Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
Now that the end of November is almost here, I guess you’ve noticed the Christmas decorations beginning to emerge in shop window and along the streets. It’s certainly scary that the Christmas break is quickly approaching.

At both schools, there is a hum of activity with student’s end of year reports being finalized before copies will be sent out to parents and carers. Teachers have spent many hours compiling the evidence to present a clear record of information on each student’s learning levels and skill development across a range of curriculum areas. Teachers are focusing on reporting ‘achievements’ in relation to the goals set out in a student’s individual education plan.

**Commonwealth Community Grant**
Mr Anthony White, Manager of the Burnie Commonwealth Bank was accompanied by Gillian, a bank employee with a camera in her hand, to the Burnie Campus on Tuesday, 22nd November to present me with a $5,000 grant to assist with funding the Healthglo swimming program for students from both campuses in 2012.

How lucky we were to be a successful recipient of such a grant!
$100 was also presented by the Commonwealth Bank to purchase food for a celebratory barbecue which was enjoyed by staff, students, several parents and Mrs Sandra French, President of the School Association from 12:15pm onwards yesterday. Mr Garry Ewington manned the barbecue and the senior students assisted by their teacher, Mrs Wendy Bennell and teacher assistants prepared salads. Thanks to all staff members who assisted to make this event a smooth, well-organised occasion.
End of Year Concert Date

Our annual end of year Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} December at 10:30 am. Our theme for this year will be “A Shrek Christmas”. There will be a morning tea following the concert. All parents, carers and friends are welcome to attend. Please let the school office know how many of you will be attending.

Music Camp

The music camp, which was held recently at Camp Clayton on 14\textsuperscript{th} and 15\textsuperscript{th} November, was a resounding success. All staff members have since debriefed and discussed the highlights of the camp. Certainly, the overall organization undertaken by Jacqui Astley, Ted Barrance and Cathy Bester was continually refined on the previous days before the 14\textsuperscript{th} to ensure that students gained maximum participation in small groups and supported by their regular class teacher assistants to enjoy a variety of artistic and musical sessions. What great fun we had!

Staying overnight provides students, teachers and TA’s a unique experience to get to know each other on a personal and homely level.

Michelle Cooney took many photos over the two days to capture the enthusiasm of individual students and support personnel working alongside the musicians. Hence, many photos that were taken over the two days are displayed in this edition of the newsletter to share with you and your families.

I have already written to sincerely thank Mr Geoff Winder, the harpist, Mr Daryl Metcalf, Didgeridoo player, Ms Jera Bester, drummer and the Bright Stars Dance team for their concentrated efforts to engage with our students with enthusiasm and encouragement. The concert to celebrate our creative and musical work was warmly received by the audience.

Once again, I must highlight the camp planning undertaken by Jacqui which was flawless and of course, the funding provided by Ability Employment to make a ‘dream’ become a reality. In conclusion, we’ve tentatively booked at Camp Clayton for another camp experience in 2012.

Yours in partnership,

Grace