Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and Friends,

Our first newsletter for Term 3! Staff members and students have settled down to enjoy the planned special activities along with the educational experiences that are offered each day. There is a sense of purpose and positive energy as I move around each campus.

Today as I was undertaking playground duty at the Devonport Campus, I noticed an echidna moving with intent across the oval. Once it reached our neighbour’s boundary fence, it squeezed through the bars and we watched as it tried to find a comfortable hide out. I guess the presence of this native mammal suggests that warmer weather is fast approaching along with daylight saving.

Recent School Association Meetings
Both campuses held their School Association Meetings on Wednesday, 21st Sept (D’port) and Tuesday, 26th September (Wednesday).

I would like to share some information which was included in the Principal’s report.

Changes that are in motion.................
Principals have been briefed that a new network structure across Tasmania will be set up. There will be 3 networks within the NW and 3 network Leader positions will be advertised shortly. It is expected that highly experienced Principals will be eligible to apply for these positions. The senior position will continue to be a Manager across the Learning Service NW and this position has recently been advertised.

SASP (Schools Administration System Project) is currently in the implementation phase to replace the current SACS system. SASP will be completely centralised and closely networked with DoE staff located in Hobart. Every school
will be issued with their SRP however there will be one centralised banking system which will mean that schools will no longer be issuing signed cheques to pay tax invoices.

SASP consists of 4 points – Edu Point (student information)  Point of Sale  Budget Workbook + Salary Calculator.  Schools will be able to receive cash, cheques and will offer BPAY to assist parents with payments. All schools will be turning over to the new system via a prescribed timetable.  SOSE Burnie and D’port will convert to SASP during Dec.

SEO’s from both campuses have been involved in training and familiarisation of the new project.  There are concerns though that there may be, with turn over of schools, overloading problems which may lead to the whole system ‘crashing’.

**Bowls Skills Day with Bowls Tasmania**

Special Olympics Tasmania organized this activity day on Tuesday, 26th September and a large group of students from both campuses attended at the Burnie Bowls Club. The focus of the skills day was to encourage participation, fun and lasting memories. Staff members who accompanied the students were asked to encourage each student to do their best by cheering them on or assisting them with the required performance skills.

It is hoped that several students may demonstrate an interest in wanting to become involved more with opportunities to take part in weekly activities. It was a perfect day!

**Coles and Woolworths Shopping Vouchers**

A reminder that we are collecting both the Coles Sports Vouchers and the Woolworths Earn and Learn Points. Please send yours in to the school office and help us get some great gear for your kids as time is running out.

Closing date for both Coles and Woolworths vouchers is now the 18th of October. We've had a great response from members of the public who have been very generous & donated their coupons to our school.

THANK YOU