Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

It's the last week of Term 1. There will be a student-free day on Thursday, 2nd April. All teachers and support staff from both campuses will be undertaking professional learning at SOSE Devonport on the student-free day. This week, Easter bunny will be visiting all campuses! I’m sure all the students will enjoy searching for the eggs!

Thanks to Parents and Carers who attended their son/daughter’s IEP meeting over the last few weeks. We really appreciate your input into reviewing the learning goals and also sharing new information about your child. Teachers are completing the final copies of the IEP’s this week as all students’ IEP’s are required to be added to the Department of Education network.

It was very disappointing that the combined SOSE NW Athletics carnival was cancelled due to rain. As the ground is now in a soft and damp condition due to the constant rain over the last week, the carnival will likely be held during Term 4. A big thank you to Randall Hardy and Kathy Milne-Viney who were well organised for the carnival.

Burnie’s “three amigos” – Report in the Advocate scape on Saturday, 21st March ’15

This very interesting newspaper story written by Emily Woods, highlighted mothers, Glenda Scaddan, Diane Ewington and Wendy Timmerman whose children attended the Arthur Support School & the School of Special Education Burnie campus. The 3 page story outlines their intense commitment as three mums who stick together through thick and thin to lift the profile and improve the opportunities of people living with disability. The close friends have taken the experience of raising a child with a disability and used it to lift the profile of disability by raising enormous amounts of money for students and adults living with disability on the North West.

The article describes their dedication and capacity to create the successful annual Burnie Shines Cocktail Party which is in its sixteenth year.

“Even though our children have left the school, it’s grown enormously which indicates that there is a swing back for a special school” Wendy said.
Harmony Day — Celebrating Australia’s cultural diversity

On Wednesday 18th March, Staff and Students gathered at the Mooreville Road campus to enjoy a lunch of various dishes from around the world. Students were involved in Multicultural music and dancing in the afternoon.
“The cocktail party has grown to a point where there’s so many people that support us now. We have a greater voice now, it’s not just us, we have a whole team that are very supportive of what we believe.”
“We’re not there to promote each of our own objectives – we’re there for people with a disability”.

**I feel so proud to know these mums! What an inspiration they are!!!**

**“Thank You”**

Many students are outwardly showing ‘tiredness’ as the term draws to a close. I hope everyone enjoys a restful break during the holidays. I would like to thank teachers, office and support staff for their hard work throughout the term which has certainly been a very busy one!

**Happy Easter.**

**Grace**
On Thursday 12th March, the Blackwood & Senior classes visited the Natone Fly Fishing Farm. Christine, Ian and some special volunteers from the community spend 1 hour working with our students teaching them the basics of Fly Fishing. We were very lucky that all students caught a large rainbow trout to take home. We learnt about the special "air pocket" which the trout has in their back to help them float in the water.

Afterwards we had a lovely picnic at the Penguin waterfront. All students enjoyed the experience and were quite excited when the fish came out of the water.
The Easter Basket Raffle was drawn today and the winner is 

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Neelan Harris

Congratulations and enjoy the delicious array of chocolates

Happy Easter!