Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

I’m sharing only small items of news this fortnight. My first important message to parents and carers is to remember that this Thursday 12th July and Friday 13th July are student free days to allow all teachers from both campuses to attend the AASE & TPA conference to be held in Hobart. The opportunity for teachers to attend the AASE (Australian Association of Special Education) workshops in Tasmania occurs only periodically as every state takes a turn to host the conference on an annual basis.

The School of Special Education NW is very privileged to be presenting a workshop highlighting PODD and 4 Blocks Literacy implementation and development across both campuses. Another workshop which will feature the School of Special Education NW, is one prepared and presented by Smithton Primary School who are showcasing their students’ involvement in a variety of SOSE programs. These students attend SOSE on Tuesdays.

Feedback on the conference will be further shared with you in the next newsletter.

Special Thoughts for the Piskor family.
It was tragic to read of Zofia Piskor’s death last week. Stefan Piskor completed his schooling at the Burnie campus at the end of 2011 and we realize that the impact of his mother’s passing with be devastating for Stefan and his father Joe. Thank you to the staff members past and present who accompanied me to Zofia’s funeral on Friday. Your presents was a comfort to the immediate family.

Special Olympics
Students and staff members from both campuses today attended this term’s Special Olympics activity day at the Ulverstone Recreation Centre. The focus for this day is on ball skills development. We look forward to sharing the photos next newsletter displaying our students’ participation beside other students from regular schools.

Best wishes,
Grace
Last week we formally farewelled two teacher assistants who have terminated their DoE employment options to take up new pathways. Billie Ruth Henrick who has taken the very adventurous step of enrolling at the Cradle Coast UTAS campus and will be commencing a course shortly.

Brendon Upchurch has chosen to take up a position with Optia.

We sincerely wish Billy Ruth and Brendon every success in the changes of direction that they have chosen to take. I especially thank them for their support, commitment to their roles at Burnie Campus and wish them all the best.