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

Dear Parents,

Swimming Carnival and Assembly
Our recent swimming carnival was a fantastic day for staff, students and parents who attended. It was held in glorious weather at the Devonport pool, and the participation of students in the competitive and the novelty events was excellent.

Thanks to all staff, but particularly Mr Hays, Miss Scattergood and Mr Daly for their organisation of the day. Also thank you and congratulations to our House Captains, Kiara Mawer, Sam Braid, Zayna Mullholland, Kyron Glozier, Sarah McLean, Corey Mason, Lillian Maddick, Korey Mather, Madalan Page, Troy Freeman, Timothy Oakley and Pyper Page for their help in organising students for the events throughout the day.

Students are eagerly awaiting the results of the grade championships, and the house competition to be announced at our first Grade 3 to grade 10 Assembly, next Wednesday at 12.00. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Computers for Grade 9 and 10 Students
Our grade 9 and 10 students have been issued with Acer Tablets this week, and students can choose to take them home for use until the end of their grade 10 year. Teachers and students have put in much preparation for the use of the tablets in how work is presented and distributed for students, and how students organise and store their work. As well as the benefits that come from having access to on-line resources and the learning software available on the machines or our school network, we are excited about the opportunity for students to have access to all their work, and teacher resources on their tablet - anytime, anywhere.

We believe that this initiative, coinciding with students studying the Australian Curriculum will be of great benefit to students. Please feel free to give us feedback on this new development throughout the year.

Michael Grose - Parenting Ideas
Our school has entered into a partnership with Michael Grose, a leading psychologist and Director of Parenting Ideas. We will be publishing through our school newsletter and via our school website, materials for parents on issues that we all encounter working with, and raising children in our ever changing society.

The first of these articles is quite timely, titled "Keeping Kids Safe In A Cyber World", and is included with today's newsletter.

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Sheffield School Association Annual General Meeting.

The AGM will be held next Thursday 15th March in the Vet Room commencing at 7.00pm. This will be followed by the general meeting. All parents are invited to attend.

Nominations for parent positions on the School Council close next week on Wednesday 14th March. Four vacancies need to be filled. Nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Primary 3-6 Book Club

This year we will be running book club along the primary corridor.

Your child should have brought home the catalogues for the first issue. If you wish to purchase a book, please complete the order form on the corresponding catalogue and return to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. The due date for orders from the first issue is TOMORROW 9 March 2012.

As we are trying to encourage reading at school, when children have a birthday we will be allowing them to choose a book from a selection that we receive for supporting the Book Club program. Students who have already had their birthday this year will be able to select a book once the first issue orders arrive later in March.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

A reminder to parents of children playing soccer this year that the completed registration form needs to be returned and payment made to the school office prior to Monday 19 March 2012. (Cheques to be made payable to the Sheffield School)
School Photos 2012

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 4 April and Thursday 5 April. Photos will be taken outside, therefore if the weather is inclement photo sessions may need to be postponed. A timetable for the photos will be included in the next newsletter.

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 with payment needs to be returned to school by Thursday 29 March.

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.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

Sheffield SRC, Leadership and Citizenship class and staff will be participating in the Relay for Life at Penguin, March 24th/25th. We are fundraising by recycling old mobile phones. We will earn $3 for every phone collected. A clearly labelled collection boxes can be found at the school office and Early Childhoon Campus. Also, our SRC students will visit homerooms daily to collect old phones from students until Wednesday 14th of March.
CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Kinder Kids....

A new intake of ‘Kinder Kids’ wearing ever so small school uniforms with beaming faces under big hats, have become part of our school community. As they are introduced to ‘school life’ they instantly become exposed to sharing and caring for others beyond their family unit. Their world has broadened and they are finding out the best ways to cope with new and different situations. We are so fortunate to have beautifully patient and well equipped staff to help them integrate into their new surrounds.

“We are not born with good or bad feelings about ourselves – we learn them from others.”

It’s a privilege to invest both time and energy into our new little students that they might develop good character towards one another and judging by the smiles on their faces, they also are pleased to be a part of our school environment. It’s been great to see healthy lunch-boxes to give them good energy for the day along with special little reminders as I saw today, by way of a photo in their uniform pocket for times when they may be missing their Mum and Dad. The Staff at Sheffield School are all committed to shaping these young lives with positivity, ensuring good self-esteem for their growth throughout the year.

