Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
This last fortnight has been quite hectic with prospective parents and carers contacting the school’s two main campuses to arrange visits to observe specific class groups in readiness for possible new student enrolments in 2015.

“Dusty and Friends” Country and Western Fundraiser
I am very pleased to report that $800 was presented to me at the end of an enjoyable afternoon’s entertainment on Sunday, 10th August at the Penguin Golf and Sport’s Clubrooms. ‘Slim Dusty’ favourites and original songs written and performed by the musicians filled the entire afternoon’s concert. There were lots of prizes which were raffled in segments throughout the program. The audience joined in to wish Dusty Winwood a very happy 80th Birthday!

Two Proxpads have been recently ordered! We look forward to trialling this new technology with individual students under the guidance of Felicity Lovatt who has returned from Maternity leave and is servicing students at D’port SOSE on Mondays and Burnie SOSE on Wednesdays.

Reminders

Parent-Teacher Conferencing
It has been pleasing to welcome parents and carers into the school to discuss each student’s progress, share information and to negotiate new learning goals. If you have not yet made an appointment with your child’s teacher/s then please ring up or write a note in your child’s communication book to make a suitable time and day for a get together.

If you are unable to attend before the last day, 29th August please negotiate another date with your child’s teacher.

Whole School Disco
This is a last minute reminder! The theme for the disco is ‘Puppet Characters’. The date is Wednesday, 20th August. We would like to see all students and staff dressed in a special costume for this annual event! We wish Mrs Lindy Parker and her husband Rodney a relaxing holiday in Fiji as she takes a fortnight’s holiday.

Kind regards,

Grace
Green Room’s Visit to Court
On Thursday the 7th of August Green Room went to the Burnie court to see how it works and what the process is for a case. Andrew took us through the court room and where the certain people sit and what certain people did in court. We were in the lower court so they had a Magistrate that decided the penalty for the crime then we had the lawyers that would defend the person that committed the crime. They had a special T.V that would let people from prison be in court while still being in prison and not having to transport them all the way to the court room. Damon, Brandon, Nathan and Katherine were sitting in the lawyer chairs. Me, Stephanie and Sam sat in the area that the audience sat in. Grant, Leanne and Jayde sat where the press would sit and Janine sat at the dock where the prisoner sits. We all had a great time and I’m really looking forward to the next excursion.

By Zachary Parnell-Fitzgerald

Mobile Phones at School
Parents/carers are reminded that students should not be bringing mobile phones to school unless they have permission from their class teacher. Students are to be reminded that they MUST NOT take photos of other students or staff without asking permission first.

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.

FORMS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL:
- Consent and Medical Form + Consent for Aquatic Activity Forms
Dusty and Friends

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