Dear Parents,

A reminder to parents that if your child is away from school please phone the school on 64918222, SMS 0447100250, or email – sheffield@education.tas.gov.au to notify staff of the reason for your child’s absence. This is a legal requirement of the Department of Education and assists the school to maintain accurate attendance data. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Reporting
Next Wednesday, 26 June mid-year reports will be sent home with students. Reports will inform parents of their child’s approach to their learning, their progress and areas where improvements can be made during the second part of the year. This year students will be reported against the achievement standards of the new Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science and History. Other subjects will continue to be assessed against the Tasmanian Curriculum Frameworks. I would like to thank staff for their hard work in preparing reports and encourage all parents/carers to take the opportunity to take part in parent/teacher discussions during the final week of term, Monday 1 July until Thursday 4 July. If you are unable to attend during this week I would encourage you to arrange an alternative time or a phone conference. Bookings can be made through the school office on 64 918 222 from Monday 24 June.

NAPLAN Achievement
Recently, Sheffield School along with two other Tasmanian High Schools received national recognition in the media due to their standings in an analysis conducted by the Grattan Institute on NAPLAN results and socio-economic status. Sheffield School was the 5th highest performing school in the nation in an analysis which considered 2012 grade 9 NAPLAN results against schools ranked in the bottom quarter of socio-economic disadvantage. This result is a reflection of all of the tremendous work and commitment to quality learning by all stakeholders within our school community.

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Bronte Page who has been selected to represent Tasmania as part of the Prince Phillip Games Team. Bronte participated in a selection process with other juniors from around the state where they were judged on their versatility and ability on riding different games and on different ponies. Bronte will be off to WA later in the year to compete against the other states in these games. Well done Bronte, we look forward to hearing about the experience on your return.
New Arrivals
This newsletter we offer our congratulations to two of our staff members and their respective partners; firstly to Ms Pearce and her husband Nathan on the birth of their first baby, Xavier Max and secondly to our IT Technician Tyson Verschuren and his wife Sarah on the birth of their daughter Lauren Kate. We wish both couples all the joy and happiness in their parenthood journeys.

School Banking
Recently I was speaking with Sammi Charles, the Bendigo Bank Devonport Branch Manager on the take up of school banking. It was pleasing to hear that a number of families have taken the opportunity to become involved in school banking with many more indicating an interest in taking it up in the future. As indicated before there are some great lessons to be learnt for children through school banking around financial literacy and budgeting and I would continue to encourage families that may be considering school banking to embrace this opportunity. Due to our relationship with Bendigo Bank around school banking they have extended the benefits of their Club Rewards program to our school community. Essentially this means that if family or friends of the Sheffield School community choose to be a Bendigo Bank customer the Sheffield School community will benefit directly in the form of a monetary contribution. For more information on this program please contact Bendigo Bank directly.

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P-6 AWARDS

WEDNESDAY (19 June 2013)

Prep
Reuben Mineur
Zavier Patterson
Frieda Spanks
Tesha Steers
Jesse Mansell

Prep I
James Bristow
Tahlia Hyland
Naomi Knight
Jack Sullivan
Morgan Woodhan

1/2 A
Sharna Dolbey
Jack de Bomford
Indianna Anderson-Bryan

2 Moore
Luka Mansell
Taylor Grabe
Petra
Joe Spillane

3/4 A
Eliza Keen
Nicholas Davey
Hayden Sims
Ethan Duff
Kaleb Patterson

3/4 B
Lachlan Worsworth
Tahli Kuipers
Jasper Mortyn
Lochlan Ford

5
Tony Temple
James Knight
Raelene Gillies
Sharnee Hyland

5/6
Emily Barnes
Jesse Dennis
Jordan Jones
Balin Puccetti

6 Bakes
Emily Gerke
Oskar Keen
Archie Smart
Amy Rouse

Computers for Sale – Ready now

Acer SK50 desktop pc with 17” LCD monitor, mouse & keyboard.
CPU: Intel dual core 1.60GHz
RAM: 1Gb
Hard Disk: 80Gb
Operating System: Windows XP (+ assorted free applications)
$60 as is, where is. See working before you buy – no returns accepted.
Phone the school on 64918222.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE CAMBODIA PROJECT TO ASSIST WITH COSTS
Sheffield Fundraiser Great Success.

You may have recently seen this heading in the Advocate?

Last week I received a lovely letter from Audrey Quinn, a Sheffield resident, who had attended our Cuppa for Cancer morning tea. Mrs Quinn wrote to me explaining she had sent a letter to the Advocate in May, praising the students and staff involved in organising the cuppa for cancer event and was disappointed that it hadn’t been published and would like me to read it to the students involved. It has now been published and I would like to share a few of Mrs Quinn’s acknowledgements.

