Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of term 3. Over the last two weeks we have celebrated and recognised the efforts of many of our students and acknowledged the support of members of our wider school community in enabling many of the extracurricular activities within our school to take place.

**Sports Presentation Evening**
Our Sports Presentation evening was held last Wednesday with approximately 110 attending. The evening celebrated the achievement of teams and individuals in our winter sports rosters, and also provided the opportunity to recognise and thank parents, coaches and officials for their support of our students. I would like to thank Miss Scattergood, Mr Hays and Miss Parsons for all of their work in organising and overseeing our winter sporting teams and the celebratory events.

**MADD Night**
Last Tuesday evening we recognised the artistic talents of many of our primary and secondary students at the term 3 MADD (Music, Art, Dance and Drama) performance. Although unable to be in attendance I was pleased to hear the evening went well with students demonstrating their abilities across each of the artistic mediums. Well done to all students for their performances on the night and to our Arts staff for their hard work in supporting students in their artistic endeavours and organising such evening to showcase their work to peers, parents and friends from the wider school community.

**Terrapin Puppets Performance**
Last Thursday our K-6 section of the school was treated to an entertaining performance by the Terrapin Puppet Theatre, specifically Pip and Pooch. This performance was made available to our students through the sponsorship and support of the Hub Inc., The Working Arts Space – Kentish, The Kentish Council and the Emporium. We thank these organisations for their ongoing support of activities and events within our school.

**Grade 5 Camp**
Last week I had the pleasure of attending the grade 5 camp. The students were treated to a range of both educational and recreational activities across the 4 days, with all involved having a great time. The behaviour of the students was excellent, with staff on the camp receiving many positive comments and feedback across the 4 days relating to the manner in which our students were conducting themselves. Thank you to Ms Amanda Rayner, Mr Bakes, Mrs Esther Wass and particularly to Miss Pratt for their commitment to providing such a wonderful experience for the children of grade 5!
School Transitions discussions between Railton PS and Sheffield School Update
Recently, the Chairs of the Railton PS Association, Amanda Hardwicke, and the Sheffield School Association, Tim Dyer, met with the Principals Di Poulton and Ron Daly and representatives from the Department of Education. This meeting followed the recent approaches from the Railton PS Association about Railton PS becoming an annexe of the Sheffield School. The Railton PS Association have been looking hard at the future of the school and the wider opportunities for learning that could be provided by being a part of the Sheffield School.

A draft Memorandum of Understanding is being written for further discussion with both communities. Of particular importance will be ensuring that the presence of schooling and learning remains at Railton. This recognizes that learning is vitally important to the Railton community. The group aims to have further and more detailed information for the community to enable a vote to be held among Railton PS families in mid-October. This vote will inform the Railton PS Association about the future directions of the proposal to merge with the Sheffield School.

Should you have further queries, please don’t hesitate to contact either Tim or myself.

Move Well Eat Well Bronze Accreditation for our School Canteen
This week I received a letter informing me that our school canteen has received bronze accreditation under the Move Well Eat Well Program. This is recognition of the great work that has been occurring in our canteen and both Shannon Rogers and Michelle Temple should be congratulated for their efforts in working towards this accreditation. As a school we received our first award in 2010, and since then have steadily kept our focus on healthy eating and physical activity for all children. These healthy lifestyle habits are now becoming entrenched in all that we do at Sheffield. Thank you to our fabulous Move Well Eat Well committee and to all of our parents, students and staff for continuing to support this valuable initiative.

Staff Change Term 4
Next term we welcome back Mrs Carly Sullivan from maternity leave for two days a week. Mrs Sullivan will be supporting classes in the K-2 section of the school 1 day a week and teaching ICT in the grade 7/8 area for the other day.

We need to thank and acknowledge the teaching efforts of Mr Jacobs who has been teaching ICT in the school for the last two terms. Mr Jacob’s knowledge and skills have ensured the continuity of the grade 7/8 ICT program over the last two terms. I am sure we will see Mr Jacobs back at our school term 4 in a relief capacity.

Finally, well done students’ on a fabulous term’s work! Have a safe and happy holiday and return refreshed for the start of what will be a very busy term 4 on Monday October 14.

