Key Dates for 2015

Fri 3 July
Term 2 ends

Mon 20 July
Term 3 starts

Fri 25 Sept
Term 3 ends

Mon 12 Oct
Term 4 starts

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

The final week of Term 2 has arrived and this newsletter is an opportunity to collectively celebrate several achievements over this very busy term.

Capital Works meetings are now firmly on the agenda with two meetings already held since the announcement of the Devonport and the Burnie campuses scope of works being formally announced Friday, 29th May. The next meeting will be held at SOSE Mooreville Road campus in the third week of July. Mr Matt Bilsborough, DoE Project Manager, and Mrs Anne Stewart, Learning Services North Operations Manager have joined the team and the ongoing discussions with Ms Debbie Thomson, Senior Architect at GHD centre on problem solving.

Swimming & Water Safety program held from Monday, 22nd June through to Friday, 26th June was a tremendous success! I attended the two sessions for both campuses on Monday 22nd June and was very impressed with the small student groupings that supported swim and stroke development and water awareness programming. Kathy Milne-Viney devised the program in collaboration with information shared by Luke Dolbey, Grant Maloney and Randall Hardy.

This team support also included the DoE swim team members based at the East Ulverstone pool. Team members were available to support the sequential planning of differing student groupings in the pool who were fully participating alongside each other over the five successive days.

Grant Maloney also successfully completed his ‘Perform basic water rescue award’ and his ‘Perform CPR award’ during the week.

Thank you to all staff members who worked co-operatively to ensure that the 2015 program ran so efficiently. It was a great effort from everyone!
Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Interviews have been held over the last two - three weeks at all SOSE campuses. It is very impressive to see parents and carers making the effort to come into the school to discuss their child’s progress during Terms 1 & 2. An opportunity to openly discuss your child’s progress, share your concerns, ask questions and plan new smart goals to be included in the IEP review is greatly appreciated by every teacher.

Thank you for taking part in this very important process.

The Country and Western Concert held at the Penguin Sports & Golf Club on Sunday 14th June raised $1,100 on the day. This was a fantastic amount. A great thank you to Mrs Margie Temple-Smith, a Community rep on the SOSE Devonport School Association who generously donated a range of great prizes for the raffle and a special thank you to Dusty and Joy Winwood who organised the program of artists on the day.

A new stove for the school’s kitchen has now been purchased with the proceeds.

The Lamington Drive held at SOSE Devonport was once again an impressive fundraiser! Sandy Webb and Jessica Wood were the main organisers and over two successive working bees with teachers and support staff being willing to ‘coat’, ‘sprinkle’, ‘cover’, ‘label’ and ‘pack’, 385 packets of lamingtons were ready for delighted customers! $1,238 was raised.

All staff and students took part in a whole school bowling outing on Wednesday, 1st July at the Bowling alley in William St Devonport. This was a fun event to celebrate the end of Term 2.

Finally, the term holidays are an ideal opportunity for staff members and students to enjoy a well-earned rest.

Please note everyone that Term 3 resumes on Monday, 20th July.

Kind regards,

Grace

Hi Everyone!

I’m Lynda Cameron and I am very happy to be a part of the Devonport/Burnie team. I have just moved to Tasmania from Queensland where I worked in Special Education for over 20 years, focusing mostly on students with visual impairment. Each child has taught me so much, and I love it when they get to ‘shine’ and share their unique gifts and abilities with the community.

I am working with Lynne Ryan as we set up our EYE GAZE equipment and begin introducing the students to this exciting new technology. We are getting some very encouraging results as students engage in looking, tracking, and choosing with the fun games and activities. The potential for learning is huge.

We have also set up kits of activities to use with the light box. It is great to see how the students ‘come alive’ and participate in learning in innovative ways. It is great to be a part of such an experienced and dedicated team. THANKS EVERYONE!

Purple Room Gardening

We planted these cauliflowers the same time as the broccoli and now they’ve finally grown. Picked on 15th June to be used in our stir fry on Wednesday. We were all surprised with their large size.
Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the office here at the school or in the Collection Box at the Devonport Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
Congratulations to Joanne Corvinus on being nominated as a favourite teacher in the recent SeaFM Apple For The Teacher competition.

Congratulations to Brady Harris for being the June 2015 winner of the AAC Supercommunicator Award. Brady has been using his PODD Communication Book for a greater range of communication purposes. He retold a story that had happened at home to an adult at school using his PODD book: “in the car/Mum/doctor/chemist/medicine”. Brady asked his teacher aide to sing him a song while he was being assisted at the toilet. He specifically requested “Hokey Pokey”!

**Messages from the Office**

**Birthdays**
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month: 
July: Brady, Bryce, Logan, Alex C, Hamish, Lucas

**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. 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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