Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

How fortunate we’ve been to have a perfect summer holiday break and the warm weather has continued for the start of Term 1!

Welcome to our new families who have children commencing at SOSE NW!

At the Burnie Campus, Loukie Hahn and Roxlee Endicott are kinder students who are combining with the Prep children on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Gumtree Room. Nelson Stubbs who is a dual enrolment from Boat Harbour Primary is also a new addition to this class. Allison Hardstaff and Laurie White are working intensively with the support team to settle the new students into the class routines and daily programming.

Burnie Campus has welcomed 3 new teachers. Mrs Katrina Sucic will manage the music program at Acton and Mooreville Rd campuses on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Kristy Grubbits has transferred from Romaine Primary and has a lower primary class at Acton. Another new teacher is Verity Tomkins who has an early childhood class at the Mooreville Rd campus. Isabella Cross is a newly enrolled student in this early childhood class.

Kristy and Verity are delighted to be working at our school.

Kathy Milne-Viney is responsible for phys ed, hydrotherapy and swimming groups on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and due to our increased enrolments, Randall Hardy who is employed at SOSE D’port, is now working intensively on individual student’s physio and hydrotherapy programs at SOSE Burnie on Mondays.

We’re all delighted that the Jones family have returned from Queensland to their home in Wynyard. It was a pleasure to see Laura and Nicholas alight from the bus on our first day of Term 1.
Reminders:

Many forms for permissions for our various programs and student validation have been sent home for you to sign. Please return these as a matter of urgency.

HATS: Please ensure you send a suitable sunhat
For your child to wear outside while at school.
Sunscream will not be applied unless you provide it.

PERSONAL ITEMS: Please NAME all items of clothing - uniform, spare cloths, drink bottles and lunch boxes.

NAPPIES: If your child wears nappies please ensure a supply is sent along to school each day.

BUS: If your child is travelling on the school bus, please make sure they are ready at the given times and that you are waiting for the bus on the return in the afternoon. Parents/Carers must take the child TO & FROM THE BUS. These times are approximate as situations can change daily. Please phone the bus if your child is going to be away.
Garry’s Bus - 0400 089724: Belinda’s Bus - 0409 977809

ATTENDANCE: Attendance at school is compulsory.
If your child is sick or unable to attend for any reasons, you are obligated to contact the school.
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We enter the attendance daily, the Education Dept. requires a reason while your child is absent.
Progress on our Capital Works Projects

The successful tender for the SOSE D’port project was Stubbs Constructions and preliminary work commenced once the building permit was released by the Devonport City Council in mid January.

The new office at the Devonport campus is now beginning to emerge with the formwork in place and slab to be poured this week. The renovations in the current office which will become the kindergarten classroom including the attached toilet area are also proceeding. The upgrade of the Blue Room has commenced with sections of internal walls including the removal old joinery and floor coverings now completed.

With this degree of work occurring at the commencement of the new school year, we have problem solved ways forward to ensure that our students’ learning programs have not been adversely affected by the continuous noise and lack of classroom space.

The whole project is expected to be completed by the end of Term 2.

The Acton campus plan of refurbishment is almost ready to be signed off by Senior Govt Dept personnel. Several meetings with the architects from GHD took place during the summer break to ensure that the project progressed with collaborative decision making from various stakeholders to refine the scope of works.

The tender for the Acton refurbishment is expected to be advertised by the end of February.

The SOSE NW Twilight Fair will be held on Thursday, 25th February at the Mooreville Rd campus commencing at 4.30pm. We are indebted to the members of the Fairy Godmother’s Association who have taken on the responsibility of organising the stall holders and some of the attractions that will provide entertainment for children and adults.

Please note the flyer advertising the event attached to this newsletter.

The D’port and Burnie campuses are expecting to feature home cooking on their stall at the fair. We are asking you to make a small donation of provide some of the following ingredients:

Butter, sugar including brown and icing sugar, self-raising flour, plain flour, coconut, cocoa, choc bits or choc buttons, rice bubbles, condensed milk, corn flakes, honey, golden syrup, a packet of mars bars, peppermint crisps, any type of mixed fruit such as sultanas and extra large zip lock bags.

If there are parents and carers who would like to donate fresh produce e.g. apples, berries, vegetables please make contact with our school office to tell us what you are willing to bring to add to our stall so that we can organise collection.

Please share the flyer with your neighbours, friends and family members.

We want our twilight fair to be a huge success.

‘Dusty and Friends Country and Western’ Fundraiser will be held at the Penguin Sports and Recreation Centre, on Sunday 14th February. Counter meals are available and the music begins around 2pm. Funds raised will assist to purchase a new stove for the SOSE D’port campus kitchen.

Sunday, 14th February – Enjoy a wonderful day!

Grace