Dear Parents,

STUDENT REPORTS

Our initial student report will be sent home with students tomorrow. This is an early report to indicate how well each secondary student is prepared for lessons, how well they are behaving, how hard they are trying, and whether their progress is on track. For early childhood and primary students, their teachers have rated their attitude, effort and behaviour. For all students this is an indication if improvement is needed in any of these areas, so that their learning can progress as well as can be, before the main report in term 2. This second report gives detailed information on learning in all areas.

If you wish to discuss any aspects of this report, please see your child’s teacher directly for primary and early childhood children, or phone the office to make an appointment with secondary teachers.

SAM CAWTHORN VISIT

Grade 6 to 10 students were treated to a visit by Sam Cawthorn, Australian of the Year Finalist, last week. Sam is sought after worldwide as a motivational speaker - Dubai the previous week, Sheffield last week, Los Angeles next week.....

In 2006 Sam’s life was changed dramatically in a horrific car accident at Parramatta Creek, which saw him lose an arm and in hospital for a year with doctors saying he would never walk again. His story was highly engaging for students with powerful messages including:

- No more excuses - it is our decisions that make our future, not our circumstances;
- Problems are an opportunity to improve;
- We bounce forward from adversity, rather than back to where we were;
- Weak wishes achieve nothing, strong desires where we do something towards that desire every day, are what make the difference.

Parents and students can find more information at www.samcawthorn.com

We are very grateful to the Kentish Lions Club who funded this visit.
STUDENT FREE DAY

A reminder to parents that next Monday is one of our three designated Student Free Days for the year. For most of our staff, (Prep to 8), the focus for the day is literacy, working with staff from Latrobe, Sassafras, Wesley Vale, Moriarty primary schools and Latrobe High School.

We are continuing to address our school priority to improve the teaching of writing for students with Deb Sukarna.

Deb Sukarna is the Head of Primary Education/Deputy Principal at Ivanhoe Grammar School. She developed the ‘Writer’s Notebook’ strategy which is used extensively across Victorian schools. Deb is an experienced and dedicated professional and her seminars give practical instruction for teachers on classroom practice.


The remainder of our staff will be further developing our subject web pages, particularly including course outlines and resources relating to the new Australian Curriculum courses being introduced from next year.

MALCOLM MOORE
PRINCIPAL

SCOOTERS AT SCHOOL

The school building and playground are not to be used for scooters. We have had an increase in students having to be reminded not to ride them in the corridor and to put them away when they arrive at school.

Scooters are a mode of transport for some students riding to school. Students travelling by car or by bus are asked not to bring their scooters as they are unable to use them at school.

Students are responsible for their belongings and are therefore asked to leave expensive equipment at home unless it is essential at school.

Calendar dates.....

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7-10 AWARDS

WEDNESDAY 6th APRIL 2011

Grade 7A
Bianca Eberle
Monica Mason

Grade 7B
Jessica Temple
Thomas Febey

Grade 8A
Mikaela Jones
Jayden Riches

Grade 8B
Dannielle Jones
Bradley Tuck

Grade 9A
Connor Hinrichsen
Hayley Davies

Grade 9B
Dannielle Glozier
Mac Jago

Grade 10A
Monique Jones
Hayden Franklin

Grade 10B
Jayden Mineur
Kaitlyn Lilley

LOST
A bright pink Fuji 10 mega pixel camera has been misplaced in the primary corridor. If anybody has information as to its whereabouts, please contact Mrs Craze or Mrs Davies as soon as possible.

EASTER TREAT
As a Move Well, Eat Well school we recognise the importance of some foods being occasional foods. Students K-6 will participate in Easter hunts where all children will be given a small amount of chocolate to eat. Please let your child’s teacher know if you do not wish for this to occur.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND
The Australian Government is helping eligible families with the costs of educating their children, with a refund of up to 50% on a range of children’s education expenses. To check your eligibility and the full list of what can be claimed visit www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund.

Sheffield School has a letter available for parents who have paid their levies in full to assist in their claim for stationery costs.

GRADE 3 / 4 NWPSSA SPORTS EXPO
On Tuesday the 5th of April, grade 3 / 4 students from the school travelled to Devonport to take part in the annual NWPSSA Sports Expo. The Expo was conducted at Maidstone Park, Meercroft Park and the Devonport Rec Centre.
Sports on offer included circus skills, tennis, touch football, hockey, soccer, cricket, football, netball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, futsal and soccer.

Students enjoyed the vast array of sports on offer and the opportunity to participate at new venues. The participation rate and the level of sportsmanship students displayed was of the highest level and very pleasing to see.

