Hello Parents, Carers and friends,
Well, it's the beginning of Term 2 and I hope that all students and staff members have returned to school feeling refreshed and happy after two weeks break.

This week I've been in Darwin attending the AASE/ASEPA (Australian Association of Special Education Inc) Conference entitled 'At the Heart of the Matter - School and Classroom Leadership'. I've also had the opportunity to visit the Henbury & Nenamrk Special Schools which enrol students from Prep to Grade 12.
I hope to be able to share some insights from the conference and the school visits in the next newsletter.

SOSE NW TALENT EXTRAVAGANZA
What a great event this was to conclude Term 1! This exhibition of talent was initiated by Mrs Jacqui Astley - thanks so much for organising the program and working with various groups to provide entertaining items!
I was so impressed with the efforts all staff members and students made to dress up and perform in front of a capacity audience in the Burnie Campus gym……..
The class items were fun and it was especially thrilling to note several students who made solo performances - in particular, Alin House from Smithton who attends the Tuesday Links program playing a tune on the keyboard and also
John Murray who adores displaying his skills with the piano accordion. It was especially gratifying to note several parents and grandparents who had travelled long distances to be members of the audience.

The newly purchased barbecue was used for the first time by Garry Ewington (head chef alias bus driver) assisted by Sandra and Keenie to provide a sausage sizzle for staff and students. Thank you. Whilst the weather was damp our spirits were high and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely!

Grace

Learn to Swim

During the first week of second Term the senior students made their way to the Ulverstone Swimming Pool for a four day learn to swim program.

Everyday I saw progress in every student attending and these ranged from being confident in the water, blowing bubbles, submersion, to eventually some students being able to float assisted with noodles/kickboards, floating unassisted, kicking and underarm strokes.

What everyone achieved at the pool in that short time was a success but most importantly everyone had fun and will be definitely looking forward to returning next year.

A big thank-you to the instructors Mrs Bron Murfett, Mr Allen Graham and to all those who assisted each day.

Rebecca Clarke
The Amazing Circus Quirkus

International Entertainment presents, the family fun experience of “Circus Quirkus”, a non animal circus spectacular. A unique showcase of the finest performers from around the world, “Circus Quirkus” is guaranteed to amuse, astound and delight both young and old. Entertainment for the entire family is “Circus Quirkus”.

We have some free tickets to give away to this fantastic event.

Where: Burnie Arts & Function Centre
When: Monday 5th July 2010 at 6:00 pm

If you would like tickets to this event please return the slip below to the school office ASAP.

I would like _____ tickets to the “Circus Quirkus” presentation on Monday 5th July 2010 at 6:00 pm.

Name: _____________________________