

Sheffield School

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



From the Principal - Tumuaki

Enrolment Zone

As many of you will be aware, at Sheffield School we do not have an enrolment zone. Given the recent growth we have been experiencing in student numbers, we are working alongside the Ministry of Education to establish an enrolment zone for Sheffield School. This will require a clear and objective process which will be confirmed to all key stakeholders in the coming weeks. Please note that all students that are currently enrolled at Sheffield Primary and their younger siblings will not be affected by a new enrolment scheme. Please contact me if you have any queries.

Winter Tournament

Photos from this year's Malvern Primary Schools' Winter Tournament are now up on our website. Please click [here](#) to check these wonderful photos out. A huge thank you to Ruth Jennings for her time and expertise to take these photos.

Science and Technology Challenge

Last Thursday afternoon we had our first **'Science and Technology Challenge'** session with the Senior School students. This session involved the students collaborating in teams of four to create an aircraft that would fly as far as possible using the materials available. (6 sheets of A4 paper, 6 drinking straws, 3g of blu-tack, and 2 paper clips). This experience paved the way for authentic teaching and learning through the awe and wonder of science. The aircrafts created by our young scientists performed with mixed results. This week the children are going to participate in the same challenge. This allows the children to put our school's virtue of resilience 'fail often, fail forward' into practice. I have been impressed at how some of our children have been using their own time to research effective design features and the teachers are introducing the key scientific concepts behind flight.



Indie, Jordyn, Jaida, and Henry, work on their design



Alex, Josh M., Zoe B., and Alice sharing design concepts



Neve, Gracie and Brayden drawing up their design options



Team 'Flying Kiwis' prepare to launch their aircraft which ended up being the sessions winning design with a distance of 16.12m



Zach Kala takes the lead for his team, 'The Flying Stars', as he steps up to launch their aircraft.

The proof of the students success and growth will be in today's results. Last week the team were collectively able to work out the mean (average distance), median (middle distance), mode (most common distance), and range (difference between smallest and largest

distance) in distance scored from their aircraft designs. Please let me know if you're keen and able to come and help the children during our science and technology challenge sessions every Thursday afternoon for the remainder of Term 3. Thank you to Caroline Wild for her help last week.

Construction Zone Update

The children of Sheffield School were extremely fortunate to have received some brand new vehicles for their 'construction zone' (sandpit). The PTA very generously purchased the key vehicles and tools requested by the workers in our sandpit. This new equipment needs to be managed and monitored. As a result of this a group of key boys from Room 3 have been contracted as Sheffield School's Sandpit Foreman. The key tasks of a 'Sandpit Construction Forman' are to ensure that their new machinery and tools are onsite and in the sandpit by 9:00am every day, returned to the P.E. Shed for storage each night, and that the equipment is maintained to a good working standard. By all accounts the boys have been doing a stunning job. Great work boys, keep it up!



Sheffield School Foreman Josh M., Henry, Zach K., and Michael with their new construction zone equipment and work contract

From the Classroom

Options Tuesday afternoon saw Sheffield School transform into a buzzing hive of activity! It was fantastic to see all of the children so excited about their 'Option' and it is impressive to see what has been achieved in such a short amount of time! Thank you to everyone who has offered their time and support. It has been fantastic to have everyone involved and see many of the hidden talents that we have in our community!



From the children

The Sheffield School Recycling team from our 'Options Programme' is on the lookout for plastic milk bottles and lemonade bottles for one of their exciting projects. Please bring any of these to school and place them in the bin they have provided at the front gate.



Aedan, Libby, Summer, Rowan and Jacob from our 'Recycling Team' in front of the bin their team has provided for empty plastic milk and lemonade bottles.

PEAK HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

Hi I'm Gracie and part of my P.E.A.K homework this year is to help families in need. I have chosen to collect non-perishable food items and donate them to the Christchurch City Mission. I would really appreciate it if you could all help me by donating one item in the box in the school office. until next Friday 26th August.
Thank you very much.



CHRISTCHURCH
City Mission
TE WHARE MĪHANA KI ŌTAUTAHI
"Our City at Heart."

This week's te reo maori phrase of the week:

Ka kite ano ahau - I will see you soon

Ka kite ano apopo - I will see you tomorrow

Ka kite e hoa - See you my friend

Please take the time to learn and practice these alongside your child/ren at home.

