Key Dates for 2015

**Fri 23 October**
**Student Free Day**

**Wed 28 October**
Scholastic Book Club orders due to office

**Mon 2 November**
Public Holiday – Recreation Day

**Wed 4 November**
Immunisations for Grade 7 students

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

**Wed 11 November**
Athletic Carnival

**Fri 27 November**
Public Holiday - Devonport Show Day

**Mon 14 December**
Leavers Dinner

**Thur 17 December**
Term 4 ends

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**Principal’s Message**
Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
Our first week in Term 4 coincided with National Carer’s Week and I would personally like to acknowledge the ongoing contribution of Australia’s 2.7 million unpaid carers who pledge their support in a variety of supportive ways across all states.

Who are Carers? Well, ‘carer’ means a person who is providing, or who has provided, unpaid care and support to family members or friends with a disability, mental illness, a chronic health condition or terminal illness, or who are frail or aged.

**Carers Tasmania** is a non-profit, community based association dedicated to improving the quality of life of 73,800 family carers who live in Tasmania. **Carers Tasmania** is the only organisation completely dedicated to supporting the needs and representing the views of carers. What support do carers receive?

- **Carer Support & Wellbeing Check** which is an opportunity to discuss and identify individual’s needs, share information where referrals are made to appropriate services.
- **Carer Advisory** connects carers with local health and community support services and this is a free call service. **1800 242 636**
- **Talking it over – Caring for Carers** provides extra support with other trained professionals who are great listeners who can assist with ideas and techniques for coping and bringing about changes to a variety of care situations.
- **Carer Education and Training** involves workshops and information sessions that are designed to equip Carers with relevant skills, knowledge and understanding to improve their confidence.
• **Carer Social Support Groups** provide opportunities to meet and share with other carers in a friendly and supportive way.

• **Young Carers Program** promotes time out from caring responsibilities to build relationships with other young carers with the chance to share their experiences.

• **Better Start** is an information service where parents can register to access funding up to $12,000 for early intervention services and treatments for eligible children under the age of 6.

If you or members of your family wish to seek further support the free call service is 1800 242 636 or call in to the North West Carers Tas office, Suite 3, 15 Wilmot St, Burnie.

**Carers make an enormous contribution to our local communities as well as our national economy!**

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**Parent/Carer Meeting**

It has been quite some time since a Parent/Carer Meeting has been organised and as we have new parents and carers across both Devonport and Burnie campuses, Bronwyn West has organised the following dates and guest speakers. You are all invited to attend:

**SOSE Devonport Parent/Carer Meeting - Wednesday, 18th November** in the gym area 10.30am – 12 noon.

Senior students will prepare morning tea. The following Guest Speakers who will attend the meeting, will explain their roles and answer your questions and queries –

**Vicki Brown**, Carer Services Officer, Tas Carers Australia

**Di Ewington**, Better Start Officer

**Michelle Lancaster**, Centre Link

Information from **Jacqui Burke**, who represents ACD will be circulated at the meeting. Here’s an opportunity for you to meet with other parents and carers to enjoy fellowship and information sharing.

**The Annual Burnie Shines Cocktail Party** was held on Saturday, 10th October at ‘The Cinema’ Burnie with around 280 people attending. We were entertained by a Launceston band, ‘Well Strung’. Once again, it is my privilege to acknowledge the commitment of 3 past parents of Jessica (deceased), Emma and George who attended SOSE Burnie several years ago.

Glenda Scaddon, Di Ewington and Wendy Timmerman work industriously to make this yearly event a sensational night for the patrons who attend, and this year there were 15 NW businesses that assisted this small committee with sponsorship. A sincere thank you to past and present staff members, along with SOSE Burnie School Association members who either attended the event or assisted with the preparations. Proceeds will benefit disabled adults who access Optia and Multicap and also students attending SOSE Burnie.

**Welcome back**, Brooke Ansell who has returned from maternity leave and resumed teaching the early childhood class for 3 days per week. Brooke is now sharing the teaching load with Randall Hardy. Jessica Wood has taken up a teaching role at the Southern Support School and she was farewelled by staff at a special morning tea held on Wednesday, 23rd September.
Transport Assistance for students
Please be aware, that senior staff members are required to prepare new submissions by mid November for every student who currently travels from home to school on the current bus services available for SOSE NW. Each submission for 2016 will adhere strictly to the DoE guidelines. Therefore, I will be contacting several families to discuss potential issues that will affect transporting their children on the current bus service arrangements as we prepare for 2016. Please note the information that was sent home earlier this week. If you have further queries and want to discuss the revised transport guidelines please feel free to contact me.

