Hello Staff, Parents, Carers and friends,

The final week of Term 2! It’s almost time for staff and students to relax, have fun and recover from a very busy term.

Can you believe that already we have commenced to consider and plan class groups and program initiatives for 2012?

On Friday, 26th August the School Executive Officers, Sandra Cock and Lindy Parker together with the Teachers-in-Charge -Ted Barrance and Cathy Bester met with me at the Devonport campus to discuss a number of agenda items to ensure that both schools will continue to function smoothly in 2012. This meeting allowed us to share new ideas and to consider how to creatively update the current practices already in place across both schools. Each member of staff came away from the meeting with a particular task to review and we are now working with all staff members to problem solve some options to consider at our next meeting in early Term 3.

Staff Changes for Term 3

Jacqui Astley has recommenced her role as music teacher at the Burnie Campus on Tuesdays after taking medical leave. Jacqui has recovered well from a hip replacement operation and was welcomed this week by staff and students.

Patsy Cairns has now taken an overseas holiday and will not return to her home until late November. Patsy has been available throughout Term 2 to undertake relief for teachers and we’ve been so fortunate that she has facilitated the regular class routines in all the classes to ensure that students have remained settled and engaged in their individual and class programs.

Jan Chester who has been sharing the Primary Class with Bronwyn West has decided to terminate her fixed term appointment on Friday, 2nd September. Mr Devin Cullis who has been teaching at Sheffield District School will be taking up a full-time fixed term teaching position as a replacement for Term 3.

Laurie White will be taking maternity leave from Tuesday 27th September for the remainder of this year. Laurie has been undertaking a .8 role with various teaching responsibilities including the Links Tuesday group this year. She has continually displayed her flexibility and passion to undertake her teaching roles by always focusing on the needs of the students that she is responsible for.

Mrs Sheryl Belbin, currently teaching at Romaine Park Primary School will commence a fixed term .5 role for Term 3.

We welcome our new teachers and farewell Laurie and Jan with a sincere thank you for the positive and supportive contributions that they have made in their roles this year.
Transition to Kindergarten students
We welcome in Term 3 new parents and carers with pre-kindergarten children who will be transitioning to either campus during Term 3 in readiness for enrolment in 2012. Sue-Ann Beaumont will be responsible for the pre-kindergarten group at the Burnie Campus. The transition program will be operating on a fortnightly basis on Mondays from 9.30am – 11am. Once the pre-kindergarten sessions commence, I intend sharing photos and information on this new program in future newsletter.

Focused Discussions between teachers, parents and carers
It is very pleasing to note how many parents and carers have met with class teachers over the last few weeks to fully discuss their child’s progress during Term 2 with the intention of reviewing and updating specific learning goals within the Individual Education Plan. All class teachers really appreciate the conversations that take place with parents as the opportunity initiates information sharing and a means of planning meaningful teaching and learning initiatives that can occur not just at school but can be followed through in the home and community contexts.

Slip Stream Circus Performances
Once again, students and staff from both campuses really enjoyed the ‘Time’ theme of this year’s performance. It is amazing to witness our students sitting quietly and attentively for 45 minutes in a theatre setting. The acts that revolve in succession incorporating juggling, balancing, trapeze, comedy, music and song produce a trilogy of colour, pace and talent that really engages the audience. This performance was the perfect entertaining event to complete this term.

I hope everyone enjoys a great term holiday!

Grace

Forthcoming Dates

School Association on Monday, 26th September at 3.00pm  NB Change of usual day for meeting

Burnie Show Holiday - Friday 30th September

Student Free Professional Learning Day - Burnie Campus 3rd October

TAS-Bash visits to both campuses – Monday 17th October

Student Free Professional Learning Day - Devonport Campus 24th November

Cocktail Party – Fundraising Event – Saturday, 22nd October