Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
This week has turned out to be a very busy one across all campuses.

The Dance Event
In spite of the inclement weather on Tuesday, our students from both the Devonport and Burnie campuses were able to participate at the Ulverstone sports stadium along with many other students from regular schools.
Our students really enjoyed the music and performing the dances which they had been practising over successive weeks. Many thanks to Kathy Milne-Viney and Jacqui Astley for your dedication and planning to ensure that our students were able to socially and actively engage with other peers at this bi-annual event.

The Fairy Godmother’s Market
SOSE Burnie is running a stall which will be held on Saturday, 13th September 9am – 2pm in the Burnie High gym.
We are preparing and selling a range of products that feature ‘apples’. Apple cakes, apple sauce, apple pies, apple crumble and of course toffee apples!
The apples have been supplied by the Avro orchard which is situated in Spreyton.
Please come along with your relatives and family and support us! This fundraiser will be supporting the purchase of further IT for our students.

I would like to thank all our parents and friends who have donated ingredients to make our apple products to sell at the market.
SOSE NW Review

As I explained in the last newsletter, the review process has taken place this week. SOSE D’port hosted the review team on Wednesday 10th and SOSE Burnie followed on Thursday 11th September.

The schedule for each day included a visit of the campuses layouts by the review panel – John Thompson (Principal of The Don College), Leanne Raw (Principal of Romaine Park Primary) and the convenor, Rob Banfield (past Principal Network Leader LSNW) visiting classrooms and observing students participating in a range of programs on offer as part of the daily timetable. Thirty minute interviews with parents, teachers, support team members and representatives of allied health agencies were held concurrently with the 3 panel members. During break times the panel members mingled with the staff.

I thank all participants sincerely who agreed to take part in the interview process. I know that many of you were a little nervous, but I know that you were able to discuss and give insightful opinions as answers to the questions you were asked by the members of the review panel. A report written by the review panel and submitted to the DoE will highlight the current successes that have been observed and discussed. The report will also outline specific challenges that will be required to be addressed incrementally over the next 4 years. Once the report is released, the members of the Devonport and Burnie School Associations will be involved with all stakeholders in discussing and developing short and long term goals to successfully problem solve and plan strategies forward.

In closing, I am immensely proud of the positive attitudes consistently and openly displayed by all members of our school community. We collectively are extremely committed to meeting the needs of every student and their family. We all work within a team and are willing to support each other.
Kind regards,

Grace