Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

I hope you all enjoyed the great weather over the term holidays. The fine and warm days gave families an opportunity to be out and about instead of staying indoors. The students seem quite refreshed and ready for Term 2 which is 9 weeks in length.

Anzac Day Commemorations

As I stated in the last newsletter, Sophie Townley represented the School of Special Education NW by accompanying her mother Adele to the Anzac Day parade and service at the Cenotaph at the Burnie Park on 25th April. These very special photos were taken by Adele and another member of their family. Many of you may not be aware that Adele is a returned Australian Service woman who joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1989 at the age of 18 years. She served in East Timor in 1999 – 2000, and she was also stationed in the Middle East in 2008 -09 for 8 ½ months. During this time, Sophie came to Tasmania to live with her grandparents. Adele left the Air Force in 2011 after serving for 22 years and is now living in Havenview and is working and caring for Sophie, who is a full-time student in the early childhood class.

Student Free Day on Friday, 19th April

All staff from both campuses met at the Acton hub to participate in a whole day workshop on Performance and Development – A framework for Cultural Change. The presenter, Roz Smart is a facilitator with Frameworks for Change and she is also the Senior Training, Education and Development Officer for the Office of the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner. Roz introduced the new DoE initiative by setting the scene of creating a school culture that focuses on improvement in teaching and learning, in a climate of trust, collaboration and ongoing feedback. These improvement strategies align with our school's plan 2013 - 14.

After the introductory session, staff met in groups and focused on their Role descriptors and Statements of Duties, whilst teachers in particular, utilised the AITSL standards as a guide to developing their own individual Performance Development Plans. These plans will be negotiated with me and the Teachers-in-Charge over the next 6 weeks. This process provides all staff members with opportunities for self-reflection and setting of objectives for coaching and mentoring to ensure that teachers obtain the best possible outcomes for all students.
Staff Changes
Mr Devin Cullis has transferred to the Devonport Campus to team teach full-time with Mr Grant Maloney on the Senior class for this term only.
Mr Paul Birkin who has relocated with his family from Western Australia to live in Wynyard has joined the teaching team for Term 2. Paul has taught in many varied Special Education settings and will team teach with Mrs Michelle Williams on the Senior class at SOSE Burnie.

New Student
The teacher, Mrs Allison Hardstaff and students in the kinder/prep class have welcomed a student accessing from the Romaine Park Primary School, Matthew Moretti who will be attending on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

NDIS
Several community meetings were held in regional NW towns – Burnie and Latrobe on Tuesday 23rd April. Mrs Bronwyn West, the transition co-ordinator for both campuses has attended workshops to fully understand the impact of the NDIS especially on families of disabled students who are 15 years and over. Already, she has been speaking with parents to ensure that families who have been directly contacted and her role will extend to supporting parents to fully understand and appraise the options available to them as the scheme commences.

School Association Annual General meeting
The Burnie Campus meeting was held on Thursday, 9th May commencing at 3.30pm. All positions were declared vacant and I must sincerely thank the many community members and parents who filled out a nomination form. The following were successfully elected:

Sandra French President
Shirley Bischoff Patron
Grace Brown & Michelle Cooney Staff reps
Lee-Anne Ryan & Anne Finch Community reps
Adele Townley & Meg Collidge Parent reps

We sincerely thank the outgoing School Association members who have resigned from positions – Cathy Bester, Rob Hill and Wendy Cumming. Wendy was in attendance to deliver her final Treasurer’s report and I presented her with a floral box as a thank you for the many years of service she has given to SOSE in particular as a supportive advocate to other parents but also for her tremendous fund raising efforts as an inaugural member in organising the annual Burnie Shines Cocktail Party.

Kind regards,

Grace
LAMINGTON DRIVE
Our first fund-raiser for the year will be a lamington drive.

Orders need to be returned by tomorrow Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} May 2013.

Thank you to everyone who has managed to sell lamington for our first fundraiser this year.
If you haven't yet returned or sold any lamingtons it's not too late. Orders are due in no later than 9.30a.m Friday and if all goes to plan delivery will be midweek next week.

We also have another fundraising idea in the pipework's. We have been given a spot at the Burnie Farmer free of charge to run a lucky dip stall. We need any brand new items that you may have to build our prizes. If you have plants, relish, jam, pickles or non-perishable items you would like to donate please send them into the office. We already have had 30 items donated. The homemade produce needs to have ingredients and a contact number on it to comply with health regulations. Our aim is to get up to 250 items to make it successful.

\textbf{If you can help in anyway it would be greatly appreciated} - You might have some good ideas for fund-raising – we would love to hear them!!

Regards the fundraising team.
ANZAC DAY

"lest we forget"

“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"