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.

Esther Wass

Acknowledgement: The National School chaplaincy Program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

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Tap into Water every day and limit sweet drinks - aim to increase water consumption and reduce the consumption of sweet drinks. Drinking water instead of sweet drinks provides hydration for concentration and learning and promotes healthy teeth. movewelleatwell@dhhs.tas.gov.au
**Instrumental and Vocal Tuition 2012**

Sheffield School has run a Music tuition program since 2005 as an optional extra to supplement the classroom music program. The Music Department finds qualified and or experienced tutors who are well known for their skills as musicians and teachers. We are delighted to have the following tutors available for 2012:

- **Marie Cole - Flute, Clarinet, Recorder and Saxophone**
  0429 482 119

- **Lucy Crowther - Brass – 0448 127343**

- **Sue Andrzejczak - Piano, Keyboard, Violin and Cello – 0408 282 744**

- **Guy Jeffrey - Drum Kit - 0418 851 034**

- **John Baxter - Guitar, Electric/Bass Guitars – 0403 318 944**

- **Dominique Baker - Voice - 6426 1118**

The tutor program is a user pays system between the parent and tutor. Parents can call the numbers above to organise lessons for their child.

The cost is $25.00 a lesson (for individual lessons) or 12.50 (for paired lessons) for 10 weeks of the school term. This is current union rates. Tutors will teach students the correct technique on their instrument/voice. This may include learning scales, rudiments and exercises to improve tone. Students will study a variety of pieces/songs chosen to teach new concepts and reinforce skills already learnt or new skills to be learnt. Students will be given sheet music to take home and practice.

If your child is absent from school and you notify the tutor in advance then the tutor can organise a catch up lesson at the end of the term. If you don’t notify the tutor in advance then that lesson is forfeited. Parents who pay for a term in advance get a discount of one lesson eg $225.00/$112.50 a term. Some tutors will accept weekly payments in cases of financial hardship but will follow the policy, no money = no lesson.

Students come out of class for a lesson on a set day and set time. The school provides instruments free of charge for lessons and for overnight practice. The School also has Kentish Band instruments available for yearly hire. Please see Miss Tawse for details.

**Miss Tawse and Mrs Smallbon**

**School spray jackets**

We have 2 only (size large) of the former school spray jackets left at a special price of $10.00. Be quick!!!!!!

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
New uniforms

With the colder weather approaching, now is the time to purchase a new school jacket. We have new stock available at the school office.

National Youth Week Sports Forum

On the 18th of April a sports forum will be held in our gymnasium at school as part of National Youth Week. A range of sports people, past students and role models from our community will speak with students in regard to healthy eating and healthy lifestyle choices. There will be two separate forums: Early childhood/primary will meet from 11.20 – 11.50 am and Secondary students will meet from 12.00 – 12.50 pm.

Our parent community is also invited to attend to gain insight from our special guests. One of our goals is to increase both student and community awareness of the healthy choices that are available to us on the daily basis.

This event has been organised by our Move Well Eat Well committee, which is a small volunteer group comprising of teachers, parents and support staff. If you would like to be involved please don’t hesitate to contact the school office for more information.

We look forward to seeing you at the forum.

Coming soon to Kentish - National Youth Week 2012

There will be LAN Games, poetry & storytelling, cardboard house building, another skate park tour and 3 giant water fights.

Pickup your NYW brochure from the school office or go to www.kycstart.org.au

Registrations are essential for many of the activities so get yours in ASAP. For more information contact Chris Clark on 6491 2500 or Chris@kentish.tas.gov.au
Keeping kids safe in a cyber world

Social media sites have taken cyber bullying and harassment to a new level. Here’s how to keep your kids safe when online.

Cyber bullying is one of the biggest, safety issues facing young people today. Bullying and harassment online is now commonplace. For instance, over a third of teenage girls have been sexually harassed via the Internet.

The emergence of social media sites has seen cyberbullying go to a new level. Messages and images can now spread like wildfire reaching a huge potential audience in the time it takes to upload an image or shoot off a text message.

