Dear Parents

**Athletics Carnival**
Last Friday we held our annual athletics carnival in sunny, pleasant conditions. The emphasis of our tabloid structured carnival is on participation, and that was certainly observed on Friday. Students across all grades were willing to have a go and do their best with the objective being to have fun and add to the point's tally of their house. The winning house and secondary track and field champions will be announced at an assembly later this month. Thank you to all staff for their support of the day, and particularly to our Health and Physical Education staff for their organisation and preparation of students leading up to the carnival. Thank you also to Mrs Maddick and the SRC team for the barbecue lunch, and finally to Mr Fielding and his helpers Bradley Smith and Beau Mace for the work behind the scenes in preparing the grounds and tracks.

**Distribution of Newsletter for 2014**
In 2014 we are proposing to distribute the newsletter via e-mail as our preferred method, rather than the paper copy that has normally been sent home with students. Parents can still elect to receive a paper copy if they do not have an email address, or it is simply their preference. In a recent review of various aspects of our operation it was acknowledged that the cost of printing the newsletter is extremely high, both to the environment, and to our annual budget. The money saved would be used to benefit students in educational programs. Permission and order forms which have traditionally been included in the newsletter will be sent home to parents in hard copy separately. Documentation will be sent home before the end of the year requesting parents to provide a preferred e-mail to receive the newsletter. There will also be a section on this form to indicate if you would prefer to continue to receive the newsletter as a paper copy.
Sheffield School / Railton Primary School Amalgamation

Late last week a letter was sent home with students informing parents of the recent outcome of the Railton Primary School Community vote on the proposed amalgamation. A copy of the body of the letter is included below for any parents that did not receive the letter.

Recently the Railton Primary School community held a vote on the proposed amalgamation between Railton Primary and the Sheffield School. The result of the vote was a clear majority for the proposal to amalgamate with the Sheffield School. The Railton Primary School Association Committee met this week and have endorsed the vote in order to move forward with the amalgamation which would see Railton Primary become a campus of the Sheffield School in 2014. An outcome of this is that the grade 5/6 students will relocate to the Sheffield site.

As you would be aware from our newsletters, during our August meeting the Sheffield School Association Committee, following a consultation period and a community forum held on the 8th August, voted unanimously to support the proposal put forward by the Railton Primary School Association to pursue an amalgamation.

This amalgamation will provide educational and social benefits to both school communities and provide an exciting and sustainable model for the provision of education in the wider Kentish area into the future.

We sincerely thank you for your consideration of this important matter and the feedback provided during the consultation period. It is our intention to keep you informed as we progress further with the amalgamation.

Before School Supervision of Students

A reminder to parents that staff do not commence before school duty until 8.30am, therefore there is no direct supervision of students arriving early. Students arriving prior to this time are able to wait sensibly in the student entrance foyer; however this area will not be accessible until 8.20am. Where possible, we would encourage students not to arrive before 8.30am.

Remembrance Day Service

This Monday at 10.40am we will conduct a Remembrance Day Service in our remembrance courtyard. Members of the RSL Sheffield Sub Branch will be attending and we would like to extend an invitation to parents, carers and community members.

RON DALY
PRINCIPAL
2014 Classes

Staff have begun the process for creating class groups for 2014. A number of considerations are taken into account to create classes and a number of hours are dedicated to ensuring classes are equitable. Once classes have been created teachers are allocated a class, therefore requests for individual teachers cannot be made.

Parents are invited to discuss any educational concerns or important information they may have for their child with the senior teacher in charge of their child’s current area of the school. Whilst all requests will be considered there is no guarantee that it will be possible to grant them.

K-2     Mrs May (Mon-Thurs)
3-6     Mr Bakes
7-9     Mr Skirving/Mrs Davies

Please make appointments to see staff by Friday 8 November 2013.

Calendar dates.....

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K-6 Fair

When: Thursday 28 November 2013.
Time: from 12:00pm until 2:30pm.
Where: Primary playground and undercover area.

50c tokens will be available from classroom teachers from Monday 11 November and again on the day.

Attractions this year include:

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and much, much more!

We extend a warm invitation to all families to join us at the fair and help celebrate what has been an excellent year at Sheffield School!

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SHEFFIELD SCHOOL
CRAZY HAIR DAY
WEDNESDAY 20th
November
GOLD COIN
(Hair to be decorated before arriving at school thanks)

Please Donate!!!

COMMUNITY SUPPORT NEEDED
MAL'S SHAVE 12:30pm on WED 20th NOVEMBER
6-10 ASSEMBLY BRING YOUR

Shaving for Kids in Cambodia
SHEFFIELD SCHOOL VET CENTRE – COURSES AVAILABLE IN 2014

VET (Vocational Education & Training) Courses:

These (Certificate 2 entry level) courses are delivered online by the Tasmanian e-School. Students undertake a self-paced program under the supervision of an externally based teacher. Assessment is external. A Sheffield teacher provides support.

