Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends

The last week of Term 1 passed by in a flurry of Easter celebrations which were thoroughly enjoyed by all students and staff. There were several staff members and students who were ecstatic that their names were drawn as winners in the Easter raffle which was organised at the Burnie Campus. Congratulations to those very lucky families!

**Student Free Day – Thursday, 17th April**

All teachers and support staff members participated in a busy timetable of professional learning initiatives at both Devonport and Burnie Campuses on the last day of term.

- A short theory session led by the DHHS paediatric physiotherapists was followed by a practical skill development and practice session on techniques and support to be utilised with students who either access weekly sessions of hydrotherapy or swimming. The Burnie campus staff undertook their hydrotherapy training at the NW Burnie regional hospital pool with Angie Diffley who provides therapy support to many of our students. A sincere thank you to Cherie, Angie, for sharing their knowledge and expertise. Many staff have reported that this was a particularly worthwhile PL session.

- Teachers and support staff met in their class groups to review the term’s program. Reflective discussions centered on reviewing individual student’s progress and programming with opportunities to determine new priorities for Term 2.

- An interagency meeting was held with all staff attending at the Burnie campus. The central purpose of this meeting was to encourage collaboration between all stakeholders who support individual families. Our intention is to foster trust relationships to ensure that consistent management and sharing of information can be fostered now and in the future.
Anzac Day Commemoration
SOSE Burnie again elected to represent the whole school by participating in the service held at the cenotaph at the Burnie Park. Sophie Townley represented the School of Special Education NW by accompanying her mother Adele who is a returned Australian Service woman who joined the Royal Australian Air Force in 1989 at the age of 18 years. She served in East Timor in 1999 – 2000, and she was also stationed in the Middle East in 2008-09 for 8½ months. John Lees also supported Sophie and represented our students. Many thanks to Donna and Shannan Lees and also Jess Alexander who attended and supported the students on the day.

Holiday Program – June-July (Multicap)
Attached to this newsletter is some information on the holiday program which will be offered in Burnie during the next term holidays. Please read through the activities on offer and give Lee a call if you have a query about eligibility. Here is a great opportunity to take advantage of planning the next holiday well in advance!

Long Service Leave
Mrs Keenie Baker and her husband Bevin will be holidaying in Europe over the next few weeks to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. We wish them a very happy and relaxing holiday. Mrs Belinda Andrews will relieve in the office whilst Keenie is away.

Sad Farewell
Mr Adrian Blake who has undertaken the role of School Attendant at SOSE Burnie for 15 years will be retiring shortly. Adrian has been an avid supporter of the school who has undertaken his role with a high degree of motivation and conscientiousness. He has an excellent rapport with both staff and students. He has always been willing to take on a variety of jobs above and beyond his role. Adrian has worked for the Education Department for 20 years and has seen many changes and amalgamation of schools. Adrian has worked at West Somerset Primary, Miranbeena, Arthur Support, Acton, Montello and SoSE. We will all miss his cheerful manner and his sense of humour. We wish Adrian and his wife Christine all the best in this next exciting stage of their lives.

Kind regards,

Grace
Easter Raffle

Thank you to the many families and staff who purchased tickets for our Easter Raffle. Due to the great response we raised $634.00 which will be used to purchase resources for your children.

We are extremely grateful to the businesses who gave vouchers for prizes and our generous staff who supplied all the Easter Eggs and Jaime Bradley for organising the raffle.

And the winners were:-

1st  Remy Murphy
2nd  Charlotte Williams
3rd  Paul Davis
4th  Guy & Vanessa Martin
5th  Claire Rowe