Dear Parents,

Included in the newsletter are details of many of the events that are happening in the last weeks of the term. Please check the calendar for any events that involve your children and also any notices and permission forms that are included.

**Student Free Days**

Thank you to parents for supporting the application for student free days next year. This confirms to us that parents value the learning that teachers undertake and the benefits that flow on to students in terms of better teaching and learning outcomes. The returning officer, Mrs Butcher reported that 80% of respondents supported the proposal. The program will go ahead as outlined in the recent newsletter.

It is interesting to note that during the survey process, Education Minister, Lyn Thorp announced that three student free days for professional learning purposes are now mandated for every school.

**Parent Survey**

Thank you to all those parents that responded to our parent survey. Our School Council has had a brief look at these results at the meeting last week, and has scheduled further analysis and discussion for next year. The results will be shared with parents through the newsletter next year, but are available for viewing immediately in a folder at the school office, or on the parent web page at [http://www.schools.education.tas.gov.au/sheffield/default.aspx](http://www.schools.education.tas.gov.au/sheffield/default.aspx) in the School Council folder.

**Student Reports**

End of year reports for all students will be sent home on Thursday December 9. This report is a summative report describing students’ achievements over the year.

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PRINCIPAL
Calendar dates.....

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2010 School Magazine

Time is running out to order a copy of this year’s school magazine. The magazine can be ordered through the office for just $20 per copy. Magazines include all class photos, all kinder children’s aspirations and all of the school’s news and events, including sports days, agriculture, theatre productions, art work, camps and of course our leavers…etc.

Please complete the attached slip and return to the office with your order and payment.

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**2010 School Magazine Order**

Name ______________________  Class/Home Room ____ wish to purchase _____

copy/copies of the 2010 school magazine.  Amount $ enclosed ______

Signed: ____________________________  Date: _______________________

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**Inter High Athletic Carnival**

On Monday the 22nd of November the Division 2 Inter High competition was held at Penguin Athletics Centre.

The team left school at 8:00am with everyone piled onto the bus ready to go. Once we arrived, we moved over to our usual spot and sent off our first competitors.

The day was quite intense with a number of competitors competing in many events, both track and field.

We had a number of successes throughout the day with many students winning individual and relay events. Sheffield displayed amazing sportsmanship throughout the day making Miss Scattergood and Mr Daly proud.

At the end of the day we had some great individual successes, with Brennon Kendall winning the Grade 10 boys Champion, Brodie Deverell Grade 9 boys Champion, Connor Kendall Grade 8 boys Champion and Madalan Page Grade 8 girls Champion.

As a result of everyone’s efforts throughout the day, we finished 3rd overall, and fourth according to the handicap system. Congratulations to all team members for their efforts.

*Miss Scattergood*  

**Change of Telephone Number Sheffield School**

A reminder that at the end of 2010 the current school telephone number will cease to operate. Our new number is 64 918 222.

Any parent wishing to receive the newsletter by email please notify the office staff of your email address or email sheffield@education.tas.gov.au
**K-6 PICNIC**

On Friday 10th December all K-6 children will be attending our annual picnic at the Devonport Olympic Pool. We will leave the school at 9.10 am and returning from the pool at 1.30 pm for the leaver’s assembly. Parents/guardians are welcome to join us at the pool. Students will be supervised at the pool by their class teacher, Mrs Davies and Mrs Craze and pool staff.

**Wednesday/Friday Kinder Children**  
Wednesday/Friday Kinder children are more than welcome to attend the picnic at the Devonport Pool but will need to be transported to and from the pool and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Cost**  
There will be no cost to students for the bus or pool entry. Students may bring money to purchase lunch and small items from the kiosk. They will need to be responsible for their own money.

**Lunch**  
All students will need to bring a cut lunch and drink.

**Sun Smart**  
There is shade at some areas of the pool, but these items are **ESSENTIAL:**
- A hat (preferably one to cover ears and neck as well as face)
- 15+ sunscreen (to be reapplied throughout the day)
- A rash vest (if currently owned)

**NO SINGLETS**

Students who do not have hats, etc need to remain in shaded areas.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable, relaxing day and appreciate your assistance with these items.

**Collection of Students**  
Buses will leave the pool at 1.30 pm.

If you wish to collect your child from the pool it is MOST important that you inform the class teacher before you leave.

