From the Principal

Dear Parents,

A reminder that tomorrow, **Friday April 19 is a Moderation Day (students do not attend)**. This day involves staff from across a range of schools meeting to moderate work samples to ensure a common understanding of assessment against the Australian Curriculum achievement standards.

**Staffing Term 2**
Firstly, congratulations to Carmen Pearce who during the course of the term following a selection process was appointed substantively as our Assistant Principal, certainly very well deserved! At the same time we farewell Carmen as she commences maternity leave. Our best wishes are extended to both Carmen and her husband Nathan as they embark on a very exciting chapter in their life. We will eagerly await news of the addition to their family.

Whilst Ms Pearce is on leave, Mrs Catrina Davies and Mr Jamie Skirving will share the Assistant Principal position. This will mean Mr Marcus Bakes will perform the AST role in Primary fulltime during that period. We are very fortunate at Sheffield to have such depth and capacity in leadership and I expect a seamless transition for these staff in to their new roles term 2.
To support these changes Mr Jake Tammens will be taking up a part time position to teach grade 9 Science and some MDT classes. At this stage Mrs Nicole Poulton will be taking some classes in the primary section of the school on a Thursday. We also welcome back Mrs Smallbon from maternity leave for one day a week in the K-2 area of the school.

**Anzac Assembly**
Yesterday we held our Anzac Day assembly in the Recreation and Related Arts Building. This special occasion marked our first K-10 assembly for the year. We were fortunate to have the President of the RSL Sheffield Sub Branch, David Innes and his wife Josie in attendance as well as a number of parents and other members of the Sub Branch.
Mr Innes spoke to the students about the importance of Anzac Day and the tradition and spirit that was forged when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula. He talked about the special qualities (determination, courage, bravery, mateship, spirit) that our soldiers displayed during the 8 month period in conflict, at a location now known as Anzac Cove. Mr Innes encouraged students to try and apply many of these qualities demonstrated by the servicemen and women in to their lives today. Mr Innes also announced the winners of the RSL Sheffield Sub Branch Anzac Day competitions;

- Grade 7 Anzac essay competition winners – Tom Rockliff, Lillian Maddick, Daniel Smith;
- Prep-6 “What is mateship?” task winners –Abbey Boutcher, Samantha Denby, Carly Searle, Ellowyn Thomson

Mr Innes commented on the excellent quality of all of the entries submitted and thanked the teaching staff for their support of the competition. This year’s program included a musical tribute performed by the Sophia Dyer, Hollie Jackson and Jane Kim ‘Hero of War ‘ as well as the reading of the Anzac poem ‘Not a Hero’ by Abbey Boutcher and Maddison Rouse, and the respect offered in the laying of wreaths by students representing each section of the school. Students selected to lay wreaths this year at our school Anzac assembly were: Early Childhood: Bonnie Sullivan and Rueben May; Primary: Emily Barnes and Nathan Huett; Secondary: Cassie Dunlop and Lachlan Brown. The assembly was conducted this year by Meg Williams and Courtney Davies. Thank you to all of the people who contributed to this year’s assembly.

**Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Liam Davies who will be travelling to Albury between the 19 - 28 April to compete in the Junior Tri State Polo Cross Championships involving Tasmania, NSW and Victoria. We wish Liam the best of luck and look forward to a report on his return.

Kristy Mason has also recently experienced success at the Royal Sydney Easter Show. Kristy was awarded National Junior Dog Handler of the year and has won herself a trip to England in August where she will compete in the World Championships. A tremendous achievement!

Congratulations to all of our rowers who competed in the State All Schools Championships at Lake Barrington on the weekend. The results from the weekend are listed below, an amazing effort from a group of students that have only been rowing for six months.