Courses Available:
Horticulture; Agriculture; Business Administration; Retail; Hospitality (Operations); Community Services (Children’s Services, Youth, Disability, Aged Care)

TQA (Tasmanian Qualifications Authority) Courses:

These are TQA 1 & 2, grade 11 & 12 Essential skills courses. Students undertake self-paced learning program. A Sheffield teacher provides instruction and guidance. Assessment is internal.

Courses Available:
English; Maths; Work Readiness; ICT; Financial Literacy;

COURSE INFORMATION

Subject to confirmation, courses will commence 10th February and end 12th November. The first week is an induction week.

The Sheffield School VET Centre is open Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday throughout the 4 school terms. Attendance is mandatory, however flexible arrangements can be negotiated if required.

VET courses incorporate a workplace component of approximately 120 hours.

Competency based assessment is used for both VET and TQA courses. Recognition may be attained for current competencies and prior learning.

ENROLMENT AND CONTACT DETAILS

The enrolment fee for a package of TQA courses is $250

The enrolment fee for a VET, Certificate 2 course, is $500.

Note: an additional fee may be charged for courses that require training in first aid or manual handling, but there is no additional fee if a TQA course is undertaken in addition to a VET course.

For more information, please contact Sheffield School VET Centre Coordinator

Norm Gregory
Sheffield School, 12 Henry Street
SHEFFIELD TASMANIA 7306
Phone: (03) 64918235
Fax: (03) 64911408
Email: norman.gregory@education.tas.gov.au
School Magazine
This year we are offering the school magazine as a digital file or a printed booklet produced here at school. In the past the magazine has been printed externally by professional printers. Over the past few years the cost of producing the magazine has increased and the number of orders for magazines have decreased. The digital copy will be available as a PDF file at no cost to families. The booklet will be printed in colour on photo quality paper for $12.00 per copy. This booklet will be of a slightly less quality than past magazines that were professional printed. If you would like a printed copy please make orders through the school office by December 6.

University Of NSW English Competition 2013
The University of New South Wales English Competition was held in August this year. 83 students participated from Grade 3 to Grade 10. Of these participants, there were 1 High Distinction, 7 Distinctions, 21 Credits and 54 Participation Certificates awarded to our students. The classes that received an average score above the state average were:

- Grade 3: School 29.5, Tasmania 27.4
- Grade 7: School 31.4, Tasmania 29.6
- Grade 8: School 32.1, Tasmania 28.3
- Grade 10: School 38.2, Tasmania 30.8

Congratulations to the following students who received a credit, a distinction or a high distinction and to all those students who participated in the competition.

Credit
Grade 3 – Laura Ashby, Jessica Welch
Grade 4 – Bradley Connors, Ethan Duff, Alan Leslie
Grade 6 – Abbey Buctcher, Aleida Keenan
Grade 7 – Manisha Kernan, Tom Rockliff, Daniel Smith
Grade 8 – Gabrielle Agnew, George Alsop, Heather Colbeck, Bradley Huett, Gabrielle Knight
Grade 9 – Emily Smith
Grade 10 - Michael Dunn, Jayden Riches, Chloe Jackson, Helena Oakley, Cassie Rogers

Distinction
Grade 3 - Ruby Skirving, Lillian Rockliff, Grace Young
Grade 6 - Balin Puccetti
Grade 7 – Lillian Maddick,
Grade 9- Hannah Huett
Grade 10 – Sophia Dyer,

High Distinction
Grade 10 – Hollie Jackson
**Pathway Planning**

Don Enrolment Day:
Don College will be visiting Sheffield School on Thursday 14th November from 1pm onwards to enrol our Grade 10 students into Don College. Any Parents who would like to attend this process are welcome – please contact the school and let us know if you intend to be there.

**Don Start Day**

Don College will be running their Start Day on Tuesday 3rd December. This day will have similar expectations as the Taster day that ran in September. All Grade 10 students will be required to attend, catching a bus from the Slaters Store at 7.30am or make alternative arrangements to arrive at Don for the beginning of the school day.