Once the family home offered young people an escape from schoolyard bullies. Now the cyber world is so invasive that their bedrooms offer no guarantees of safety any more.

The cyber world is enticing. Young people have always wanted to escape from their parents’ world. In the past they hung out in shopping centres and pool halls. Parents tried their best to keep an eye on where their children were and what they were doing.

The online world is now the shopping mall of the 21st Century. Parents have the same responsibility to help kids stay safe in the online world as they do in the real world. ’Stranger danger’ and accompanying safe behaviours are just as relevant in the online world as they are in the real world.

Parents should use the same offline preventative strategies to maximise their children’s online safety as they’ve always used. These strategies include: teaching children about the right way to behave online; don’t let them spend all night in the cyber world; and ask questions about what they are doing and where they go when they’re online.

Parents need to remind kids that things in the online world can spin out of control very quickly. A written message or an image can be circulated electronically so rapidly that the scope and scale of cyber bullying can be greater than any other form of bullying.

The following seven key messages form the basis of an online safety strategy for kids. They should be taught to kids so they become second nature, just as the messages about stranger danger were absorbed by an earlier generation.

1. Respect others. Make kids aware that what they send can offend. Discuss with kids the types of messages and images that can cause harm to others when sent. Teenagers often walk a fine line with what they do and say to each other offline, yet it’s relatively harmless. The same type of behaviour online however can be a different story.

2. Think before you send. Remind kids cyberspace is a very public and permanent forum. A text message or image sent to just one person can be passed to a potentially unlimited number. Once they are sent they’re almost impossible to erase and take back.

3. Treat online passwords like your house key. Teach kids to keep passwords guarded at all times. Young people can be incredibly trusting of each other, which is to be encouraged. However there are some things, such as online passwords that they don’t share, not even with their best friend.

4. Block bullies. Teach kids to block bullying messages. They can filter out messages and addresses online. Similarly, they can block text messages from bullies as well.

5. Don’t reply to harassment. Bullies can retain proof of your response, which can further be spread around. Besides responding to bullying behaviour often simply encourages the bully to continue.

6. Save the evidence. If kids are bullied they should keep the pictures and offending messages. These can be used as proof if the bullies are brought to justice.

7. Tell someone. The insidious part of bullying is that kids on the receiving end often don’t seek help, as they think there’s something wrong with them. Talk with kids about going to a trusted adult, when they feel their rights or safety have been violated. They should use your help report online bullying to the appropriate service provider.

Sticking the proverbial head in the sand regarding kids’ use of communications technology is no longer an option for parents. Savvy parents need to learn as much as they can about children’s and young people’s online lives so they can respond to situations appropriately.
Dance classes

Non-competitive dance classes promoting movement to music and enjoyment of dance whilst learning some ballet/jazz techniques.

Wednesday afternoons at Barrington Hall (next to the Barrington shop) approximate ages from 3-4 to 11-12. **Contact Kelcie for more information 0487 173132**

Piano Lessons

With Madeleine Dyer - Fun, relaxed lessons, beginners welcome, piano and keyboard, AMEB syllabus and exams – Saturday mornings –

**Contact information 0477 972 760 or madeleine.f.dyer@gmail.com**

Hook2Hockey

Devon Hockey is running a modified hockey program catering for children of all abilities from Grades 3-6. The program will include two skill training sessions (29th March and 5th April at 5pm) and roster games will run from the 19th April 2012 until July 26th between 4-6pm on Thursdays at the North West Hockey Centre ground (there are no games during holiday breaks). Note: Grade 6s may play in this roster and/or the Under 14 roster.

They are also running a full field under 14 roster catering for students from Grades 6 - 9. This roster will run on Saturday Mornings from the 21st April to 4th August from 9am – 11am at the North West Hockey Centre ground (there are no games during holiday breaks).

**Registration & equipment purchase can be done on the Thursday 29th March 4-6pm or on Saturday 31st March 9.30 – 11.30 am at Meercroft Hockey Centre – Devonport.**

For more information contact Jess Ryan on 0438571525 (after 3.30pm), jess.ryan@education.tas.gov.au or Sharlene Hardy on 0419367433 / 64273338 or cjsmhardy@bigpond.com

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Malcolm Moore, Principal