The sessions were conducted by members of sporting bodies along with the help of sports leaders from various schools in the Devonport area. Sheffield School sports leaders were active in conducting soccer sessions at Meercroft, cricket sessions at Maidstone and table tennis at the Rec Centre. Excellent feedback was received on the way in which they conducted themselves and contributed to the activities.

Tony Hays
HPE Department
BREAKFAST BLITZ

This term, the Growing Sheffield’s Future Committee are conducting a blitz on breakfast. This has come to fruition after finding that a large percentage of our students do not have anything to eat before attending school on a daily basis. Research has shown that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It not only fills a hungry tummy, but prepares our brain for the day ahead!

Over the next three Mondays at recess, some of our committee members will be demonstrating some quick and nutritious breakfast ideas. Demonstrations will occur both in the early childhood courtyard and the Sheffrock Cafe for our primary and high school students.

This week we demonstrated how to make a strawberry smoothie. We had an overwhelming response in attendance with a large proportion of our students coming to learn and taste! Recipes will follow in future newsletters so please stay tuned.

Thank you to Mrs Skirving and Mrs Grey for their assistance on Monday. I wonder what will be offered next Monday!

GRADE 7 MOUNT ROLAND WALK

Last Wednesday, 44 grade 7 students, 6 members of the leadership class, five teachers and 3 parents scaled the heights of Mt Roland!

The weather on the day began beautifully, but it quickly deteriorated and began to rain! Nonetheless, we soldiered on, stopping for morning tea beside a gorgeous ferny creek. In this time, the rain cleared just as Mr Moore had predicted and we continued on our ascent.

The majority of the group reached the top just on lunch time. We enjoyed a quick bite to eat on the top and quickly came down again as it was absolutely freezing and very windy! It was at this point some of us realised we had not brought enough warm clothes with us.

We returned to the bottom by 3.30pm in time to catch our bus back to Sheffield and although many of us were in a bit of pain with sore feet, blisters and aching muscles, we feel very satisfied and proud of our achievement. We’d like to thank our devoted dads, Mr Grey, Mr Mason and Mr O’Neill; members of the leadership class Mrs Von Schill, Maddisson Lockett, Clodagh Simms, Roseanna Mason, Ellie Maddick, Tayah Scott and Brittany Baker; Mr Hayes for his help in patching up our blisters and Mr Moore; who all accompanied us on the day.

Miss Mold and Miss Pearce
TIMETABLE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS 2011

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 12 April and Wednesday 13 April. Photos will be taken outside, therefore if the weather is inclement photo sessions may need to be postponed.

Envelopes to order photos have been distributed to students today. If your child/children did not receive one please contact the school office.

The order form MUST BE returned to school by FRIDAY 8 APRIL.

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Please Note:

Below are additional details regarding the service provided by Matt Bennet Photography.

If requiring a family photo or other group shot please indicate this on the section titled ‘Family Photo Order Form’ on the envelope.

Discounts apply for families with half price orders for the 3rd and subsequent children of the same family. Payment: cash, cheque, money order or credit card.

Any enquiries please contact Matt Bennet Photography (Ph/Fax 64277374) not the school.
SRC Report

Impact Leadership Conference
On Friday 25th March, The SRC students travelled to Launceston with Mr Daly and Mrs Von Schill to attend the Impact Leadership Conference at the Grand Chancellor. It was a fabulous day that we all thoroughly enjoyed and learnt a lot from. We’ve had a very busy start to the year and now hopefully we can try to put some of the great things we learnt from the conference into practice, to benefit and better our wonderful school!

Relay For Life
On Saturday the 26th March, the Leadership and Citizenship Class made their way to the Penguin Sports Complex to participate in this year’s 2011 Relay For Life. At Relay for Life, teams raise funds throughout the year, then relayers unite as they walk the track for 24 hours and join ceremonies to celebrate, remember and fight against cancer. Our team, “The Sheffrock Stunners”, won the award of the most team laps completed with a whopping record of 1,621!
Relay for Life was an incredibly moving experience that we all will treasure. The courage and determination of the many survivors and people who have been affected was truly inspiring. We would like to give a huge thanks to Mrs Von Schill, Mrs Craze and both of their wonderful husbands; Miss Pratt, Mr Cullis and Pam, for giving us this opportunity and for making the weekend one to remember! Also a big thanks to the kitchen crew, for their yummy goodies brought down by Mrs. Maddick Saturday night.