**Like Pathway Planning**

Many Grade 9 & 10 students at Sheffield School have already joined the Pathway Planning Facebook page. This page has been designed to notify you of all the Career Awareness Programs that are coming up and any other information regarding Pathway Planning on the North West. It will be an effective way for you to find out what is going on – especially over the holidays when College book sales days and other information is needed. Follow the below link or go to your facebook page and search for ‘Pathway Planning North West Tasmania’ https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pathway-Planning-North-West-Tasmania/495878637114253?fref=ts

**MeanMACHINES**

An intensive 3 day workshop (October 22-24) called MeanMACHINES was delivered by the Tasmanian College of the Arts, UTAS for Grade 9 & 10 students. MeanMACHINES encourages students to take risks, invent, respond and think on their feet. A number of activities were conducted; encouraging experiment as opposed to fixed ideas. Ideas were generated from each group, where students collaborate with other students from diverse schools to explore materials, techniques, ideas and approaches. This program was designed to activate students’ potential to create, have fun and feel confident to explore what an artwork could be. We had 2 Grade 10 students who were accepted into this program, they enjoyed this successful program immensely. We hope to see MeanMACHINES run again on next year.

**Sheffield School Grade 7 Orientation Day for 2014 Students**

Grade 7 Orientation Day for prospective 2014 students will be held on Tuesday 3 December 2013.

Prior to this day, staff will hold an Information Session for interested parents on Thursday 28 November from 5:30pm until 6:00pm in the grade 7 classrooms. Parents will be introduced to current grade 7 teachers and will look at the high school uniforms, the curriculum and timetables in preparing their children for grade 7.

Please contact Katharine Bransden at the school on 64918222 if you have any further questions.
**P-10 AWARDS**
**WEDNESDAY (6 November 2013)**

**Prep**
- Noha Bakes
- Tarliah Foley
- Riley Stephens
- Travis Dennis

**Prep-1**
- Jed Bramich
- Montanna Burns
- Lincoln
- Frankcombe

**1/2**
- Kylie Bantick
- Damian Greenhill
- Phoebe Collins

**2**
- Brooke Foster
- Shana Rouse
- Alexandra Keddie

- Malissa
- Frankcombe

- Noah Hinrichsen

**Grade 3/4A**
- Ruby Skirving
- Lillian Rockliff
- Jack Foley
- Nicholas Davey
- Liam Rouse

**Grade 3/4B**
- Morgan Gamble
- Denzel Kernan
- Mark Neulist

**Grade 5**
- Elijah Steers
- Luke Braid
- Liam Hampson
- Damon Sing

**Grade 5/6**
- Isabelle Hester
- Amber Mather
- Jared Patterson

**Grade 6**
- Corey Foley
- Danny Crack
- Jarrod Miles
- Kade Wolfe

- Isabelle Hester
- Amber Mather
- Jared Patterson

**Grade 7A**
- Jaicam Kenzie
- Josie De Boer

**Grade 7B**
- Manisha Kernan
- Alex Braid
- Emily Whelan

**Grade 7B**
- Isabelle Hester
- Amber Mather
- Jared Patterson

**Grade 8A**
- Manisha Kernan
- Alex Braid
- Emily Whelan

**Grade 8B**
- Jade Dennis
- Gabrielle Agnew
- Heather Colbeck

- Isabelle Hester
- Amber Mather
- Jared Patterson

**Grade 9A**
- Hayden Boucher
- Michael Pagel
- Michaela Collins

**Grade 9B**
- Katelyn O’Neil
- Zane Davies

**Grade 10A**
- Michael Dunn
- Chelsea Rayner
- Jayden Riches

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**Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) for 2014**

Application forms for 2014 are now available from the school office or online at: [www.education.tas.gov.au](http://www.education.tas.gov.au) Both the application form and guidelines are listed on the right hand side under “links”.

Families who received assistance in 2013 will have received a letter this week from the Department of Education either confirming eligibility for 2014 or asking for further evidence of income. Please ensure you provide the requested information.

If you need assistance applying for STAS please ask at the school office.
School Socials
The fourth term Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary socials are to be held on Thursday 14 November. Entry is $2.50 for Primary and Secondary.

THEMES
Early Childhood – Hats (they are to wear school uniform)
Primary and Secondary – BLUE

Early Childhood – period 5 & 6 (during school time)
Primary – 3:10pm - 4:30pm
Secondary – 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Snacks and refreshments are available for $1.00

Please note students absent from school on the day of socials will be unable to attend unless prior permission from school has been obtained.

___________________________________________________________________________

PRIMARY SOCIAL
I give permission for my child __________________________________________to attend the Primary social on 14 November from 3:10pm- 4:30.

Signed ____________________________________________________________

___________________________________________________________________________

SECONDARY SOCIAL
I give permission for my child __________________________________________to attend the Secondary social on 14 November from 6:30pm- 9:00pm.

Signed ____________________________________________________________
CAMBODIA FUNDRAISER
Friday 15th November

MOVIE NIGHT AT FUDGE 'N' GOOD COFFEE
Movie - THE GODS MUST BE CRAZY
(7:30-9:30) Intermission included

$5 (includes mini fudge treat!) Drinks available for purchase in intermission.
See Cambodia Team or Staff at Fudge ‘n’ Good Coffee for Tickets

FOR SALE BY OFFER – BRAND NEW ITEMS

To make an offer on all or any of the items, contact Anna Maddick at school on 6491 8222.

