

Sheffield School

Learning in Partnership
Reaching Our P.E.A.K



Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Beau Collier to Sheffield School. Beau has joined our Room 1 learning team. We all can't wait to see you reaching new academic and social P.E.A.K.'s at Sheffield School.

Camp 2016

Last week the children in Room's 3 and 4 completed their 'Camp 2016' at the Waipara Adventure Centre (WAC).

The key to any great school camp is the following:

1. Great people

2. Good food

3. Good venue

If you get all three of these criteria right, (and you need to prioritise these in this order) then you will have a fantastic school camping experience. During this year's camp, we once again achieved all three of the key camping criteria above. The children, parents, teachers and WAC staff all contributed to an amazing camping experience. All of the children were able to reach their Physical and Social P.E.A.K. during camp. Whether it be the abseiling, rock climbing, archery, raft building, kayaking, B.M.X./Mountain biking, team building, 'Burma Trail', or the challenges of living in a communal environment away from home, all children certainly 'Learned in Partnership and Reached their P.E.A.K.' The parents involved all played a crucially important role in ensuring the children were able to make the most out of their opportunities. So a huge thank you must go to the following people for making this camp so successful; Becky Stewart, Kerri Booth, Sally Whitwell, Moff Molloy, Alistair Barnhill, Matthew O'Sullivan, Loretta Paterson, Barb Wilson, Howard Barrett, Andy Bremner, Patrick Van de Pol, Craig Robertson, and Caroline Wild. Your contributions to the effective running of this camp were invaluable and the staff, children and I all thank you! The fantastic aspect of this camp was the close proximity it has to Sheffield. As a result of this we were lucky enough to have so many parents come up and join us for a day, so many thanks to those parents that came up and helped out.

'Camp 2016' Photos

We have over 1,600 photos from 'Camp 2016'. We are in the process of working out the best way to get them out to everyone. We will have these ready for you in the coming weeks. In the meantime, come and see me if you'd like some specific photos. I will have a digital file for you to look through and you can save any photos of your child's camp on a portable storage device.

Student Council 2016

Tomorrow at assembly we will be identifying students who will be our Student Council representatives. All senior school students that applied are part of our school wide leadership program. The calibre of our students is fantastic and we had the difficult task of selecting a small amount to represent each leadership group.

We have discussed with all of our students that if they are not announced tomorrow to be a part of our Student Council, there is still an opportunity for them to be a part of this team. Students who are still interested can come and talk to one of the senior teachers to discuss their next steps in this process.

Working Bee

On the last Saturday of the school holidays we are going to have a working bee at school. There have been a few jobs around the property that we would like to complete in 'one fell swoop'. These jobs include:

Spreading mulch

Removing dangerous branches from the hedge

Collecting green waste

Replacing worn timber on the playground

Planting natives around our school grounds

Refining the BMX Track

Landscaping around the Learning Centre

To complete the above jobs we will require wheelbarrows, rakes, spades, shovels, trailer. All heavy equipment will be organised and the playground workers before for the day. We will start the working bee at 1:00pm and are aiming to be completed by 4:30pm. I will send a text out tonight to find out how many people are available and to confirm what equipment you'll be able to provide. The PTA have very kindly offered to have the BBQ operating to feed the crew as we all roll our sleeves up to complete these tasks.

ART LESSONS

Vicki Peacock will be running art lessons in the Possibilities Room in Term 2 for any students who are interested. There is a maximum of 10 students per session. Cost will be \$10 per session payable to Vicki at the beginning of the Term. Places will run out quickly so please phone Karen 318 3713 to secure a place for your child.

Health and Safety

With the new Health and Safety Act that came into effect on April 4 we have been working closely alongside the Ministry of Education(MoE), New Zealand School Trustees' Association (NZSTA) and other schools' to establish that we are doing what we need to do to ensure the safety of our children, staff and volunteers at Sheffield School. This is an area of focus that requires the highest level of attention. The Principal and the Board of Trustees have been preparing Sheffield School for the new Health and Safety Act and as a school community we need to prepare for all practical and reasonable changes needed to meet the new requirements.

In the interim we have closed the hedge and stopped tree climbing. This is due to the fact we are unable to ensure the safety of our children in these areas as they are not in an appropriate state of repair.

We will continue to keep you posted of the Sheffield School Health and Safety Policies and Procedures, and any community consultation opportunities. Please see Nick if you require any further information.

SHAVE FOR A CURE - THIS WEEK!

On Saturday night locals Lu Wengler, Pam Aldersley and Dawson Gilchrist will shave their hair for this year's 'Shave For A Cure' fundraiser, raising money for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer. The big shave will take place at the Yello Shack cafe in Springfield on Sat 9th April from 7.00pm. There will be a \$5 door charge, complimentary nibbles, and the bar will be open. As well as wielding the clippers, hairdresser Angela Wengler has offered her services on the night to anyone wanting a (less drastic) haircut! These will be offered at a discounted price and all proceeds from the door and haircuts will go to the cause. Come along and show your support!

Whacky Hair/Hat Day Friday 15th April (Last Day of Term 1) - Gold Coin donation.

For our part in raising money for "Shave for a Cure" we will hold a mufti day with a focus on hair/hats. We will have prizes for the best whacky hat or hair so get creative and come to school with your most bizarre hair or a hat and your gold coin donation and lets see if we can raise some serious money for this fantastic cause.

End of Term Fish & Chips 15th April

Desiree and Penny at the Sheffield Hotel have kindly offered to cook our fish and chips for us this term.

Fish \$3.50 Hotdog \$2.50 Chips \$1.50

Orders and money must be in to Karen by **Wednesday 13th April.**

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC Day will take place in the middle of the school holidays.

Sheffield School have been invited by the Sheffield & Waddington ANZAC Day Service organisers to be formally involved in this year's commemoration.

Unfortunately many of the staff are away in the holidays and won't be present at the Sheffield ANZAC Service as they'll be attending services at other venues around New Zealand. Please contact Nick if you and your children are intending on attending the Sheffield ANZAC Service and are happy for them to be a formal part of this year's commemorations. We will select children for the formal roles

once we've identified who will be present and willing to contribute to this year's commemorations.

2016 Board of Trustee Elections

The triennial election of trustees for the Board of Trustees will take place next term.

Have you thought about becoming a trustee?

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. Please follow this link for information on what trustees do and how you can become a trustee. <http://www.trusteeelection.co.nz/media/191646/nzsta-dl6pp-fa.pdf>

Step forward and nominate yourself or someone you know by filling out a nomination form available from the school. Nominations for trustees close Friday 20th May.

Please see a current Sheffield BoT member if you would like to know more about the role.

SchoolDocs

This is a very timely opportunity to highlight the need for all families to familiarise themselves with our 'SchoolDocs' site. This site highlights all of Sheffield School's Policies and Procedures. Visit School Docs [here](#).

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Term Dates Calendar

Please check out the school's calendar on our Ultranet site for all of Term 2's key dates. These can be accessed here [Sheffield School](#).

Term 1 Diary

8 Apr Assembly 2:15pm Room 1
12 Apr Life Education with Harold
14 Apr BOT Meeting
14 Apr Life Education with Harold
15 Apr Last Day of Term 1

Sausage Cookers

Friday 8th April
Cooper / Collier Families

Sheffield Memorial Pool

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