Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

We're all enjoying the sunny days after a frost. It's exhilarating for our students and staff members to be outside in the playground with the sun shining during break times and PE. Spring is almost here, and have you noticed that there is now a little extra daylight in the late afternoon?

This week is Book Week – ‘Books Light Up Our World’
Sharing stories together, recognising a favourite story by its title and its cover and being able to indicate a main character in the storyline are simple steps to encouraging our students to develop an interest in reading. Every day at school our students are experiencing the pleasure of sharing and turning the pages of books whilst listening to the text being read and many of our students are able to identify single letters and words as they appear in print. It’s exciting!

Book Week is an opportunity to celebrate our favourite stories and favourite authors. During the weekend, I hope you find some time to read or tell a story to your child. You might even decide to choose a new book to purchase and read together.

Book Week at SOSE Devonport
The classes at SOSE Devonport decorated the main hallway with paper lanterns depicting favourite book covers and these were highlighted by long strands of fairy lights along the walls. The whole atmosphere was very impressive as staff, parents and visitors came through our front door.
Thank you to staff members, parents and carers who were able to organise costumes for students depicting a story book character. At the early childhood disco on Monday, there was Spiderman and several firemen along with some very cute girls who were accompanied by ‘The Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly’ as they boarded the bus to attend the disco at the Mooreville Rd SOSE campus on Monday morning. Staff members really enjoyed dressing up and joining in the fun!

Can you recognise them in the photos???

At the Primary/Secondary disco held on Wednesday at the Acton campus, several of Robin Hood’s men, Maid Marion and Friar Tuck from the Senior Class were led along by a ‘green sheep’ who appeared to be in charge of them!

‘Mrs Wishy Washy’, ‘Jess’ the cowgirl and a group of girls in various costumes enjoyed dancing with each other.

Congratulations to ‘Mrs Wishy Washy’ (Darlene Kumar), Captain Jack (Christopher Wallis) and Disney Princess (Grace Baxter) who received ‘best costume’ awards.
School Satisfaction Surveys
This year, school satisfaction surveys for students, parents and staff will be conducted during August/September. These surveys contain questions on a range of matters about our school.

This survey provides an opportunity for students, parents and staff to provide important feedback. This feedback is valued by our school as a means of identifying what the school does well and opportunities for the school to make improvements.

Students (from Year 5 and above), parents and staff will be invited to participate. Those students who are selected to undertake the survey will do so during school time.

You will receive a letter in coming days if you have been selected to participate in the parent survey. Your responses will be secure and anonymous.

We encourage you to participate and complete the survey so that the school has a clear direction when planning for future programs and services for students.

Please contact the office if you wish to use a school computer to complete the survey.

Cupcake Fundraiser
For the recent RSPCA Cupcake Day the senior students and their teacher Anne Davies put in a great effort to make and decorate cupcakes. A total of $100 was raised.

Emailed Newsletters
We are now starting to email our newsletter out to anyone who is interested. If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter this way please return the notice below to the office.

Second-Hand Goods
We have been given some second-hand bed pads to find good homes for. If you are interested please come into the office and have a look.

80x85cm (x6)

Our new stove has been installed and we are offering our old stove “as is, where is”. Make an offer if you are interested.

We also have a washing machine that is in good condition still. Make us an offer.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015
Remember that we are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). The Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers can be dropped into the office here at the school or in the Collection Box at the Devonport Woolworths.
Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month:
August: Kobi, Lachlan

Head Lice
There are head lice out and about in the community again at the moment. Parents / carers are reminded to please check their child's hair on a regular basis.

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.

Old Uniform Items
We are looking for some second-hand uniform items. If you have any items at home that your child has grown out of we would appreciate them.

Outstanding Accounts
A reminder to parents who have outstanding accounts that we are happy to accept part payments. If you would like to discuss payment arrangements please contact Lindy at the school office.

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.
If your child is away from school / or sent home because of vomiting or diarrhoea we ask that you keep them home for 48 hours after the last episode.

Emergency Contact Numbers
A reminder that the people you nominate as an emergency contact for your child MUST be someone who is able to come and collect them if necessary. With all the illnesses we have had lately we have had several instances of emergency contacts being people who don’t have transport or live on the mainland. If we decide that your child is too sick to stay here at school it is YOUR responsibility to arrange their collection.

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 MerseyLink on 6427 7626. You must also let MerseyLink know if the bus does not need to pick up your child for any reason.
- You must also contact the school office before 10:00am to inform us. It is NOT the responsibility of the bus aide to pass the message along.
- If your child is arriving late (after 9:30) or leaving early (before 2:30) then you must sign them in/out at the school office.

School Hats
A reminder that we have school hats available at the school office for $10. During terms 1 and 4 students must wear hats when outside.

Uniform Items
The school office has a few spare uniform items still for sale if anyone is interested. Please see Lindy at the office if you would like to look at what we have.

Also please remember to name all items of school uniform.

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