Dear Parents

**Distribution of Newsletter for 2014**
As indicated in last week’s Newsletter, 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.

Accompanying today’s Newsletter is a form for parents to complete with their nominated email address. Please ensure the address is clear including any spaces, capital letters, numbers and the like. Please return the form to the school office as soon as possible.

**School Show**
In trying conditions, our students performed extremely well at our School Show recently, experiencing success in cattle handling competitions, junior judging, and also in the hoof and hook competitions. The following students won their championship events.

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Congratulations to all of our students that prepared cattle and competed on the day. We had many individual class winners in handling competitions, continuing the success from recent shows across the state.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, judges and volunteers for making our School Show so successful, a particular thank you to Mr Barber, the Show Committee and our administration staff for their tireless work leading up to the event. We look forward to the sun shining for our 2014 show!
Remembrance Day Service

Last Monday we held our Remembrance Day Service. Students, staff, members of the Sheffield RSL Sub Branch and the public were in attendance. Senior students Sophia Dyer and Chloe Jackson did an excellent job conducting the service, and Mr David Innes, Sheffield RSL Sub Branch President delivered the Remembrance Day address.

Three grade 10 students paid tribute to the memory of our brave service people. Natalia Porter read a poem she had written titled ‘Our Gift was a Soldier’. Hollie Jackson accompanied by Ms Tawse played “Abide with Me” on the flute and Michael Dunn shared the poem he had written, ‘Son of a Hero’.

Students’ representing each section of the school presented wreathes in respect of those service people that have lost their lives in wars and peace keeping missions;

Early Childhood - Amber Dunlop and Ethan Saunders
Primary - Abbey Boutcher and Angus Alsop
Secondary - Meg Williams and Courtney Davies

Thank you to all those students for contributing to this important school and community event.

Cambodia Volunteers Abroad Trip

The countdown is on for nine very excited students, Mrs Maddick and Mr Moore, who leave for Cambodia on the 28th November. The support from the school and wider community in providing sponsorship and in raising funds for projects in Cambodia through supporting fundraiser events has been amazing. The fundraising goals set at the commencement of the project have been exceeded through the generosity of many. The final fundraiser came to a ‘hair raising end’ yesterday when Malachi Hinrichsen lost his locks in an effort to raise more funds to support the Cambodia projects.

Our best wishes are extended to the group as they travel abroad to Cambodia to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate, and we look forward to hearing of their experience on their return.
Update - Amalgamation of Railton Primary School with the Sheffield School

Following the recent vote taken in the Railton Primary School community, further discussions have been held on the proposed amalgamation. The Chairs of the Schools’ Association Committees, Amanda Hardwicke and Tim Dyer, have been meeting with Principals Di Poulton, myself and representatives of the Department of Education on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding. This will provide details that will guide the amalgamation of the two schools. A number of factors have been considered, such as how the needs of children at both schools can be met, staffing, transport, school uniform, and merging of the administration of the two schools into one organisation.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) needs to be signed and agreed to by the Minister for Education. We are hopeful that this will occur shortly so that planning for 2014 can be confirmed. In the event that the MOU is approved, a number of steps have been put into place.

There will be further consultation about the naming and identity of the combined school, however, the current Railton Primary School will be known from the start of 2014 as the Railton campus of the Sheffield School. I will be Principal of the combined school. At the Railton campus for 2014, there will be senior staff and other staff members to provide Kindergarten to Grade 4 classes, as well as Birth to 4 programs. Students in grades 5 and 6 will be transported to Sheffield. Students currently enrolled in Kindergarten to grade 6 at Railton will be provided with the current Sheffield School uniform for 2014. More details about ordering will be provided shortly.

There is considerable work to be done in ensuring that students and families are supported in knowing what will be provided at the Railton campus of the Sheffield School in 2014. Dianne and I are working on class allocations, making arrangements for Railton students, families and staff to be welcomed into the new school, consulting with transport providers and identifying areas of difference between the two schools that may cause uncertainty for some.

Input from both school communities is vital and your school association committees also serve as important means of communication. The Chairs will be working with others on developing a new draft school constitution for the amalgamated school. We hope that elections for the new committee will be held early into 2014. In the meantime, the Railton PS Association Committee will remain until the end of this year, and from then on members will be invited to join the current Sheffield School Association Committee to ensure representation from the Railton campus parents. The Railton Parents and Friends Association will also continue as an important committee in order to support students at Railton.

This is a new venture for education in the Kentish municipality, and Tasmania, and shows the high value placed on ensuring that high quality learning opportunities will continue to be provided into the future. Please don’t hesitate to contact Dianne, Amanda, Tim or I should you wish to discuss matters further.

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PRINCIPAL
Calendar dates.....

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<td>Last day of Term 4 for students</td>
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7-10 AWARDS
WEDNESDAY (20 November 2013)

**Grade 7A**
Ashley Gillies  
Lillian Maddick  
Jordan Perkins  
Tom Rockliff  
Daniel Smith

**Grade 7B**
Ranni Lockett  
Rebecca Hutton  
Joshua Mawer

**Grade 8A**
Mitchell Connors  
Eliza Kerr  
Eden Sheehan  
Reilly Spillman

**Grade 8B**
Drew Horton  
Gabrielle Knight  
Ellen Sheehan

**Grade 9A**
Jennifer Bartholomew  
Jake Bird  
Monica Mason  
Bianca Eberle

**Grade 9A**
Roxanne Steers  
Thomas Febey  
Jasmin Creely

**Grade 10A**
Whitney Carter  
Maddison Febey  
Coral-Lea Riley

**Grade 10A**
Luke Sheehan  
Sarah Parker  
Cassie Dunlop
**BYOT Trial 2014**

Next year students from Grades 7-10 will have the option to bring their own personal netbook, laptop or tablet computer to use at school as a learning resource. Many schools have adopted a BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology) program to assist students in gaining greater access to technology and learning resources at school and beyond. BYOT users will be able to connect to our network and access filtered internet as normal. A parent information session about BYOT will be held on Tuesday 3rd December in the Library from 5pm.

