Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

Fingers are crossed in the hope that the weather is fine on Friday for the combined campus Special Olympics sports day. Students and staff will join in for events such as bean bag toss, bubble pop, bike riding, soccer penalties, pin bowling and the parachute run. As it is likely to be cold please ensure that your child has warm clothing because all students will be taking part in sports activities on the grassed area in the Devonport campus playground. If the weather is inclement on Friday we will make alternative arrangements on the day. All parents and carers are welcome to attend our opening ceremony which will begin at 11:00am. Could you please send your child to school in green and gold colours or those of another country of your heritage.

Schools Dance Event
Preparations are well in hand for our students from both campuses to attend and participate in this event on Tuesday, 21st August. The venue chosen for the event is the West Ulverstone Basketball Stadium. If the weather is fine, students will be assembled outside to dance on the netball courts. All participants will dance in the indoor stadium area if it is raining on the day. Mrs Jacqui Astley has spent considerable time during her music sessions teaching the staff and students several new dances. The senior students will be performing – Country Dance, Pedra Branca, Railroad Square and Bad Cat Bounce. The younger students will be performing – Banjo Cow, Tassie Devil and Honey Bee. This event is always a fun highlight for our students as it provides them with an opportunity to dance with other students from regular schools. If parents and carers are interested in travelling over to West Ulverstone to watch and applaud, 10.40am – 12.15pm is the approximate time that the SOSE students will be performing.

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**Dates to Remember**
Friday 10th August
Olympic Sports Day

**Public Holidays**
Monday 5th November – Recreation Day

**Term Dates**
Term 2 – 18th June to 7th Sept
Term 3 – 24th Sept to 20th Dec

**Student Free Days**
Monday 8th October

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Parent-Teacher interviews
Many parents and carers have taken the opportunity to make appointments to meet and discuss their child’s progress. If for some reason you are unable to make the appointment please ring the school office to arrange an alternative time and day. All teachers are willing and happy to work around your commitments.

A welcome to new student
Devonport Campus students and staff warmly welcome Damien Marshall to the Primary class who is accessing the literacy session on Tuesdays and Fridays. Damien is from Spreyton Primary and he is accompanied by teacher assistants Wendy and Tim.

Parent-Teacher conversations
Information highlighting dates and times have already been dispatched to families. I urge all parents and carers to take up this offer to further discuss your child’s progress across all curriculum areas. This is also an ideal opportunity to discuss any issues regarding your child with their class teacher/s. The dates are: 6th to 17th August

Best wishes,

Grace

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Absent Students
If your child is going to be away from school for ANY reason you must phone the school (64245554) to let us know as well as either Phoenix Coaches (64249112) or the Bus Aide on your child’s bus. It is not the responsibility of the Bus Aides to pass the message along to the office.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
The 2012 program has now been extended until the middle of August. So keep sending along your stickers. The kids are doing a great job of sticking them on the cards.

Coles Sports for Schools
The 2012 program has now started. From 13th June to 14th August you will be able to collect vouchers from Coles stores. Send them along to school and help us to earn some sporting equipment and games for our students. They are having a great time using the items we earned from last year’s program.