Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends

I hope you’re all surviving the lengthy rain showers and the blustery conditions!
Spring is almost here.......... 

The announcement of the Federal Election

I thought it was an appropriate time to provide you with some important facts about the Better Schools Program which has been discussed between all politicians and through the media. Are you aware that:

- Tasmanian Government schools will receive an additional $234 million to be invested in education over the next 6 years.
- The Australian government has set strong compliance and obligations regarding the funds that are set by law under the Australian Education Act 2013.
- It is about addressing students’ needs and stringent accountability processes will be put in place to ensure compliance.
- A key commitment is to improve the quality of learning for all students.
- The reform agenda is centered on school improvement to support
  - quality teaching
  - quality learning
  - empowered school leadership
  - meeting students’ needs
- It will be based on a fairer funding model to access and support students from low socio-economic backgrounds, students with disabilities and Indigenous groups.
- The program will reflect accountability and transparency.

I will be attending a two day workshop in Hobart next week where training will be undertaken about the nationally consistent collection of data (NCCD) including the levels of adjustment which will be utilised to determine funding for students with disabilities. A new model will replace the current SDR nomination process for funding.
The Learn to Swim program over the last two weeks has really assisted students to gain further confidence in the water. All staff members who have continuously supported students each day are pleased to report on the students' improvements in stroke development and the capacity to swim unaided for further distances. What a great effort!
I would like to thank all staff members for their commitment by supporting students in the pool. When a familiar staff member works closely with each student then there is always a boost in confidence especially when the students are encouraged to trial a new skill.
Well done everyone! Thanks also to Sue-Ann Beaumont and Jo Corvinus for manipulating the daily timetable to ensure that other programs were not severely interrupted.

Reminder about whole school Disco which will be held on Tuesday, 20th August in the gym at the SOSE Devonport campus. Students are expected to dress up as a favourite TV or movie character.
It would be appreciated if all students brought a gold coin donation which we will collect and pledge to Special Olympics Tasmania to support the sports programs that are regularly offered to our students over each year.

Parent-Teacher conversations to discuss student’s progress and to review learning goals in individual education plans will commence on Monday 19th August. Please ensure that an appointment is made with individual teachers so that these valuable conversations can be complete within the fortnight timeframe.

Kind regards,

Grace

ASTHMA Training

An Asthma Community Educator will be visiting our school on Tuesday 10th September at 2.45.
Please notify the office if you wish to attend - 64333870

The Educator can help you manage any member of your family's asthma effectively so that it is ideally symptom free. She will also discuss exercise and asthma, and how to prevent this occurring in physical activity.
Information that can be discussed is:
reliever and preventer medications and the different types that are available and what they do;
asthma action plans;
asthma triggers;
seasonal asthma;
asthma first aid;
allergy testing;
preventing asthma symptoms from occurring.

This is a free service from The Asthma Foundation of Tas
Our next Fundraising idea.................

We are seeking donations of produce or new items to have a lucky dip for the Burnie Farmers Market.

**Donation idea**

- Relish
- Sauces
- Jam
- Pot plants
- Bulbs
- Any preserves
- Fresh vegetables (do you know any farmers that may donate vegies)
- Eggs (if you have chooks and have an abundance of eggs)
- New products
- Non-perishable food (to place in hampers)

We are aiming to go to the Market in 3rd term.
If you can help by providing items or helping on the day .........please let me know or contact the school office........64 333870.

..........Sue-ann   (teacher-in-charge)