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

Dear Parents,

**NAPLAN Results 2011**

Parents of grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students recently received their individual results for the National testing of literacy and numeracy.

A summary of results for all of our students is given in the table below, showing the percentage of students in each grade achieving or exceeding the national benchmark.

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Teachers use this testing in two ways

Firstly, to identify those students who are not meeting the benchmarks, and ensure that they are getting the support needed to help them achieve.

Secondly, to identify areas that are a focus for improvement. An example from the testing last year was writing, where we adopted an intensive group working model in the primary area of the school, and teachers provided more writing focused teaching and learning sessions. As a result of this, all students in grade 3 and 5 reached the benchmark this year.

**How can parents help?**

1. Ensure your child attends school regularly. A number of children who did not meet the benchmarks also had a large number of absences.

2. Encourage your child to actively participate in home programs. This may be in the form of home reading or homework activities.

3. Show your child that you are interested in and value their education. You can do this by asking about their work, and talking with teachers about their progress not only at report time, but throughout the year.

**MALCOLM MOORE**  
**PRINCIPAL**
### Calendar dates....

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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
IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KENTISH EMPLOYERS
Changes to Minimum Shift for Secondary Students

Recently the Australian Government revised the minimum number of working hours for casual workers who attend secondary school. The changes bring into effect the minimum daily shift now being 1.5 hours provided the following conditions are met.

General Retail Industry Award 2010 (Tasmania)

Casual Employees
13.4 The minimum daily engagement of a casual is three hours, provided that the minimum engagement period for an employee will be one hour and 30 minutes if all of the following circumstances apply:
(a) the employee is a full-time secondary school student; and
(b) the employee is engaged to work between the hours of 3.00 pm and 6.30 pm on a day which they are required to attend school; and
(c) the employee agrees to work, and a parent or guardian of the employee agrees to allow the employee to work, a shorter period than three hours; and
(d) employment for a longer period than the period of the engagement is not possible either because of the operational requirements of the employer or the unavailability of the employee.

This information can be found on the Fair Work Australia website.

If you are a local business and needs that little extra labour between 3pm-6:30pm, consider hiring a young person for a few hours.

Chris Clark
Community Youth Project Officer
Kentish Council

Rachael Matchett
Pathway Planning Officer
Sheffield School

3-6 Mini Fair
The 3-6 Mini Fair will be held on Friday 4th November 1.30pm-2.30pm in the undercover area between the gym and the primary corridor. Students are able to purchase fair vouchers from their teachers for 50c each. Vouchers will be available for purchase at the fair.

THIS MONTH’S CANTEEN SPECIAL
Tuesday/Wednesday Only

Fried Rice
Large $3.50
Small $2.50
Soya Sauce or Chilli Sauce optional
(Must be pre-ordered)
CLASSES FOR 2011
Staff are beginning the process of establishing class lists for the 2012 school year. This process aims to ensure equitable classes based on class size and ability levels. Allocations to classes are based on many factors: mix of sexes, range of learning abilities and strengths of individuals. Our prime consideration is to continue the ongoing educational developments of all students. Change throughout schooling is a part of this development, in order that our students experience a wide range of teaching and learning styles. Careful consideration is given to the placement of all students.

If you have a concern relating to the education needs of your child, please make an appointment to meet with the relevant staff member:
- K-2 Debbie May
- 3-6 Catrina Davies/Angela Craze
- 7-10 Carmen Pearce

Appointments must be made before Friday 4 November, 2011

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2012
Kindergarten enrolments for 2012 are now being accepted, children eligible to enrol are those who will be turning 5 in 2012. Enrolment forms are available from the school office in Henry Street or from the Kindergarten at the early childhood campus. Forms and enrolment information will be available from the Launching into Learning playgroup run on Wednesdays in the Kindergarten.

For further information please contact Mr Moore at the school office on 6491 8222 or come in and speak to the kindergarten teacher Mr Hinrichsen at the early childhood campus.

2011 SCHOOL MAGAZINE
This year’s school magazine can be ordered through the office for just $20 per copy. A limited number of copies are produced every year, so make sure you secure your copy at your earliest convenience. The magazine includes all class photos, kinder student’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.

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

2011 School Magazine Order
Name ________________________ Class/Home Room ____ wish to purchase ____ (copy/copies of the 2011 school magazine. Amount $ enclosed _____

Signed: ________________________ Date: ______________________
POSITION VACANT

Experienced relief milker for our school farm required for alternate weekends. Please phone Mrs Butcher at school on 64918222 if interested.

UPDATE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

At the end of term 2 Sheffield School moved across to several new departmental computer systems including Finance and Student Administration. This implementation may have brought about changes to the student information that you have already supplied to the school for your child or children. These changes have come about because records from several schools where your children attend have been joined together to create a single record for each parent and emergency contact across the family.

*Student Information Validation Forms* were mailed to all parents/guardians on Friday 2nd September 2011.

If you have not already done so, would you please carefully check the information on the form and update or correct any information that may require updating. If you did not receive a validation form for your child, please contact the school office to obtain another.

Your child’s doctor information is not required unless you would like the school to have this for the management of a specific medical condition. This means that when a medical service is required the school will contact the parent/guardian, listed emergency contacts or other medical service, doctor or ambulance - whichever is appropriate at the time.

Your cooperation and understanding with our data update is appreciated.

NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS FOR LEVIES & OTHER SCHOOL CHARGES

Our new finance system includes additional payment options for parents/guardians to pay accounts received from the school including levies. All payment options are listed on the back of the invoice you receive but include BPAY and Service Tas. Please note that you can also pay for children at different schools at Service Tas with one payment. There is also the option of automatic deductions from Centrelink benefits. Forms are now available from the school office.

MOVE WELL EAT WELL

www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Milo in2CRICKET

Milo in2CRICKET is an introductory program for boys and girls 5 to 10 years of age. Sessions will be run by Sheffield Cricket Club cricketers and interested parents, with emphasis on participation, skill development and enjoyment.

In2CRICKET program will commence on Saturday 12th November with registration starting at 8.45am at the Sheffield Cricket Ground. Sessions prior to Christmas will be held on the 19th and 26th November, 3rd, 8th, and 13th of December. Tuesday the 13th of December will also be our Christmas party (information will be provided closer to the date.) Post Christmas sessions will be Saturday mornings 9am to 10am, January 21st and 28th.

Cost is $60 per child payable at time of registration. Each child participating in the program will receive a bat, ball, kit bag, certificate of participation, hat and t-shirt.

Any players who would like to register are encouraged to visit this website below and register as a player with the Sheffield Cricket Club. Alternatively, players can fill in registration forms on the day. www.in2cricket.com.au

MIANDETTA PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR

Friday 28 October 2011 starting at 4.00pm – Fireworks at 8.30pm
Come along and enjoy the excitement of a magical fireworks display, white elephant stall, chocolate wheel, cake and produce stall, fruit and vegies, hot lamb rolls, devonshire teas, lucky jars, Halloween room and much much more !!!!

HIGH SCHOOL SIX-A-SIDE SOCIAL SOCCER COMPETITION

Age: Grade 7 – 10 students.
When: Friday nights at 5:15pm.
    Starts this Friday (28 October).
Where: Valley Road Soccer Ground.
Create a team (6 – 10 players needed) or turn up and you will be put into a side.
Cost: $50 per team (no weekly fees).
For more information contact Andrew Groves: andrew.groves@dhhs.tas.gov.au

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