Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends

Here we are at the end of Term 3! On reflection, it has been a very busy term for teaching staff due to a growing list of new initiatives which have been circulated by the Department of Education that has required all staff members to meet, discuss and collaborate on ways forward. We’ve also been busy with planning and undertaking our usual calendar of events which generally occur in the winter term!

AASE (Australian Association of Special Education)
Joanne Corvinus, Bronwyn West and Michelle Williams and I will be attending the AASE conference to be held in Adelaide on Monday, 30th September and Tuesday, 1st October.

This week Jo shared her PowerPoint presentation entitled ‘Four Blocks Literacy: The Next Step’ with the SOSE Devonport campus during staff meeting on Monday afternoon. She has compiled a most creditable presentation which reflects teachers’ theme based planning development across all grade levels. Her presentation highlights the collaborative partnerships undertaken between teachers, the selection of texts and props to support students’ literacy learning and the degree of differentiation required in lesson planning to ensure that individualised learning for every student is successfully catered for.

It will be very exciting to receive feedback from a wide audience of delegates who attend Jo’s presentation.

Bushfire Response Plan
As a result of the devastating fires in January 2013 which resulted in the destruction of the Dunalley Primary School, all government schools are now expected to develop the above plan which is required to be completed by the end of October.

The purpose of the plan is to manage a potential bush fire if either campus was threatened by an outbreak particularly during the summer months. Were you aware that hot embers from a bushfire can travel up to 2 kms? The Dunalley School fire was caused by hot embers which settled in the plastic ventilators on the roof. The intense heat burnt through the plastic and an interior fire was...
responsible for the fierce blaze. Both campuses are listed as Category 1 schools. The plan will include advice from the Tasmanian Fire Service which will set out explicit fire evacuation procedures pertaining to our specific school setting. Once the plan has been ratified by the Department of Education then a copy will be forwarded to members of the School Association to be signed off. A formal evacuation fire practice will occur for both campuses during Term 4.

**Percussion Item at the Devonport Eisteddfod**
The early childhood classes performed an impressive rendition of ‘The Hole in the Road’ under the direction of Mrs Jacqui Astley on Wednesday 18th September. The scenery, costuming and props added some glamour to the item. We were awarded Highly Commended by the adjudicator. Thanks to all staff members who assisted with accompanying and supporting the students on the stage. It was a great effort by everyone!

**Music Camp**
Several staff members met today to discuss further arrangements for the above event which will be held on 13th, 14th and 15th November at Camp Clayton. This year’s theme is entitled ‘Creative Cultures’.

**In Conclusion**
Ms Fauziah Ahmad, Principal of the Rainbow Centre-Margaret Drive School, Singapore will be visiting the Devonport Campus on Monday, 14th October and the Burnie Campus on Tuesday, 15th October. Members of the School Association and the General Manager of the Learning Service North West, Mr Bruce Cameron will officially welcome Fauziah to the school.

I wish everyone a happy and restful two week break.

**The first day of Term 4 is Monday, 14th October.**

Kind regards,

Grace

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I would like my child to attend the 2013 music camp OVERNIGHT YES / NO

I would like my child to attend the 2013 music camp DAY ONLY YES / NO

I would like to take advantage of the payment option of $10 per fortnight YES / NO

Childs Name: …………………………….   Parent/Carer Signature ………………………..
Special Olympics
On Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} September a selection of our students participated in the Special Olympics at Ulverstone. The sports on offer this time were basketball and bowls. Congratulations to Brandon Stendt on receiving a Silver Medal, and to Jake Langer and Zali Stott who received Bronze Medals for their efforts.

Parent Meeting
At our parent meeting on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} September attendees were treated to a talk on sleep problems, routines and strategies by Senior Paediatric Occupational Therapist Victoria Hickman. The intimate gathering provided a great opportunity for parents to talk with Victoria about individual concerns. Vicki Brown from Carer’s Tasmania was also present and full of information on facilities and services that parents and carers may be eligible for within the community.

School Hats
A reminder that there are school hats available for sale at the office for $10. Term 4 will see a return to students and staff wearing hats while outside.