Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

Since returning from two weeks LSL and the two week term break, I along with all staff members have been extremely busy with planning some very important events during this term.

**Transition to kinder groups**

Both campuses have already welcomed new carers, parents and kinder age children into a weekly session. At the Devonport Campus, Brooke Ansell is responsible for a ‘getting to know you’ program on a Tuesday afternoon on a weekly basis. Chyanne Tunks, Thomas Beard, Sophie Mason and Jonah Deacon are all settling well in their new educational setting.

Brooke spent several sessions before the end of Term 2 visiting these new students in their homes, talking with parents and observing each child in their current support facility – Early Childhood Intervention Service and/or the Autism Centre and Care facility in Burnie. This introductory phase of discussing each child’s needs and sharing information between parents and professionals currently supporting the children promotes a smooth transition to the SOSE setting.

**Annual Swimming and Water Safety Program**

All parents and carers are reminded that the 2-week swim program commences on **Tuesday, 9th October** with the senior students from both campuses participating from **9th – 12th October**. Please ensure that the permission form is signed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Students will require their bathers, towel, change of underwear and a warm top in case of changeable weather. The junior students will be attending the swim program from **Monday, 15th October** until **Friday, 19th October**.

Please think about packing wholesome snacks, sandwiches and fruit in lunch boxes during this two week period of the swim program because each child will get quite hungry due to the extra physical activity on each day.

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**Dates to Remember**

- **9th-12th October**: Seniors Learn to Swim
- **Friday 12th October**: Music Camp permission forms due back
- **Wednesday 10th October**: Scholastic Book Club orders due
- **15th-19th October**: Junior Learn to Swim
- **12th-13th October**: Music Camp
- **Friday 9th November**: Final payments due for Music Camp
- **Wednesday 19th December**: End of Year Assembly

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**Public Holidays**

- **Monday 5th November**: Recreation Day

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**Term Dates**

- Term 3 – 24th Sept to 20th Dec

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**Student Free Days**

- **Monday 8th October**

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Music Camp at Camp Clayton  
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th November

Much planning has already been done to ensure that our second music camp will be as successful as the first one held last year in November. Please read the attached information and return the signed permission form by Friday 12th October. The camp payment will be accepted from now and until Friday 9th November. We invite all parents and carers to attend the concert and lunch on Tuesday, 13th November. The ‘turn out’ by parents, carers and extended family members in 2011 was fantastic!

Thanks to Jacqui Astley for the prior planning already in place!

Congratulations to Michelle Cooney and Vicki Artis

I am very pleased to highlight the achievement of 25 years employment and service with the Department of Education by these two staff members. I was extremely proud to witness them both receiving their awards from Mr Colin Pettit, DoE Secretary at the Hellyer College on Monday 1st October. The following accolades were displayed and read out during the ceremony:

Congratulations Michelle and Vicki! Your dedication to your roles and your commitment to collaborate within a team to provide a high level of support to colleagues, students and their families is truly appreciated.
**iPads Sessions**

I am pleased to inform parents/carers that the first round of student iPads, purchased through “More Support for Students with Disabilities” are ready to be given out. The iPads will be an important learning and communication tool to be used between home and school. The parents/carers of those students eligible for an iPad will be sent an information letter in the next couple of days. Parents/carers, will need to attend an information session with me before iPads are able to go home. (Jo Corvinus, Teacher-in-Charge)

**New Staff Member**

Devonport Campus welcomes Mr David Gray, the DoE Vision Co-ordinator of Orientation and Mobility to work alongside class teachers and support staff members to assess students who have a current diagnosis of vision impairment ie. Cortical vision. David will be employed for 6 days during Term 3. If parents and carers wish to meet individually with David to discuss the vision impairment delays that their son/daughter experience please phone the campus office on 64245554 and Lindy or Cassie will arrange for David to phone you from his office in Launceston.

**Reminder: Monday, 8th October is a student free day.**

Best wishes,

Grace

**ADVERTISING**

1st Spreyton Scout welcomes boys and girls from age 6 to 15 to be a part of the World Wide Scouting Organisation and have fun in the great outdoors while learning valuable life skills that will help them Be Prepared for fun and life.

We are holding a Gala Day to raise much needed funds for our Scout Group.

Saturday October 6th from 10am at the Scout Hall, 96 Mersey Main Road, Spreyton

Jumping Castle, Scout Built Hurdy Gurdy, Face Painting, Fairy Floss, Ring Toss, Sausage Sizzle, Hot Dogs, Show Bags, Craft and Cake stalls, White Elephant Stall and much more