Hello staff, parents, carers and friends
I hope you’re all surviving the lengthy rain showers and the blustery conditions! Spring is almost here...........

Learn to Swim Program
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 Jo Corvinus for manipulating the daily timetable to ensure that other programs were not severely interrupted.

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 which 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 centred on school...
Music Camp Fundraising
This year’s Music Camp will be held on the 13th to 15th November at Camp Clayton. The past two years have been a huge success and we would like to again offer an overnight experience for our students that include a range of art, music and dance activities. In order for this to happen, we are asking the school community for some help.

On 2nd August the Devon Country Music Association held a music night at the Railton RSL. The proceeds of the raffle and door charges from the evening resulted in $461.75 being generously donated towards our Music Camp. The next fundraising event we are holding is our Lamington Drive. Your help in this initiative will be greatly appreciated and a lamington order form is attached to this newsletter. Please return the order form and money to the office before Monday 26th August for delivery on 5th and 6th September.

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School Disco Reminder, a whole school Disco 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
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