From the Principal ……………………..

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2, I hope students have had a relaxing and enjoyable break ready to meet the challenges of the winter term.

Unfortunately during the break we had a person or persons remove a treated pine post panel from the surrounds of our grounds and enter the secondary oval with their vehicle, cutting up the grass before ramming the soccer goal posts causing significant damage. These actions are extremely disappointing and have impacted significantly on those students who frequently use this area of our grounds. If anyone has any information regarding the person/people responsible for this vandalism please contact the police.

STAFF CHANGES

Continuing the theme of bad news, over the holidays our Principal Mr Moore sustained a serious injury to his back. The recovery and rehabilitation process from this injury will take all of term 2. Our thoughts and best wishes are with Mr Moore as he recovers from this injury. In Mr Moore’s absence I will take up the role of Principal, whilst Miss Carmen Pearce will become the Assistant Principal.

We welcome Mr Scott Simpson to our Grade 10 team, replacing Mrs Haberle who is on long service leave this term. Miss Ellen Parsons has also joined our staff and will be replacing Mrs Katharine Bransden who will commence maternity leave at the end of the week. We wish both Katharine and Clinton well in this exciting chapter of their life and eagerly await the news of their new arrival.

MODERATION / PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAYS

As parents would be aware this year the Australian Curriculum is being implemented in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science. During the Moderation / Professional Learning days held recently our staff collaborated with other staff from across our cluster and the wider network of schools in the North West Learning Service, to further develop a common understanding of the assessment standards associated with the new curriculum.
The ultimate aim of these days is to ensure equity in assessment across all schools i.e. a work sample from a student in Sheffield may be assessed at a ‘C’ rating, and if that piece of work were assessed by a teacher in another school we would expect the same assessment. The feedback from our staff in regard to the progress achieved from these opportunities to work with their colleagues from other schools has been extremely positive and beneficial.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**
Recently, I have been made aware of the excellent achievements of two of our students.

Monica Tanner will travel to Victoria early in July to compete in the inaugural Victorian Vaulting Championships in Werribee. The sport is a combination of dance and gymnastics on horse back! We wish her the best of luck in her endeavours.

Clodagh Sims, who has been completing a Creative Writing course online this year, has written the next chapter for the ‘Never Ending Story’ to appear in the Hobart Mercury Newspaper on Tuesday July 2nd. A wonderful achievement Clodagh, a reward for all of your hard work and effort.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
In recent times we have had a taste of the cold and wintery conditions ahead over the next few months. Our students with the support of parents have presented extremely well in school uniform over the course of term 1. Unfortunately with the colder weather we often see students wearing jumpers and hoodies that are not a part of our school uniform. As a school we have now included a fleecy jacket option for Primary students and a wind stopper jacket for Secondary students as a measure to counter the colder weather. I would appreciate parent support to ensure students continue to wear their full school uniform during both terms 2 and 3.

**TERM DATES 2013**
Recently the Minister for Education announced that Tasmania will come in to line with all other states and territories in the nation in moving to a four term model. The term dates for 2013 are included below. These dates can also be accessed on the Education Department website [http://www.education.tas.gov.au](http://www.education.tas.gov.au).

Term 1 – Monday 4 February to Friday 19 April
Easter Break – Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April
Term 2 – Monday 6 May – Friday 5 July
Term 3 – Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4 – Monday 14 October – Thursday 19 December

*Teachers commence on 4 February and students commence on 5 February 2013.*

**Students finish on 19 December and teachers finish on 20 December 2013.**

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**TERM DATES FOR REMAINDER OF 2012**

Term 2 - Tuesday 19 June to Friday 7 September

Term 3 - Tuesday 25 September to Thursday 20 December

Student Free Day – Monday 24 September

Public Holiday – Monday 5 November

Devonport Show Public Holiday – Friday 30 November

**PAYMENT OF SCHOOL LEVIES**

Thank you to those families who have paid their levies in full. As stated in our document “School Levies Policy & Charges 2012 – Information for Parents” levies were due to be paid by end of Term 1.

