Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
The final week of Term 2! It’s almost time for staff and students to relax, have fun and recover from a very busy term.

Can you believe that already we have commenced to consider and plan class groups and program initiatives for 2012?

On Friday, 26th August the School Executive Officers, Sandra Cock and Lindy Parker together with the Teachers-in-Charge -Ted Barrance and Cathy Bester met with me at the Devonport campus to discuss a number of agenda items to ensure that both schools will continue to function smoothly in 2012. This meeting allowed us to share new ideas and to consider how to creatively update the current practices already in place across both schools. Each member of staff came away from the meeting with a particular task to review and we are now working with all staff members to problem solve some options to consider at our next meeting in early Term 3.

Transition to Kindergarten students
We welcome in Term 3 new parents and carers with pre-kinder children who will be transitioning to either campus during Term 3 in readiness for enrolment in 2012. Sue-Ann Beaumont will be responsible for the pre-kinder group at the Burnie Campus and Brooke Ansell who currently is undertaking the Primary class role at the Devonport Campus will also be available to operate the pre-kinder group at the Devonport Campus.

The transition program will be operating on a fortnightly basis on Mondays from 9.30am – 11am.

Once the pre-kinder sessions commence, I intent sharing photos and information on this new program in future newsletters.

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Dates to Remember
3rd-14th October
Learn to Swim

21 September at 1.30pm
School Association Meeting

17th October
TAS-Bash visit

Public Holidays
Monday 7th November – Recreation Day

Friday 25th November – Devonport Show

Term Dates
Term 3 – 19th Sept to 22nd Dec

Student Free Days
Thursday 24th November

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Tasmania
Explore the possibilities
Focused Discussions between teachers, parents and carers
It is very pleasing to note how many parents and carers have met with class teachers over the last few weeks to fully discuss their child's progress during Term 2 with the intention of reviewing and updating specific learning goals within the Individual Education Plan. All class teachers really appreciate the conversations that take place with parents as the opportunity initiates information sharing and a means of planning meaningful teaching and learning initiatives that can occur not just at school but can be followed through in the home and community contexts.

Slip Stream Circus Performances
Once again, students and staff from both campuses really enjoyed the 'Time' theme of this year’s performance. It is amazing to witness our students sitting quietly and attentively for 45 minutes in a theatre setting. The acts that revolve in succession incorporating juggling, balancing, trapeze, comedy, music and song produce a trilogy of colour, pace and talent that really engages the audience. This performance was the perfect entertaining event to complete this term.

I hope everyone enjoys a great term holiday!

Grace

Farewell to Sam
Last Friday we farewelled Samuel Packard and his family who have relocated to Albany in Western Australia. A class party was held to farewell him and as you can see below they had quite a spread!