Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends

I have lots to share in this fortnight’s newsletter!

“Disabilitycare Australia” – One big difference to lots of lives!

You’ve heard about it in the media and during the lead up to the Federal election. Bronwyn West, SOSE NW Transition and Work Experience Co-ordinator and I attended a meeting on Tuesday, 10th September at the new Disabilitycare Australian office in Stewart St, Devonport where senior personnel carefully explained the structure and answered our questions. It will be a big change to the current system. Tasmania as already commenced determining eligibility for support of young people with a significant permanent disability who are aged from 15 – 24 years. We are aware that several parents and carers have already been contacted. Bronwyn is willing to assist you in the discussion about your son/daughter’s individual goals and support needs during the development of an individual plan.

Please read the attached pamphlet.

Fundraising on Polling Day

The Burnie Campus raised over $430 with a stall at the Farmer’s Market on Saturday, 7th September. Sue-Ann Beaumont was the driving force behind the preparations which spread over many weeks prior to polling day. Other staff members, Allison Hardstaff, Toni Murphy, Janelle Stevens, Michelle Young and her daughter worked really hard to lure customers to participate in choosing numbers in the lucky dip. There were numerous prizes to choose from because of the generous donations from staff, parents and friends who contributed an amazing array of varied plants, fruit, handcrafts, gifts and other goodies. Many members of the general public offered coin donations as they wandered by.

What a great effort!

Burnie Show

Due to the four term breaks, this year terms, the Burnie Show holiday will fall in the school holidays. (Friday 4th October) The Staff are busy preparing artwork entries from our students and we encourage you to take your child to the art pavilion to view the works.

Even though we are experiencing cold weather the sun is out, so please send along a suitable hat for your child to wear outside.

PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE

**if your child is not attending school for any reason

** if you change any phone numbers or address.

All queries should be made to the office 6433870

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**Calendar - Term 3**

27th Sept  Footy Colours Day
27th Sept  Last Day Term 3

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
4th Oct  Burnie Show Holiday
14th Oct  Beginning Term 4
25th Oct  Student Free Day
26th Oct  Cocktail Party
7th Nov  School Assoc. Meeting
13th Nov  Music Camp

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Grace Brown Principal
Arts & Music Camp to be held 13th, 14th & 15th November at Camp Clayton

Many staff members are already in the planning phase to ensure that the 3rd camp will be another successful event for students, staff, parents and friends. You will note that this year we are extending the camp for a second night. This has been offered due to the increasing student numbers who wish to take part in this yearly event. Due to the likely increase in student numbers who will participate in the camp, we have decided to offer the following arrangements:

- **Wednesday 13th November** – Prep, Early childhood and lower Primary students will combine with both campuses to participate in the day activities and may stay overnight with parent/carer permission. The option of students attending for the day only and going home at the usual time will also be available.
- **Thursday 14th November** - Upper Primary and Secondary students will combine with both campuses to participate in the day activities and may stay overnight with parent/carer permission. The option of students attending for the day only and going home at the usual time will also be available.
- **Friday 15th November** – all Prep to Senior Secondary students will combine together with both campuses completing art projects and practising items for a concert as a finale to the camp. Parents, carers, members of each campus School Association and friends will be invited to attend the concert and enjoy a barbecue lunch at Camp Clayton. Specific times will be scheduled closer to the event in November.

Cost per student for 1 night’s accommodation + evening meal, breakfast, morning tea, afternoon tea and barbecue lunch = $50

Cost per student to attend day only + afternoon tea, morning tea and barbecue lunch = $30

I am alerting parents/carers to these costs and I am suggesting that fortnightly payments of $10 per fortnight can begin to be paid now so that the overall cost does not become a burden to you.

Please fill out the following information if you wish to pay the amount per child in instalments and return the completed information to school as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Grace

I wish to pay fortnightly payments for my child …………………………………………………. to attend the Art & Music Camp in November. $10 per fortnight to be paid commencing at the start of Term 4 - Monday 14th October.

SIGNED: ........................................................................

Please Print Name: ........................................................
In September, online school satisfaction surveys for students and parents will be conducted. These surveys contain questions on a range of matters about our school. This survey provides an opportunity for parents and students to provide 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. Random samples of students (from Year 5 and above) and parents will be invited to participate. You will receive a letter in coming days if you have been randomly selected. Your responses will be secure and confidential. Schools will receive a summary report of responses. We encourage you to participate and complete the survey so that the school has a clear direction when planning for the provision of future programs and services for students. Those students who are randomly selected to undertake the satisfaction survey will do so during school time. Computer access for parents: You can access computers at the Online Access Centre or at the LINC. Parents are asked to contact the school office if they wish to use a school computer to access the satisfaction survey.
Many thanks to Sue-Ann, Toni, Janelle, Michelle & Hayley for your great effort at the Burnie Farmers Market on Saturday........raising funds for the Music Camp.

We wish to acknowledge and THANK Mike Saltmarsh from “Image Signs & Graphics” for his generous donation in supply us with a new school banner.