Principal's Message

Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
I really enjoy sharing ‘stories’ about people connected to SOSE Burnie and Devonport who are always willing to make a difference!

Meg and Brett Collidge whose son Jacob is a full-time student in the Senior class at the Acton campus decided to devote some time to raise some funds for our school. Meg is a keen gardener who is successful with planting cuttings that grow to become healthy plants in pots. This has become a great selling initiative! This couple has also developed a connection with some locals in Campbell Town who supply sheep manure to gardeners! Meg and Brett problem solved transporting the sheep manure to Burnie and they are selling bags of sheep manure to other gardeners within our local community! Last week Meg and Brett donated $226.50 to our school.

Leeanne Hicks and her husband Greg donated $70 worth of iTunes cards + headphones + a hockey games table to support the classrooms up at the Acton campus. Jaime Bradley who is the teacher of Logan Hicks was extremely pleased to access these donations which will assist to enrich learning and leisure opportunities for all the students in the lower Primary class.

Once again, with the support of the SOSE Devonport School Association President, Angela Dodd, a Country and Western night will be held at Railton on Friday evening 6th November. The Country and Western Club led by Dawn has raised funds for us almost every year. We hope this evening of entertainment will be well patronised by local people. If you enjoy this style of music please come along and enjoy the night.

We all admire the energy and commitment these parents have displayed! Our school is so fortunate to gain the extra funds which can assist us to purchase extra specialised equipment or replacements for items that are worn out.
The SOSE NW Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 11th November at the Latrobe Primary School oval. Students from our campuses will take part in a varied program of events including egg & spoon, tunnel ball, parachute games and bubbles, obstacle course, tug-of-war, 3 legged and sack races and also running relays on the main track.

The program has been carefully structured to support all students opting to enjoy some physical exertion and fun with their peers and teachers. Parents and carers are most welcome to be spectators 11:00-12:30.

Mrs Kathy Milne-Viney from the Burnie campus has been carefully planning this day with support from Randall Hardy and Grant Maloney.

Reminder about the Parent & Carer meetings
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

Capital Works
The plans drawn by the GHD architects who were commissioned by the DoE for the projects at both campuses have been signed off and the Devonport SOSE project will shortly be advertised for tender. The plans have also been discussed and shared with members of the Devonport and Burnie School Associations at recent meetings.

Fundraiser on Saturday, 7th November
Staff at SOSE Devonport will be manning the barbecue outside the main front door at Woolworths supermarket in Ulverstone from 10am – 2.30pm. If you fancy a sausage or hamburger with onions, topped with mustard or sauce please come along and support us.

Many thanks to the staff members who volunteered to assist with the barbecue. How lucky we are to have willing helpers on a weekend!
Kind regards,
Grace

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.

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Here are some of the Orange Room students engaging in self-directed reading after lunch. All of them have chosen books that we have written together in class to read in their own time.
Birthdays
Happy Birthday to the following students who are celebrating their birthday this month:
November: Zac, Ruby, Nathan

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.

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