As any unpaid levies are now overdue recovery action will now commence as per this policy document. Please contact our School Executive Officer, Charmaine Butcher to discuss your account.
DRUG ACTION WEEK

On the 5th July, Grade 9 students will travel to Reece High School in Devonport for Drug Action week. The theme is ‘Be drug aware’ and we are fortunate to have the opportunity to listen to Father Chris Riley as well as a recovered drug user who will talk about her journey.

A parent/community forum will be held from 7-9:30pm on the 5th July. This will also take place at Reece High School. Father Chris will speak, followed by an expert panel featuring a police officer, a lawyer and a general practitioner who will be able to answer questions about drugs and the impact of drugs in our community. Everybody is welcome!

JOURNALISM EXHIBITIONS

Journalism students have recently completed their major projects using Adobe Photoshop. We have four new exhibitions displayed:

- Sophia Dyer and Jane Kim’s exhibition as well as Cassie Rogers’ exhibition is outside the main office area
- Maddisson Lockett’s exhibition is situated outside the library/VET area
- Yaminah Taylor’s exhibition is featured in the Sheffrock Café.

Please feel free to visit and enjoy the incredible talent of our Grade 9 and 10 students.

THE FRED HOLLOWS FOUNDATION

On Friday 22nd June the Grade 10 SRC hosted a casual clothes day to raise funds for the Fred Hollows Foundation. The guiding philosophy of the foundation is that everyone has the right to sight.

The Foundation works through Africa, Asia and Australia focusing on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health.

The Leadership and Citizenship were very happy to support this worthwhile cause and decorated “Eye Biscuits” as a thank you for all the gold coin donations.

We were overwhelmed with the support and had to make another 50 biscuits.

Congratulations Sheffield students on having such a generous social conscience. It is estimated to cost $25 to restore sight and we donated $321.55 so we have assisted some 13 people to regain sight.
2012 SCHOOL MAINLAND TRIP REPORT

A very, very tired but happy group of grade 9 & 10 students, and staff, arrived home following another most successful mainland trip.

We travelled on The Spirit of Tasmania to Melbourne where the educational feature of our stay was The Old Melbourne Gaol Experience where we enjoyed The Ned Kelly Experience, participated in a mock court case involving culpable driving, and undertook the Watch House experience. We also took in tram rides, AFL footy, Luna Park and of course shopping at the Victoria Market!

Next we travelled by coach to Canberra where we participated in a variety of educational programmes focussed on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. We visited both “new” and “old” Parliament Houses, the National War Memorial, the National Museum, and Questacon - the National Science Centre. We were pleased to meet and chat to our local member for Lyons, The Honourable Dick Adams.
AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $150 per participating student, under the Parliamentary and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme, towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution has already been deducted from your trip cost.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

Next stop was Sydney where we visited Taronga Zoo where the highlights were seal and bird shows. We took a ferry ride past the Sydney Opera House and under The Sydney Harbour Bridge to the Sydney Aquarium in Darling Harbour. Then it was into the city centre for some more shopping! Two brave souls even ventured out early in the morning to catch a bit of the Sunrise show.

After 7 very full on days we flew to Launceston and finally coached back to school.

Trips such as these always remain a highlight in one’s memories of school. They are great fun as well as being educational, and all students gain so much self-confidence and other very important life skills they would not otherwise be able to do in the normal school program.

Congratulations to all the students for their excellent behaviour – they were all great ambassadors for Sheffield School.

Thanks also to fellow staff, Mrs Haberle, Miss Pearce and Mr Daly who gave up their time (and sleep) to accompany the group.

Norm Gregory (Trip co-ordinator)

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
**PATHWAYS NEWS**

**For any students (and parents) interested in a career in Health Science**

The School of Human Life Sciences will be holding an information session for students and parents at the UTAS Cradle Coast Campus, 16 Mooreville Road, Burnie on **Tuesday 10 July** between 4.30 – 5.30pm.

The session will include both course and career information in the areas of Biomedical Science, Environmental Health, Medical Radiation Science, Exercise Science and other health science related career paths.

