PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE if you have changed your phone number, address or emergency contacts so that our records are up to date.

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Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
The last two weeks have again been extremely busy with the Swimming & Water Safety program occupying a mid-morning slot in the timetable for our Senior students in the first week and the Junior students on each day of this week.

As we are all aware, the skill of learning to swim is a priority for students. Swimming is an activity that promotes fitness and exercise which can be enjoyed across all four seasons with access to indoor pools. Swimming and hydrotherapy are physical programs incorporated into the weekly timetable to ensure all students have an opportunity to enjoy the freedom of whole body movements in a safe water environment. Participation in swimming at school can lead to each student being willing to swim as a social and physical activity in adult life.

Teachers and support staff have commented positively on the progress made by students who attended the program over successive days with students displaying:

- improved confidence to attempt tasks in the water within varying depths
- improved competency with stroke development, floating and kicking
- increased independence with undressing, dressing and care of own personal property.

The Swimming & Water Safety program encourages further opportunities of social engagement and co-operation also between the students and staff members from both campuses in an alternative environment. Learning and having fun with each other!

Monday, 8th October - Student Free Day
The schedule of professional learning for teachers and support staff included the following:

- Report writing in preparation for End of Year reporting to parents
- Discussion of visual timetables led by Felicity Lovatt
- Clicker 6 - ICT training sessions
- Sharepoint exploration

This day was the last student free day for 2012

Cocktail Party If you are able to assist with food preparation on Saturday 27th Oct, please contact the school office for further details.

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Parent meetings to discuss iPad distribution & iPad training
Cathy Bester at the Burnie Campus recently circulated invitations to parents and carers of individual students who were successful in gaining an iPad in Rounds 1 & 2 from the ‘More Support for Students with Disabilities’ Federally funded package.
Meetings were held on Friday, 12th and Friday, 18th October.
It was very pleasing to see so many parents and carers who attended to find out more about the Department of Education guidelines concerning the management of iPads and the responsibilities for parents and carers to consider when the iPads are issued to identified students.
It was also pleasing to note the interest by parents in learning more about what iPads can practically offer for each student from an educational perspective. Having a ‘hands on play’ with an iPad was great fun and parents began to become familiar with the Apps.
I would further extend an invitation to contact Cathy to arrange an alternative time if a parent or carer was unable to attend and missed out. I can guarantee that you will really find it a worthwhile session.

Music Camp – November 12th & 13th at Camp Clayton
Time is creeping on and there are many outstanding signed permission slips from parents and carers yet to be sent back to school!
Last year the music camp was an amazing experience for all our students.

The overall costs for the camp are subsidized by Ability Employment and it costs parents/ carers only $15 per student attending 2 days and $25 per student staying overnight.
Please look for and read the information sheet on the last newsletter and complete the permission slip and return to school as quickly as possible.

If you have lost the information sheet please contact Keenie or Sandra in the school office to receive another one.
The camp payment will be accepted from now and until Friday, 13th November.

Best wishes,

Grace

Congratulations to all our students who received awards for artwork at the recent Burnie Show.

Ist prize:       Sophie, Tom, Billy, Connor, Silver, Claire.

2nd            Kalan, John, Chelsea, George, charlotte, Logan.

3rd            Jimmy, Bindii, Byron, Dylan, Montana, Claire.

Highly Commended:     Chelsea