Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends
On Wednesday, 7th May, staff and students felt very privileged to welcome Mr Eric Hutchinson, the Federal member of Lyons and Mr Brett Whitely, the Federal member of Braddon to the SOSE Devonport campus. The purpose of the visit was to familiarise themselves with our school. Discussions centred on the specific programming offered to students. Both politicians circulated across all the class groupings where they introduced themselves to staff members and students. Brett and Eric asked questions and observed the literacy block in operation across all classes. A little Prep student – Chyanne Tunks attracted the attention of Brett by addressing him by name and they both exchanged some delightful banter and fun!!

Work experience options underway
Since the commencement of Term 2, Bronwyn West has become particularly busy with the responsibility of offering a range of work experience options to several senior students. As the transition co-ordinator for both campuses, Bronwyn is particularly committed to locating and negotiating differing work experience options which will match the students’ personal interests, strengths and skill levels. I look forward to sharing photos in the next newsletters where we can collectively share and celebrate the success of the individual students who have been involved in transition programming and work experience.

Reduced Funding and Staffing
The week we farewelled Ms Andrea Taylor, a Paediatric physiotherapist employed by DHHS whose role focused on supporting several students referred by teachers across both campuses. Andrea has undertaken this role over the last two years. The SENGCS funding arrangement between DoE and DHHS has been severely cut for 2014. This funding supports Paediatric physios and Occupational therapists to service students enrolled at SOSE NW, ECIS and regular schools across the LSNW. The decision to reduce the funding is very regrettable and as a result all teachers are now required to fill out referrals whenever a specific concern arises for an individual student. Physios and Occupational therapists will generally only visit the school when a referral has been made. The exception will be when a student’s wheelchair requires an urgent repair.
Other Farewells
Mr Adrian Blake, accompanied by his wife Christine and daughter was guest of honour at an afternoon tea held at the SOSE Burnie campus on Friday, 16th May. Many past and present staff members attended the afternoon tea to wish him well as his retirement commences. Adrian was a well-respected DoE employee for over 21 years

Ms Stacey Flight who has undertaken a teacher assistant role at both SOSE campuses over the last two years has secured a new position at East Devonport Primary. We thank her sincerely for the contribution she made to supporting students and also her personal initiatives as a team member. Stacey will continue with her university studies to become a teacher.

REMINDER
A reminder to all parent and careers, if your child/children are away from school please insure you contact the Mooreville Rd Campus on 64-333870.

Best Wishes
Grace