Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
The last week of Term 3, 2011 has finally arrived! All the official end of year outings and end of year concerts for both campuses have occurred and what great celebratory events they were.

‘Australia’s 12 Days of Christmas’ - was presented by staff and students in the gym at the Burnie Campus on Tuesday, 20th December commencing at 1.15pm. The students wore masks to depict a range of Australian native animals and the narration was led by Cathy Bester using her class PODD book. Parents, carers and visitors in the audience also had access to PODD books and were expected to find the various visuals of particular native animals. Several parents were awarded lollipops as they were able to quickly navigate the PODD book to locate the visual representing an animal. Felicity Lovatt, our school Speech & Language Pathologist was also on hand to demonstrate signing when the singing segments commenced. The audience was able to follow along with the singing via a digital presentation. This performance concluded with the audience joining in with well known carols. What a great interactive production of the ‘Australia’s 12 Days of Christmas’! It certainly reflected the ongoing commitment to PODD and 4 Blocks literacy that all staff members have been engaged in over this year in particular.

Many thanks to Michelle Cooney and Lynne Ryan for planning the 2011 digital presentation which clearly depicted our students participating in a range of programs, special events and activities throughout the year. What a great record of achievement to share with parents, carers and the general public!

Farewell to Ebonie Chilcott and Stefan Piskor who are our 2011 School Leavers. These two students leave us with many memories of their positive involvement in many programs and events over the last few years. Their giggling will the greatly missed. We all wish Ebonie and Stefan personal happiness and fulfilment as they enter their adult pathway of interacting in activities within their local community.
Farewell to a Staff member at Burnie Campus for 2012

**Sheryl Belbin** who replaced Laurie White whilst on maternity leave during Term 3 2011, will be taking up a teaching appointment at Montello Primary in 2012. We thank Sheryl sincerely for her contribution especially with the planning of the teaching and learning program for students included in the primary Links program. Sheryl certainly displayed initiative and enthusiasm within this teaching role.

**Teacher Staffing List for 2012**

Laurie White will be returning from leave to undertake a 2 day teaching role
Sue-Ann Beaumont – 2 day teaching role
Cathy Bester – Teacher in Charge 2012/13 + Early Childhood teacher
Devin Cullis – Full-time Primary class teacher
Bronwyn West/Wendy Bennell – Senior Class teachers
Mr David Grey – Individualised support to students identified with cortical vision issue (1 day per week)
Jacqui Astley – Music therapy teacher (1 day per week)
Grace Brown – Principal

**In conclusion**

I would like to sincerely thank all teachers, teacher assistants, school attendants, School Executive Officers, President and members of the School Association, parents, carers and friends of the school for your ongoing commitment and support of the School of Special Education NW. Our school is successful because we collectively strive to ‘get along’, we’re willing to work as an organised team and we possess ‘confidence’ to face the challenges of the 2012 and beyond.

**Students return to school on Wednesday, 15th February, 2012.**

_Merry Christmas and a safe, relaxing holiday!_ 

Grace
End of Year School Assembly