Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

There certainly is a hint of warmer weather on the way! The days are lengthening too! It’s been a great week with sunshine every day whilst the students are outdoors during recess and lunch times.

The Whole School Disco held in the gym at the SOSE Devonport campus was a great success. Every student and staff member managed to dress up in costumes, hats and other paraphernalia depicting ‘Characters’. The staff and students danced to several favourites chosen by Jacqui Astley. The highlight of course, was the judging of the best dressed girl, boy and staff member. It was difficult to make choices however, the whole school’s applause was resounding for the following winners:

Zali Stott – dressed as Katy Perry
Jake Langer – dressed as Marge Simpson
SOSE Burnie teacher Sue-Ann Beaumont – dressed as ‘Bob the Builder’!

Jo Corvinus presented the winners with fluffy animal hats and everyone received a chocolate!

Sincere thanks to Ron Davey and Jacqui Astley for setting up the gym and preparing the program of music and dances. A special thank you also to Ron Dyson who donated and set up lights from his Christmas light collection. These really turned our gym into a disco!

After lunch, all staff and students moved to the playground where the students played games, rode bikes and socialised with each other. The teaching and support staff were also able to chat with each other whilst supervising and observing. It was a great day!

The 4th Music Camp
Written information will shortly be sent out for parents and carers to read through. After the success of the camp last year, some changes to the format will be made this year to include suggestions made by staff members from feedback on last years event. Certainly the Music Camp is another
major highlight for all students to fully participate in.

**SOSE NW Review**

Our school has been selected by the DoE to be reviewed. This process involves a review panel who will visit both campuses over 2 whole days. The review convenor is Mr Rob Banfield who was a LSNW Principal Network Leader before his retirement at the end of 2012. The other members of the panel include Mrs Leanne Raw, the Principal of Romaine Park Primary School and the Principal of The Don College, Mr John Thompson.

The panel will tour the school’s settings and interview the Principal, Teachers in Charge, teachers, support staff, students, parents, carers, School Business Manager, School Attendant, Allied Health personnel who service the schools, Human Services employees who directly network with SOSE NW and members of the School Associations.

As I have been in the Principal’s position for seven years, it will be important to select a mix of short and long term staff, parents and carers, and staff that work across all campuses to discuss the growth and vision of the school throughout the 7 years.

I will be contacting several parents and members of the School Associations to invite you to participate in this review process shortly. Here is an opportunity to take part in defining and shaping the future vision for the school after 2014.

**SOSE Devonport Review date is Wednesday, 10th September**

**SOSE Burnie Review date is Thursday, 11th September**

**The Big Mouth Literacy Camp**

Felicity Lovatt, our school’s Speech & Language Pathologist and Joanne Corvinus, the Teacher in Charge at the Devonport Campus attended a follow up on 4 Blocks Literacy programming and assessment in Melbourne for one week during the last term holidays.

Please take the opportunity to read Jo’s report on the week’s activities. Newly acquired knowledge and understanding from this initiative is now being shared with teachers and teacher aides to support some changes in the planning and delivery of literacy on a day to day basis across all classrooms.

**Fundraising Initiative**

Please check out the fund raising initiative advertised in this fortnight’s newsletter. We hope to see parents and friends at the Fairy Godmother’s forthcoming market held in the Burnie High gym on Saturday 13th September.

Kind regards,

Grace

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**FORMS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL:**

Consent and Medical Form + Consent for Aquatic Activity Forms
**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.

**School Hats**

A reminder that we have school hats available at the school office for $10. It will soon be time to start wearing hats again.

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**Congratulations**

We are pleased to announce that Sandy Webb, one of our teacher aides, has successfully completed the Certificate III in Education Support.

The time and effort that Sandy has had to put in to complete the certificate is considerable and we congratulate her for the efficient and professional way that she has undertaken her study.
The students from Purple and Red Room had the privilege of attending an organised workshop at Bunnings Warehouse in Burnie on Friday 15th of August. The students were treated like royalty from the moment they entered the warehouse. They were greeted by the friendly staff as they were given a guided tour of the complex. The students used their manners beautifully and listened to the staff who answered all their questions and interests.

There was a play area for those who were interested in some play time. There was a café where some of the students ordered drinks and sandwiches. The students then had options at the work shop to participate in planting bulbs into quality terracotta pots and decorating a mini canvas using stones, shells and other art and craft objects. The staff offered additional bulbs to take back to school to plant about the place and some craft items. I know of some students that would take great delight in using a watering can or a squirt bottle, to water and to watch these lovely plants flower.

The classes have made a thank you card for what was a fantastic opportunity and generous offer from Bunnings. Bunnings have invited us back again next term for another work shop at their impressive warehouse.
Character Disco