Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,
I would like to begin this fortnight’s newsletter by highlighting the successful whole school disco that was held at the Glee Club Hall in East Devonport on Wednesday, 10th August from 11 am – 12 noon.

The ‘Animal’ theme for the disco was fully captured with staff members and students wearing masks and costumes to depict a variety of animals. Several staff members including Brooke Ansell and Jo Corvinus had spent time decorating the hall with background paintings that also captured the theme of the disco. These paintings were completed in class by the students with the support of the teacher aides over several days.

The music selected by Mrs Jacqui Astley for the disco also complimented the theme with a variety of tempos and well known tunes with staff, students and parents having fun intermingling and energetically dancing.

The Loss of Laura Anne Fletcher who passed away on Monday, 8th August 2011.

With much sadness the students and staff at the Burnie Campus remembered Laura’s presence as a friend and student on Tuesday, 16th August at a special memorial service held in the gym. A pictorial data show prepared by Mrs Michelle Cooney of Laura’s school days that displayed her participation in a variety of programs was reverently watched by staff and students. Laura’s papier mache butterfly which she recently modelled with help from Jan Marinos, our Artist in Residence was presented to Maria, Laura’s mother.

The students then quietly moved out into the playground to release helium balloons and we all watched as they soared into the sky and away into the distance. A tree called “Rainbows End” will be planted in the school garden. I would like to express a special thank you to all staff members who contributed to this special service.

Our thoughts are with Maria and the family as they come to terms with their loss.

Grace
Guide Falls Experience

Wednesday, the Banksia, Gum Tree and Wattle Rooms went on an excursion to Guide Falls. Although the weather was not so kind - rain, rain, rain - all of the students enjoyed the experience of collecting pieces of nature to be included in our collage ready for the Burnie Show. The waterfall was running fast and many of the students enjoyed feeling the water on their faces when they stood on the viewing platform.

Animal Disco