Calendar - Term 1

Thu 3rd April AGM Schl Assoc.
Fri 4th April School Photos
Wed 16th Apr RAFFLE drawn
Thu 17th Apr Student Free Day & END of Term 1
Fri 18th Apr Good Friday Easter & term break

Term 2
Mon 5th May School resumes

Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends
I have some really exciting news to share in this newsletter. Please take some time to read through all the information.

Mayor’s Charity Gala – Saturday 10th May
Devonport High School
The School of Special Education NW is listed as one of the schools to receive a contribution from the monies raised at this new event that Steve & Susanne Martin (Mayor & Mayoress of the Devonport City Council) are hosting. Please read the attached flyer. Here is an opportunity for members of the School Association, parents, carers and staff members to enjoy a great night out! Please consider getting together with some friends and dressing up for this occasion!

Artist in Residence Project 2014
I am very pleased to report that the school has been successful in securing $5,000 from the Department of Education to employ Evelyn Antonysen and Jan Marinos as our artists at the music camp which will be held mid-November. Jan and Evelyn will undertake some preliminary painting and craft sessions with the students at the 3 campuses during Term 3.

Sharing and Showcasing Students' Participation & Successes with Literacy

Literacy planning, delivering and assessment of students’ performance are important daily components that every student engages in for over 1 hour each day in every SOSE classroom. Our whole school’s focus is on the 4 Blocks Literacy framework which consists of Writing, Working with Words, Shared and Guided Reading.

Michelle Williams and Jaime Bradley who work in a team teaching partnership in the Senior class at the Burnie Campus have been utilising the text ‘The Hungry Caterpillar’ to encourage and improve their students’ literacy skills across the 4 Blocks literacy framework.

Sharing students’ efforts and successes is such a worthwhile experience. Congratulations everyone!

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.

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Individual student, whole class and whole school photos will be taken on Friday, 4th April at the Burnie and Devonport campuses. **I would appreciate students in school uniform or in suitable school attire e.g. navy shorts or track-pants and blue T-shirt and or windcheater. Please return any outstanding forms.**

The Annual General Meeting of the School Association will be held at the Mooreville Road campus 3.30 p.m. THURSDAY 3rd April. It’s not too late to nominate for a position on the Association. We require 2 Community Reps. Please contact the school for a form if you know someone who may be interested.

Best Wishes
Grace

>SAY CHEESE !!!

School Photos will be taken on the morning of Friday 4th April.

It is IMPORTANT for all students to be at school this day so that class photos can be taken. The photos are used as a record on our filing system and for various other times during the year.

PLEASE RETURN THE PHOTO ENVELOPE which was sent home. Even if you do NOT wish to pay for photos, your child will still be photographed and the company require that envelope on the day.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL UNIFORM
It is with sadness that we will say ‘goodbye’ to Cheryl who has been a most valued teacher aide at the School of Special Education Burnie for 8 years. Prior to this, Cheryl worked at Yolla District School where she commenced with the Department of Education in 2002.

Cheryl is a multi-skilled person within our school and has supported students across all grade groupings. Her talents extend to even being a bus driver! We will greatly miss her humour, her generous attitude of always ‘putting our students first’ and her sincerity with encouraging and motivating all members of the support team.

At social functions, Cheryl ‘shone out’ on the dance floor !!!

Cheryl is taking up a position as “Elders Support Worker for the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre .and will take leave of absence from the Department of Education for 12 months.

We wish her every success and happiness in her new career.

Good luck & thanks Cheryl
COMMUNITY ACCESS

On a recent community access into town we visited the State Library for “self-directed’ reading. Everyone had fun searching for books they liked. The students were able to choose 3 books to take back to school for our classroom. Every 3 weeks we will be returning to the library to select new ones.

As the students were keen to take their books home, we were given applications for their own personal library card.