The school will continue to provide Acer Iconia Tablets for our grade 9 and 10 students to use at school, with the hire option available for those who wish to use these at home. More information will be provided early next year.

Jamie Skirving
A/Assistant Principal

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

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

Prior to this day, staff will hold an Information Session for interested parents on Thursday 28th 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.

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**Sheffield School VET Centre**

Enrolments for 2014 are now underway.

A package of up to 5 TQA Essential Skills courses are available – cost $250 per package.

Certificate 1 & 2 VET courses (National Training Packages) in Age Care, Children’s Services; Retail Operations; Business Management; Hospitality Operations; Horticulture & Agriculture are available on-line – cost $700

These courses are conducted by The Tasmanian e-School who have had to increase their fees for 2014 due to escalating delivery costs. Students requiring financial assistance may be eligible for the Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) or Centre-link benefits.

For enrolments or course information please contact Norm Gregory (VET Coordinator) on PH 64918235
K-6 FAIR & RESCHEDULED PET PARADE

WHEN: THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2013.

TIME: PET PARADE FROM 11:30AM.

FAIR TO BEGIN AT THE CONCLUSION OF PET PARADE AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00PM

WHERE: PRIMARY PLAYGROUND AND UNDERCOVER AREA.

50c TOKENS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM CLASSROOM TEACHERS AND AGAIN ON THE DAY.

ATTRACTIONS THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

- JUMPING CASTLE
- DONUTS
- BBQ
- CHOCOLATE SNAKES
- SPIDERS
- FAIRY FLOSS
- PONY RIDES
- PLAY-DOUGH
- NAIL PAINTING
- CHRISTMAS ITEMS
- HAIRSPRAY
- ICE CREAM
- JELLY BEAN GUESS
- SHERBET
- LOB THE DUNNY
- BALLOONS
- LOLLIES
- BOOKMARKS
- FROGS IN A POND
- SLIME
- BALLOON POP
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

WE EXTEND A WARM INVITATION TO ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US AT THE PET PARADE AND FAIR TO HELP CELEBRATE WHAT HAS BEEN AT EXCELLENT YEAR AT SHEFFIELD SCHOOL!
Cattle Handlers Report
The Sheffield Junior Cattle Handlers this year has 27 members from Grades 7-10. So far this season they have achieved some amazing results, winning the teams’ event at Launceston and Scottsdale Shows and have achieved 1st to 3rd placings in almost all age groups at all shows attended to date. A big congratulations to Bronte Page - Champion Handler Scottsdale Show, Mitchell Grey - Champion Handler Hobart Show, Chelsea Rayner - Champion Handler Burnie Show as well as the many students who have received 1st placing in Junior Judging.

Good luck to our students who will compete in the state finals for both Handlers and Junior Judging. All team members have represented our school exceptionally and the judge’s comments have highlighted this. As well as the handlers success the Grade 9/10 Agriculture class prepared some cattle for the school Hoof & Hook competition and came away with our second Grand Champion Carcase to make it back to back wins, an excellent result, winning almost $1000 in prize money for the school farm.

Good Luck to all students for the remainder of the season.

For Sale: White Leghorn Pullets, excellent birds, laying now at the school farm $18.00 each.
Phone 64918222

Pathway Planning

Don Enrolment Day
Don College visited Ulverstone High School last Wednesday and nearly all Grade 10 students wishing to attend Don College were enrolled. We have a few students who were away on the day and we will be running follow up sessions over the next week. Any students who have missed out, or parents who would like more information, please contact Jake or Rachel in the Pathways office.

Don Start Day
A reminder that 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 Ulverstone or making alternative arrangements to arrive at Don for the beginning of the school day.

Like Pathway Planning
Many Grade 9 & 10 students at Ulverstone High 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
Parents of children who will start Kindergarten at Sheffield School in 2014 are warmly invited to a

Kindergarten Parent Information Session

WHEN: Friday Nov. 22, 1:30pm
WHERE: Kindergarten building
        Sheffield School
        Henry Street, Sheffield

Please: No children

SHOW RAFFLE RESULTS

1st Prize One nights accommodation at Cradle Mountain Chateau R Daly
2nd Prize Gordon River Cruise for Two D Grey
3rd Prize Side of Pork M Hicks
4th Prize Side of Lamb S Rouse
Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There’s no doubt that success in today’s world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you’ll witness diversity firsthand. You’re likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You’ll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are ‘different’. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait. Here’s how:

Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued. When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.

Model acceptance. Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.

Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views. Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruellest things about others. As a parent, respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Tolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

Answer kids’ questions about differences honestly and respectfully. Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.

Respect individual differences within your own family. Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.
Sheffield Community Carols
At Sheffield School
(Recreation and Related Arts Centre)

Sunday 15 December 2013
6.30pm—8.00pm

Community Carol
Singing
Individual Items
Special Guests

“Come along and join in the singing of Christmas Carols in this Festive Season”

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