Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends

I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend holiday break. The weather was perfect and there were plenty of events to choose from along the northwest to entertain families.

Learn to Swim Program

As you’re aware, the 2014 program was only one week in duration instead of the usual fortnight’s program which has been offered in past years. On Friday, 7th March, all teachers and support staff together with the “Learn-to-Swim” instructors concluded that the one week’s program had been very successful. The junior and senior students mingled well in the pool and there was enough space across the pool for them to work in small groups on special water tasks and exercises that were chosen to match their current skill levels.

I was able to also attend for 3 days of the program and I supported individual students in the water, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Attending consecutive days allowed every student to repeatedly practise specific skills in the water and it was very heartening to note the increase in personal confidence that every student outwardly displayed.

Well done everyone!

The Billy Tea Bush Band

Students and staff from both campuses travelled to the gym at the Acton hub to be entertained by Mike and Phil. They are expert musicians – one plays the violin whilst the other plays a guitar. The children enjoyed the music and participated in the interactive dance movements for over an hour.

This unique event was funded by the proceeds from the weekly cooking program undertaken by the senior class students from the Devonport campus throughout 2013. Under the direction of Steph, Rose and Leeanne, the senior class students prepared a variety of lunch choices in the school kitchen and took orders from staff members and students. This enterprise raised a little over $700.

Congratulations to Grant, Luke, support staff members and students who participated in this worthy enterprise! Raising money and sharing it across both campuses is an impressive venture!

Kind regards

Grace
School Photos will be taken on the morning of Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} April. Essential information is included on the orange sheet and envelopes are included with this newsletter. 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, even if you do not wish to purchase photos – the envelop MUST be returned to school.

The National Companion Card Scheme

The Companion Card was developed to remove the financial barrier for people with disability who require lifelong attendant care support to participate at events, activities and venues and Metro bus service.

Information is included with this newsletter and a letter to sign if you want us to send you an application booklet. www.companioncard.gov.au

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.

To parents and carers for your co-operation in the after school collection of students – by waiting in the front foyer. It seems to be working much smoother now.
We had fun dancing & clapping to the music!