From the Principal ……………………..

Dear Parents

A reminder that the second forum regarding the provision of grade 11/12 at Sheffield has been **rescheduled** to the **18th September** due to the inability of Mr Alan Green, General Manager, Early Years and Schools, Department of Education to attend on the initial date.

A letter to all families regarding this change was distributed last week. An RSVP slip was included as a part of this letter. If you are able to attend to pose questions, provide your viewpoint or listen to information shared by others please return the slip to the school office.

Thank you to those parents that have provided feedback on this matter to me over the last couple of weeks.

**Student Achievement**

Last Sunday, two teams of grade 7 students represented our school in the Mathematics Relay Challenge. The Relay was held at Reece High School and involved students from across the northwest, competing in teams of four to solve twenty maths problems of increasing difficulty in 45 minutes. Our teams represented our school admirably, with one of our teams - consisting of Jayke Roberston, Angus Alsop, Danny Crack and Harrison Greeves, coming in a credible fourth place. Thank you to those staff and parents that attended and supported our teams.

Last Thursday evening we held our 40 Hour Famine sleepover, with over 50 secondary students attending. Our school has traditionally been great supporters of this cause and this year was no exception with many students from grades 3-10 participating. Students were encouraged to **give up** over an 8 hour or 40 hour period food, furniture or technology with the hope that this would help them to understand the plight of those people in developing countries and raise some funds that will help to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.
Congratulations to all involved, I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of the Student Representative Council and Mrs Maddick in organising the event and those staff that supported the sleepover.

**Smoking on School Sites**
A reminder to parents/carers that all Government Schools, and the associated grounds and car parks are smoke free environments. This is for the comfort of all members of the school community, please adhere to this requirement. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

**Melbourne Trip**
Recently 25 students and 4 staff travelled to Melbourne to experience the culture and many attractions that this city provides. A more detailed report is included in the newsletter, however I would like to acknowledge the pleasing manner in which the students conducted themselves and represented the school on this trip. I would also like to thank Ms Pearce, Mrs Milne, Mr Gregory and Mr Lutwyche for their contributions to making this trip possible and the positive experience it was for the students that attended. Later in this term our grade 5 students will have the option to participate in a 4 day Hobart experience. All of these types of activities are very much dependant on staff support. A reminder to parents that an educational program will run as normal for any students that do not participate in some of these optional activities and camps.

**Railton Skate Park Survey**
Attached to last week’s Railton Campus memo was a Skate Park survey. Please return these to the school office by Monday 1 September, 2014.

**Support Staff**
We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed group of adults in our school working collaboratively with teachers to support the learning programs of the students. Recently we held an afternoon tea for support staff as a way of recognising their tremendous contributions to our school community.

**School Banking**
Recently our School Business Manager and I met with a representative from the Commonwealth Bank regarding some administrative matters that needed to occur to enable students that had previously banked with the CBA to do so again. This has now occurred and as a result students with existing CBA accounts are now able to recommence school banking.

The process for banking whether with the CBA or Bendigo Bank will be the same, students need to drop their deposit book and money at the school office at either the Railton or Sheffield campus. It will then be collected and taken to the respective bank’s local branch and processed before being returned back to the school for distribution to students.

There will not be a specific banking day, as the timeframe for the return of deposit books may vary from week to week and is dependent on a number of factors. Ultimately students can take their deposit books and money to the school office any day of the week, however the collection by bank representatives will only occur once during the week, which will normally be Thursday or Friday.

Over the course of the year both CBA and Bendigo Bank will promote their school banking and may conduct sign up days, speak at assemblies or provide information within newsletters.

Ron Daly
**PRINCIPAL**
Calendar dates.....

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P-6 AWARDS (Sheffield Campus)
FRIDAY 15 August 2014

Prep A
Olivia Weeks
Chloe Mace
Benjamin Zhao
Lily Gillard

Prep B
Jaxon Ainslie
Noah Haberle
Isabelle Leslie
Bella Mansell

1
Hazel Glashower
Jaden Grabe
Riley Stephens

1/2
Zavier Patterson
Jacob Hedditch
Indianna Williams
James King

2
Levi de Boer
Brady Martin
Ethan Frankcombe

3/4 A
Will Duff
Indiana Anderson-Bryan
Malissa Frankcombe
Allie Henricks

3/4 B
Majiha Camilleri
Shana Rouse
Montana Williams
Ellowyn Thomson

4/5 A
Riley McColl
Jakai Hodgetts-Arnold
Carly Searle

5A
Oliver Hickman
Brock Barker
Asha Bryan
Liam Rouse

5/6 A
Nicholas Davey
James Knight
Takisha Norris
Shikayla Sheehan

6 A
Billie Chatterton
Lachlan Dawkins
Chloe Currie

Move Well Eat Well
5 ways to increase fruit and vegetable intake

1. Shop for fruit and vegetables that are in season, it will be cheaper and tastier.
2. Keep fresh, tinned or frozen fruit and vegetables at home.
3. Add extra fruit and vegetables to recipes and meals.
4. Involve kids in shopping, growing, preparing and cooking fruit and vegetables.
5. If buying take away food order a side salad or some vegetables.