- Sarah Rayner: 2nd in the under 13 single scull in the A final
- Lillian Maddick: 1st in the B final U13 single scull
- Rainee Stafford: qualified for the semi-finals in single
- Sarah and Lilly: 2nd in the A final of the U13 double scull
- Sarah, Lilly, Rainee Stafford, Kiara Rouse (Dev High) and Demelza Hayes 6th in A final U13 quad
- Jessica Temple, Georgina Rayner and Demelza Hayes (combined with 2 from St Brendans) 1st in the B final of U15 quad
Well done to all students for a fantastic term’s work. When I reflect on all of the student achievements and the compliments that have channelled back to me over the course of the term from staff, members of the public and from organisations external to the school in reference to our students here at Sheffield it is certainly very humbling. Students, continue to strive to do your best and represent your school with pride! Have a well deserved break and come back refreshed when term 2 starts on Monday May 6.

RON DALY
PRINCIPAL

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LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING
Due to the Student Free Day, there will be no Sheffield Launching into Learning Playgroup tomorrow. Sessions will recommence on Friday May 10th. We will be making things for Mother’s Day.

Choose a session time which suits you; either 11:15a.m. - 12:30p.m. or 1:30p.m. - 2:40p.m. It’s free, so tell your friends, come along and join us in the Kindergarten rooms.

Purple Day
Epilepsy Awareness (Purple day) was held on the 26th of March and was a great success with students from kinder to grade 10 wearing purple. Each student who donated a gold coin on the day received a delicious purple cupcake and all the proceeds($313.45) were sent to the Epilepsy Foundation. Thank you to everyone who dressed up and donated!
PRIMARY AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our three nominees and two winners for our Primary Aussie of the Month for February and March 2013!

**NOMINEES**

- **3/4 Dowie** - Ethan Duff
- **5 Pratt** - Keiffer Stafford
- **5/6 Richards** - Colby Hyland

**WINNERS**

- **FEBRUARY**
  - Grace Young
  - 3/4 Last/Mainwaring

- **MARCH**
  - Zackary Knowles
  - 6 Bakes
A number of Grade 10 students recently attended the “Discover the Top End of Tassie” forum at Devonport High School. They listened to a range of speakers talking about why they chose to live and work on the North West Coast and then worked in discussion groups. These groups discussed topics such as what problems professionals face working and living on the North West Coast and how to overcome them. The day was punctuated with a Barbeque lunch provided by the school.

‘Careers Resource Centre’

Sheffield School has once again been invited to be a part of the local ‘Careers Resource Centre’ coordinated by Tasmania Life Long Learning (TL3). This will involve a representative from various employment agencies visiting our school during terms 2 & 3 to offer support and resources to students interested in learning more about gaining employment or taking advantage of the services that the various employment agencies offer. If you or your students are interested in taking advantage of this offer, please contact Rachel to make an appointment. The schedule for this year is:

- Thursday 16th May – 11.00am to 1.00pm
- Thursday 13th June – 11.00am to 1.00pm
- Thursday 25th July – 11.00am to 1.00pm
- Thursday 22nd August – 11.00am to 1.00pm
- Thursday 19th September – 11.00am to 1.00pm
- Thursday 17th October – 11.00am to 1.00pm and
- Thursday 14th November – 11.00am to 1.00pm

FIE (Futures Into Engineering) Grade 10

The 2013 ‘Futures in Engineering’ program provides an authentic engineering experience by interacting with engineering professionals and academics across a range of interesting activities and projects. Applications for Grade 10 students interested in attending the ‘Northwest Discovery Experience’ on July 3rd will be closing on Wednesday 17th April. If you would like more information, please contact Rachel.

Grade 9 Health Day

On Friday 17th May, 4 Sheffield School students will attend a Health Careers Workshop day specifically designed for Grade 9 students. This program was established as it was becoming more difficult to ensure student work experiences were positive, appropriate to their level of study, and protected important considerations like workplace health and safety and patient confidentiality.

In previous years we have found the day of workshop programs to be very beneficial to Grade 9 students – both those considering a career in health, or those looking for career opportunities.
Dear Parents/Carers,

The Active After-schools Communities (AASC) program will commence on Monday 20th May (Netball, Soccer, Thunderhoc) and Wednesday 22nd June (Dodgeball, Volleyball, Futsal).