Whirlpool Rangehood- Model AKR610iX  RRP $379
Features:
- Push button controls
- Twin halogen lights

Whirlpool Built-in Gas Hotplace – Model AKT621  RRP $699
Features:
- 4 gas burners: 1 burner, 4 crown, 2 semi, 1 auxiliary
- Grid Iron tech support in matte black finish
- Termovalvole Security
- Electronic ignition
Built in Dimensions:
- Height: 4.7
- Width: 59
- Depth: 51

Whirlpool Oven – Model AKZM657 RRP $1,659
Features:
- Quadruple-glazed Door
- Pyrolictic Cleaning
- Grill Turnspit Rotisserie
- Cook3 System
- Large 67 litres Capacity

Dimensions
- Width: 595mm
- Height: 595mm
- Depth(with door): 569mm
The NEW strict parent - is this you?

The definition of a strict parent has changed over the last decade. Do you fit the bill?

'Your parents are so strict!'

Some parents in years gone by wore the label of 'strict' parent like a badge of honour. It signified parents who were willing to stand their ground with kids.

Strictness was reserved for parents who put boundaries in place and made sure they were adhered to, such as being home on time, or not watching too much TV.

There's now a NEW definition for a 'strict' parent.

A 'strict' parent today is now someone who makes children do things for themselves and insists they help at home. They insist their children put their dirty clothes in the laundry, and maybe even wash their own clothes. They insist kids make their own lunches in secondary school. They insist that their kids set the meal table without giving them a cent in return.

'Strict' now refers to getting kids to help rather than placing restrictions on them.

Many parents tell me that they get funny looks when their children help them with the supermarket shopping. When their kids walk a kilometre home from sports or a leisure activity they are made to feel like neglectful parents. How bizarre!

New normal

The new parenting normal is for parents to do a lot for your kids, rather than kids doing things for themselves. Anyone who strays from this new normal and develops real independence in their children can be made to feel guilty ... because they are strict!

Nobody feels like doing chores, but tackling hard things such as doing chores when you don’t feel like it builds character. It develops a bit of grit that kids can draw on later when they will really have to push against adversity.

Do less, not more

The job of parents is to make themselves redundant for their kids – not in a relational sense, but in a managerial sense.

There is nothing revolutionary about this idea. It's been the aim of parents since the dawn of time. That means we spend a lot of time teaching kids self-help skills (now known as life skills), which are the ordinary gist of life.

These include teaching young children to tie their shoelaces and helping primary-aged kids to ask for what they want from adults. They also include coaching teenagers to negotiate their way safely on public transport and to problem-solve relational issues they may have with teachers at school.

These are not the activities of 'strict' parents. Rather they are the activities of parents who understand that one of their key roles is to equip kids to stand on their own two feet in the world outside the family home.

The fact is that the best place to do this is within the family. And the best time to start developing independence is from a young age ... when kids are up for it developmentally.

Don’t wait until your children are 16 to develop self-help skills. If you introduce self-help then, my bet is they won’t think you are strict ... they’ll think you’ve been a soft touch all along and they’ll now battle you all the way!

But that’s a story for another day.

In the meantime, if the definition of 'strict' has changed then I urge you to be strict! Your kids will thank you ... later on, when you’ve equipped them with the problem-solving and independence skills needed to negotiate the wider world without you.

Want a list of age-appropriate jobs that your kids can do? Get a great ‘Kids’ Chores & Responsibilities Guide’ with practical tips about how to get kids to help when you subscribe to Happy Kids, my FREE email parenting guide, at www.parentingideas.com.au/Parentingideas-Newsletter
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Huge Costume Sale

A private collection of fancy dress costume, period costume, vintage and antique clothing is being sold at The Related Arts Building of the Sheffield School on Saturday 16 November 2013. All costumes are very moderately priced and will be displayed for one day only. Please note that EFTPOS or Credit Card will not be available.
WHERE: Sheffield School, 12 Henry St, Sheffield TAS.
WHEN: 9am – 4pm Saturday 16 November 2013.
Contact: Teresa Bentley at the school

Sheffield Community Carols

At Sheffield School
Recreation and Related Arts Centre
Sunday 15 December 2013 6.30 – 8.00pm

TKO Fitness – New Boxing Fitness Centre Opened

- Boxing Club
- Boxing Fitness Classes
- Ladies Only Boxing
- M.M.A (Mixed Martial Arts) Training
- Weights and Cardio

Where: 8 Stephen Street, East Devonport
Phone: Matthew 0419 480 522 for more information

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