Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
There certainly is a hint of warmer weather on the way! The days are lengthening too! It’s been a great week with sunshine on every day whilst the students are outdoors during recess and lunch times.

The Whole School Disco held in the gym at the SOSE D’port campus was a great success. Every student and staff member managed to dress up in costumes, hats and other paraphernalia depicting ‘Puppet Characters’. The staff and students danced to several favourites chosen by Jacqui Astley. The highlight of course, was the judging of the best dressed girl, boy and staff member. It was a difficult to make choices however, the whole school’s applause was resounding for the following winners:
Zali Stott – dressed as ‘Katy Perry’
Jake Langer – dressed as Marj Simpson
Charlotte Williams – dressed as Abbey MacGabby
SOSE Burnie teacher Sue-Ann Beaumont – dressed as ‘Bob the Builder’!
Jo Corvinus presented the winners with fluffy animal hats and everyone received a chocolate!
Sincere thanks to Ron Davey and Jacqui Astley for setting up the gym and preparing the program of music and dances.

After lunch, all staff and students moved to the playground where the students played games, rode bikes and socialised with each other. The teaching and support staff were also able to chat with each other whilst supervising and observing. It was a great day!

The 4th Music Camp
Written information will shortly be sent out for parents and carers to read through. After the success of the camp last year, some changes to the format will be made this year and these changes were suggestions made by staff members when we met to gain feedback. Certainly the Music Camp is another major highlight for all students to fully participate in.
SOSE NW Review
Our school has been selected by the DoE to be reviewed. This process involves a review panel who will visit both campuses over 2 whole days. The review convenor is Mr Rob Banfield who was a LSNW Principal Network Leader before his retirement at the end of 2012. The other members of the panel include Mrs Leanne Raw, the Principal of Romaine Park Primary School and the Principal of The Don College, Mr John Thompson.

The panel will tour the school's settings and interview the Principal, Teachers in Charge, teachers, support staff, students, parents, carers, School Business Manager, School Attendants, Allied Health personnel who service the schools, Human Services employees who directly network with SOSE NW and members of the School Associations.

As I have been in the Principal's position for seven years, it will be important to select a mix of short and long term staff, parents and carers, and staff that work across all campuses to discuss the growth and vision of the school throughout the 7 years.

I will be contacting several parents and members of the School Associations to invite you to participate in this review process shortly. Here is an opportunity to take part in defining and shaping the future vision for the school after 2014.

SOSE Devonport Review date is Wednesday, 10th September
SOSE Burnie Review date is Thursday, 11th September

The Big Mouth Literacy Camp
Felicity Lovatt, our school’s Speech & Language Pathologist and Joanne Corvinus, the Teacher in Charge at the D’port Campus attended a follow up on 4 Blocks Literacy programming and assessment in Melbourne for 1 week during the last term holidays.

Newly acquired knowledge and understanding from this initiative is now being shared with teachers and teacher aides to support some changes in the planning and delivery of literacy on a day to day basis across all classrooms.

Please check out the fund raising initiative advertised in this fortnight’s newsletter. We hope to see parents and friends at the Fairy Godmother’s forthcoming market held in the Burnie High gym on Saturday 13th September 2014

Kind regards,

Grace

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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