For more information contact Sue Musgrave on 63245477 or susan.musgrave@utas.edu.au

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**UTAS ARE BRINGING DR KARL KRUSZELNICKI TO BURNIE!**

This is a FREE EVENT and bookings are not required.
**Friday 31st August** between 7pm – 8:15pm

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki will present: *Great Moments in Science*, Followed by a Q & A session.
This FREE event is open to the public and will be held at Marist Regional College - Harcombe Centre, Paraka Street, BURNIE.

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I have been meeting with Grade 10 students throughout term one. The Pathway Planning process has commenced with a discussion around each student’s vision for their future & exploring their individual aspirations. Many students have made a record of actions they would like to follow up on through term two and for the remainder of the year. For students who have completed this process, I am aiming to send communication home for parents’ information over the next few weeks. I will continue to meet with students again each term to help all students prepare as fully as possible for whatever they decide to do in 2013.

Dr Karl Kruszelnicki is best known as an author and science commentator on Australian radio and television. In 2002, he was honoured with the prestigious Nobel prize awarded by Harvard University in the USA for his ground-breaking research into 'Belly Button Lint and why it is almost always blue'.

*Please don’t hesitate to contact Rachel if you have any questions.*

**DRUM TUTOR**

We are delighted to announce we have a new drum tutor, his name is Lewis Elliott. Lewis will be tutoring drums on Tuesdays. For further information Lewis can be contacted on 0488 227 943 or see Ms Tawse for further information.
Prior to the holidays, there was a flurry of activity with our 9s and 10s heading over to the Mainland with four of our amazing teachers to oversee that everyone had a great time. From what I hear, this was achieved with ease. Our Grade 8s went to Camp for the last three days of term and again, with weather that was just perfect (and even warm at times, making the beach walk spectacular) and food that was so much more than what most of us remember camp food to be, everyone had a wonderful time! The teachers did a great job of keeping everyone busy and we all participated and conquered our fears on the giant swing and flying fox (even me)!

Term II is starting with lunch time activities on a Monday. Jean Hawkins is coming in to teach us how to knit squares for ‘Mission without Borders’. After we have all created our unique square/s of colour and pattern, she will connect them together producing beautifully warm blankets to send overseas to surrounding areas of Ukraine and Romania. They are challenged from crippling economic conditions where winter can plummet to minus 40 degrees.

Our second ‘Craft for a Cause’ will start about three weeks into Term 2 as Susan Dunn has offered to help us create an old fashioned ‘bunting’ to string up in the classroom of a South African school / orphanage. I have a personal friend who lives over there presently as their Youth Pastor and Teacher. We hope to share photos of our different schools, giving our students a greater insight into the conditions of this faraway place and a visual of where their craft is going. We already have a head start in this project as Jill Clutterbuck (Mrs Maddick’s mum) has donated some knitted beanies and toys to send off to the orphanage.

I love it when momentum kicks in quickly and ideas are born into being a real and productive project, it warms the hearts of everyone. I am thrilled with the response of our wonderful community and can’t thank everyone enough for the support that overflows into our school.

**Request**

*We will be using 4mm (or No. 8) knitting needles and 8 ply wool. If you have any of the above spare, we would gladly put them to good use!*

Looking forward to a purposeful Term….

*Thank you in advance to those mentioned in this article for the investment of their time and energy to make a difference in our world!*

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**Esther**

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DEVON NETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

2012 NETSETGO! WINTER PROGRAM

Commences 18 July 2012

Time: 5.00pm – 6.00 pm (5-8 year olds) Kinder-Grade 2

Spreyton Primary School gymnasium

Please contact the Netball Centre office to reserve a place for your child
Email: admin@devonnetball.com.au Phone: 64 272 786 (Wed & Thurs only)

SHEFFIELD LIBRARY WINTER READING SESSION

A children’s interactive reading time at Sheffield Library. Activities following reading
Thursday July 12 at 3.30 pm

Aimed at young children up to the age of 8

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Malcolm Moore, Principal