From the Principal ........................

Dear Parents,

LITERACY PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
The feedback from teachers who attended the Professional Learning with Deb Sukarna last Monday has been very positive. The day was spent exploring strategies for teaching writing using Writers Notebook. The language and focus on creative thinking will be used with students from prep to 10 and this consistent approach from year to year should help students to develop their skills in writing.

On Wednesday Miss Radford, Miss Pratt, Mrs Craze, Mrs Allen, Mrs May and Mrs Moore attended further sessions where they extended their learning, and also watched Deb Sukarna teaching a grade 5/6 class to put the theory into practice. Our teachers have adopted Writers Notebook enthusiastically and are working together to plan for its continued use in all classes.

To cap off a busy week, on Friday evening and Saturday Miss Richards, Mrs Davies, Mrs Craze, Mrs Mainwaring, Mrs Haberle, Miss McCarthy, Mrs Eustace, Miss Pratt, Mrs Last, Mr Cullis and Mrs Van der Velde also attended the Australian Literacy Educators Association Conference, learning from renowned authors, Mem Fox and David Hornsby.

NEW TECHNOLOGY POLICY
Staff and students under the leadership of Mr Skirving have developed a new policy to govern the use of technology including portable devices such as mobile phones and ipods, as well as our computer network and internet.

The policy focuses on students using technology responsibly, and our role at school in teaching this. It also recognises the different levels of responsibility of students at different ages. For example, primary school students are not to bring ipods or phones to school, unless in the occasional exceptional circumstance arranged by parents.
Grade 7 to 10 students however are allowed to bring these items to school with parent approval and may use them (with some restrictions) during their recreation time at lunch or recess. Students are not to use these during lesson time – if they do, the item is confiscated to the office for the day, or for repeat transgressors the item is no longer allowed to be brought to school.

The policy is written to explain to students their rights and responsibilities, and the accompanying routines for the use at school of phones, mp3 players, cameras, computers, usbs for file sharing, our school computers and network, and also internet use is available for parents to view on the parent website at http://www.schools.education.tas.gov.au/sheffield in the School Documents folder.

MALCOLM MOORE
PRINCIPAL

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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
SHEFFIELD SCHOOL EARN BRONZE AWARD

Pictured above are Shannon Rogers our Canteen Supervisor, and her assistant Michelle Temple. Both ladies are smiling broadly due to the well earned recognition for all their efforts. Sheffield caters for K-10 students and our canteen operates 5 days a week. The ladies were interviewed by grade 8 students and asked if it had been difficult changing the canteen menu to fit with the Cool Cap guidelines; did the kids like it, and were they proud of their achievement.

“At Sheffield School we cater for a broad age range so we decided to phase in the healthier changes over a couple of years and yes, it has been a lot of work. The students are fine with the changes and the secondary students really appreciate the specials like fruit salad and pancakes. Chicken crunchies with salad on a roll are still a big favourite with lunch orders”. The ladies are happy with the outcome and the schools enthusiasm and have plans to include hot spuds and roast meat and gravy rolls on the winter menu.

Well done Shannon and Michelle.

EARLY LEARNING PLAYGROUP NEW SESSION TIMES

The Early Learning Playgroup will be running 2 sessions each Wednesday, starting after the Easter break on Wednesday 4th May. The times are 11.15am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 2.40pm. This is due to the large numbers attending the playgroup and the occasional time 'clash' with K-6 assemblies.

AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASSES

Get your space booked today for Studio TAS’s creatively charged and fantastically varied Term 2 drama program. Local Drama Teachers, Ms Gillian Schroeter and Miss Alison Brooks, are intending 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 has been sent home outlining the details of the program which will begin in Term 2. If you have not already received a notice, please see Miss Brooks. 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

PATHWAY PLANNING

About half of the Grade 10 students have commenced their 2011 Pathway Plans, and the remaining students will commence after Easter. This is a great tool to help them make an informed choice about their destination for 2012. Class sessions to help students understand pre-requisites for apprenticeships, or entry into pre-tertiary subjects took place last week and will be further supported with firsthand accounts and interviews with past Sheffield School Students in Grade 11 & 12 about their transition experience.
During pathway planning in term 2 we will discuss subject selections and appropriate pathways to help ensure that by term 3 students are well on their way to a decision for 2012. Along with the Pathway Plan there are at times opportunities that crop up which can have a great impact on students.

One of the opportunities for term one is the 2011 Engineering Experience. Congratulations to Callum Hayes who was offered a place in Design Your Future – An experience in engineering. Callum will encounter an authentic engineering experience through interacting with a range of engineering professionals, university academics and current engineering students.

