Happy Easter everyone!

Here we are commencing the month of April and as we commence the Easter break, I would like to wish all staff members and families associated with the School of Special Education NW a safe and happy holiday break.

Please note that school resumes for students on Monday, 12th April.

Teaching Placement

Over the last 5 weeks, the students and staff at both campuses have been very privileged to have Miss Jess McCoy as an extra addition to the support team in our classes. Jess is currently studying teaching through the University of Southern Queensland whilst working full-time as a NW school Psychologist. All staff members have greatly appreciated the co-operative and calm approach that Jess has maintained throughout her teaching placement with us. In particular, Jess has gained an understanding of the programs all students are actively participating in. Jess will continue to support the Burnie campus in her role of assessing individual students and supporting families throughout this year. Thanks so much for your support Jess!

PLEASE ADVISE THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE AWAY FROM SCHOOL

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Hydrotherapy and Learn to Swim programs
Throughout the last fortnight, these programs have become fully operational. Staff members have assessed the confidence and water awareness levels of students and some minor changes have been made with some students graduating from hydrotherapy sessions to now participating in the Healthglo swim program on Thursday afternoons.

This week, the early childhood and several primary age students from both campuses have commenced a 4 day swim program at the East Ulverstone indoor pool. There is so much value in our students participating in a program over consecutive days. Teachers and support staff in particular report on the increased skill development in personal care – undressing, dressing and taking care of own belongings. The students are also benefiting from the individualised support provided by our phys ed. Teacher, Miss Rebecca Clarke who is available for the four days to work specifically on goals to increase student’s confidence in moving in the water, kicking and stroke development.

A chance to meet on an Autumn Day
Staff and students from both campuses travelled to Natone Primary School on Friday, 26th March to enjoy a social experience of meeting up and having fun.
Last year, Natone Primary fostered a buddy school connection with SOSE NW by sharing an interest in developing sustainability. The Natone Primary students accompanied SOSE students on a walk to the wetlands.
There was time set aside for students from both schools to play games and socially interact in a new refurbished indoor area. The new kitchen was well patronised by staff and students. Everyone enjoyed a great day!

Reminder - A Cinema Charity Day will be held on Friday, 9th April
As mentioned in the last newsletter, a special viewing of the film ‘How To Train Your Dragon’ will be held on Friday 9th April at Metro in Burnie commencing at 1.30pm.
This date has been organised as a fundraiser and will take place during the Easter break. All SOSE students, their brothers and sisters and friends are invited to attend. Tickets will be available at J’Zoes, Sea FM, Nancy’s B & B and at the Metro Cinema in Burnie.

Student IEP reviews
Please note that after Easter, teachers will be sending out to parents and carers an invitation to attend a meeting where every child’s learning goals will be reviewed and progress on skill development discussed. There will be options for you to choose times and days to work in with your commitments.

Cheers to you all,
Grace

Happy Easter!