Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

Well, I wonder how many readers were caught up like me, with their eyes glued to the television screen with the final of Australia’s Got Talent. I voted for the second place getters, the Wolfe brothers. I’m biased about Tassy talent! I wonder whether the Burnie Campus Parent group might consider hiring this great Tassy band for our Burnie Shines cocktail party in 2013! Rumour has it that the Wolfe brothers were playing at the Ulverstone recreation hall last weekend.

Now, it’s down to business.

Report on the TPA & AASE conference

The team of teachers from both campuses truly appreciated their opportunity to attend this two day conference held at the Grand Chancellor in Hobart. This week teachers at each campus have met to share information on particular workshops that they attended. This opportunity has fostered reflection on what, why and how we are striving to further build the School of Special Education as a centre of excellence. Ted Barrance presented a 45 minute workshop at the conference on behalf of all staff and students on the school’s implementation of PODD and 4 Blocks Literacy program. The workshop which was jointly prepared by several staff members including Felicity Lovatt, shared the following:

- the organisation required for these programs to be fully implemented at SOSE NW
- the professional development required for all staff
- the successes that have been noted and the links to the School’s curriculum
- the links with PODD and 4 Blocks literacy and technology e.g. iPads, touchscreens and voice output devices.

There were many video clips clearly demonstrating the teaching and learning planning in classrooms with individual and small groups of students featuring as ‘on task’ learners.

Many attendees at our workshops met up with SOSE staff members to further enquire about the programs that were highlighted.

Two teachers were ecstatic when their names were drawn out as winners at the close of the conference. Wendy Bennell received an iPad and Darlene Kumar won a camera.

Congratulations!
**Superheroes Disco**
Students and staff from both campuses joined together in the Burnie campus gym to socialise, dance and have fun together. There were many ‘heroes’ in an array of costumes and of course the students really enjoy guessing the identity of particular characters especially, when a staff member is wearing a mask or a wig! Special thanks to Cathy Bester for organising the backdrops, music and effects for the event. Kyle, Cathy’s son came along and acted as the disc jockey.  *Thank you Kyle.*

**North West Country Music Club Inc.**
The members and associates of this club kindly donated $300? to Mrs Sue-Ann Beaumont at a recent concert to support the Links program which runs on Mondays and Tuesdays at the Acton site. These funds will be used to purchase specific equipment for the program. We thank this local community group for their generous donation.

**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:  **Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th October.** Please return your appointment forms as soon as possible.

**Showcasing Students’ Learning**
In this newsletter we are providing a snapshot of specific student achievements that have been captured during the last few months. I hope you’re really inspired by these photos!

Best wishes,

**Grace**

If your child has been sent home in school clothing please return so we can keep up a supply of emergency clothes. Some students need to have spare clothing sent in their bag each day please.