Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

Well, the days are rolling by quickly with the end of Term 2 almost here! I hope you’re getting ready for the two week holiday as students finish on Friday, 4th July!

‘SOSE Has Got Talent’

All staff and students who attended this event, really enjoyed themselves! The spontaneity of the students who joined in with smiling faces, clapping and dancing was amazing to observe. When the whole school now combines at one event, we certainly take up all the floor space in the gym at the Acton campus. Please don’t feel that you’ve missed out on witnessing your child being dressed up, acting, singing and performing! ‘SOSE Has Got Talent’ held on Wednesday, 11th June was just a rehearsal! Parents and carers will certainly watch a ‘review’ performance involving staff, and all acts from every class later in the year. A special thank you to every staff member who participated and many thanks to Jacqui Astley who organised the music, props, costumes and instruments.

Excursion to the Duck Reach Power Station and the Cataract Gorge

The senior class at SOSE Devonport have been out and about to Launceston on Thursday 12th June accompanied by their teacher Grant Maloney and class teacher aides – Steph and Leeanne. The excursion was an extension to their learning associated with their current theme based literacy and numeracy topic. Practical field trips give our students extra opportunities to discover and explore a new environment where active learning and understanding can be nurtured.

Work Experience

Nathan Pitchford has commenced work experience at the Five Figs Cafe in Latrobe. Nathan’s has become an excellent coffee maker! Well done Nathan!
Zyteq Eye Gaze Day
Zyteq is a company based in Melbourne that services all of Australia. On Wednesday, 18th June, 5 teachers and our school’s Speech & Language Pathologist, Felicity Lovatt, attended a whole day workshop in Launceston to learn about the latest technology and its impact on the learning programs of several of our student across both campuses.

On Thursday, 19th June, offered a ‘Come and Try’ Eye Gaze Day at the Acton campus where students, teacher aides, teachers and parents could trial eye technology.

Eye gaze technology tracks where you look on a computer screen. This can assist a student to communicate, type, paint or play games using only their eyes.

There were 30 minute sessions for each student to try it out with support from the Zyteq specialists, Tracey Bode and Karyn Muscat who are Speech Pathologists. Staff members, Gail Bennell and Chris Bryg from the Independent Living Centre in Launceston were also in attendance and will be supporting SOSE NW students in the future.

The Zyteq Eye Gaze Day is all about supporting each child to try and do things on the computer using their eyes!

There isn’t any pressure to get it right. Tracey and Karyn videoed each session and at the conclusion of the day had a discussion with parents, teachers and support staff about the session and how eye gaze technology could be used in the future.

Well Wishes for a Speedy Recovery

We wish Tara Dodd all the best as she is, at present, recovering from an operation at the Royal Hobart hospital. Our thoughts are with Angela and Greg.

Kind regards,
Grace

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.

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 Phoenix on 6427 7626. You must also let Phoenix know if the bus does not need to pick up your child for any reason.
- You must also contact the school office before 10am 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.

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.
SOSE Has Talent
The Green room has been on excursions to identify and understand the role of people whom assist us in the community but are often unsung. The first of these was a trip to the Trevallyn Dam and the Gorge in Launceston. Students undertook learning activities on the importance of and the diversity of employment opportunities for local councils. This week Green room visited the Makers Workshop and the Surf Life Saving Club in Burnie to undertake hands on experience in creative manufacturing and the role of Lifesavers in our community. All students made their own paper and enjoyed talking to the many artisans on site.