RON DALY
PRINCIPAL

Student Achievements
Congratulations to two of our students for their outstanding efforts in the musical section of the Devonport Eisteddfod. Samara Conway came second in the open solo section singing “You can let go now Daddy”, by Crystal Shawanda. Thank you to Brett Budgeon for his tuition.

Alan Leslie competed in two sections at the Devonport Eisteddfod performing a violin solo. He was very successful and gained first place with 95 points in the 12 years & Under Any Orchestral Stringed Instrument solo and 2nd place with 93 points in the 12 years & Under Any Orchestral Stringed Instrument Solo – Work of 20th or 21st Century composer - He played Jurassic Park. Alan also won the Dannebrog Encouragement Award. A special thank you to Mrs Andrzeiczak for her tuition.

Vivien Tawse
Music Teacher
K-6 Hats

All students are expected to wear a school hat from the beginning of term 4. Students who do not have a school hat will follow our No Hat, No Play policy. School hats can be purchased from the school office for $8.00. Hats other than the approved school hat will not be accepted at school.

Students in grades 3-6 will now be responsible for their own hats. These will no longer be collected, washed and held by teachers. Hats will be sent home at the end of the year to be washed, renamed and to be placed with the student’s school uniform ready for next year.

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P-6 AWARDS

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Active After-schools Communities (AASC) program will commence on Monday 28th October (Netball, Ten Pin Bowling, Hockey) and Wednesday 30th October (Tennis, Cricket, Minor Games).

- The program will operate from **3pm – 4.00pm** and run for 7 weeks with the last sessions occurring during the week beginning 9th December.
- **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, ten pin bowling and hockey.**
- **Wednesday’s Sessions will be tennis, cricket and minor games.**
- 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.
- Students attending Ten Pin bowling and Tennis will travel to Devonport and back via bus and will arrive back at school at approximately 5:15.

If your child/ren is interested in enrolling please complete the form below and return to the school office by **Friday 25th October**.

**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.

Tennis will run on 30 October, 6 November, 13 November and 20 November. Ten pin bowling will run on 18 November and 25 November. Parents are reminded to collect students after these programs at 5pm.

Tony Hays
AASC Program School Coordinator

AASC Program - Term 4 2013

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

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Signed ______________________ Contact Number ______________________
ERRICCA in ACTION

At the beginning of term three our G10 SRC decided to investigate if bullying occurred in our school. Students from G3 – G10 completed a brief survey and the results indicated most students have experienced, participated in or have seen bullying at some stage.

- Out of 261 students (from grades 3-10) 215 say they have been bullied at some point at school. (82.4%)
- 135 say they have bullied someone else. (51.7%)
- 230 students say that they have seen bullying happen. (88.1%)

ERRICCA IN ACTION (our school values) was launched with our slogan:

ARE YOU A SHEEP?!

Have you watched someone be bullied?
Did you do anything to help?
If not, YOU ARE A SHEEP!!

The G10 SRC hosted forums with the primary and secondary SRC students and our staff. Students identified the buses as being an area where bullying can occur and we explained the importance of telling a responsible person if they have any concerns. The primary corridor was invited to design posters and these are displayed near the gym.

Term Three Events

Bronte Page has been selected to represent Tasmania in the Prince Phillip Mounted Games in Perth in September and the SRC donated $100 towards the cost of her trip.
Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes Day was held on August 21st and the students donated $200.20

Footy Colours Day

Students were invited to wear their footy colours on Friday 20th September and bring a gold coin donation which was donated to the Fight Cancer Foundation. We raised $186.20.

Beauty and The Geek Socials

We were all delighted with the response to our term 3 socials and the funds raised will go towards our ongoing sponsorship of Haiyang Chen, who is now 10 years old. Haiyang attends primary school, which is 45 minutes from his home and his favourite subject is computer studies.

40 Hour Famine

The G10 SRC and our committed teachers hosted a very successful sleepover for the secondary students who were participating in the famine last month. The students’ behaviour was excellent and they are to be commended on this. It is very important that any outstanding receipt books are returned as they are now very overdue.

