Sheffield School Association Inc.
Minutes – Thursday 16th May, 2013

Venue: VET Room at Sheffield School
Time: 7:00 pm
Meeting organiser: Kate Haberle
Meeting recorder: Kate Haberle
Present: Kate Haberle, Tim Dyer, Amanda Grey, Allison Boutcher, Dayna Grey, Phillip Turner, Newton Maddick, Anna Maddick, Melissa Dudley, Jacqui McCarthy, Bradley Huett, Mariska Scerri, Cindy Dunlop, Sharon Allen, Gillian Pratt, Kelli Parker, Gabrielle Knight

Apologies: Ron Daly, Chris Puccetti, Elaine Deverell, Debbie May

Moved: Allison Boutcher, Seconded: Gillian Pratt, “that apologies be accepted.” CARRIED

Tim welcomed Cindy Dunlop to the meeting.

1. Minutes of previous meeting: (18th April, 2013)

Moved: Newton Maddick, Seconded: Dayna Grey, “that minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.” CARRIED

2. Business Arising:

- Levies – Ron checked with Charmaine and she has confirmed that levies can be paid up to the end of term 2. This information will be in the newsletter also.

3. Correspondence: Nil

4. Special Committees Reports: No report
5. Standing Reports

Student

- Term 1 holidays concluded on the 6th May and students have settled back into school well.
- A Mother’s Day stall was held on the 10th May in the Primary corridor.
- Grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 are relieved as NAPLAN testing concluded today.
- Catch up immunisations for grade 7 and 9 boys are tomorrow.
- Prep/1 Allen and 2 Moore are travelling to the Melrose Arboretum tomorrow for an excursion.
- Grade 9 students – Hamish McLean, Malachi Hinrichsen and Dayna Grey will be attending the Health Careers Expo at the Latrobe Hospital tomorrow. They will participate in hands on activities to get a feel for working in the medical industry.
- Once again Try a Skill will be held in Burnie on the 21st May for grade 9 students. 21 students will travel down by bus and participate in activities associated with career choices they are interested in such as carpentry, electrical, hospitality and hairdressing.
- Walk safely to school day will be held on the 24th May.
- North West Primary School Sports Association is holding the primary cross country on the 28th May at the Ulverstone Football Ground. Students from the 9/10 LAC class will be assisting.
- 3-4 Dowie will be travelling to the Melrose Arboretum for an excursion on the 28th May.
- Grade 8 camp is also coming up once again and will be held at Camp Clayton on the 29th - 31st May.

Students were asked their opinion on the four terms and they all agreed it was a good idea and they were looking forward to another break on the 5th July.

Early Childhood

- Early Childhood students attended the Sheffield ANZAC Day service and walked with the parade and laid a wreath. Comments after the service were very positive about the Sheffield students who attended the Dawn Service and 10.30 Service.
- Staff attended various meetings on Moderation Day. ECE staff attended Latrobe Primary School to moderate work samples across the four core learning areas. It was a well-run day and a valuable time of sharing.
- Students returned after the holidays happy and refreshed.
- Kinder B with Mrs Lynda Wallace hosted a Mother’s Day afternoon tea. All mothers attended and were waited on by their children. It was lots of fun.
- The Intensive Speech program has commenced. This will run from Tuesday to Friday over four weeks. 29 students from Sheffield are involved and a number of students from Railton are also participating in the program. The program is divided into three areas of focus, articulation, oral language and phonological awareness.
• Teachers are busy preparing IEP’s (Individual Education Plans) for Aboriginal students and writing mid-year reports.

UPCOMING

• Prep/1 Allen and 2 Moore are going on an excursion to the Arboretum tomorrow.
• Wednesday 22nd May, Kinder B is joining the National Simultaneous Storytime with Mayor Don Thwaites in the library. Mr Thwaites will be reading “The Wrong Book”.
• Wednesday 22nd May, Prep-6 Assembly.

Primary

• Abbey Boutcher, Samantha Denby, Carly Searle were the recipients of the RSL ANZAC Day prizes from the primary area.
• On April 19th, teachers participated in Moderation Day. This was a great opportunity for teachers to work collaboratively to moderate work samples.
• Last Friday, the grade 5 students held a Mother’s Day stall raising $418.00. This money goes towards the costs for the grade 5 camp.
• Grade 3 and 5 students have participated in the NAPLAN testing this week.
• Next Wednesday we have the first P-6 assembly for the term. It will be hosted by 5/6 Richards.

