Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends
The 3rd Term has commenced well with staff and students returning to school with happy smiles after relaxing and having free time.

Staff movements – Burnie Campus
Mrs Sue-Ann Beaumont is continuing in the Teacher in Charge for Term 3 and is co-teaching with Mr Paul Birkin on the Primary class. Mr Devin Cullis is team teaching with Mrs Michelle Williams on the Senior Class on Tuesdays and Fridays. Devin has taken up a fixed term position at Latrobe High teaching Grade 7 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs Bronwyn West is also team teaching on the Senior Class on Wednesdays.

I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Allison Hardstaff and Mrs Michelle Williams have won permanent full time teaching positions at SOSE Burnie. Congratulations! You are both very successful practitioners and we are fortunate to be assured of your continued enthusiasm and passion within the whole teaching team.

Date Reminders
- Learn to Swim Early Childhood & Primary students 5th – 9th August
  Seniors 12th – 16th August
- Whole School Disco – 20th August
  Students to dress up as a Favourite TV or Movie character
- 19th – 30th August - Mid Year Parent Teacher meetings

My Visit to Special Schools in Singapore
During the term holiday, Lynne Ryan our school’s ICT Adviser and I visited the Woodlands Gardens School, the Woodlands Employment Development Centre and the Rainbow Centre over 4 consecutive days.
This visit was supported by a letter of introduction prepared by Mr Colin Pettit, Secretary of Tasmania’s Department of Education and circulated to the Leaders of the three educational centres that we chose to visit.
I had met Mrs Dawn Tan Boon Shan who is the Vice-Principal of the Woodlands Gardens School last year whilst we were both on holiday in Malaysia. We’ve kept in contact via email since our meeting last year and she was responsible for planning the itinerary of school visits.
Woodlands Employment Development Centre   SINGAPORE

Students with severe disabilities exit the Woodlands Gardens School when they are 18 years old and many of them have been on long term transition programs to join industry based workplace employment options which are operated over 5 days from 9am – 4.30pm. This centre is beside the school so there are opportunities for past students to regularly visit classrooms to discuss and model employment roles to younger peers. The employment centre also prepares young adults by planning their skill development to gain a job in open employment. The philosophy within the Woodlands Gardens School is that all students can undertake some form of employment regardless of their disability. All the young disabled adults that we observed were earning a wage – there is no disability pension available from the government in Singapore! The young workers were organised at tables and were supervised by support personnel. The Manager who showed us around the centre was responsible for finding prospective businesses with ongoing jobs that could be guaranteed as viable. We were so impressed!

- Groups of workers dismantled, cleaned the inner components, reassembled the headsets and sealed each headset into a plastic bag for Qantas airlines
- Groups of workers packed seasonal vegetables into plastic bags for the local supermarket. Several workers on each table were responsible for correctly weighing and sealing the bags.
- Groups of workers were responsible for folding official forms for the Singapore Immigration Dept. These forms needed to be in particular order and stacked neatly.
- One set of workers prepared onions for restaurants in the local area.
- Another set of workers prepared the food in the canteen which was directed by a chef who supervised the menu options, preparation of food and kitchen hygiene standards.
- Another set of workers worked on creative craft tasks – badge making, paper stacking, book binding, note pad making, screen print shopping bags and shopping bags made of newspaper were also being trialled.

These jobs were all meaningful and every worker exhibited pride in undertaking these roles. Next time when you’re on a Qantas flight and the hostess offers you a set of headphones remember that they may have been recycled and the cleaning, reassembling and packing processes have been successfully completed by severely disabled young people!!!

Kind regards,

Grace

Packing vegetables for supermarkets

Preparing onions for local restaurants
Recent Donations

A special thanks to "Gowans Toyota" for supplying a quantity of tree seedlings and a gardening kit.

Our senior students will be supported by the "Outside the Square Solutions" group to plant the seedlings in the playground at the Acton Hub next week.

Many thanks to Linda Blackaby for initiating this project to celebrate National Tree Day.

Many Thanks

Two representatives from the Cam-Somerset Country Music group presented a cheque for $1000 to our school this week.

This generous donation will go towards funding the Music Camp for 2013.

We are always grateful to receive donations from members of the local community.
LEAP
Learning Educational Activities Program (Friday afternoons)