- The program will operate from **3pm – 4.00pm** and run for 7 weeks with the last sessions occurring during the week beginning 1st July.
- **Monday’s activities will be for grades 1 - 4 students only, whilst Wednesday’s activities will be for grades 3-6 only.**
- **Monday’s Sessions will be a combination of netball, soccer and thunderhoc.**
- **Wednesday’s Sessions will be dodgeball, volleyball and futsal.**
- Children not currently participating in sporting teams are strongly encouraged to participate and join the fun.
- Children will be provided with a healthy after school snack as well as a drink bottle.
- All sessions will be conducted by suitably qualified instructors endorsed by the AASC program.
- Provision will be made for inclement weather; sessions will be conducted indoors in the advent of wet weather.
- Students involved in the program will be supervised at all times and **need to meet the supervisor in the assembly area outside the gym immediately after school at 3pm.**

If your child/ren is interested in enrolling please complete the form below and return to the school office **by Friday 17th May.**

Please note: there will not be a confirmation slip sent home. Unless notified otherwise you can assume that your child/ren has been accepted into the chosen activity.

If you have any queries regarding the AASC program please don’t hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Tony Hays
AASC Program School Coordinator

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**AASC Program - Term 2 2013**

I would like to enrol my child/ren into the indicated activities.

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Signed ______________________ Contact Number ______________________
Raising Kids To Thrive!

"If we are to prepare children adequately for the future then parents need to take a step back and provide an environment that develops their confidence, their character and their resilience."

Currently there's a great deal of confusion about the best way to raise kids. The perception that the world is a dangerous place is causing us to close or over-protect our children. We have a greater propensity than our own parents did to satisfy our children's material demands, so we run the risk of raising an indulged generation.

Many children grow up with an exaggerated sense of entitlement to rights, freedoms and goods, which are often way beyond their means or grasp. In wanting what's best for kids we do run the risk of doing too much for them, giving them too much and also removing all risk from their environment.

If we are to prepare children adequately for the future then parents need to take a step back and provide an environment that develops their confidence, their character and their resilience.

It is these three qualities that will enhance children's prospects of future success in all areas of life, including their relationships, their family and their future working lives.

The development of one impacts on the others. When kids develop a greater sense of self-confidence they usually behave better and they are more likely to bounce back from setbacks, particularly social injustices.

Confidence
Confidence is about taking your rightful place in the world and grabbing your rightful space. It is about making the most of the opportunities presented to you. Confident kids take more learning risks and are likely to challenge themselves more than kids who are low on confidence. They are less likely to place limits on themselves or their achievements. Confidence is so crucial today as so many kids are anxious and fear failure.

Character
Character refers to the attitudes and behaviours a child develops that maximise his or her success. Personality may attract initial attention but it won't guarantee success. Character more than likely will. Character has greater substance and depth. The development of depth of character in children is at the heart of effective child-rearing. Character is about doing what's right, not what's easy.

Resilience
Children need to be resilient. They need to be able to bounce back from life's bigger and smaller setbacks. They need to experience the gamut of emotions that come with loss, failure, disappointment and other childhood hardships. Frustrations and difficulties they routinely face so they learn they can cope when life doesn't go their way. Resilience is linked with good mental health habits and also with a child's success.

These three qualities don't develop in a vacuum. They may develop by accident but wouldn't count on it. They best develop in an environment where parents purposefully adopt principles and techniques that promote them.

Using large family principles is at the core of the thriving way of parenting. It's not a return to the past. Rather, it's recognition that if we are to prepare our children adequately for the future, then we need to step back and provide an environment that develops their confidence, their character and their resilience. These qualities will enhance children's prospects of success in all areas of life in this constantly changing world.

Parents can find out more about the Thriving Way of parenting in my new book "Thriving! Raising exceptional kids with confidence, character and resilience." It's available at www.parentingideas.com.au

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Sheffield School Cuppa-For-Cancer

Sheffield School will be hosting a cuppa for cancer MORNING TEA on Wednesday 22nd May 2013. We were delighted with the community support last year and look forward to providing morning tea again this year for $5 a plate.

To assist with our catering students will deliver order forms to businesses early in May and collect completed forms by May 13th. Pre-ordered morning tea plates will be delivered from 9.30am on May 22nd and it will be COD.

