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

No doubt, many members of the SOSE NW community read the newspaper story ‘Funding allows school to fulfil its vision’ in the Advocate a fortnight ago. Since the State Government’s announcement that I shared with you in the last newsletter, I am very pleased to share with staff, parents and carers of the SOSE Devonport campus that the allocated funding of $4.5 million is likely to extend to support the completion of the project drawn up early this year by Ms Debbie Thomson, Senior Architect with GHD.

The SOSE Devonport project outlines the refurbishment of the 3 classrooms – Yellow, Red and Blue along the main corridor. The development of an indoor/outdoor learning area outside each of these classrooms will extend from the exterior doors of each classroom into the fenced concrete and asphalted area towards the boundary fence. The wheelchair accessible swing will be repositioned to a central space within this new learning area to ensure that more students can utilise it particularly at break times. A more user friendly soft-fall type of material will replace the asphalt and concrete.

More exciting news.... Congratulations to Felicity Lovatt, our SOSE NW Speech & Language Pathologist who applied and successfully gained funding amounting to $10,000 to purchase technological communication devices to support several students at both SOSE campuses. The Commonwealth Community Bank award has also shortlisted our organisation to have this initial funding amount doubled! WOW! We will be formally notified of this fabulous outcome by the end of June.

SOSE Devonport has also received notification that the DoE will be offering $18,900 to asphalt the grassed area immediately in front of the school to ensure that up to 12 car parking spaces will be prepared and sealed before the end of 2015. What a great achievement!
Swimming & Water Safety program.... This yearly program is scheduled to commence at the Ulverstone pool on 22nd June for all eligible SOSE NW students until 26th June. This program is beneficial for many of our students who are full-time, dual enrolled or accessing programs at SOSE NW, so please ensure that the permission forms are signed and returned to school as soon as possible. SOSE Burnie’s session commences from 11.30am until 12.30pm and SOSE Devonport will overlap by arriving promptly at the pool by no later than 12.15pm so that the actual time in the pool is fully maximised to spread over the entire hour for each campus.

Maddison Harrison is a new student from Latrobe Primary who is commencing a 1 day per week transition pathway to SOSE Devonport by commencing to attend supported by her teacher assistant in Darlene Kumar’s class on Fridays. Welcome Maddison!

Reminder – Parent- Teacher interviews are currently taking place between Tuesday 9th June and Friday, 19th June. Class teachers have probably attempted to make contact you to organise appointments on mutually suitable dates and times. Please take this opportunity to come and discuss your child's progress.

Kind regards,

Grace

Sick children
If your child is away from school / or sent home because of vomiting or diarrhoea we ask that you keep them home for 48 hours after the last episode.

Haircuts
We are no longer offering haircuts for our students here. Do any parents have a hairdresser/barber that is great with your child that we could recommend?

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URGENT NOTE TO PARENTS
2015 SCHOOL IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

The next round of the school immunisation programme will be taking place at your school NEXT WEEK. This is the second round of the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) immunisation program. We advise that any children attending this session has a good breakfast and has plenty of food and water for the day.

IMPORTANT: YOU MUST advise the Devonport City Council Health Department immediately on 6424 0576 if you are going to get you vaccinations done through your GP, if your child is unwell or has commenced taking some form of medication. Please DO NOT expect school staff to pass on this information. Parents are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information provided on the consent forms, and for any necessary alterations to that information being passed on to the Health Department.
Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month:
June: Anthony, Sophie, Jayde

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. If your child is away from school / or sent home because of vomiting or diarrhoea we ask that you keep them home for 48 hours after the last episode.

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.

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