Devonport Basketball Association Primary Basketball Tournament

On the weekend of 14 September, four students from the school competed in the annual Devonport Basketball Association Primary Basketball Tournament. The team consisted of Abbey Boutcher, Charley Davies, Hollie Braid, Emily Gerke and four students from Nixon St Primary School.

The Team had three resounding wins in the preliminary rounds of the competition and played off against Burnie Primary School in the final. After scoring heavily in the first half, the Sheffield combination amassed a game winning lead which they held onto until the end of the game finally running out winners 32-28 and taking home the Division “B’ title. Great effort girls.

The school would like to thank Mrs Debbie Clarke for coaching the team and also Mrs Eula Davies for her organisational work over the weekend.
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) reports for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who sat the national tests in May this year that were due to be sent home during the week beginning Monday 16 September have been delayed.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has identified an error in the reporting format for Years 5 and 7. This has required the reprinting of Year 5 and 7 student reports with a consequent delay in distribution of all student reports (including Years 3 and 9 which contain no errors).

ACARA apologises for the delay and we will provide advice to you when we have confirmed the date for the distribution of reports.

Your child’s report will show national information including how your child performed in relation to other students in their particular year group, and in comparison to the national average score for each of the Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy tests.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9 the 2013 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since the 2011 NAPLAN testing.

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
What bullying isn’t, and what to do when it happens

Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random acts of violence or physicality and conflict. While children will often tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying.

Bullying is a word that’s wrapped in emotion. For many people bullying is associated with bad childhood memories. It’s been estimated that around 40% of people have experienced some type of bullying in the past.

Bullying is an insidious behaviour that transgresses children’s natural right to feel safe and secure. It can adversely affect their learning, emotional well-being, further peer relations and their sense of self.

Bullying takes many forms and guises including, physical and emotional abuse, intimidation, harassment and exclusion.

It now has a well-publicised cyber-dimension which has moved the goalposts for many kids. In the past children could escape bullying behaviours they may have experienced by being at home. Cyberbullying now means that kids can’t escape the bully like they once could.

Bullying is not the domain of one gender. Girls bully just as much as boys but they do it in less physical ways. While boys use physical intimidation or verbal abuse to wield power, girls are more likely to use exclusion or verbal sarcasm to assert themselves.

Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random acts of violence or physicality and conflict. While children will often tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying.

Bullying is about lack of power as one person is powerless to stop the teasing or physical abuse. Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person by another person or group.

If you think your child is being bullied then handle with care as children often don’t want to admit that they are on the receiving end of bullying.

Some kids keep it close to their chests so it helps to be on the lookout for warning signs such as items being stolen, changing the route to school and withdrawal from usual activities.

If your child is being bullied:
1. Listen to their story: Children who are bullied need someone to believe their story. Take them seriously and avoid dismissing complaints as ‘telltale’. Use common sense to differentiate between bullying and more random, non-selective antisocial acts. Kids can be nasty to each other, yet this doesn’t constitute bullying.

2. Deal with their feelings: A child who is bullied probably feels scared, angry and sad. Boys are more likely to display anger and girls claim they feel sad. The degree of emotional intensity is an indicator of the amount of bullying. Recognize and validate their emotions. Let them talk about how they think (remember boys respond better to ‘think’ language) and feel. It’s normal to feel sad, scared or just plain confused.

3. Get the facts: Get a clear picture of what happens, including who is involved, the frequency and what happens prior to any bullying. Get your child to be as specific as possible by asking good questions. An accurate picture will help you determine your next course of action.

4. Give them coping skills: With a clear picture you can start giving your child some help about how he or she may deal with bullying including using avoidance strategies, being more assertive and changing peer body language.

5. Get the school involved: Bullying is best handled when parents and teachers are involved. Approach your school through the appropriate channels, make yourself aware of your school’s anti-bullying procedures and programs, and be willing to work with these guidelines.

6. Help build your child’s support network: Kids need a group of friends to support them when they experience bullying so look for practical ways to broaden friendship groups.

7. Build their self-confidence: Provide children with systematic encouragement. Let them know through your words and treatment of them that they will get through this period.

