Calendar - Term 1

Tuesday 17th February School BBQ 5.00 - 6.00 pm
Monday 9th March public holiday.
Thursday 2nd April student free day.
Friday 3rd April Good Friday.
Thursday 2nd April 17th April
Easter Holidays
TERM 2 commences on the 20th April

Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
A warm welcome to the 2015 school year! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing holiday break! The students were happy and smiling as they entered their classrooms on Wednesday 4th February and have settled well into fostering friendships and familiarising themselves with the class routines and daily timetable!
At all campuses including the Acton hub several changes in class structure and location have taken place to successfully cater for the needs of several newly enrolled students this year.

It is a pleasure to introduce the following new students and their families to the Burnie/Acton Campus for 2015

Gum Tree Room – 3 day per week Kindergarten class (Allison Hardstaff – Teacher)
We are delighted to welcome Mailee Moran, Lucas York, Gabe Bannister, James Smith & Jessica Ramadge to the Gum Tree Room.

Wattle Room – Early Childhood class (Jess Alexander-Teacher)
James Segger and Thomas Steers are new enrolments in the Wattle Room.

Banksia Room – Primary/Secondary high needs class (Laurie White-Teacher & Mrs Michelle Cooney)

Blackwood Room (Acton) – Early Childhood/Lower Primary (Jaime Bradley – Teacher)
Matthew Moretti’s dual enrolment has increased to 3 full days and Blayne Cunnings will be commencing a dual enrolment for Mondays and Tuesdays commencing next week.

Myrtle Room (Acton) – 3 day per week Primary class (Sue-Ann Beaumont – Teacher)
Chelsea Cruse & Brendan Harrison have extended their dual enrolments to 3 full days.

Acton Kitchen-Senior class (Mrs Michelle Williams)
Jye Popowski and Maverick Thompson who travel from Smithton via Community transport have increased their dual enrolments to 3 full days.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE is COMPULSORY. Parents/Carers MUST advise the school office if a student will be away and the REASON. Medical Certificates are required for 5 days or more. The Dept of Education requires this information and performs regular checks.

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**Physical Education** has been included in the weekly timetable for all classes this year. Mrs Kathy Milne-Viney will be responsible for this teaching load along with individualised therapy for students who are currently serviced by a DHHS Paediatric physio.

**Music Program** Mrs. Patsy Cairns will be running a music program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Tuesdays at the Acton Hub and Wednesdays at the Mooreville road campus.

**Exciting News!**
SOSE NW’s partnership with the Independent Living Centre in Launceston to apply for funding from the Harcourt’s Foundation has been successful. The submission supported the purchase of software and specific ICT hardware to acquire eye-gaze technology to enhance the individualised learning programs for at least 20 multiply impaired students who are currently enrolled at our campuses. SOSE NW has been awarded with $18,000! This amount + the generous donation of $5,000 received from BP Australia in mid-December ‘14 + a likely donation from the Burnie Shines Cocktail party held in October ’14 + our own fundraising efforts will be almost sufficient to purchase two complete suites of software and equipment to service the identified students at both D’port and Burnie campuses! We envisage that professional learning from the Zyteq team who provided a trial day in Term 3 ’14 will be visiting Tasmania again to share their expertise with Lynne Ryan, SOSE IT Consultant and other staff members once the new technology and equipment arrives.

**Family and Staff Barbecue at SOSE Burnie & SOSE D’port**
A note was sent home this year advertising the dates of this event. We look forward to meeting up with many families, School Association members and friends at this annual event. Please return your acceptance as soon as possible to ensure that catering can be organised.

**Josh Earl’s Evening of Entertainment – Friday, 6th February**
Many thanks to Lyn Bester and the President, Jess Tabart and all members of the Fairy Godmother’s Fundraising group who pledged their ongoing support to SOSE Burnie last week. The chance to arrange Josh to perform his comedy show at the Menai Hotel was certainly a unique one. Josh was born and grew up on the North West coast and whilst his mother Lyn is extremely proud of his successes the audience who viewed his show was extremely appreciative of his unique ability to transform a family tale into a hilarious rendition accompanied by graphic words in song, gesture and guitar playing.
It was so gratifying for the organisers to have 90 people attend this event. We look forward to another performance by Josh in the future. He is truly a dynamic performer.
Proceeds from the evening will be added to the previously raised monies intended for a new swing which we expect to be installed in the Acton playground in the near future.

Kind regards,

*Grace*