Hello Staff, Parents, Carers & friends,

National Child Protection Week which runs from 6th – 12th September invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

"Protecting children is everyone's business".
Every family lives near neighbours and we can try to build positive relationships with the children and their families in our area. Smile, say hello, remember their names and speak to them if they happen to look your way in the supermarket.

As a neighbour play your part to protect and care for children and young people who live around you by supporting and helping each other. Know where your children and young people are and get to know the families that they enjoy visiting.

If everyone in your neighbourhood works together to make protecting children everyone's business then this will increase the circle of people who can help your child to learn more about their own personal safety.

When something unexpected happens, neighbours are often the first people to offer assistance.

If you're worried about someone, offer help, listen to him or her and maybe suggest where they could access help to strengthen their family's support structure and resources.

"Be Committed to Play Your Part!"

School Surveys
School satisfaction surveys for parents containing questions on a range of matters about our school, were randomly selected and sent home recently - PLEASE RETURN ASAP.
More on EyeGaze Technology

Reece Linden, a fulltime Grade 5 student at Table Cape Primary visited SOSE Burnie on Tuesday, 8th September with his mother Tania and a teacher assistant to trial our range of technology with the support of Lynda Cameron and Lynne Ryan.

On Wednesday, 9th September, Claire Rowe assisted by her mother, Lisa also trialled EyeGaze technology. Claire focused on the screen and explored “Magic Squares” to make music. Claire displayed intense and focused attention when using the Patterns game and ‘My Story’ where she was able to listen to the sounds of animals and turned the page by moving her eyes from left to right. Well Done Claire!

The end of term 3 is fast approaching with only two full weeks of school remaining before the holiday break.

Kind regards,

Grace

Maths Trail

Last Friday, students from the Senior Classroom participated in the Burnie City Council Maths Trail. The Maths trail provided mathematical opportunities to discuss, observe, count and explore in the local Burnie CBD. The trail began at the LINC Burnie Library and followed a map around local Burnie places such as Service Tasmania, Plaza arcade, Subway, Burnie lifesaving Club, Burnie boardwalk and the Makers Workshop. It was a wonderful opportunity for our class to explore the local Burnie community. Our favourite part was counting all the colourful umbrellas hanging in the Plaza Arcade and discussing strategies for how we could count them all.

There were over 100 umbrellas!

AAC Parent Group

‘All Things AAC’ Parent Group invite you to join them on the final Friday of each month (i.e. Friday 25th Sept) 12.30 pm at Renaissance Café Penguin. This is a supportive group of parents all with a shared aim of assisting their children to be autonomous communicators at home, school, community and beyond.

PODD@Two Oaks Parent Practice Group also meet second Friday of each month at 10.30am (i.e. Friday 11th Sept) for ordering coffee and cake by PODD book (among other messages). Please contact Tanya Linden for details or RSVP on 0419 134 783.

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Our Farewell & Memorial for Byron Klynstra

Many of you would be aware that Byron quietly passed away from pneumonia whilst in the NW Burnie hospital on Thursday, 27th August. He was 16 years of age.

Byron did attend both the SOSE D’port and SOSE Burnie campuses as a student.

On Tuesday 8th September, staff, students and past members of the SOSE Burnie attended a service in the Mooreville Rd campus gym to commemorate Byron’s life.

Byron certainly touched the hearts of everyone who became familiar with him. In spite of his disability, his face radiated his trust in you. He accepted his situation with a sense of fairness and understanding.

He appreciated the care and intuition of staff members who tuned in to meeting Byron’s personal needs. Sharing information about his family members, his favourite music and what he liked to do best were always topics of conversation which Byron wanted to share with the staff and students on a daily basis.

Byron loved coming to school and Byron’s grandparents, Wendy and Jim always reminded Byron on Sunday nights that it was the beginning of the school week on the next day. Whilst lying in bed he would constantly ‘talk’ to himself in between bouts of sleep on Sunday nights. Perhaps it was his way of getting excited about seeing his friends at school on the next day or he may have been thinking of his news that he wanted to share during circle time when he arrived in the class the next day.

Byron’s grandfather, Jim always took Byron out to the bus every morning and met the bus every night. Byron loved this routine and really enjoyed the company of his grandfather – they shared jokes, watching cricket on TV, videos and having conversations together.

In preparation the students adorned a ‘tree’ with individual messages and drawings in memory of Byron and added them carefully to the branches of the ‘tree’ during the farewell.

Michelle Cooney and Lynne Ryan prepared a photo gallery highlighting Byron’s participation in a range of school programs. We collectively sang Byron’s favourite song “Rudolph” and gathered in a circle to perform “Hokey Pokey” before everyone released a balloon and watched quietly as each one disappeared across the sky.

Thank you to everyone, we assisted with the preparations of Byron’s memorial ceremony.

We will miss Byron’s presence within our school. He fought so hard to stay with us.

If there ever comes a day when we can’t be together, keep me in your heart, I’ll stay there forever.
From the Burnie Boardwalk to the High Seas of Bass Strait....

Join us at the Bass Strait Maritime Centre
Devonport

‘MATES COMMUNICATE’

for a day of adventure on the sailing simulator, play in the park & café lunch or a picnic in the park if you prefer 😊
Mums, Dads, carers, siblings, friends, grandparents...all are welcome. Topic & choice boards will be on hand.
BYO AAC system and lunch money! Admission is $5 per child. One carer admitted free. Simulator ride is $2.

Monday 28th September 11am - 1pm
Meet at the Maritime Centre, 6 Gloucester Ave Devonport

RSVP: ASAP to Felicity or Tanya so we can book the café at 12pm
Felicity.lovatt@education.tas.gov.au; taslindens@gmail.com
CHARITY AUCTION!!

12th Sep 2015 Help Us to Help ADAMAH PEACE

@The Menai, South Burnie

Living with hemiplegia, autism, intellectual impairment, cortical vision impairment among other conditions.

Viewing From 12 noon Auction Starts at 1pm

Money raised will go towards a new car for Adamah and his family, to help improve his independence as he makes his way in life.

For More info phone: Jim 0439 329 205

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Gearing Up for Choice and Control EXPO

WHERE: BURNIE – Arts and Function Centre
WHEN: Wednesday, 16th September 2015
TIME: 11.00am – 4.00pm

Do you or a member of your family have a disability? Want to find out more about what is available?

The expo will provide people with disability, their families, and carers an easy way to:

- Speak directly to organisations about their services
- Be informed about what is available and what may be possible
- Get some advice on making decisions about future options
- Celebrate the diversity, talents and achievements of people with people with disability in the community

It will also include fun hands-on activities, dance and puppet performances and a photographic display.
Entry to the event is free. All are welcome.

For more information visit www.gearingupexpo.com.au

The Gearing Up For Choice and Control Expo is a great way to explore services, supports, and future pathways. The Hobart City Council has supported every Southern Tasmanian Gearing Up Expo since its beginning in 1999, as we know how important it is for people to have information about what is available.
Once again we are assisting the Expo to showcase education, training, services and supports, employment, travel, recreation and other lifestyle options.
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Sensory Friendly Movie Event
Organised by
Burnie Autism Parent Support Group

LIGHTS UP
All Ages & Abilities

SOUND DOWN
Inclusive Environment

Monday 28th Sept 2015 - 10am - Metro Cinema Burnie

Sensory Friendly Movie Screening
When: Monday 28th September 2015
Time: 10am (Doors open at 9.30am)
Where: Metro Cinema Burnie
Tickets: $10 each Adult/Children
Who: For all families, carers and children with special needs.
Contact: Kym Goldby - 0487493188