Dear Parents

Although a very busy time of the year, it is an enjoyable time where we will celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of many students over the coming weeks during a number of special assemblies, functions and activities. It is also a time where students are able to relax and reflect on the year and spend time socially with other students and staff at the various excursions and picnics that will be occurring.

Information regarding some of these special events / activities will have been distributed through students either within letters or the newsletter; if you require any additional information or are unsure of details pertaining to your student’s involvement in some of these events please contact the school office on 64918222 or speak with your child’s class teacher.

**Athletics Carnival**
Recently we held our annual athletics carnival. The emphasis of our tabloid structured carnival is on participation, and that was certainly observed on the day. 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 our end of year assembly on the last day of school this year.

Thank you to all staff for their support of the day, and particularly to our Health and Physical Education staff, Mr Hays, Miss Scattergood and Miss Parsons for their organisation and preparation of students leading up to the carnival. Thank you also to Mrs Temple, parent volunteers and students for the barbecue lunch, and finally to Mr Ween and Mr Von Stieglitz for the work behind the scenes in preparing the grounds and tracks.
Staffing for 2016
I hope to be able to provide some clarity to our school community in regard to staffing for 2016 in our next newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Moore an enjoyable break, Mrs Moore commenced Long Service Leave at the end of last week, and will return at the commencement of 2016.

Kinder Ready Website
Late last week the Department of Education launched the Kinder Ready website which has been developed to support parents in helping their children in being ready to start Kindergarten. The web address is http://kinder-ready.tas-education.org/ I would encourage parents of our younger people to take the time to have a look at this website.

Presentation Day Assembly
This Tuesday 8 December parents and community members are invited to attend our Presentation Day Assembly. The assembly will commence at 11.30 am in the Recreation and Related Arts Building.

Ron Daly
Principal

Uniform
School Polo Tops for Primary students are now available in adult sizes – small, medium and large for $20 each.

These sizes will not be kept in stock and must be pre-ordered and paid for.

Please place your order by Friday 11 December to ensure delivery by book sales day 2016.

Arts Concert and Exhibition
Please join in the celebration of your children’s 2015 Arts Journey tonight at 7pm in the Related Arts Building at Sheffield School.

There will be musical and dramatic performances and the annual Art Acquisition Prize will be decided by your vote!

Students participating in the concert will need adult supervision and audience members are asked for a gold coin donation.

Other Dates to Remember
Wednesday 16 December
Christmas Assembly for K-6 at Sheffield Campus
Gr 7-10 End of Year Picnic @ Splash

Thursday 17 December
Term 4 Concludes
Super Hero Day

A reminder Super Hero Day will be held on Tuesday 15 December to help raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy

Get your costumes organized and dress up as your favourite Super Hero. Gold coin donation please.

Parents with children starting Kindergarten at Railton Campus of Sheffield School in 2016 are warmly invited to the

2016 Kindergarten Parent Information Session

WHEN: Monday 7th December at 1:30pm
WHERE: Kindergarten building Railton Campus 94 Foster Street Railton

Move Well Eat Well

Don’t forget breakfast!

Eating breakfast can help your child:
- to learn and concentrate at school
- to get all the goodness they need for their growing bodies
- resist snacking on less healthy foods.

Try these breakfast ideas:

- Weetbix™, Vitabrits™ with tinned or fresh fruit and reduced fat milk (no need to add sugar!)
- Crumpets, toast or raisin toast with your favourite topping (e.g. peanut butter & banana, tomato & cheese)
- A tub of reduced fat yoghurt and a piece of fresh fruit
- Baked beans on wholemeal toast

For more information and for family ideas on healthy eating visit www.movewellatewell.tas.gov.au
It’s that time of year again! The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

“Where did the last twelve months go?”
That’s the adult viewpoint. Kids think, “What took so long?” Different ages, different perspectives.

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That’s only natural.

But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you’ll round out the year, and bring it to a close. If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives.

The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next.

Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. **Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year:**
   Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year’s end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. **Celebrate improvement and success:**
   Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It’s important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. **Show appreciation:**
   Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. **Look forward**
   It maybe beneficial to give your kids a chance to went about some aspect of the year that they didn’t like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn’t end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. **Now relax**
   It’s time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous year wasn’t one of your child’s best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it’s a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year!
Join us to celebrate Christmas!

Community Carols Night

Bring a rug, some supper and candles,
to the lawns of the Sheffield Uniting Church

[Corner Main Street and Henry Street, Sheffield]

6.30 pm Sunday, December 13th

Featuring: MC - Penny Lane
The Kentish Singers, Resonance Choir,
Maree Cole - flautist, Philip Daniell,
Fifth Dimension, children from Sheffield
and SANTA

All welcome!
**Kids Great Weekend Out**

**Sat. & Sun. 5th & 6th December**

**Affordable fun & food for all the family**

- Steam Train Rides on 1/2 hour
- Zorb balls & Giant Slide
- Fun deco Balloons
- Face Painting
- Wayfarers of Midgard medieval group
- Loxley Archery
- Ride on “Old Chatter”
- Tug o War kids vs Steam Roller
- Animal Petting
- Laughing Clowns - win a prize
- Pluck a Duck - win a prize
- The Mouse Game - win a prize
- Coin operated Train Ride *
- Pinball machine * - * both on platform
- Novelties & lucky dip stall
- Christmas Carols — Kentish Churches (Sat.) & Kentish Singers (Sun.)
- Apple Isle Carriage Driving Assoc. — horse drawn carriage rides
- Model Railway - kids can make the railway go!
- Old fashioned games organized by Sheffield School students
- Blacksmith - Watch him using old world skills

*SANTA arrives via train at 2:30 each day — visit him in his grotto on the platform - photo opportunities for parents & grandparents.*

**FOOD & DRINK in the grounds:**

- Hot chips, Dagwoods, Donuts etc provided by Sheffield Berry Farm
- Berry Ice creams, Cold Drinks, Coffee provided by Sheffield Berry Farm
- Sausage sizzle provided by Sheffield School students
- Pancakes & Crepes, Sweet & Savoury provided by Anna's Pancakes

**Food & Drink in the Station Coffee Shop**

- Freshly made mini pizzas, sandwiches fresh or toasted
- Home baked cakes, slices, biscuits & confectionary
- Fresh apples and bananas
- Cans of soft drink
- Freshly brewed coffee, tea, hot chocolate

**Check out our Souvenirs including new train stickers**

**Membership Forms** — members can have free train rides all year!

**Redwater Creek Steam & Heritage Society**

PO Box 143
Sheffield TAS 7306

More info: 0458 190 591 OR
Email: admin@redwater.org.au

**KGO is provided as a community event. Thank you to all stallholders, groups & personnel who have made this event possible. Redwater Creek Steam & Heritage Soc. will profit only via train rides and sales made in the station and Coffee Shop.**
Community Notices

Railton Community
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Sunday 20th December
Lions Park, Railton
FREE Community Event
Starts: 4:30pm with Santa arriving at 6:30pm
* Sausage Sizzle
* Jumping Castle
* Face Painting
* Balloon Artist
* Christmas Carols

Come along and join the party!

SHEFFIELD COMMUNITY NETBALL – TUESDAY NIGHTS 2016
Team nominations are now being taken for the Sheffield Community Netball Term 1 Roster for 2016 (Tuesdays: 9 February to 5 April).

Games will be played in the Recreation and Related Arts Building, 12 Henry Street Sheffield from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Cost $21.00 per team, per week. Team nomination forms are available from Sheffield School.

Team nominations close: Thursday, 17 December 2015.

For further information, please contact Steph on 6491 8222 (BH) or 6491 1364 (AH).

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Looking for an awesome summer job?
...because we’re looking for junior staff (13-15 yrs) to join our Fudge Family!

If you are:
- friendly and outgoing
- a fast learner
- keen to impress
- committed and loyal

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You don’t need experience, we can train you! The skills you learn with us will be VERY helpful in your future career prospects.

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