Hello Staff, Parents, Carers & friends,

The final week of the school year has arrived and teachers are busy completing students’ end of year reports in readiness to be sent home. Shelves and cupboards are being cleaned out and displays of students’ work are being gradually taken down and dispersed.

Student Leavers for 2015

The dinner to celebrate with staff, friends and family has taken place. It is such an emotional event to ‘farewell’ students who have been attending our school campuses for several years. Teachers reflect on the personal and educational highlights of every individual leaver and reminisce by telling funny stories and events that are easily recalled.

We all wish Tim Goss who attended the Burnie SOSE Campus. We wish them good health and personal happiness as they embark on their life pathways

- The Capital works refurbishment of the yellow and blue classrooms for SOSE Devonport is almost ready to commence with the successful tender being chosen by the end of this week. The refurbishment also includes the construction of a new office beside the ramp area near the main entrance. The current office will revert to the kindergarten classroom for 2016. This kinder classroom and accompanying toilets will be remodelled with new joinery, floor coverings and kitchen facilities.

- The Capital works refurbishment at the Acton campus is in the final stages of planning and will go to tender in a few weeks.

Merry Christmas
The success of a grant initiated by the Independent Living Centre in Launceston at the end of 2015 was instrumental in both campuses gaining funding and professional training to purchase and trial eye gaze technology and software specifically for students with cortical vision and multiple impairments. This technology is having a positive impact on the learning outcomes of an increasing number of students at SOSE NW. These students are becoming empowered learners, which is an exciting outcome.

The Lions Clubs of Devonport and surrounding areas are committed to supporting the purchase of a new bus for the Devonport campus. As many parents would be aware, a new bus is required due to the increase in student enrolments over the last few years. A new bus will insure that all students can participate in larger groupings to access extra curricular programming across the whole five days of the week.

These are ‘big picture’ outcomes that will fully support the growth and further development of the School of Special Education NW in 2016 and beyond.

**Student Awards announced at the End of the Year Assembly for 2015**

Congratulations and well done to the students who received these awards: *See next page*...

**In Conclusion**

Thank you all for your ongoing support of our school throughout 2015. We will begin our fundraising in 2016 with a whole school fair to be held towards the end of February. It is hoped that this big fundraiser will be jointly supported by our School Associations and the Fairy Godmother’s Association. When we all work together, larger outcomes are achieved!

**I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a relaxing New Year!**

Kind regards,

*Grace*