Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

There are several highlights to share with you in this fortnightly newsletter.

Firstly, Felicity Lovatt, our Speech and Language Pathologist who services the staff and students across both campuses gave birth to a daughter, Sadie Sylvia on 27th September. Several staff members visited Felicity in hospital and the latest news is that the new mum and baby are now at home and progressing well.

Special Olympics Day – Wednesday, 29th September
Several classes from both campuses attended this event which was held in Devonport at the Recreation Centre. The day’s program focused on team work, following instructions, sharing, learning new skills and applying them in alternative activities. Several students were elated to receive medals at the conclusion of the day – Christopher Wallis and John Murray. Byron Klynstra, Brooke White, Kayla Webb, Shaun Foster and Brady Lyons attended a Bocca morning at the Ulverstone Basketball Stadium. Bocca is modified indoor bowls specifically designed for wheelchair bound people. Paraquad organised this session.

Burnie Show Art Awards
I took three grandchildren to the Burnie Show on Saturday and I was extremely impressed to view our student’s art work on display amongst the other exhibits completed by students enrolled at regular schools. Congratulations to the following students who gained awards:

1st Prize - Connor Murray
2nd Prize – Byron Klynstra
3rd Prize – George Cumming
Highly Commended – Bethany Smith
Highly Commended – Jonty Stubbs
Highly Commended – Daimyn McGeehan

A special thank you to all class teachers and support staff members who assisted to prepare, label and mount each art piece in readiness for the show.

We again ask you to please contact both the school and bus to advise if your child will be away from school. This will assist the buses if they know not to call for your child, as well the office staff need to advise the teachers.

School bus - Garry - 0409 977 809
WAT Taxi Bus – Graham - 0417 358 223
Staff news!
Ms Darlene Kumar has regretfully decided to terminate her fixed term teaching appointment in the Gumtree Room as from Friday, 8th October. I thank her sincerely for the contribution she has made to the student’s educational pathway in the Gumtree Room and wish her well for the future.

To minimise further disruption to the students’ learning programs the following changes have been negotiated:

- Mrs Wendy Bennell will become the full-time teacher in the Wattle Room until the end of the 2010 school year.
- Mrs Bronwyn West will transfer her teaching load to the Gumtree Room on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Laurie White will team with Bronwyn and be responsible for the students’ programs on Mondays and Tuesdays.

If parents have any queries concerning these changes please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Federal Government Schools Funding Review
The school community has been encouraged to prepare a submission which will be a combined effort prepared by Principal, staff and members of the School Association.
This is the first time since 1973 such a comprehensive review has been undertaken. It is expected that the results of the review will inform the funding of schools for at least a decade.
As you are all aware, Special Schools in particular have not received equitable levels of funding over past years compared to regular schools. Now is our chance to speak up and be forthright in recognising and stating the large gaps in outcomes for students with severe disabilities who are supported either full-time or as dual enrolments in the School of Special Education NW.
More information about the review is available at: www.forourfuture.org.au
Our submission must be completed and received at the Hobart AEU office by Friday, 22nd October.

Curriculum Development and Trialling of Materials
Over the last few months, class teachers from both campuses have met collectively after school to discuss the need for appropriate curriculum documentation as a guide in the development of individualised and sequential learning plans for students. Ted Barrance, in particular has clearly demonstrated his enthusiasm after a visit to the Woden School in Canberra during the June school holidays.
Ted has negotiated with the Woden School to obtain copies of subject specific curriculum documents and over the next few months, Ted and Jo Corvinus intend trialling the Woden School Literacy curriculum with students in their classes. The Waddington test will be administered to gauge the reading ages of students at the Devonport campus over this term. This is certainly an exciting step forward!

Coles Sports Dockets
Every time you undertake your grocery shopping at Coles supermarket please don’t forget to ask the cashier for the Coles Sports Dockets. Keep sending those dockets in!
THIS WEEKEND ARE DOUBLE VOUCHER DAYS !!!!

Dates to remember:

“Pop Stars” Disco - Tuesday 19th October at the Hellyer College Gym.
Staff and students need to “dress up” in keeping with the theme.
Burnie Shines Cocktail Partu Fundraiser - Saturday 23rd Oct
Mini Sports day - Monday 25th October
Burnie School Association Meeting - Thursday, 28th Oct
Student Free Professional Learning Day - Thursday, 29th Oct
Long weekend - Monday 1st November

Best wishes to you all………. Gae
Burnie Shines Cocktail Party

Will be on Saturday, October 23\textsuperscript{rd} 
6.30 - 8.30 pm

All proceeds assist School of Special Education Burnie & Miranbeena Day Service.

Tickets - $50 available from Class Boutique, Wilson St.

If you are able to assist with providing supper or helping out please contact the school office.