Key Dates for 2015
Mon 21 September
Uniform orders due to office

Wed 23 September
Special Children’s Christmas Party
Invitation requests due to office

Fri 25 September
Term 3 ends

Mon 12 October
Term 4 starts

Tues 13 October
Dentist visit

Fri 23 October
Student Free Day

Mon 2 November
Public Holiday – Recreation Day

Fri 6 November
School Association Meeting
(9:30am)

Wed 11 November
Athletic Carnival

Fri 27 November
Public Holiday - Devonport Show Day

Thur 17 December
Term 4 ends

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Principal’s Message
Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and 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’!
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 attended both the SOSE Devonport and SOSE Burnie campuses as a student.

On Tuesday 8th September, staff, students and past members of 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, who 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.
Special Olympics on Friday, 11th September
Several students from the SOSE Devonport campus will be taking part in a range of physical sports activities to be held at the Recreation Centre in Ulverstone.

Welcome to Ms Wendy Turnor
As Lindy Parker has taken Leave for the whole of Term 4, Ms Wendy Turnor has joined us from Hillcrest Primary to fulfil the role of the School Business Manager whilst Lindy is absent. Mrs Cassie Bonis remains in her current clerical position and will support Wendy during her fixed term at SOSE Devonport.

Lindy has joined her husband Rodney as he has been requested by his employer to relocate for several months to supervise civil projects in Queensland. They have taken their caravan and will be stationed in Dolby which is a town about the same size as Ulverstone. I look forward to sharing some photos of Dolby which Lindy has promised to share in the next newsletter.

There are two full weeks of school remaining before the term holiday break.

Kind regards,
Grace

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)

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

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 send an email to: cassandra.bonis@education.tas.gov.au and ask for your address to be placed on the list.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015
As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

Uniform Order
Included with this newsletter is a uniform order form. We are going to do a little top up order before the end of term so that the items are here early in Term 4. Our next big order will be at the beginning of Term 1 next year.

Orders are due to the office by Monday 21st September.
Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month:
September: Chandni, Sapphire

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.

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 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.

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 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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RSPCA Cupcake Day Update
During August Green Room students baked and decorated cupcakes to raise money for the RSPCA. Some of our most popular cake designs were Elmo, Minions, Cookie Monster, Butterflies, and Ladybirds. We sold these to the staff at SOSE and raised $100. On Wednesday 9th September during community access Green Room students visited the local RSPCA and delivered our donated money.
The ‘All Things AAC’ Parent Group invite you to join them on the final Friday of each month (i.e. Friday 25th Sept) 12.30pm 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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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.losa@education.tas.edu.au, fa.linden@gmail.com

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@The Menai, South Burnie

Viewing From 12 noon
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Minions Market

Sunday, 13th September 2015
9am to 2pm
Burnie High School Gym.

Entry: Gold coin donation.

Sausage Sizzle,
Hot Food & Refreshments
Craft, Fashion, Beauty, Party Plan,
Children & Family Entertainment

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