Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

There is so much news to share over this fortnight. Firstly, I hope you are all aware that the State Government has released funding to support capital works projects in 11 schools across the state. The School of Special Education NW was most fortunate to be given $800,000 with some allocation of it to be accessed in the 2014-15 budget.

There will be some flexibility in how we utilise the funds and I perceive that consideration will be given for plans to be proposed from both Burnie and D’port campuses. We as a school community will call on the collective wisdom of all sectors of the school communities to share in the decision making process. In particular, members of the School Associations will be major stakeholders in planning the whole project. Our minds will need to seriously consider concepts for the future to ensure that all students will benefit from dynamic learning spaces as well as the provision of basic services.

Fundraising

The Burnie Campus received a tremendous response for the lamington drive held last week. The Fundraising committee led by Sue-Ann Beaumont and her helpers, organised two after school working bees which were held in the kitchen at the Mooreville campus where 215 dozen lamingtons were coated with raspberry jelly or chocolate and then rolled in coconut. There was lots of laughter from the helpers as the assembly line of workers tackled the job. Adrian, our school attendant also joined in and we all noted his very competent kitchen skills.

A sincere thank you to all the families and friends who ordered and purchased the lamingtons and to the helpers who worked as a team to prepare, package and label the lamingtons.

We raised - $870.00 !!!! What a great effort!

PODD Supporters Group NW

I wish to advise families and friends that the SOSE NW’s Speech & Language Pathologist, Felicity Lovatt will be offering a workshop for participants to practice using PODD books and other comprehensive AAC systems (e.g. Tap Speak Choice page sets on the iPad) as a means of promoting real communication in a group situation. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, 19th June at the East Ulverstone Primary School Hall, Crawford St, Ulverstone from 12.30 to 2.30pm. If you require further information please contact and RSVP if you are attending to felicity.lovatt@education.tas.gov.au

Don’t forget to bring your child’s PODD book along with you to enable practice and discussion.
**Senior Class Work Experience Program**

As many parents may be aware, all the students included in the senior class at the Burnie Campus are currently involved in work experience skill development. With the support of Bronwyn West, the Work Experience/Transition Co-ordinator and teachers Paul Birkin and Michelle Williams, a most comprehensive weekly program has been developed. The students have completed their sessions at Two Oaks, Somerset and will commence at a new setting next week – a church in Montello. At this venue, all students will be challenged with a new set of skills to undertake which will include vacuuming, dusting, cleaning mirrors, mopping floors and kitchen cleaning. A tick sheet is currently being developed to assess each student’s skill acquisition as they commence a new list of duties to complete. Staff members supporting the students will be expected to demonstrate the skill to the students and to clearly break down the task into a meaningful sequence to develop self-initiation of what comes next. We look forward to further reports in the coming weeks and some photos to clearly illustrate the students’ participation in this worthwhile project.

**Body Cycles Visit to both campuses**

Jeff and Tracey Loader, manufacturers of tricycles for special people have made a visit this week from Hackham in South Australia. Several students were given opportunities to trial adaptations to safely allow them to enjoy a ride on a tricycle with minimal adult assistance. Several tricycles were brought out of the school’s sheds and Jeff was able to make assessments of the ‘as is’ condition of the tricycles before fitting new parts to allow new students to have regular opportunities to ride and develop their muscular strength.

**Special Thoughts for the House family**

I wish to share that Matthew House, wife of Pam and father of Laurence who is a full time student in the Primary class at the Devonport campus is gravely ill in the NW Regional hospital at Burnie. Our thoughts are with the family members at this difficult time.

**Grace**

*Information you need to know........*

**Internet Safety Tips.**

*Tasmania Police offer the following internet safety tips for users on social networking or similar sites:*

- Choose a non identifiable, non gender specific user name
- Never give out personal information whilst using instant messaging or other social networking sites such as your name, address and pictures of yourself
- Never accept a friend, file or download from a person you don’t know
- Treat strangers on the internet the same as you would treat strangers in real life.

**Further advice on Internet safety is available at:**

- [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)
- [www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com](http://www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com)
PROUD moment - John writes his name............
**Fund-raising for SoSE Burnie**

Big job ahead - 215 dozen LAMINGTONS

**THANK YOU**
To our fabulous team of “Lamington Makers” and to the many people who purchased our lamingtons.........we raised

$870.00 - GREAT EFFORT