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. 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.

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, 10.40 am – 12.15pm is the approximate time that the SOSE students will be performing.

Parent-Teacher interviews

Many parents and carers have taken the opportunity to make appointments to meet and discuss their child’s progress. This is also an ideal opportunity to discuss any issues regarding your child with their class teacher/s. 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.

Welcome to new student

The kinder class and staff at the Acton campus warmly welcome George Davis who is undertaking a transition to kinder over the next few months. George currently attends the NW Tas Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre.
**Reminder – Leves/Uniform**
There are some families who have outstanding levies as from February 2012 and uniform invoices. As our budgeting system is now automated from the Department of Education accounts centre in Hobart, these families are likely to receive notices of arrears and outstanding debts will be placed into the receivers. If families are experiencing hardship please contact me personally or Sandra Cock the SEO and we will work out a payment arrangement that meets your needs. There are many options now available for payment:- BPay, Service Tas, EFTPOS or cash.

**Winter Illness**
Many students and staff have been away sick during the last few weeks. Students should be kept home as long as it takes to recover so as not to infect other vulnerable students in the class.

**Visit to the snow this week**
The early childhood and links program students received a special treat on Monday with a visit to the snow-capped country side around Highclere.

Best wishes,

Grace