**Please Advise The Office**

**If your child is not attending school for any reason**

**If you change any phone numbers or address.**

All queries should be made to the office 6433 3870.

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**Calendar - Term 2**

- 26th June - Burnie Eisteddfod
- 2nd July - SoSE got Talent
- 4th July - School Association Meeting
  - 3pm in Meeting Room
- 5th July - End of Term 2
- 22nd July - Student Free Day
- 23rd July Tuesday - Students return for Term 3

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**Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,**

Last Friday, a SOSE staff member, Lynne Ryan and I visited the Warringa School which is situated in Hopper’s Crossing about 40 minutes by train from the centre of Melbourne. Warringa School is a special school with a population of over 300 students aged between 6 years to 18 years students that live in the Werribee area.

This school has invested in and utilises new technologies across all curriculum areas to improve the learning outcomes of all students enrolled at the school. Each student and staff member is equipped with an iPad as their major teaching and learning tool. Every learning space is set up with a range of technology for students to access either individually or in small groups throughout the school day.

All students regardless of the severity of their disability were catered for to ensure that engagement in learning was fully promoted. Open learning spaces easily accessed from classrooms were set up with ongoing projects and displays that celebrated the learning that was in progress. Students gravitated to these areas during informal breaks and were motivated to work on the projects on offer.

Warringa has an ongoing connection with the Melbourne Zoo which initiates learning via visits, discussions and enquiries about animal species, their life cycles and their habits.

The Assistant Principal, Marie Hayes welcomed us and we were given a complete tour of the school which included attending assembly in their Performing Arts Room and visits to classrooms where we were able to chat with teachers, teacher aides and students as they worked through their daily timetable.

The school’s enterprise centred on the canteen which was operated by a teacher and senior students who were given one week’s placement to plan and undertake instructional tasks related to planning menus, purchasing food items, cooking, waiting on tables, operating the cash register, cleaning up and packing away. Placements were on a rotational basis to ensure that practical acquisition of skills could be sequentially layered over time.

Senior staff members were released to discuss the operational details of Warringa and we shared information about our school. Many questions were asked by staff members who were interested in the 4 Blocks literacy program with enquiries aimed at the assessment measures undertaken with students, the training of staff and the implementation of the program across our campuses.

Our day was a most productive experience and I hope to be able to send individual staff members to visit Warringa over the next year.
PODD Supporters Group NW
I wish to remind 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.

Parent Group Meeting at the Burnie Campus
Whilst several parents and carers were unable to attend the first meeting for this year was held in the kitchen at the Acton hub last **Tuesday, 11th June commencing at 11.30am**. Several new parents were welcomed – Peter Allen (Tom’s dad), Marilyn & Graeme Seager (Silver Chester’s grandparents), Cybell Beach (Adamhar’s mum) and Sally Kay (Hamish’s mum). The conversations that were generated between staff members, parents and carers were very open, genuine and extremely supportive of each other. An appetising lunch was supplied by the Senior class under the leadership and support of Michelle Williams, Paul Birkin and teacher assistants. Thanks to all who made the effort and attended this meeting.

Latest news – Matthew House
Matthew is now in Palliative care at the NW Regional hospital Latrobe. Our thoughts remain with Pam, Laurence and Arnold during this difficult time.

Latest news - Chloe Osborne
Chloe has undergone major surgery this week and will be absent from school for up to 8 weeks. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Kind regards,

Grace

Anglicare Tasmania’s KIDS Program needs VOLUNTEER parents...
Right now there is a **high demand for volunteer mentors** to support our families on the North West Coast, particularly in the **Burnie and Ulverstone** areas. Volunteers are trained by Anglicare to offer assistance and encouragement to parents with children under 5yrs. So, if you have a spare couple of hours per week or fortnight please give this program some thought. Training starts in July 😊

**KIDS Coordinator - Claire Williams at Anglicare’s Devonport office on**

6421 3100.
Warringa School Visit
Our next Fundraising idea....................

We are seeking donations of produce or new items to have a lucky dip for the Burnie Farmers Market.

**Donation idea**

- Relish
- Sauces
- Jam
- Pot plants
- Bulbs
- Any preserves
- Fresh vegetables (do you know any farmers that may donate vegies)
- Eggs (if you have chooks and have an abundance of eggs)
- New products
- Non-perishable food (to place in hampers)

We are aiming to go to the Market in 3rd term.
If you can help by providing items or helping on the day ........please let me know or contact the school office........64 333870.

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