The program included only 32 students from around Tasmania selected through an application process. Callum attended a 3 day residential camp in Hobart from Tuesday April 12th consisting of lectures and workshops at the University of Tasmania Hobart campus. He also visited leading Hobart engineering companies to observe current project activities. Over the course of the year he will be partnered with an engineering company and mentor in the Devonport region and in Term 3 Callum will visit the Australian Maritime College and engineering sites in the Launceston area to give him a broader overview of the diverse paths available within engineering. This is a great opportunity. Well done Callum!

Term two and three we will see the UTAS Health camp for Grade 10 students, Health Day and Try-a-trade for Grade 9 students and other pathways experiences. If you would like more information about upcoming pathway experiences or have any questions about pathway planning please don’t hesitate to contact Rachel.

Almost all students in our TAPP class are involved in either a work-placement, a Polytechnic class or both. The last few work-places and Polytechnic classes will commence shortly after the Easter break. This year we have commenced both the work-places and Polytechnic classes ahead of other years. Now into its 3rd year at Sheffield School, it continues to provide opportunities for students and building links between the school and the greater community.

GRADE 5 FUNDRAISER UPDATE
The grade 5 Easter Raffle has been an outstanding success! We have raised over $350, all of which will go towards sending our grade 5 students on camp in term two.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who made prize donations towards our raffle. From the generous donations that we received, we were able to make up three fabulous hampers as prizes.

Thank you also to everybody who supported our fundraiser by purchasing tickets. Our next fundraiser will be Mother’s Day Stall which will be held on Friday May 6 (first Friday after the Easter break).

Items will range from 50c to $4 and all early childhood and primary classes will be invited to visit the stall.

Thank you for all of the fantastic support we are receiving in fundraising for this year’s grade 5 camp!
CHAPLAIN’S CHAT
Some of you may know that my role has changed somewhat this year. I have taken up a new position 3 days/week as the Chaplaincy Support Officer in the North West. In this role I travel to the other 19 schools on the NW coast, as far as Smithton, to support and encourage the chaplains as they work in their schools assisting staff, students and parents. I remain at Sheffield School as chaplain 2 days a week and I assure you that my enthusiasm for this school and the wonderful Kentish community has not changed. This has left a 2 days/week position which has recently been filled by Noel Quilliam. Noel has previously been the chaplain at Penguin High school and currently works part time in Latrobe. Noel is looking forward to settling in to Sheffield School and beginning to get to know the students and staff. Noel will work Tuesdays and Thursdays, being responsible for ECE students and high school boys, while I will continue my work with high school girls and the primary classes on Friday & Monday or Wednesday.

Easter is here again, much later than usual. Easter means different things to different people. For me, along with many others, it has great religious significance and is a time to remember Jesus’ death on the cross and to celebrate His coming back to life again more than 2000 years ago. For our students it is a time away from school, for others it is a time of eating chocolate eggs (me too! - yum) and spending time with family and friends. For some, though, it brings memories of sadness through the loss of loved ones. However you celebrate Easter, I encourage you to share some joy with others who may find this time of year difficult. I wish you all a safe and refreshing break.

Both Noel and I are here to serve the school community and we look forward to working as a team to do this. If we can be a support to you, please contact us through the school office.

Pam McCulloch & Noel Quilliam

Acknowledgement: The National School Chaplaincy Program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.
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BREAKFAST BLITZ
Sheffield K-10 students have enjoyed our Breakfast Blitz demonstrations and taste testing during recess recently on Monday mornings. Mrs Skirving and Mrs Grey served sensational strawberry smoothies the first week and fruit salad pikelets. On Monday 18th we offered cheesy muffins. It was great to see the students enjoying the brekky ideas and the recipes are included along with some ideas from the Grade 8 Food class. Enjoy!
**Berry Smoothie (serves 1)**

**Ingredients**
- 2 T berry yoghurt
- 2 T frozen berries
- 100mls low fat milk.

**Method**
1. Blend all ingredients in a food processor, or place ingredients in a jug and blend with a stick blender.
2. Serve chilled.

**Fruit salad pikelets (Makes 10)**

**Ingredients**
- ¾ C SRF
- ¾ T sugar
- 1 egg
- 125mls low fat milk
- 1 T butter/margarine, melted
- 1 small tin fruit salad in juice, drained.

**Method**
1. Sift flour into a bowl and add sugar.
2. Combine eggs and milk and add to flour and mix to a smooth batter.
3. Mix in the melted butter/margarine.
4. Stir through the fruit salad.
5. Heat pan and grease lightly.
6. Drop dessertspoonfuls of mixture on to pan and cook until bubbles rise to the surface.
7. Turn with a spatula and cook the other side.