We will also offer a sit down morning tea here at school for community members on Wed 22nd May. Entry will be from Main Street. A $5 morning tea plate consisting of hot and cold items will be available from 11am with a cuppa. We will also offer a trade table this year.

Any enquiries to Anna Maddick 64918222.

Dear Parents

AUSTSWIM and Royal Life Saving Society – Australia are urging parents whose children have undertaken swimming lessons to share their experiences in a new survey. The survey will enhance our understanding of Swimming and Water Safety programs for children aged 5–14 years old.

A main focus of the survey will be the accessibility, affordability and effectiveness of swimming and water safety programs for children aged 5–14. The survey will also determine just how well children develop their swimming and water safety skills.

Parents will also have the opportunity to comment on factors affecting their choice of swim school and instructor such as the reputation of their chosen swim school, the effectiveness and accreditation of the teachers, and what understanding and expectations they had of the skills being taught to their children. Each parent’s comments will contribute to research being conducted on drowning prevention in Australia. The outcomes of which are set to enhance the swimming and water safety skills of all Australian children.

All information will be treated in the strictest confidence and no identification of individual respondents will be made available. The survey will be open until 5pm Friday, 17 May 2013 and can be accessed via: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/parentswimsurvey Participants who complete the survey will go into the draw to win a double Hoyts movie pass or an Uncle Toby’s hamper worth $100. There are 50 double passes and 2 hampers up for grabs.
On the 12th of April, the Grade 10 SRC travelled to Launceston to attend the Global Leadership Conference held by the organisation ‘World Vision’. This conference was held to inspire leaders, to change the lives of children in other countries that are suffering from famine. It was particularly aimed at the organisation of the 40 hour famine in our school.

We started off the day with a game. We were all put into different groups and each group was to represent a different country. The aim of the game was to ‘survive’ through all the rounds by growing enough plants and animals on land, which would give us points. At the end of each round, we had to have enough points to ‘survive’. As the game progressed, it became clear that some countries had an abundance of food, while other countries were struggling to feed anyone.

After the game was finished the two MC’s told us that there was always enough food to feed everyone. While some countries were trying to make as many points as possible, others were starving. This is true in the world today. We learnt that there is enough food to feed 9 billion people, but because so many people treat it as a basic item, nearly one billion people in the world suffer some form of malnutrition.

All of us came out of the day inspired to do great things with the 40 hour famine, we want to raise as much money as possible so that we can change the lives of many people.

We would like to encourage everyone to participate in this great fundraiser!

Michael Dunn
Sheffield School’s “Music, Arts, Dance & Drama” events have become a serious ‘term marker’. They are such a fabulous opportunity for our young stars to shine.

Believe it or not, we all have creativity talents just bursting to come out of us. Not always is it in the form of ‘on stage’ performances. Hairdressing, home design, scrapbooking, cooking, writing and sports (along with many other areas I may have missed) all give opportunity for us to shine as the stars we are. Sometimes the seriousness of life prevents us from enjoying the fun side of things and from knowing where our talent lies. I have been enjoying watching the Voice over the last few nights on television. A young adult has combatted the effects of stuttering to sing like an angel, while others are inspiring as they get back up from the knocks of life and have another go at their dream. This show may not be everyone’s cup of tea, but I see it as such a positive outlet. The life stories of each contestant give us a glimpse of how positively music can be used to overcome difficult situations.

Our own school MADD nights bring another ‘face to face’ reason for students to become more confident, to manage their fears and anxieties in front of an audience and for this reason, I can’t applaud our teachers (Miss Tawse / Mrs Bentley & their helpers) enough for this amazing experience offered to all.

With Term 1 successfully completed, I hope that the holidays are restful….and maybe with a couple of lazy mornings coming up, there’ll be a few emerging voices……even if it is only in the shower!!!
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WHEN: Tuesday 30th April 9am - 1pm
COST: $30

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*Mouthguard essential, hockey stick and shin pads can be supplied

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There are several programs running throughout the school holidays.
Please phone for further details – The Zone 6423 4099

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