For more information and for family ideas on healthy eating and physical activity visit www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au
School Socials

The term three Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary socials are to be held on Wednesday 10 September. Entry is $2.50 for Primary and Secondary.

THEME: Opposites

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. Notices will be sent home shortly.

Payment of School Levies
Thank you to those parents who have paid their levies within the school policy guidelines - being by the end of term 2.

Families with remaining outstanding levies will receive a letter this week as the first step in the debt recovery process. Parents/Guardians are reminded that application can be made for the Student Assistance Scheme (STAS) for exemption from levy charges, but this scheme is means tested and proof of income is required. The scheme closes for 2014 applications on Friday 5th September - so if you think you may be eligible - please apply NOW.

Payments can be made at both Sheffield and Railton offices by cash, EFTPOS or cheque, by BPAY and at Service Tasmania. Another option is Centrepay deductions from Centrelink benefits.

Please contact me at Sheffield site on 64918222 to discuss options and whether the school can assist in any way. I’m also available at Railton by appointment.

Charmaine Butcher, School Business Manager

Sheffield School Orientation for Kindergarten Students (Sheffield Campus)

Did you know?......Kindergarten Orientation sessions began on Friday 25 July for local children born in 2010 who will be attending Kindergarten next year at the Sheffield Campus. Sessions are free and run on Fridays from 1:20pm – 2:30pm in the Kindergarten building at Sheffield School in Henry Street. This program is a valuable opportunity for your child to become familiar with the Kindergarten environment, staff and other children who may be in their class. It provides parents with the opportunity to access Information and support regarding the enrolment process and ways to support their child at this special time. For more information, please contact the school on 64918222 and come along to our Friday afternoon sessions. We would love to see you there! If you cannot make it, please contact us on the above number as soon as possible. This will allow us to get an idea of numbers for next year and begin factoring this into our planning process.

Karie van der Velde
Kindergarten Orientation Program Co-ordinator
2014 Mainland Trip

On Thursday the 14th August, twenty-five excited grade 9 and 10 students and four staff members were farewelled by our families at the Spirit of Tasmania terminal before setting sail for the sights and bright lights of Melbourne!

After a smooth overnight sailing, we began our trip with a packed day of activities. First stop was the Old Melbourne Gaol, where we participated in a court room drama, were ‘incarcerated’ in the watch house and visited the actual gaol where we were enthralled by the stories from our informative guide. Following this, a quick spot of shopping preceded a trip up the Eureka Tower, where some of us braved “The Edge” and then we ended the day with a gripping game of footy between Carlton and Geelong at Etihad Stadium – some of us went home happy (Miss Radford 😊) and some not so… (Mitchell, Eden, Mr Lutwyche 😞).

Day two began with another early start at the Queen Victoria Markets, where Karol the Koala and Skippy the Kangaroo were purchased. These became our much loved trip mascots who accompanied the two students who had made the latest, biggest, funniest blunder. This was followed by a few hours of fun at Luna Park. We then all headed off for some DFO shopping where some of us managed to snap up some more bargains; Damien, Patrick and Jason continued to buy matching outfits and some of us started to question whether we had enough room in our luggage for the additional items.

That night we headed into Southbank and viewed the flame show outside Crown and visited a huge video gaming arcade.

On day three we visited the Zoo; this was followed by some of us choosing to spend the afternoon at the Melbourne Aquatic Centre and others - shopping urges not yet satisfied, choosing to spend some more time in the CBD. Karol and Skippy continued to make their way around members of the group – spending more time with some students than others (not mentioning any names… cough … Joby) and some repairs were made to poor Karol’s head (thanks Emily!)

Our last day consisted of a visit to the Melbourne Aquarium, the National Sports Museum and a tour of the MCG, where we were fortunate enough to be guided through the venue by formed AFL player and Premiership coach, Alan Joyce.

We returned home in the wee hours of Tuesday morning (following a delayed flight) where many of us fell into bed exhausted, but having had a terrific weekend. As usual, our students conducted themselves admirably throughout the trip and are to be commended on being such a fantastic group to travel with.