‘To the children who whole-heartedly embraced this activity I also say ‘Well Done’. Recipients of the delivered Morning Teas were serviced by cheerful, well-mannered young people who seemed to be greatly enjoying the exercise. It is my understanding that the students also did the cooking and food preparation which was all of exceptional quality and they also looked after the people who attended at the school.’

Thank you Mrs Quinn and yes, our students are very generous and caring and I look forward to watching all the wonderful contributions they continue to make to their local and global community.

Mrs Maddick
Australian Government Careers Expo – Friday 21st June – Grades 9 & 10
The Australian Government will be hosting a Jobs and Skills Expo from the East Devonport Recreation Centre this Friday 21st June.

The Department of Human Services in partnership with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is holding a series of these Jobs and Skills Expos across Australia. Exhibitors will include a range of local employers, training organisations and other service providers.

There will be an opportunity to access real job vacancies as well as get information on preparing for employment, training opportunities, career pathways and career options. A ‘Skills Noticeboard’ and ‘Jobs Board’ will also be available on site with exhibitors using this to advertise their current vacancy and course information.

This is a fantastic opportunity for senior students and we have encouraged as many as possible to attend. The event will be particularly useful for those students in Year 9 or 10 onwards as they will have access to a range of career and employment information.

RUSTICA – July 4 – Grade 8.
Rustica are a Rural Health Club attached to the University of Tasmania. Their aim is to promote rural and remote practice to the general public. They have a multi-disciplinary focus and run a number of activities each year in order to promote rural and remote health careers to their community. These activities provide fun and educational experiences for students and include Rural High School Visits.
Rustica will be visiting all our Grade 8 students during the afternoon of July 4, and any Grade 9 & 10 students interested in attending are welcome to do so. We will be sure to report on how the afternoon went!

UTAS Open Day visit
Sheffield School has been fortunate enough to receive funding from both the Kentish Council and Guaranteeing Futures to cover transport costs to this day in Hobart.
UTAS offer an open day each year for all their campuses in August, this year it will be Sunday August 25th. For students who are interested, we will be sending more information home early term 3, but if anyone would like more information before then, please feel free to contact Rachel via the school office, or email: rachel.matchett@education.tas.gov.au

Careers Resource Centre
Just a quick reminder about our Careers Resource Centre program. The aim of the Career Resource Centre is to offer support and resources to students and parents alike interested in learning more about gaining employment or taking advantage of the services that our local employment agencies offer. If you or your child is interested in taking advantage of this offer, please contact Rachel to make an appointment.

The remaining visits will be from 11.00am – 12.40pm on the following dates:
Thursday 25/7/13   Thursday 22/8/13  Thursday 19/9/13
Thursday 17/10/13 &  Thursday 14/11/13
RYDA Report

Last Wednesday 12 June our grade 10 students attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program conducted at Camp Clayton. The program complimented the TQA Road Safety Course that has been occurring in Health and Wellbeing lessons. We rotated around 6 activities over the course of the day focussing on; hazard perception, stopping distances, safe celebrating/ effects of alcohol and drugs on driving, accident investigation, crash survivor and the costs involved with purchasing and owning a motor vehicle.

The crash survivor and accident investigation sessions were particularly valuable; Matthew Woodberry who has an acquired brain injury as a result of a car crash shared his experiences with students, describing the difficulties he had encountered in surviving the crash and the long road to rehabilitation. Constable Colin Wilcox in the accident investigation session spoke of the crash involving Matthew and was quite confronting in his delivery to students, sending a strong message and in doing so emphasising the degree of responsibility that comes with gaining your licence, and speaking of the impact not only to those immediately connected to crash victims but also to the emergency service staff who attend crash scenes, and to the wider community.

Both sessions were particularly enlightening and I am sure all of the students in attendance would have taken a great deal away from these sessions as well as some extremely relevant and practical tips from the other sessions that will assist them in becoming responsible licensed drivers.

I would also like to acknowledge the Rotary Club of Devonport North Inc., and all of the presenters for their time, effort and expertise in conducting such a worthwhile event.
In support for the Sheffield School Cambodia team; 
A Movie Night is being held at Cmax Devonport.

On Sunday 23rd of June at 2pm “Still Mine” will be showing.

It is $16 a ticket and money from this event will go towards the fundraising for the Sheffield School Cambodia students.