Secondary

• Students have returned to school very settled. They coped with the wet weather and managed to stay focused on their learning.
• The grade 9 students have been busy with NAPLAN testing this week but have been very positive in their approach to the test papers.
• Four students are attending MUNA at the weekend. This is the Model United Nations Assembly which is being held in Deloraine. Helena and Sophia are representing Turkey and Hollie and Chloe are representing Cyprus. They have to prepare their response to at least 6 resolutions which will be discussed at the assembly.
• Staff attended Moderation Day on the last day of term. From all reports teachers found this to be a very worthwhile time meeting with other teachers from the cluster and moderating pieces of work against the Australian Curriculum.
• On Friday 17th May four students from grade 9 will be attending the Youth Health Day where they will experience a variety of career workshops in the area of Health. 15-20 workshops will be available and the students were able to pick 3. The Health Day will be held at the Latrobe Hospital and organised by the University of Tasmania.
• During the holidays seven students attended the ANZAC Day services. Tom Rockliff read his essay at the Dawn Service while Lillian Maddick and Daniel Smith read theirs at the morning service. Four students from the early Childhood Campus and Secondary section of the school attended the morning service and laid a wreath at the cenotaph.
• Football training has started for the secondary boys and they have their first match this week.
• Next Tuesday, 21 grade 9 students will be attending “Try a Skill” in Burnie. The students chose 3 areas of interest and will gain hands on experience in each of these trades.

• Rehearsals have started for the production which will be held at the end of June. Mrs Bentley and Ms Tawse are working very hard with the students to get this off the ground.

• Jamie Skirving and Catrina Davies are sharing the acting Assistant principal’s role while Carmen Pearce is on leave. They have settled into their new roles very well.

• About 35 staff members have joined the Global Corporate Challenge which requires them to monitor the number of steps they walk each day. This information is then entered online along with every other team across the state.

• The first fund raiser for the Cambodia trip was launched this week. Students are asked to bring along old mobile phones as the return value for each one is $3. A competition will be held between classes and a prize will be given to the class that brings along the most mobile phones.

• Cuppa for Cancer was held on 22nd May. Students helped prepare the food and community members were invited to morning tea in the sewing room. Plates of morning tea were delivered to various businesses around town.

• High Tea will be held at the Senior Citizen Club rooms on the 1st June. Students from grade 10 will be waiting on the tables. Proceeds will go to Tandara.

• Anna gave a report on the Cambodia trip. She explained the process of fundraising for this trip as it is $3000 per student to participate in this excursion. They are also fundraising for a project in Cambodia to the value of $1500, maybe for wells or a toilet block. The mobile recycling is to aid this project. The children in Cambodia love beanies so the students will organise a beanie day on the 6th June. Beanies are being knitted to take to Cambodia in November. Students bring along a gold coin donation and old mobile phones as well. A bingo night is also being planned. Susie Hinrichsen is organising a fundraising event at CMax on the 23rd June. Meetings will be held monthly now. Malcolm Moore is going on the trip with Louise Ellings joining the group also.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy

• Esther has been appointed the new chaplain at Railton for one day a week. Railton School will contribute $10000 for this program. This will encourage stability and continuity over the next two years. The principal and a community member will attend the Chaplaincy meetings which are held every two months.

6.2 Show Committee – No report

6.3 Farm Committee –

• The Farm Management Committee minutes from the 14th May were tabled.
- Ron will be attending a meeting with Education Department representatives regarding the future planning of school farms.
- Laurie Hooper has been contacted to assist in reducing costs around maintenance and to give advice.
- Signs have been installed so visitors can sign in when visiting the farm.
- Joe Skirving suggested that the Cleveland sale be supported. Cattle were purchased at Powranna.
- Ken to investigate the possibility of milking more cows.
- Decision made not to put in poppies this year. Minimal profit for effort.

6.4 On Line Access Centre – No report.

6.5 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee – No report.

7. General Business

7.1 Casual Vacancy –
- Cindy Dunlop has agreed to accept the casual vacancy for two years.

7.2 Bendigo Bank –
- No information available. We will try and get information for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at: 7.30pm.

Next meeting will be held on **THURSDAY 20\textsuperscript{th} JUNE, 2013** at 7.00pm in the VET Room.