Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the ‘Meet and Greet’ barbecues held at the Devonport Campus on Wednesday 19th February and at the Burnie campus on Thursday, 20th February. Whilst a cold change in the weather marred the barbecue on the Thursday evening, all families and staff members who attended really enjoyed themselves. Events such as a barbecue rely on staff members at each school being committed to assist with preparations – purchasing the food, seating configurations, cooking the meat, salads and of course clearing away. Thanks to everyone who committed to being a positive team member at this function.

Learn to Swim Program – Monday, 3rd March – Friday, 7th March

Permission slips have been sent home and by now all signed slips should be back at the school office. The Senior and Junior students from the Burnie campuses will be swimming at the East Ulverstone indoor pool in the 11.15am – 12.15pm session whilst the Devonport students will be included in the 12.15 – 1.15pm session. I would like to remind parents and carers that swimming over five consecutive days usually tires each student who is participating so please remember to provide extra food and drinks in your child’s lunchbox to overcome hunger and thirst. It would be thoughtful to pop a long sleeved top into the school bag because some students get quite cold when expected to be underwater for more than 30 minutes.

Parents and carers are welcome to visit the East Ulverstone pool to watch their child participating in the swimming program at either time slot.

Individual Education Plans

Many parents and carers have made their appointments and attended a meeting with their child’s class teacher/s to discuss their child’s personal development and current health and learning opportunities. We are very committed to a collaborative decision making process between parents/carers and teachers when reviewing and determining new learning goals based on each student’s strengths and individual needs. Sharing, listening and problem solving together also broadens the connections with other professionals who contribute to a student’s IEP, Medical Action Plan and Behaviour Plan – DHHS therapists, Paediatrician and DoE consultants.

If you haven’t yet attended your child’s IEP review meeting, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible to organise a suitable day and time.
Billy Tea Bush Band Performance

Staff and students from both schools will join together at the Acton hub gym on Wednesday, 12 March from 11.30 a.m. to enjoy an Autumn social gathering with dancing, singing, clapping and listening to some stimulating live music. I look forward to sharing some photos of this event in the next newsletter.

Kind regards
Grace

School Photos will be taken on the morning of Friday 4th April. It is IMPORTANT that students are at school this day so that class photos can be taken. The photos are used as a record on our system and various other times during the year. Envelopes will be sent home soon for your personal orders.

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, letters are generated automatically from Hobart office.

School commences at 9 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. Mooreville Road
8.50 a.m. 2.20 p.m. Acton site.

Students should arrive in time for the start of the morning program so as not to interrupt the class routine.

Enjoying the BBQ

School Assoc members Sandra French, Shirley Bischof & former school admin officer Kath Harrision

Grace Brown, Michelle & Hayley Young
Back into learning and having fun

Myrtle Room with Mrs Sue-Ann Beaumont & Mrs Belinda Andrews

Trampoline: Over the holidays our trampoline was vandalised. Thanks to Adrian and Graeme for spending many days fixing it. As you can see by the photo we are very excited.

This term we are looking at food we can grow. At Acton we have 4 garden beds, 2 in which we are growing herbs and vegetables. On the 12th February our Community Access excursion was to Bunnings. We purchased potting mix, garden tools, plants of lettuce, spinach & broccoli. We even had a few minutes to test out the play equipment. We returned to school and planted our vegetables. In our garden we also have 6 herbs and squash.