Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

I hope our mothers and grandmothers across the SOSE campuses enjoyed a festive day on Mother’s Day! It is a great opportunity for family members to recognise and appreciate the love, commitment and boundless energy that ‘mums’ constantly display on a daily basis! I know that students made special little gifts at school to take home to their mothers in gratitude for their care and support!

“Eyegaze” Trial and Training Days at SOSE Devonport went ahead on Tuesday, 5th May and 6th May. The Independent Living Centre team from Launceston consisting of Gail Bennell, Speech Pathologist and Catherine Merry, Physiotherapist worked alongside Lynda Cameron, Vision Impairment support teacher, Lynne Ryan, ICT consultant and Felicity Lovatt our school’s Speech & Language Pathologist to set up the equipment. Sessions were offered to individual students to trial the technology. Whilst there were several students absent due to illness on the trial days, some students are being offered short trial sessions with them all becoming very excited and keen to participate.

This week, Felicity Lovatt and I will be attending the Agosci’s 12th Biennial Conference in Brisbane. (AGOSCI is an inclusive group interested in enhancing the participation of all people with complex communication needs. We are committed to listening and discussing latest research and information which we will share with colleagues on our return. The teaching and support teams are committed to further enhance the development of individualised programming for the students who attend the School of Special Education NW.

Welcome to our new student
Keely Johnstone is a newly enrolled student in the Senior class at our Acton campus. Keely’s family has relocated from Darwin and will shortly be moving into a home at Hellyer Beach near Rocky Cape.
The Devonport Mayor’s Gala Event was held on Saturday, 9th May in the gym at The Don College. This fundraiser was hosted by Mr Steve Martin who is committed to raising funds within the local community to ensure that local schools are able to offer breakfast programs to students who require it. This year, it is expected that over $10,000 has been raised once expenses are totalled. What a fine effort! Our share of the monies will benefit both campuses.

Other Proposed Fundraising Events
Dusty and Joyce Winwood have kindly agreed to organise a Country & Western Music concert to be held at the Penguin Sports and Golf Complex on Sunday, 14th June from lunch time onwards. Counter meals at reasonable prices will be available. Monies raised on the day will be used to purchase a new stove for the SOSE D’port kitchen. Currently, there are 3 stoves in the kitchen which are showing signs of wear and tear. The students’ weekly cooking program is reliant on having reliable hotplates and an oven so that every student experiences success with their baking! Please mark this event on your calendar as we would like to see as many families as possible to attend and support this venture.

‘Commitment leads to action. Action brings your dreams closer’. Marcia Wieder

Kind regards,
Grace

Pizza Fundraiser

We will hold a “Pizza & Footy Colours day” for the children of Nepal on WEDNESDAY 27th May
Cost $2 per slice/$3 for 2
ORDERS BY TUESDAY PLEASE

Welcome!
Keely who is 13 years old has joined the senior class.

Keely enjoyed the spa.

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News from the Blackwood and Myrtle Classes

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 11.15 am - 12.00 our classes combine for “Count me in too.” This program gives all children opportunities to problem solve and engage in activities in a group setting with students at the same ability. All activities are designed to build upon student’s current knowledge leading them from the emergent stage through to the counting on stage. The purpose is to provide students with a variety of strategies and problem solving skills to equip them for future life skills.

Senior students travelling on the bus to “WORK EXPERIENCE”