Professional Learning and Student free day – Friday, 23rd October
All teachers and teacher assistants from SoSE Devonport will be meeting with SoSE Burnie staff members at the Acton campus from 9.00am – 2.30pm. The whole school staff will be focusing on the following new DoE initiatives:

- Explicit reporting processes of students’ smart goals in current IEP’s within SARIS
- End of year students’ report formulation on SARIS
- Emergent and Conventional Learners – literacy acquisition methods (for teacher assistants and presented by Felicity Lovatt, S & LP)
- Introduction to Active Learning strategies and resources (for all teachers and TA’s and presented by Lynda Cameron, Vision Impairment Specialist Teacher).

Kind regards,
Grace

Uniform Order
The uniform order has arrived and items have been sent home. We are expecting to place our next order at the beginning of Term 1 next year. Please remember to name all your child’s clothing 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.

80x85cm (x6)

We also have a washing machine that is in good condition still. Make us an offer.

Urgent Note to Parents - School of Special Education
The school immunisation program will be taking place at your school on 4th November 2015.
This will be the third and final round of immunisations for this year and will comprise of:

- Human Papillomavirus vaccine
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine

3rd and final dose
1st and only dose

If you have returned a Consent Form for your child, he/she will be vaccinated as requested, unless you have been otherwise notified by the Health Department.

IMPORTANT: If your child has received vaccinations elsewhere since completing the Consent Form, is unwell or has commenced taking some form of medication – YOU MUST advise the Devonport City Council Health Department immediately on 6434 0576. Please DO NOT expect school staff to pass on this information.

Parents are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information provided on the consent forms, and for any necessary alterations to that information being passed on to the Health Department.

We would also request that children wear their summer or sports uniform and that they eat a decent breakfast on the day of their scheduled vaccination.

Thank you
Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month:
October: Grace, Tom, Brandon

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.

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.
Green Room have begun Term 4 Community Access program learning how to play Geocaching….which is a real world outdoor treasure hunt using the Geocache App that is uploaded to the IPad. The app includes a map and clues to help us find geocaches (A container that contains a note paper and pen) that has been hidden in various locations (locally and worldwide). We have had great success locating 4 hidden caches, some of the location have been Don Railway, The Bluff and the Community Garden. Once we locate the hidden cache we write the date and our Title “SOSE Green” and sometimes leave a trinket (We leave a green paper clip).
Supporting Children in the Classroom
Professional Development Day
for Parents, Carers and Professionals
14.11.2015
Larmenier Catholic Primary School, Launceston
Alison Hopwood (OT) and Catherine Silcock (SLP)

Sensory Processing (9.00 Alison Hopwood)
Sensory processing is our ability to take in information from our environment and body and use it for function. This talk will:
- Define sensory processing and describe sensory processing disorder.
- Cover different strategies to support children with sensory processing issues.
- Give an overview to guide you in setting up environments to help children sustain the just right level of regulation. "Understanding this changes everything."

Oral Language Development (11.00 Catherine Silcock)
Oral language is the basis of all classroom experience, all language learning, all of our education and almost every interaction of the day. The skills of learning to listen, respond and recall, follow instructions and build vocabulary and concepts are perhaps the most critical skills in the whole world of education. Are you using the best you can be? Join this session for a better understanding and lots of ideas.

Handwriting (13.00 Alison Hopwood)
Handwriting is a foundational skill required by children throughout their educational life. This talk aims to provide participants with research-based information on the basics of handwriting, ideas on how to develop skills within the home and classroom, information on what impacts on handwriting and strategies to develop skills.

Building Vocabulary (15.00 Catherine Silcock)
Vocabulary underlies every conversation you have and every word you read. It is one of the most significant factors underpinning school success. Research over the last two decades has shown the profound impact of vocabulary proficiency and the grave costs of deficit. This session will fill you in on the importance of this topic and offer heaps of activities to try in session and later away. Hear the research, recognise the impact and identify what you can do. Leave here to reflect on your practice and make changes that could make a world of difference.

*resources on display and for sale throughout day*

Catherine Silcock is a speech language pathologist in private practice in Hobart. With more than 20 years of clinical experience in paediatric assessment and therapy intervention, she also trains groups of caseworkers and professionals to better support children with speech and language needs.
She continues her clinical work with children with developmental needs, particularly children with language delay, ASC, and learning disabilities.

Alison Hopwood is the owner of Independent Kids, Occupational Therapy in Hobart. She originally trained at the University of Sydney and returned home to do her Graduate Certificate in Paediatric Occupational Therapy in 2006.
She specialises in helping children meet their potential working in the areas of sensory processing disorders, autism, cerebral palsy, handwriting and global development.

Larmenier Catholic Primary School
38 Station Road, St. Leonards, 7250
$45 per session ($150 for full day)

Enquiries and payment to:
knott@ikot.com.au
6234 5333

08.30  registration
09.00  Sensory Processing, (A.H)
10.30  refreshments
11.00  Oral Language (C.S)
12.30  lunch break
13.00  Handwriting (A.H)
14.30  break
15.00  Vocabulary (C.S)
16.30  close

Refreshments and hot drinks will be served.
Please buy lunch