Hello parents, carers and friends,
This week has been a particularly busy one with several events occurring over successive days.

**Building Education Revolution Celebratory Morning Tea**

This event was held at the Devonport Campus, with both campuses meeting to celebrate the completion of the projects which were funded by the Rudd Federal Government. With an allocation of $300000 pledged last year, the bulk of the funds was spent at the Devonport Campus.

For parents and carers who have not visited the Devonport Campus recently, please take a few minutes to come and see the transformation which has occurred in the library resource area. Phil Dingemanse of Birrelli Architects in Launceston was responsible for drawing up the project plans however, in the case of the library refurbishment, Mrs Michelle Anthony who is employed two days per week as the school’s library technician, was able to clearly explain and visualise with her own drawings how the library could be transformed to a ‘state of the art’ resource area to meet the needs of all students and staff members.

What you will note when you visit is the spacious areas where all books, games and resources are stored in orderly sections. There is a work room which was formerly the laundry that has been remodelled to become a space where resources are repaired and catalogued. Having designated floor space where students are able to work alongside either a partner or a small group of peers is advantageous when playing games and learning to

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**Dates to Remember**

Saturday 1st May
Car Boot Sale - 8am-1pm

**Public Holidays**

Monday 14th June - Queen's Birthday
Monday 1st November - Recreation Day
Friday 26th November - Devonport Show

**Term Dates**

Term 1 - 9th Feb - 31st May
Term 2 - 15th June - 3rd Sept
Term 3 - 20th Sept - 16th Dec

**Student Free Days**

Monday 3rd May
Monday 19th July
Friday 29th October

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take turns.
The Federal funding also provided upgrades in the disabled toilet facility at both campuses. Extra strengthening was done in the walls and roof cavities, ceiling tracking and ceiling hoists have been fitted. This improvement will ensure greater comfort for students who are lifted from their wheelchairs when being toileted. A 'no lift' policy for all support staff is now fully in place to alleviate further OH & S issues.
Reverse cycle air conditioners were also purchased from the BER funding for the foyer area and all classrooms at the Burnie Campus.
During the ceremony, I was able to formally thank Mr Andrew Gurr, the Project Manager of Fairbrother Pty Ltd who co-ordinated and supervised his works gang at both campuses.
Mr Sid Sidebottom, the Federal member of Braddon in the House of Representatives attended the celebratory morning tea along with Mr Michael Gaffney, State member of Mersey in the Legislative Council and the Mayor of Devonport, Ms Lyn Laycock.
There were a large number of local community friends who came along to also celebrate the completion of the project. Members of The Zonta Club of Devonport, the Masonic Lodge and the Mad Hatters from Wesley Vale joined with parents and School Association members to watch the dance and musical items presented by the students and staff from both campuses.
I must express my thanks to Mrs Jacqui Astley for her choice of items – they were extremely entertaining, with Sid caught on camera joining in singing with Andrew Foster. Visitors were also able to take some time to check out the displays of children’s work and photos of students engaged in various programs that are offered at both campuses.
Thanks also to Mrs Lindy Parker and Mr Ron Davey who assisted with setting up and serving the food. It was a great day!!!!
**Parent-Teacher Conversations**

Many parents and carers organised appointments with class teachers this week to discuss their child’s progress and to identify learning goals, both short and long term. Having a two-way conversation gives parents an opportunity to talk about their child and to share what they know about their child – likes/dislikes/strengths and weaknesses. This information is so important when building a ‘big picture’. It identifies the uniqueness of every child and assists every teacher to creatively plan learning opportunities for them at school. If by chance you were unable to make an appointment please contact the school to arrange an alternative time and date with your child’s teacher/s. It is an opportunity not to be missed!

**Communication Books**

Every student has a communication book that is written in every day by the class teacher. This book is set up in order for messages and information to be confidentially shared between home and school. It is important that parents/carers take a few minutes each day to read through the messages from school. If your child receives an injury or experiences health issues then it is extremely important that parents and carers write in a short explanation or explain a follow up that a teacher may have enquired about. As DoE employees, teachers are required to follow through with Duty of Care procedures concerning students.

**Work Experience**

Over the last fortnight, the Devonport campus has been chosen as a workplace for work experience students. We have welcomed Ruth Westbrook and Zoe Crossin from Latrobe High School who are Grade 10 students who are considering careers in the field of disability in the future. Mrs Kerry Miller who is currently studying Certificate 3 in Disability at Polytechnic has just completed two weeks placement in the Early Childhood class under the direction of Ms Genevieve Andrews. Kerry will be returning to the class for one day each week until September. Thank you, Ruth, Zoe and Kerry for joining the support team in classrooms and assisting with students. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.
School Association Meeting

The School Association at Devonport Campus held our Annual General and regular General Meetings this week. Janet Coxan is our retiring staff member representative, she is being replaced by Leeanne Howe.

Kind regards to all,
Grace

Car Boot Sale

On Saturday 1st May we will be holding a Car Boot Sale (weather permitting) between 8am and 1pm. If you would like to bring along some items to sell the cost for a space is $5. We will also be having a sausage sizzle and there will be bags of spuds available to buy.

ADVERTISING

Hawthorn Football Club's Super Saturday

This Free family event is being held at Aurora Stadium Saturday 24 April, beginning at 3.00pm. This is your chance to meet the Hawthorn players, grab an autograph and take part in our family activities.

Have a kick on the ground before the players commence training, Free face painting, Handball competitions, Giveaways, and our loveable mascot Hawka will be there too.

Sausages and drinks available to purchase, Merchandise for sale, and ask the Hawthorn football club about securing your seat to the games played at Aurora Stadium.

All children who attend will receive a Hawks Gift pack!

For more information call 6334 8111. We hope to see you there!
Scouts Australia Tasmania
Branch
Leven District Association
100 Years of Scouting in Leven

Have you been involved in Scouting in Leven - Central Coast Ulverstone Penguin
As a youth member, leader, parent or helper please come and celebrate with us.
Public are invited to come along and see what Scouting is about and what we do.
Would you or your children like to become involved in Scouting in Leven?

Scout Expo
at
Ulverstone Scout Hall
Alexandra Road, Ulverstone
28th April to 1st May
10.00am to 4.00pm
Displays of Scouting
Scouting memorabilia
Are you interested in Scouting?
Come and have a look
Everyone welcome

Open Day
at
Paton Park lodge & campground
Allison Road, North Motton
Sunday 2nd May
Sausage sizzle lunch
Gold coin donation
Activities and fun for all
Come and join in the fun
Everyone welcome

Hey kids – join in our great Scout Treasure Hunt
Find all the hidden Scout ‘treasure’ items
Search in participating shop windows in Ulverstone
Win a 3 person tent –value $150
Forms available from participating shops. Enter your findings
Forms to be placed in the box at the Scout Expo. Drawn 1st May at 4:00

MERSEY LEVEN CATHOLIC PARISH
The Catholic Communities of Devonport, Latrobe, Penguin, Port Sorell, Sheffield & Ulverstone
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
CONFIRMATION and EUCHARIST
Families with children in Grade 3 or above are invited to participate in the Parish Sacramental Preparation Programme for the reception of CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST in July.
Information Meetings to explain the preparation programme will be held on:
Monday 3rd May, 7.00pm at Emmaus House
88 Stewart Street, Devonport
or
Tuesday 4th May, 7.00pm at Sacred Heart Church,
Alexandra Road, Ulverstone

For a child to be part of the Sacramental Program it is essential that he/she together with a parent, or other responsible adult, attend one of these information sessions.
For further information please contact the Parish Office (6424 2783)