Carmen Pearce
Assistant Principal
Pathways Update

Don College Taster Day  (Grade 10 Students)

Third term is proving to be extremely busy with grade 10 students preparing to attend the Don College Taster Day on Tuesday 9th September. On Tuesday 12th August members of staff from Don College visited us here at Sheffield to talk to our grade 10 students about transitioning to Don College and the Taster Day. They spoke about the transition process for students leaving grade 10 and going onto year 11 next year, what to expect and also providing some feedback from some previous Sheffield students now attending Don College. I found this very interesting and positive to hear what current students attending Don College had to say and I hope this proved useful for our students as well. There will be further information about Don College and the transition process in the coming weeks and I will pass this information on to parents as it arrives. They also spoke about some of the options that will be available to the students next year and explained how the time table works. Over the past couple of weeks I have been working with the grade 10 students with the assistance of some wonderful and very supportive Sheffield grade 10 teachers to assist the grade 10’s in selecting some subjects they are interested in finding out more about on the Taster Day. The Don Taster Day has been a huge success in previous years, as Don College helps students to become familiar with the college, teachers and with the subject content.

Don College will also be holding a Parent Information Evening during October. I will forward this information on to parents once details are confirmed.

If you have any questions regarding the transition process, please feel free to contact me on: kelly.conkie@education.tas.gov.au or via the school office.

Pathways into the Building & Construction Industry  (Grade 9 & 10 Students)

On Thursday 7th August the Master Builders of Tasmania visited us here at Sheffield School to deliver a presentation to interested grade 9 & 10 students.

This was a great presentation which provided about 15 of our students with some valuable information about careers in the Building and Construction Industry.

UTAS Open Day

Just a reminder that this Sunday 31st August is UTAS Open Day. All three campuses will be open between 10.00am – 3.00pm in Hobart, Launceston and the Cradle Coast Campus in Burnie for you to go along and have a look around, meet staff and current students and find out about courses and general University life.

Please feel free to contact me for further details or you can call 13UTAS or visit utas.edu.au/open day

Kelly Conkie
PATHWAY PLANNER
Get your developmental match right

Parents of large families tend to have seen it all before. But if you have only one or two kids, you’re pretty much learning it all on the run. Here are some ideas for matching your parenting style to your kids’ development.

If you’re the parent of a small family (two children or less), your learning curve is steep as there are so many firsts: first steps, first time at preschool, first experience of school camp, first transition from childhood to adolescence.

The extensive list of “first” experiences means you constantly need to acquire new knowledge (“Now, how does this toilet training work?”) and new skills (“Hmm. How do I persuade a reluctant toilet trainer?”).

The other challenge, of course, is matching your parenting with the developmental needs of each stage in your child’s young life.

You know how it goes: Just as you finally learn how to successfully tackle an independent-minded toddler, he suddenly moves into a more compliant but far more inquisitive stage. You think, “What’s with all the questions? Do I have to answer them all?”

NEW STAGES, NEW OPPORTUNITIES, NEW CHALLENGES!

Parents of large families can draw on their previous experiences, but when you lead a small crew it’s largely trial and error. Here are some ideas for matching your parenting with your child’s developmental stage:

1. **Follow** your child’s lead. Kids will let you know in many and varied ways what they require from you.

2. **Learn** from other parents who have been down the parenting track before you. Ask questions: “Does your six-year-old... ?” “Is it normal that... ?”

3. **When** a previously successful strategy no longer serves its purpose, this is evidence that your child has **moved** to a new developmental stage. Now you need to ask yourself whether you have too.

4. **Follow** the lead of professionals such as child care workers, teachers and parent educators who have broader experience of specific age groups.

5. **Learn more about developmental stages** and their parenting requirements. Each stage brings new challenges and new opportunities. Understanding the developmental needs of children helps you match your parenting to their age and stage.

Eleanor Roosevelt once said: “Learn from the mistakes of others. You can’t live long enough to make them all yourself.” This wisdom definitely applies to parenting, especially in smaller families. So if it’s a struggle to get it right, don’t be too hard on yourself. See it as an opportunity to learn.

Michael Grose
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Shimjang Taekwondo
Training on Friday nights from 6.30pm until 7.30pm at the Sheffield School gym.
For more information 0439 715 431.

Latrobe & Districts Softball Association Inc.

Any Boys & Girls who would like to play, or want to learn how to play Softball, please come along this Saturday August 30th at 11am. It's a 'Come & Try' Training Day, and is being held at the Picton Grange Softball ground—Latrobe. (Behind Latrobe Football Grandstands).

Ages are 5-8 for Tee Ball and 9-16 for Junior Softball.

We are also looking for players for our Women’s & Men’s teams for any parents out there that would like to play, you all are welcome to come along.

It’s a great way to develop skills & fitness while having fun and meeting new friends. All our games are social and friendly with all equipment supplied and no Softball knowledge needed.

Contact Shelley Dodd for more Information
Mobile: 0439 361 804 or Email: doddfour@bigpond.net.au
Everyone is welcome!!

You’re invited to attend
Penguin Community
Bonfire and
Fireworks Night

Where: Penguin District School
When: Friday 12th September
Time: 6.00 – 9.00pm

Tickets available from:
Penguin District School
Secondary Campus
Pre-purchased tickets are $25, $10 on the door

Tickets also available at the gate

FAMILY $35
ADULT $15
CHILDREN $5

Everyone must be accompanied by an adult.

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