If weather is unsuitable the picnic will be cancelled as we can’t alter our booked day.

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**K-6 PICNIC**

I give/do not give permission for my son/daughter

________________________________________________________

Signed: _________________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)
Sheffield Community
Carols by Candlelight 2010

Sunday 12th December at 6.30pm
Sheffield School Related Arts building

With:

* Community Carol Singing
  * Items by school students and community members
  * Early Childhood Education Choir
  * A visit from Santa

Also:

* Special guests Rupert & Daniela Penrith

Glow-sticks for sale at the door - $1

Fundraiser for the Sheffield School Chaplaincy Program

Donation on entry

Enquiries - to school office 64918222
Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday, 14th December commencing at 11.30am in the Recreation and Related Arts Building. All parents and friends are invited to attend to help celebrate the student’s achievements.

The room will be open at 11.00am with the showing of videos produced during the year. Car parking will be available in the northern car park, Henry Street and Albert Street.

Students will be available to show parents where to sit. Parents are asked to use the main entrance door.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding these arrangements.

Ron Daly
Presentation Day Co-ordinator

Secondary Picnic

Due to the construction occurring at the Bluff Beach, this year the secondary picnic will be held at Hawley Beach on Wednesday, 15th December. Students may swim, in addition to beach and sporting activities.

Students should bring a packed lunch.

A reminder also to students to be sun smart and come prepared with a hat and sunscreen. The Port Sorell Surf Life Saving Club will have members on patrol, and swimmers will be expected to adhere to their instructions and swim in a designated area between the flags. If you do not wish your child to participate in the water activities, please complete the attached permission slip and return to the school prior to the 10th December.

7-10 Picnic Water Activities Permission Slip

I give/do not give permission for my son/daughter

_________________________________________________________________________________

to participate in water activities at the annual secondary picnic held at Hawley Beach on 15th December 2010.

Signed: ____________________________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

ELANORA CHILDREN’S CENTRE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FUN
Elanora Children’s Centre Vacation Care program has been released for the Christmas period. The program commences on Friday 17th December and concludes on Friday 11th February. All staff involved in the programme are equipped with Children’s Services qualifications and first aid. Further enquires please contact Elanora Children’s Centre 64 24 3638 or email elanora@devonportchildcare.org.au.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE ZONE (FOR AGES 10 YEARS AND UP)
Various school holiday programs will be operating during the school holidays at the Zone including Tas Laser Skirmish, Skate/Scooter/BMX Stuff, a spot of fishing in the Mersey and free programs with the Devonport Regional Gallery. Bookings 100% essential for every activity to book or enquire call The Zone on 64 23 4099 or email: thezone@devonport.tas.gov.au

42 SOUTH SURF SCHOOL- SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
42 South Surf School will be holding safe surfing and girls go surfing days during the holidays.

Cost is $40.00 for 2 hours of surfing tuition, surfboard and wet suit hire and includes a Rip Curl Singlet and show bag.

For all enquiries contact www.sasurfschools.com.au/surfschools/42southsurfschool or call 03 63 725 744 or 0419 120 704 or email 42southsurf@gmail.com.

SHEFFIELD CRICKET CLUB IN2 CRICKET
A reminder that this weeks session for the Milo in2CRICKET program will be conducted this Friday, 9am at the Sheffield Rec Ground.

This program is a great opportunity for children between the ages of 5 - 10 to take part in cricket activities run by the Sheffield Cricket Club. The cost of the program is $55 which includes a number of 1 hour sessions and great starter pack (Backpack, Bat, Ball, Hat, Shirt, Drink Bottle). Registrations for the program can still be taken this Friday. Please find below the program schedule until Christmas also four Saturday morning sessions will be conducted after the Christmas break.

Friday 26th November    (Dev Show Day) 9 .00am – 10.00am
Saturday 4th December  (No Session due to Tasmania Game in Burnie)
Saturday 11th December 9.0000am – 10.00am
Thursday 16th December (Christmas Breakup) 6.00pm – 7.30pm

For more information regarding the program please contact Alex King from Cricket Tasmania on 6424 1835.

Disclaimer:  Parents should note that advertisements for education services, companies, activities or similar events are published as a ‘community service’. Sheffield School is in no way liable for the quality, supervision or integrity of the provider and strongly suggests that parents make their own enquiries before engaging with the advertised event.
Malcolm Moore, Principal