FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Professional Learning Day
This Friday is a professional learning day for staff.

During the day, many of our teacher assistants will be engaging in Southern Tasmanian professional learning around catering for student needs, autism and networking with other teacher assistants.

Teaching staff will be spending part of the day looking at how to implement the new Geography curriculum. The new Geography curriculum is being implemented in 2014 across all Australian Schools. If you would like to read more about the Australian Curriculum, please go to www.australiancurriculum.edu.au.

Teaching staff will also be looking further into our NAPLAN results and the teaching and learning of Literacy and Numeracy.

Swimming Carnival
Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Grade 3-6 swimming carnival on Monday. I was very impressed with the participation of so many students and the way they were supportive of each other. Next Tuesday, 29 October 38 students will represent the school at the Interschool Carnival at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. We wish them all the best and know they will represent the school in the same positive way they did on Monday.

Shane Oldfield,
Principal
ASSEMBLY AWARDS

The following students received certificates at this week’s assembly:

2/3M – Damian for working hard to improve his reading, Mitchell for contributing thoughtful ideas to class discussions, Jorden for beautiful poetic writing about a sunrise; 1/2K – Cooper for being a co-operative class member, Katie for improved reading; P/1S – Maisie for always being a helpful class member, Reuben for making an extra effort with his writing, Heidie for settling into our class routines; 3/4T – Mr Christie for organising a great swimming carnival, William for a wonderful storybook diorama, Hollie for a wonderful storybook diorama, Xavier for a wonderful train and chicken diorama, Ezra for diligent work on his history unit, Emily for a wonderful storybook diorama; 3/4C – Connor for moving up a level in automatic response, Halle for a super effort in spelling and writing, Julia for stepping up with maths challenges, Sam for a big home reading effort.

YOUTH ART COMPETITION

Students from Mrs Coogan’s class entered art work in the Royal Hobart Show’s Youth Art Competition. Congratulations to Demi who was awarded a Highly Commended Certificate.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Book club orders for Issue 7 will close on Friday 1 November.

GUITAR GROUPS

If your child is continuing guitar with Ms Louise Goich in Term 4, please pay the $25 to the office as soon as possible. A $10 hire fee should also be paid if a school guitar is being used. The fees are payable each term.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW MATHS COMPETITION

Results have been received from the University of NSW Maths Competition which some students elected to undertake in August. Congratulations to the following students who achieved excellent results:

Grade 6
- Distinction: Caleb, Patrick
- Credit: Naomi, Mikaela

Grade 5
- Distinction: Emma
- Credit: Gabrielle

Grade 4
- Distinction: Suphawat (Com)
- Credit: Julia

Grade 3
- Distinction: Emily

All other students received a Certificate of Participation detailing their results. The certificates were given out in yesterday’s assembly.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thank you to staff and parents who made our carnival on Monday such a success. Notification will be sent out to students this week who have gained selection in our team to compete next Tuesday, 29 October at the Hobart Aquatic Centre in the SPSSA Division "B" Carnival.

A special thank you to Amanda Robertson, Karen Jones, Robyn Howard and Andrew Moore who assisted at Monday’s carnival.

House points from the carnival are as follows:

1st Geilston: 483 pts
2nd Beltana: 452 pts
3rd Natone: 274 pts

Rob Christie, Physical Education
PREMIER’S MORNING TEA

Yesterday Naomi, Michael and Mr Oldfield attended the Premier’s Morning Tea. The morning tea included an address by the Premier, followed by a question time and chat. The students had the opportunity to ask questions and have their photo taken with the Premier. This special event for Children’s Week is organised by Playgroup Tasmania each year.

CANTENE NEWS

This week’s winner of a free lunch (up to $5) for recycling is Isabelle of 4/5N. Congratulations!

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Di Everson, Canteen Manager

MOVE WELL EAT WELL

We had a record number of students walking to school this morning as part of the Move Well Eat Well, Part Way is Okay initiative. All were dressed in pink, supporting our Pink Day.

Students meet Miss Jones each Wednesday (weather permitting) at the corner of Derwent Avenue and the East Derwent Highway at 8:30am. The group leaves at 8:40am to walk to school.
OTHER NOTICES

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scce@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

PINK DAY
As usual, Pink Day was a great success. Total money raised will be announced in next week’s newsletter.