**Calendar – Term 2**

- **2nd July**: Slipstream Circus
- **4th July**: Last day
- **TUESDAY 22nd July**: Students
- **20th Aug**: Disco
- **26th Sep**: End Term 3

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

Well, the days are rolling by quickly with the end of Term 2 almost here! I hope you’re getting ready for the two week holiday as students finish on Friday, 4th July!

‘SOSE Has Got Talent’ – all staff and students who attended, really enjoyed themselves! The spontaneity of the students who joined in with smiling faces, clapping and dancing was amazing to observe. When the whole school now combines at one event, we certainly take up all the floor space in the gym at the Acton campus. Please don’t feel that you’ve missed out on witnessing your child being dressed up, acting, singing and performing! ‘SOSE Has Got Talent’ held on Wednesday, 11th June was just a rehearsal! Parents and carers will certainly watch a ‘review’ performance involving staff, and all acts from every class later in the year.

A special thank you to every staff member who participated and many thanks to Jacqui Astley who organised the music, props, costumes and instruments.

**Zyteq Eye Gaze Day**

Zyteq is a company based in Melbourne that services all of Australia.

On Wednesday, 18th June, 5 teachers and our school’s Speech & Language Pathologist, Felicity Lovatt, attended a whole day workshop in Launceston to learn about the latest technology and its impact on the learning programs of several of our student across both campuses.

On Thursday, 19th June, Zyteq will offer a ‘Come and Try’ Eye Gaze Day at the Acton campus where students, teacher aides, teachers and parents can trial eye technology.

Eye gaze technology tracks where you look on a computer screen. This can assist a student to communicate, type, paint or play games using only their eyes. There will be 30 minute sessions for each student to try it out with support from the Zyteq specialists, Tracey Bode and Karyn Muscat who are Speech Pathologists. Staff members, Gail Bennell and Chris Bryg from the Independent Living Centre in Launceston will also be in attendance and will be supporting SOSE NW students in the future.

The Zyteq Eye Gaze Day is all about supporting each child to try and do things on the computer using their eyes! session and how eye gaze technology could be used in the future
There won’t be any pressure to get it right. Tracey and Karyn will video each session and at the conclusion of the day around 2.45pm a discussion with parents, teachers and support staff about the I look forward to sharing more about the outcomes of this very unique day in a future newsletter.

NEWS from the Devonport Campus

Excursion to the Duck Reach Power Station and the Cataract Gorge
The senior class at SOSE D’port have been out and about to Launceston on Thursday 12th June. Practical field trips give our students extra opportunities to discover and explore a new environment where active learning and understanding can be nurtured.

Nathan Pitchford has commenced work experience at the Five Figs Cafe in Latrobe. Nathan has become an excellent coffee maker! Well done Nathan!

Kind regards,

Grace

SoSE Got Talent