Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

The final week of Term 2 has arrived and this newsletter is an opportunity to collectively celebrate several achievements over this very busy term.

**Capital Works meetings** are now firmly on the agenda with two meetings already held since the announcement of the D’port and the Burnie campuses scope of works being formally announced Friday, 29th May. The next meeting will be held at SOSE Mooreville Rd campus in the third week of July. Mr Matt Bilsborough, DoE project manager, Mrs Anne Stewart, Learning Services North Operations Manager have joined the team and the ongoing discussions with Ms Debbie Thomson, Senior Architect at GHD centre on problem solving the following:

- Safety, workable spaces, storage, toilets and accessible play areas.
- Clarification is needed re DoE boundaries & Burnie council land.
- Discussion re a possible new point of entry facing Madden St.
- Bus pick up/drop off zones, secure bus and government car parking are currently being considered.

**Swimming & Water Safety program** held from Monday, 22nd June through to Friday, 26th June was a tremendous success! I attended the two sessions for both campuses on Monday 22nd June and was very impressed with the small student groupings that supported swim and stroke development and water awareness programming. Kathy Milne-Viney devised the program in collaboration with information shared by Luke Dolbey, Grant Maloney and Randall Hardy.

This team support also included the DoE swim team members based at the East Ulverstone pool. Team members were available to support the sequential planning of differing student groupings in the pool who were fully participating alongside each other over the five successive days.

Grant Maloney also successfully completed his ‘Perform basic water rescue award’ and his ‘Perform CPR award’ during the week.

Thank you to all staff members who worked co-operatively to ensure that the 2015 ran so efficiently. It was a great effort from everyone!
Mid-Year Parent-Teacher Interviews have been held over the last two - three weeks at all SOSE campuses. It is very impressive to see parents and carers making the effort to come into the school to discuss their child’s progress during Terms 1 & 2. An opportunity to openly discuss your child’s progress, share your concerns, ask questions and plan new smart goals to be included in the IEP review is greatly appreciated by every teacher.

Thank you for taking part in this very important process.

The Country and Western Concert held at the Penguin Sports & Golf Club on Sunday 14th June raised $1,100 on the day. This was a fantastic amount. A great thank you to Mrs Margie Temple-Smith, a Community rep on the SOSE D’port School Association who generously donated a range of great prizes for the raffle and a special thank you to Dusty and Joy Winwood who organised the program of artists on the day.

A new stove for the Devonport school’s kitchen has now been purchased with the proceeds.

The Barbecue held at Bunnings from 9 – 4pm on Saturday 20th June was very well supported by the general public and SOSE Burnie. Raising $693.45. Many staff members worked on a roster to cook and sell! Thank you to everyone for your efforts on the day.

Ten-Pin Bowling

All staff and students will be taking part in a whole school bowling outing to be held on Wednesday, 1st July at the Bowling alley in William St Devonport. This will be a fun event to celebrate the end of Term 2.

End of Term 2

Finally, the term holidays are an ideal opportunity for staff members and students to enjoy a well-earned rest.

Please note everyone that Term 3 resumes on Monday, 20th July

Kind regards,
Grace

Vision Impairment Teacher

Hi Everyone!

I’m Lynda Cameron and I am very happy to be a part of the Devonport/Burnie SoSE team. I have just moved to Tasmania from Queensland where I worked in Special Education for over 20 years, focusing mostly on students with visual impairment. Each child has taught me so much, and I love it when they get to ‘shine’ and share their unique gifts and abilities with the community. I am working with Lynne Ryan as we set up our EYE GAZE equipment and begin introducing the students to this exciting new technology. We are getting some very encouraging results as students engage in looking, tracking, and choosing with the fun games and activities. The potential for learning is huge.

We have also set up kits of activities to use with the light box. It is great to see how the students ‘come alive’ and participate in learning in innovative ways. It is great to be a part of such an experienced and dedicated team. THANKS EVERYONE!

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