Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

We’re now into the month of March and of course the season of Autumn brings slightly cooler weather and dark mornings! There are just a few more weeks left to enjoy daylight savings!

Exploration of the theme of Geology – Literacy focus for all classes

It has been very exciting to note the increasing interest in the above theme by all students in every grade grouping across the whole school during this first term. As you are aware, teachers plan their literacy on a weekly basis to incorporate writing, working with words, shared and guided reading according to the 4 Blocks Literacy format. The theme based approach requires every teacher to reflect on the interests and skill development of every student in their class group to ensure that active and practical learning is continually generated.

The upper Primary class taught by Mrs Sue-Ann Beaumont at the Acton campus centred their interest on ‘water’ with an excursion to the trout farm at Upper Natone. Report writing centred on their experiences of exploring fishing techniques and handling fish! Wow!! We all know how slimy and cold fish feel!! What a great learning experience!

Combined Campus Athletics Carnival

Students and staff will be taking part in this school calendar event on Monday, 23rd March at the Latrobe Primary school oval. We will also be welcoming a class group from the Northern Support School who will travel down from Launceston to participate in the event. Kathy Milne-Viney and Randall Hardy will organise a program of varied activities set out as stations with small groups of students revolving from one station to another commencing at approximately 11.00am. Latrobe High Sports Leaders are expected to attend as extra support to assist with setting up the equipment and also supporting individual students with specific physical tasks at each station. The carnival is expected to conclude at 12.30pm.

I would like to thank Mrs Julie Argent, Acting Principal of Latrobe Primary and also Mr Brent Armitstead, Principal of Latrobe High for offering a venue and extra support to ensure that our carnival runs smoothly. Fingers crossed that the 23rd March is a fine day for us! A separate notice outlining further information about the carnival will be circulated to parents/carers by Friday, 20th March.
Harmony Day – Celebrating Australia’s cultural diversity

Plans are already being made to celebrate inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone at the SOSE Burnie campus on Wednesday, 18th March. Staff and students will gather at the Mooreville Rd campus to enjoy a lunch where various dishes from particular countries will be shared and eaten. Special practically based activities highlighting multicultural heritage will be featured in the afternoon session.

In Conclusion

Parents flock to free online course on Autism was featured in The Age newspaper recently. If you are interested, the link is http://www.theage.com.au/national/-13vcc9.html

Kind regards,

Grace

Annual General Meeting & Election of Office bearers for School Association

The SOSE Burnie School Association meetings will take place on Thursday, 26th March commencing at 3.00 p.m.
Several office bearers’ positions will be advertised in the fortnight’s newsletter and in particular parents/carers and interested members of the local community may be interested in joining our School Association with a view of actively supporting and strengthening the school’s ethos as a ‘centre of excellence’ for students formally identified with a severe disability or multiple disabilities.
Our school requires ‘a voice’ across the local communities on the NW coast via energetic School Association members who are prepared to contribute and support the school’s overall vision and school improvement plans year by year.

Further site visit towards the completion of a minor works submission
Ms Debbie Thomson, Senior Architect with GHD met with Lindy Parker, Joanne Corvinus and I to discuss the first draft of plans to refurbish the 3 classrooms off the main corridor at the Devonport Campus on Wednesday, 25th February. Finer details and options were clarified with the final draft of the refurbishment to be worked on and presented in late April/early May.

Art/Craft Project

This picture is made from the lids/ tops of milk bottles, orange juice and other containers.

To help us make an interesting art work please send along clean lids to your class teacher.
This term we have been learning about the importance of water. We looked at lots of different uses of water and discussed animals that live in the water. On the 25th of February the Myrtle class went on an excursion to Mr and Mrs Atkinson's trout farm at Upper Natone. We enjoyed a wonderful day with some of the children experiencing fishing for the very first time. Each child caught 2 fish and some students were more confident than others to place them in the bucket. We have frozen some of the rainbow trout to cook in the next few weeks. This excursion was a fantastic day and enjoyed by all.