Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

The snowy weather on Monday 3rd August was a thrilling experience for staff as well as students at both campuses. The regular timetable was interrupted by students having a wonderful time outside with the tiny snowflakes falling around them. Some beautiful photos were taken of this unusual happening in our playground.

Visit by Kial Hingston, Manager of the Burnie branch of the Commonwealth Bank

Smiling faces and excitement was in the air at the Acton campus during the literacy session on Tuesday morning, 4th August. Kial was very interested in observing the students during their literacy session with their teacher Jaime Bradley. Our school has been fortunate to recently receive two funding grants for which we had applied. The Tasmanian Community Fund and the Commonwealth Bank Staff Fund have both awarded us $10000 each, along with a donation from the Davis family. We will be using these funds to purchase three electronic communication devices. These will enable our students to have more extensive trial periods with speech generating devices to see if such devices will assist them to be able to say what they want to say, when they want to say it and to whom.

SOSE NW is very grateful to be the receiver of these Grants and Donations.

Felicity Lovatt, the school’s Speech & Language Pathologist prepared the submission for the grant. Well done Felicity!
Woolworths Earn & Learn

This year we will be participating once again in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will receive educational resources for our school – all we need you to do is save your earn and learn stickers at Woolworths.

Either 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 Collection Box at Woolworths Upper Burnie OR send them in to school.

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.

Thank you to those who have already sent in stickers – keep them coming please!!

Whole School Disco

This annual event which is a highlight of our school’s calendar will be held during Book Week. The theme is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Every student and staff member loves dressing up for this event so now is the time to think about a possible costume depicting a favourite character from a special book.

This year, there will be an early childhood and junior disco to be held on Monday 24th August and the upper primary and senior students will hold their disco on Wednesday, 26th August in the Acton Gym.

Involvement in the Strengthening Communities Project

This is a new project to gain further information at the ‘grassroots’ level to investigate a new model within the Shorewell community whereby purposeful and intentional insights from families can develop sustainability to identify and manage long term issues. Trish Thorpe, has been engaged to interview family members and also agencies within the Shorewell community. Already I have been interviewed and will shortly complete a survey involving our school’s relationship with Mission Australia.

Who is Mission Australia?

Many families with students at SOSE NW already have completed a referral to gain particular support that Mission Australia offers.

‘Mission Australia helps people regain their independence by standing together with Australians in need until they can stand for themselves.’

Strengthening Communities Project will run for 12 months with the findings being collated and released in mid 2016.

Kind regards,

Grace

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Bethany turns 16
Thomas Beard from our Devonport Campus has come to join our classes for the next 2 weeks. Tom likes music – Taylor Swift, drum beating, stories and bubbles.