NB: Why not double the mixture and freeze half the cooked pikelets.

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**Breakfast Blitz!**

Things are a bit of a rush. Many young people these days come up with a million different reasons to not eat breakfast! Here are some of the excuses and their solutions.

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<td>Make something up, instead of your favourite cereal.</td>
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<td>“I can’t be bothered.”</td>
<td>Be bothered! Get into the habit of eating breakfast.</td>
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“I feel sick.” Eat something and you might feel better.

“Too tired.” Eat something to wake you up.

Food For Thought

Time management is a big issue. Here are some things that you can eat for breakfast depending on the amount of time you have.

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Recipe

Ham, cheese, tomato toasted sandwich with a glass of milk, and an apple.

**Ingredients:**
1 Slice of ham
1 cheese slice
2 slices of tomato
1 Tablespoon powdered milk
2 slices of bread
1 apple
1 T butter

**Method:**
1. Toast the bread under the grill with cheese and butter until cheese is melted.
2. Put the ham, tomato on the cheese into a sandwich.
3. Mix milk into a glass, add water stir until combined. Put sandwich on plate and apple, glass of milk on the side and eat.

**Why?**

Why should we eat breakfast? Studies have shown that people who don’t eat breakfast have more accidents and doesn’t function as well as they would if they had eaten breakfast. You are less enthusiastic and aren’t as active as they would be.

*By Samantha Latham*
APRIL IS INTERNATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

As mentioned in our last newsletter, individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) have a wide range of difficulties and abilities. As previously mentioned there are 3 main core characteristics of ASD. Usually by the age of three children who have an ASD display these characteristics:

Social interaction and relationship difficulties:

They might not respond when people speak or gesture towards them, even when their names are called out. They may make little eye contact with others and usually won’t copy other people’s actions, like clapping. They may not be interested in chatting or playing, especially with other children and have trouble with giving and sharing.

Communication and language difficulties:

Children with an ASD usually take longer than the average child to learn language and communication. Children with an ASD will find it hard to comprehend language, so understanding simple instructions and social communication can be difficult. When children with an ASD do have language skills, they talk about their own special interests, and occasionally use language skills to communicate with others. They might echo what they hear, repeating patterns of words without attaching any meaning to them.

Repetitive behaviour and routines:

Even from a young age, children with an ASD will often prefer the same routines – feeding, sleeping or leaving the house needs to be done the same way every time. They might be upset by even minute changes. Many children with an ASD also like to repeat behaviour, like lining their toys up in a particular way over and over again. Individuals with an ASD may have a range of narrow and intense interests that capture their attention to the exclusion of other activities and interests.

Although each individual diagnosed with an ASD has these 3 core characteristics that define their condition, it does not define them as a person. Every person with an ASD is a unique individual with their own set of likes, dislikes, personality and capabilities. Get to know someone in your school community who has an ASD or talk to their parents and remember to be Autism Aware.

For more information call 1300 288 476 or visit http://www.autismtas.org.au/
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

DEVONPORT BASKETBALL INC. - BIDDY BALL
Biddy Ball is an introductory basketball program for children in grade 1 and 2. Held at Devonport Basketball Stadium, Forbes Street, Devonport on Mondays for 9 weeks commencing on 9th May, 2011.

Girls 3.30-4.30 pm, Boys 4.30 – 5.30 pm. Cost $40.00 with a ball or $35.00 without a ball.

Register before 2nd May at the Devonport Basketball office. For further details contact Jan on 6424 2440.

42 SOUTH SURF SCHOOL – LEARN TO SURF
42 South Surf School is holding SAFE SURFING holiday programs for both boys and girls

Devonport 10-12 pm Sat April 30th
Ulverstone 10-12pm Sun May 1st

Cost: $40.00 includes 2 hours of surfing tuition, surfboard hire and wetsuit hire. To register phone 0419 120 704 or 42southsurf@gmail.com or www.sasurfschools.com.au/surfschools/42southsurfschool/

WARRIORS BASKETBALL CLUB – HOLIDAY CLINIC
Under 12 boys and girls Holiday Clinic with USA import Eric Gaff and senior Warriors players from 10.00am – 3.00 pm on Tuesday 26th April, 2011 at Devonport Basketball Stadium.

Cost $30.00 (includes lunch). Registration forms available at the Devonport Basketball office or from Sheffield School office. For bookings and enquiries please phone 6424 9300.

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