Welcome to our March newsletter of events at SoSE Devonport. Our year is now in full swing as all of our regular programs have begun over the last couple of weeks including our daily Literacy sessions and weekly Swimming, Hydrotherapy and Bowen Therapy sessions.

**Swimming Program**
A big thank you goes to Ms Brooke Ansell and Mr Grant Maloney for renewing their Bronze Medallion qualifications last weekend and to Mr Luke Dolbey for qualifying for his Bronze Medallion at a weekend training session in Launceston. This has enabled our senior swimming group to continue improving their swimming abilities each Friday afternoon and our junior swimming group to continue their water safety and learn to swim program at the Nixon Street pool.

**Hydrotherapy Program**
This week has also seen the successful start of all three hydrotherapy sessions at the Latrobe Hospital Pool. This program is aimed at providing a physiotherapy and water introduction session to our kinder and prep students as well as continued physiotherapy sessions for students not participating in the junior or senior swimming groups.

**Bowen Therapy**
Bev Chell has joined us once again to provide Bowen Therapy sessions on a Thursday afternoon. These sessions are always greeted with enthusiasm by the students participating in this program and Bev is now qualified to offer an additional program of treatment for students who regularly have seizures. If you would like your child to participate in the Bowen Therapy program a permission form can be obtained from the office.
Four Blocks Literacy

In our Four Blocks Literacy sessions this year we have decided to adopt a themed approach across the school. The first unit we are exploring is Outer Space and Number. As you can see from the pictures below students have taken great delight in exploring Outer Space, aliens and astronauts in their reading, writing, cooking and art projects. The next unit will begin in the middle of this term and Time will be the focus.

‘Meet and Greet Barbecue’

With the warm weather continuing, I would like to extend an invitation to staff, students, School Association members, parents and carers to attend a barbecue on Tuesday 5th March from 5:30 to 7:30. Meat, bread and basic drinks – cordial, water, tea and coffee will be provided. A salad as a contribution from each family would be greatly appreciated.

The children can enjoy playing and having fun whilst the grownups can chat and introduce themselves to new parents and staff members.

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**Headlice**
There has been a case of headlice found in the school this week. Please remember to check your child’s hair regularly. Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet.

**School Hats**
We have new school hats available at the school office for $10. If you would like to purchase a hat please contact the office.

**Student Absences / Late Arrivals / Early Departures**
- If your child will not be at school for any reason, it is the parent/carer responsibility to phone the bus company Phoenix on 6427 7626.
- You must also contact the school office before 10am to inform us. It is NOT the responsibility of the bus aide to pass the message along.
- If your child is arriving late or leaving early then you must sign them in/out at the school office.

**ADVERTISING**

**Asthma Helpline Information**
There is a free helpline for student and parents who have asthma and need help to breathe easier.
Would you like to be less breathless with sport and lifestyle in general?
Please call 1800 asthma Monday-Friday 9:00 to 5:00.

**Autism Workshop - Positive Partnerships**
This is a free workshop for parents of school age students with Autism. It will be held in Burnie on 12th and 13th March. If you would like more information on this workshop please contact the school office for a copy of the flyer.