Key Dates for 2015

Fri 25 September
Term 3 ends

Mon 12 October
Term 4 starts

Tues 13 October
Dentist visit

Fri 23 October
Student Free Day

Mon 2 November
Public Holiday – Recreation Day

Fri 6 November
School Association Meeting
(9:30am)

Wed 11 November
Athletic Carnival

Fri 27 November
Public Holiday - Devonport Show Day

Thur 17 December
Term 4 ends

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Principal’s Message
Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
The last week of Term 3 has arrived and across all campuses a fortnight’s break from school will greatly benefit the students and staff members who have experienced re-occurring cold and flu infections throughout the wintry weather. Many staff and students have required time at home to recover from illness throughout Term 3.

Welcome to Logan Holland, Jensen Smith, Daniel Connors, April Tognoni and Blade Roughley who are kinder students for 2016 at the Devonport campus. These students will be attending a shortened pre-kinder morning program commencing on Thursdays early in Term 4. Joanne Corvinus will be responsible for this group in readiness for 2016.

Welcome to Abraham Ferrao who will be arriving from Roxby Downs to settle in Devonport with his parents Neisha and James on the 1st October. James is an engineer and has already made two trips to Devonport for job interviews at Simplot. Abraham who is almost 8 years of age will be commencing a transition during the first week of Term 4 and will be placed in the Red Room at SOSE Devonport campus.
Goodbye to Mrs Jessica Wood who has been working in partnership with Brooke Ansell in the early childhood class at SOSE Devonport during 2014. With the return of Brooke to her permanent teaching role from the beginning of Term 4, Jess has fulfilled her fixed term contract at SOSE Devonport for 2015. Jess has maintained a well ordered and resourced classroom which reflected her personal capacity to be very organised and prepared. All the students in the early childhood room have made significant gains within the daily program that Jess and the team of teacher aides have consistently presented.

Whilst at this stage, I am unsure where Jess will be placed in Term 4, I am confident that Jess possesses the capacity to transfer the extensive skills and knowledge gained from the SOSE environment to any mainstream setting.

Jess has always been keen to connect positively with parents and carers and she possesses great enthusiasm and motivation. She has been a central provider in planning and organising specific fundraising events that have resulted in donations from the community that have supported the purchase of new equipment and resources for our school.

Best of Luck Jess!

Congratuations to Luke Dolbey who was married on Saturday 12th September in Devonport. Luke kept this very important event a secret until one very observant staff member noted that he was wearing a shiny wedding ring on Monday 14th September!

Congratuations to Rose Clark who received an award at the Australian Pacific Autism Conference held in Brisbane recently. Rose is a DoE Autism consultant who supports staff in schools and families with their children who have a formal diagnosis of ASD. The award recognised Rose for her ongoing service for 21 years.

A big Thank You to Wendy and Jim Klynstra who donated a complete order of nappies, tubing for gastrostomy feeding and jars of supplement to students and their families. I'm aware that several mums are trialling the M sized day and night nappies and please remember to enquire via a student’s communication book to gain further supplies if required.

Sincere sympathy is extended by members of the SOSE NW communities to Tina and Rodney who are the parents of Jayden Sheean. Jayden at the age of 22 years passed away last week at his home in Devonport. Jayden was a full-time student at SOSE Devonport for his entire schooling. We will remember his dark eyes that constantly shone with humour and his capacity to enjoy jokes and play tricks on others!

Sincere sympathy is extended also to Christine Thurley and family on the death of her father Malcolm who passed away last week after being hospitalised from a fall.

Enjoy a pleasant holiday break everyone!
Term 4 commences on Monday, 12th October.
Kind regards,

Grace

Uniform Order
The uniform order has been sent off and we are expecting the items to arrive early in Term 4. An invoice will be sent home with the items.

Second-Hand Goods
We have been given some second-hand bed pads to find good homes for. If you are interested please come into the office and have a look.

We also have a washing machine that is in good condition still. Make us an offer.
**Emailed Newsletters**
We are now starting to email our newsletter out to anyone who is interested. If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter this way please send an email to: cassandra.bonis@education.tas.gov.au and ask for your address to be placed on the list.

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**Gearing Up Expo for Disability Services**
On Wednesday 15th September Green Room students and staff went to the Burnie Arts and Entertainment Centre to see the Gearing Up Expo for Disability Services. There were 50 plus displays, some of our favourite were the Guide Dog Display, Camp Clayton display of MAC activities, Mission Australia, TAFE. They had a “photo” and “throw the ball into the bucket” competitions, as well they had lots of giveaways such as notepads, bookmarks, balloons, magnets, rulers, drink bottles and brochures.

Written by Brandon and Nathan

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**Special Olympic Ribbon Day**
On Friday 11th September Green and Purple room students went to the Special Olympics Ribbon Day at Ulverstone Schweppes Arena. We were divided into groups and spent about 30 minutes playing basketball, cricket and soccer. These activities were run by specialist coaches who gave us lots of tips on each of the sports. Students from SOSE Devonport really enjoyed the day.

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**
A big thank you to everyone who sent in stickers for the recent Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Our final tally of stickers was 14,100. We look forward to being able to buy some wonderful resources for our library.

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**Bottle-top Art**
*(progress photos)*
Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month:
September: Chandni, Sapphire

Emergency Contact Numbers
A reminder that the people you nominate as an emergency contact for your child MUST be someone who is able to come and collect them if necessary. With all the illnesses we have had lately we have had several instances of emergency contacts being people who don’t have transport or live on the mainland. If we decide that your child is too sick to stay here at school it is YOUR responsibility to arrange their collection.

Head Lice
There are head lice out and about in the community again at the moment. Parents / carers are reminded to please check their child’s hair on a regular basis.

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.

Old Uniform Items
We are looking for some second-hand uniform items. If you have any items at home that your child has grown out of we would appreciate them.

Outstanding Accounts
A reminder to parents who have outstanding accounts that we are happy to accept part payments. If you would like to discuss payment arrangements please contact the school office.

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.

If your child is away from school / or sent home because of vomiting or diarrhoea we ask that you keep them home for 48 hours after the last episode.

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 MerseyLink on 6427 7626. You must also let MerseyLink know if the bus does not need to pick up your child for any reason.
- You must also contact the school office before 10:00am to inform us. It is NOT the responsibility of the bus aide to pass the message along.
- If your child is arriving late (after 9:30) or leaving early (before 2:30) 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. During terms 1 and 4 students must wear hats when outside.

Uniform Items
The school office has a few spare uniform items still for sale if anyone is interested. Please see the office if you would like to look at what we have. Also please remember to name all items of school uniform.

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From the Burnie Boardwalk to the High Seas of Bass Strait....

Join us at the Bass Strait Maritime Centre Devonport

‘MATES COMMUNICATE’

for a day of adventure on the sailing simulator, play in the park & café lunch or a picnic in the park if you prefer 😊

Mums, Dads, carers, siblings, friends, grandparents...all are welcome. Topic & choice boards will be on hand.

BYO AAC system and lunch money! Admission is $5 per child. One carer admitted free. Simulator ride is $2.

Monday 28th September 11am - 1pm

Meet at the Maritime Centre, 6 Gloucester Ave Devonport

RSVP: ASAP to Felicity or Tanya so we can book the café at 12pm

Felicity.lovatt@education.tas.edu.au; taslindens@gmail.com
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