the Office

Lamington Drive
Order forms should now have gone home to all families. If you have not received one yet please contact the office and we will send one out to you.

Please note the money and orders are due to the office by TUESDAY 9TH JUNE.

Learn to Swim
This year our Learn to Swim program will run from Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June. Permission forms will go home soon to those students participating.

Please return those forms as soon as possible to the 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.

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.

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.

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.

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