By Brittany Baker and Ellie Maddick.
AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES

Local Drama Teachers, Ms Gillian Schroeter and Miss Alison Brooks, have been asked by parents and students to run after-school drama programs locally. We are excited to offer a variety of fabulous programs to cater for young people in the community. A letter will be sent home outlining the details of the program which will begin in Term 2. We look forward to working with your children as we offer opportunities to further develop their creative skills. Please contact us for further details at gillian.schroeter@education.tas.gov.au or alison.k.brooks@education.tas.gov.au

TERM ONE SOCIAL

Our first school socials for the year will be held on Thursday April 14, 2011.

Primary: 3.10 – 4.30 pm
Secondary: 7:00 – 9.00 pm

Primary & Secondary theme = Cowboys and Indians

There will be door prizes for those students wearing the most imaginative outfit!

Entry is only $2 for Primary students and $2.50 for Secondary students.

Refreshments will be available for $1.00. All students must bring along a signed permission slip.

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PRIMARY SOCIAL PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for _______________________________________________________ to attend the primary school social on Thursday April 14, 2011 from 3.10 – 4.30 pm.

Signed:___________________________________Date:___________________

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SECONDARY SOCIAL PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for _____________________________________________________ to attend the secondary school social on Thursday April 14, 2011 from 7:00 – 9.00 pm.

Signed:___________________________________Date:___________________
**CHAPLAIN’S CHAT**

I spent the weekend before last camped out at Penguin in the middle of the athletic complex with a group of 15 other enthusiastic people – including teaching staff, year 9/10 leadership students and a couple of wonderful ‘ring-ins’ collectively called the ‘Sheffrock Stunners’! Joined throughout the event, for a time, by others who dropped by to walk with us, we were raising money for and awareness of cancer as we supported the Cancer Council of Tasmania’s Relay for Life.

The first lap of the Relay is always walked by cancer survivors and their carers. What an emotional time it was standing on the sidelines watching them, young and old, walking that lap – some being pushed in a wheelchair – all wearing a sash stating either ‘Survivor’ or ‘Carer’. There was hardly a dry eye in our group as we cheered them on, applauding loudly as they were lead around by bag-pipes and drums. There were husbands with wives; an elderly couple at the end of the group, him leaning on his walker, her arm linked in his as they struggled on; children wearing ‘Survivor’ sashes walking arm in arm with an adult; but what deeply touched my heart were the surviving adults with a child ‘Carer’. How quickly these children must have had to grow up; what experiences they have faced that adults shy away from! The Relay, for them, is a triumphant march – a shout of ‘We beat it’!

Others, as we know, are not so fortunate. Cancer is a disease which leaves its mark on most of us in one way or another. Very few of us are untouched by it.

Our students excelled over that weekend. They went without sleep, they walked until they had blisters - until they felt pain in muscles they didn’t know they had! They lit candles for those they knew who were battling cancer or had succumbed to the disease. Someone came up with a personal goal of achieving 100 individual laps (that’s 40km) over the 23 hours and all others took up the challenge – all but me, that is! I could hardly walk for the next 2 days as it was!

Be proud of our students (and staff) – they all walked their hearts out! They did so well, that the ‘Sheffrock Stunners’ won the award for the most team laps. And they did Sheffield School proud!

Please remember that I am available to assist the school community. If I can help to support you or your family, please contact me through the school office.

Pam McCulloch

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**HATS HAVE ARRIVED**

Our order of hats has now arrived at school. These can be purchased for $7.00 per hat from the school office. Some students are currently without a hat and are unable to play in the playground at recess and lunch. Students are encouraged to be responsible for their hat and are required to replace it when it has been misplaced.

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**GRADE 5 CAMP EASTER RAFFLE**

Over the next two weeks the grade fives will be raising money for their camp by holding an Easter raffle. There will be three chocolate hampers to be won. Tickets will be on sale before school and at recess and lunch times in the entrance to the primary corridor. The tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1. Please support our grade fives!
SWAP OR SELL DAY
Friday 29th April, Bible Chapel Building, High Street, Sheffield. From 1.00pm to 6.00 pm.
Renew your wardrobe by simply bringing along freshly laundered clothing in good condition to either sell or swap. If selling, each item needs to be tagged with your name and a reasonable price marked on it. If you have nothing to swap you can buy 3 coupons for $2 and swap those. Please BYO shopping bags if possible. Clothing can be dropped off from 9.00am on the day or by arrangement. For further details please contact Elaine on 6491 1772 or 0409 521 685.

AUTUMN
A Children’s Reading Time at Sheffield Library on Thursday April 14 at 3.30 pm. Activities following reading time. This session is aimed at young children up to the age of 5. Mums and Dads very welcome.

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