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.

SOSE NW Review
As I explained in the last newsletter, the review process has taken place this week. SOSE Devonport 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. The report written by the review panel and submitted to the Department of Education 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

Walkathon
Attached to this newsletter is a notice about our upcoming Walkathon on Wednesday 24th September.

Lost Property
A reminder to parents/carers that all student clothing needs to be named. We have a school uniform jacket in the office that has no name on it, and we don’t know who to send it home with.

Wanted – Ice Cream Containers
We are asking for any unwanted clean ice cream containers with lids. Some of our students are doing a cooking program and need these containers to take their goodies home in.

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.

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.

FORMS DUE BACK TO SCHOOL:

- Consent and Medical Form + Consent for Aquatic Activity Forms
- Special Children’s Christmas Party invitations (for students 12 years and under)
- Walkathon Sponsorships
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