It’s worth remembering that children who experience some form of bullying often come out stronger and more resourceful because they have experienced difficulties and they know they can defeat them.
K-6 PET JUDGING AND GRAND PET PARADE

Once again hundreds of children will gather to either watch or participate in the Annual K-6 Pet Judging and Grand Pet Parade to be held on Friday 8 November 2013. **All Pet Judging entries need to be assembled at the School Farm by 11.00am.** (Look for the Pet Judging sign). All animals must be child friendly and easily managed by the entrant.

The Pet Parade is for **smaller animals**. The exclusion of calves applies to the Pet Parade and any goats, deer or alpacas need to be no more than 4 months of age. Any problems that arise for parents and students from this decision is regretted but it is necessary to respect the advice of the Department of Primary Industry in relation to the overall picture for control of Bovine Johnnes Disease within Tasmania.

Place and participation ribbons will be presented in each of the five categories by the judge. We encourage as many children as possible to become involved.

Obviously it will be difficult for us to care for the pet for the whole day so we ask that parents bring their child’s pet to the farm by 11.00 am and collect them by 12.30 pm at the latest.

All entries must be on the form below.

**Marcus Bakes (Co-ordinator)**

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**SHOW - PET ENTRY FORM**

Name: ___________________________  Grade: ______________

**PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:**

- [ ] Best presented or dressed pet
- [ ] Most unusual pet
- [ ] Pet requiring greatest amount of care
- [ ] Trendiest pet and owner
- [ ] Smaller pet

Transport Arrangements: __________________________________________

I agree to my child entering their pet in the Pet Judging and Pet Parade on Friday, 8 November 2013.

Signed: ___________________________ (Parent/Guardian)

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**LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!**

Entry forms to be handed to Mrs Davies/Mr Bakes or Mrs May by 24 October.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Devonport Little Athletics

Little Athletics offers a modified athletics program designed for a broad range of children to develop their athletic skills in a warm friendly environment. We cater for children from 4 – 16 years of age. Little athletics involves running (long and short distances), throwing and jumping. It runs from October to March, usually on Saturday mornings. Athletes can come and try for 2 days free before needing to register. As little athletics is based on personal bests, we cater for all abilities. Devonport Little Athletics season commences Sat 26th October at Girdlestone Park, East Devonport from 8.30am – 12pm

A registration day with parent education day will be held on Sat 12th Oct 9.30am -12pm
For more information email devonport@taslittleathletics.com.au or phone: 0459 031 750

An Educator from The Asthma Foundation will be visiting this school on Monday 14th October
Between 2 – 3 pm in the School Library.
Linda can help you manage any member of your family’s asthma effectively so that it is ideally symptom free. She will also discuss exercise and asthma, and how to prevent this occurring in physical activity. Information that can be discussed is: reliever and preventer medications and the different types that are available and what they do; asthma action plans; asthma triggers; seasonal asthma; asthma first aid; allergy testing; preventing asthma symptoms from occurring.
Linda can also give you printed material to share with others who may have asthma.
Or ring Linda on 1800 278 462 to book a one on one session with her at a time to suit you.
This is a free service from The Asthma Foundation of Tasmania.

Please call the school on 6491 8222 and RSVP if you are coming.

LATROBE DEMONS BASKETBALL

Primary School Roster

BOYS & GIRLS - GRADES 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

The Latrobe Demons Basketball Club will be starting a Primary School Roster on Wednesday 16th October from 3.30pm onwards.
This will be running every Wednesday for 9 weeks. The roster is open to all boys & girls in grades 2-6.

The cost will be $32.00 per child, for those children that aren’t already registered with the Latrobe Basketball Club, which covers the insurance. There will also be a $2.00 court fee per child.

So if you want to have some fun and learn how to play Basketball please come along on Wednesday afternoon, starting in Term 4.

For more information please contact:
Debbie Mayne 0438 273 696

Latrobe & Districts Softball Association invites all junior boys & girls to come along & have a go at our game. Ages are 5-8 for Tee Ball and 9-16 for Junior Softball. It’s a great way to develop skills & fitness while having fun and meeting new friends.

Everyone is welcome!!

Contact Shelley Dodd for more information
Mobile: 0439 561 984 or Email: doddian@bigpond.net.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.

Ron Daly, Principal

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