Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

Term 4 has commenced well with staff members and students settling into the daily routines and timetable of programs and events with enthusiasm. We already have a series of dates in place on the term calendar and we are being especially vigilant with collaborative discussion to ensure all activities and events are organised well in advance. Term 4 is very busy!

‘The Arts’ Camp

Permission slips and information were sent home for parents and carers to read and return a signed form before the term holiday. Unfortunately, there are many parents/carers who have not yet returned the signed form! If you have lost the form, please let us know and the office will include a new form in your child’s communication book.

This year we have planned prior to the camp a series of opportunities for students to work alongside the artists who will participate in the workshops from Wednesday 12th November through to Friday, 14th November at Camp Clayton. Evelyn Antonysen has commenced working individually with students accompanied by teacher aides in the kitchen at the Devonport Campus whilst Jan Marinos is utilising the kitchen at the Acton hub to develop fine painting skills on special paper with individual students. This year’s project is based around creating 2D and 3D artworks with handmade recycled papers and also oriental handmade papers. Students will explore the concepts of ‘Sumi-e’ (oriental brush techniques with paper ink) and ‘Suminagashi (Japanese paper marbling) which relate to Asian culture.

These introductory painting and design experiences will continue for 1 day per week before the overnight camp. The aim is for every student to have a turn by experimenting with different paint mediums before the camp and also gain confidence to be creative under the guidance of the artists. We will all be so interested to view their work and achievements on Friday, 14th November which is the date when parents, carers, friends and members of the School Association will be invited to attend the barbecue and celebratory concert at Camp Clayton.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE is COMPULSORY. Parents/Carers MUST advise the school office if a student will be away and the REASON. Medical Certificates are required for 5 days or more.

The Dept of Education requires this information and performs regular checks.

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**Visit by Mr Jeremy Rockliff, Deputy Premier & Minister for Education**

It was a great pleasure to welcome Mr Rockliff, his Secretary of Staff, Ms Jenny Gale and Ms Cheryl Larcombe (The Chairperson of the Special Education Taskforce) to the Mooreville Rd campus on Monday 20th October from 9.30 – 10.30am. Whilst this visit was only one hour in duration, the visitors visited every classroom and met staff and spoke to students. I must congratulate all the students as each one was courteous, well-mannered and remained focused on their work tasks whilst the visitors were observing the programs that were in progress. I would describe the visit as a ‘fact finding’ mission! All the visitors asked questions about our current student enrolments, current capacity of the building and program options and Mr Rockliff in particular, was willing to state that an alternative provision for the school must be funded as soon as possible to cater for increased enrolments. Mr Rockliff promised to make a visit to the SOSE Devonport campus in the near future.

**Welcome back Laurie White!**

Laurie, her husband and daughter spent a busy and memorable year with her close family and friends in Canada. Whilst it is tearful to leave your birthplace and parents, Laurie has returned to SOSE Burnie to take up her .6 teaching role with determination and energy. Laurie will be responsible for assessing individual students by utilising a Number sense screening test. This new assessment tool was discussed at length in several workshops during the 2 day AASE conference that Michelle Williams, Bronwyn West and I attended in September. When the texts that fully describe the Number Sense program arrive, all teachers will be introduced to the content including the teaching methodologies and accompanying concrete materials to support students’ mathematical understanding and competence. Laurie’s addition to the teaching team has allowed Michelle Cooney to support Allison Hardstaff in managing the transition program for 5 kindergarten students who will commence formal schooling in Term 1 2015. This program will be running on Friday mornings as from 31st October. Laurie will also be teaching the high needs class when Michelle Cooney is undertaking this new role.

**Birthday**

Happy Birthday to Ian Rolls who celebrated his 18th birthday with staff and class friends this week!

Kind regards,

**Grace**
Congratulations to our Winners

At the recent Burnie Show many of our students received placing’s for their art/craft work. Tom, Byron, Kaylan and Matthew all won a First Prize.
Tuesday the 11th November is “Remembrance Day”

Poppies are available at the school office to purchase by coin donation to raise funds for the RSL.