Please contact Linda, Susie or Anna for further enquiries or ticket sales at Sheffield School 64918222
The art of sparenting

Modern parenting has seen the rise of the uber-parent... the parent who does it all! Well move over uber-parent and make room for sparents. They have a role to play too.

Modern parenting has been seen as the rise of the super-parent... the parent who does it all, on their own.

In practice, parenting has never been done well in isolation. In previous generations, aunts, uncles, grandparents, god parents and family friends – spare parents, or sparents – have all played a part in raising kids.

Lately it's been back to the future as an increase in adults without kids (AWOKs) within our community means there are plenty of potential sparents around. These AWOKs are aunts, uncles, mates and friends. They are everywhere, and many are ready, willing and able to take on a sparenting role.

Sarenting is all the rage

A child can never have too many spare parents.

Most of the adults without kids that I know just hanker to do some sparenting. My 25-year-old daughter just loves to babysit her young niece; she phones her brother constantly asking if she can do so. The urge to be around babies, kids and teens can be strong and needs to be satisfied.

But sparents don't have to be adults without kids. Relatives and friends with kids make great sparents too.

Of course, it's all care and no responsibility. sparents give the kids back at the end of a day or weekend. But that's okay; you don't want to divest all the child-rearing to someone else.

Sarents are good for:

- Filling a gender gap: If you are raising a son in an all-female household then the regular presence of an uncle, grandfather or male family friend can be the role model that's needed. Similarly, girls in all-male households can benefit from sparenting by a female friend or relative.

- Filling a talent or interest gap: Kids usually appreciate having an adult to share their interests, but it's hard for parents to be across all their children's hobbies and activities. Relatives or family friends can be well-placed to fill the interest void that occurs in some families.

- Babysitting and child-minding: There is always a need for reliable carers for kids from tots to early teens.

- Mentoring kids who don't want to listen to their parents: Teenage boys and girls benefit from having a number of trusted relatives or adult friends in their lives to talk with. Sarents make great confidantes and coaches for young people at a time when they are seeking independence from their parents.

- Bringing a fresh voice and perspective to kids' lives: Ever noticed how kids of all ages will listen to other adults more than they listen to their parents, even though the message is the same? It's frustrating, but that has always been the reality of raising children and young people.

- Doing fun (and costly) things with kids: Adults without kids usually have more disposable income than parents, placing them a good position to spoil your kids. Okay, this may be a little trite but there is nothing too wrong with the occasional splurge from adults who may have a little excess cash to share, particularly when your purse strings are stretched.

Child-rearing has always been best when it's a community affair. The recent trend towards uber-parenting – parenting as an individual endeavour – has been to the detriment of both kids and parents.

So move over uber-parent and make room for some sparents, because they too have a lot to offer your kids.

Michael Grose is the author of 8 books for parents and director of Parenting Ideas, a leader in parenting education. You can get Happy Kids, his free weekly parenting guide and a great FREE Kids' Chores & Responsibilities Guide when you subscribe at www.parentingideas.com.au/parents
We are well on the way with fundraising for a Cambodian project. Our goal is to raise $1500 which will be used to install wells, or sanitation for villages and to buy school supplies. We received a $250 personal donation and our mobile phone recycling is going well. Combined with the gold coin donation for Beanie Day we have raised just over $750. Old mobile phones can still be donated until the end of term.

On Sunday 23rd June we are hosting a Cmax movie fundraiser and tickets are still available for $16 each. The movie is called ‘Still Mine’ and begins at 2pm. Please contact Susie, Linda or Anna here at school if you would like tickets. It is a lovely movie so grab a few friends and enjoy a relaxing afternoon for a good cause.

We have plans for fundraising events in August including hosting a Beef and Burgundy night at the Sheffield Hotel. These events will be advertised in the newsletter as details are finalised.

Thanks to the generosity of the Hub and M.G farm produce we have $4500 in our sponsorship account. This money will be used to assist the team who are travelling to Cambodia. Our talented students are putting together a power point ready to share with community groups who would like us to visit and share our story to date. We will be speaking at the Sheffield Wrens Night on August 5th.

We were also very appreciative of Turnbull’s Pharmacy offer of a 20% discount on vaccines and malaria treatments. While I’m not looking forward to having the injections, I’m glad it won’t sting my wallet as much as expected!! Michael Meaney also offered his vast knowledge and experience as he has travelled to many developing countries over the last 12 years.

We will try to have a “Cambodian Countdown” each newsletter to keep everybody up to date with our venture. On behalf of our wonderful team I do sincerely thank you for being such a generous community.

Anna Maddick