Options Dates:

Tuesday 23 August - Options 3

Tuesday 30 August - Options 4

Tuesday 6 September - Options 5 (Skiing TBC)

SchoolDocs

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with our 'SchoolDocs' site. This site highlights all of Sheffield School's Policies and Procedures. Visit School Docs [here](#).

Login: sheffield

Password: sheffield

Term Dates Calendar

Please check out the school's calendar on our Ultranet site for all of Term 3's key dates.

These can be accessed here [Sheffield School](#).

Sheffield School PTA Chairperson Report for AGM 2016

I would like to start my report by thanking all of the committee for all of their hard work and commitment over the past 12 months. You have all helped in making this an extremely successful year for the PTA. Our goal, as always, has been to provide as much as we can in terms of resources, experiences, and service to the students and teachers of Sheffield School. This year has been no exception with over \$20,000 being put back in to the school. Our year of fundraising has been as follows:

July: We set up a PTA face book page, this is another avenue of communication with our parents and school community. Val Edwards ran a Tupperware evening with all funds raised benefiting the children of Sheffield school.

August: Due to a major snow event in June 2015 we had to postpone our Ball date to August the 1st. The very first Sheffield School PTA fundraising ball was a huge success, all tickets were sold out prior to the event. Local band Pig Saddle Road was an absolute hit with the crowd. To help us make the night run more smoothly and to take pressure off the PTA committee we asked the Tara Marshall Showcase fundraising team to help out in the kitchen and the bar, for their efforts we donated \$100 per person that helped on the night. A number of people have since asked when we will be holding another ball. We were also asked by the Sheffield Fire Brigade to cater to the crowds at their fundraising event the Mud Plug. Unfortunately due to a clashing of events for us, and the postponement of the mud plug we were unable to cater at the event. We also catered to the crowds at the Dalethorpe trail ride. It was abitterly cold wet day and sales were slow but steady.

September: We hosted mums night at the local Sheffield Hotel. This was a hugely successful night with approximately 25 mums attending.

October: We catered at the Bell Hill Challenge held on the Ferguson family farm and Pet day.

November: We hosted the Sheffield School Disco at the Sheffield Hall. This isn't a fundraising event as such, however we do ask for a gold coin donation from each child attending to help cover costs of running the event. A raffle donated by Colin Edwards was run from October to the end of November. The raffle participants had to guess the time of Colin completing the Lake Taupo Challenge. This was a successful raffle with over \$700 being raised. We also catered at Athletics day. Discussions were also started on the purchase of a marquee for the school and PTA use. The PTA also donated \$10,000 towards the costs of the new Learning Centre.

December: We ran our annual Christmas raffle at the end of year performance. We donated dictionaries to all of our year 6 leavers, this has been tradition in the PTA for many years now.

January: We catered at the Malvern Hills trail bike ride. This event is always a huge success for the PTA and we thank Grenville Button for having us there and the Robertson family for allowing us to set up in their paddock, we also thank the local farmers who allow the trail bike ride to be run on their properties.

February: The PTA provided support to the BOT fundraising at Klondyke Corner at the Coast to Coast. As usual it was a busy start to the year with the PTA also fundraising at the Malvern Collie Club dog trials at the end of February. In comparison to the Coast to Coast this is a small event, however it provides us with a great boost to our fundraising efforts at the beginning of the year. We purchased new toys for the Sandpit, this provided much delight for the children to start the year back with shiny new trucks and diggers. The PTA also purchased more furniture for the start of the new school year.

March/April/May: We paid the full cost of swimming lessons, meaning parents did not have to contribute to the cost of the learn to swim program. We also finally received our new marquee. The PTA also purchased 4 trestle tables to deck out the new marquee with.

June: We catered to the crowds at the Malvern Cross Country event. This ended up being a huge sell out day for the PTA, and was wonderful to see the new marquee in action. We again hosted parents evening at the Sheffield Hotel, while not a large event, those who did attend very much enjoyed themselves.

July: With the growing numbers at Sheffield School the PTA agreed to purchase some more much needed furniture at a cost of \$4000.

We have also had our ongoing Friday Sausage sizzle, that gives us a small but necessary boost to our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the committee Nancy Wright (treasurer) Kerri Booth (secretary) Steph Wason, Sarah Wright, Rhonda Molloy, Helene Kelly, Leeza Van Der Salm, Keryn Strowger, Tash Jones for all your help during my term as Chairperson of the PTA. Your help, dedication and can do attitudes have made my job extremely enjoyable. I would also like to thank Nick Pratt, Karen, the staff and the BOT for all your help, support and guidance over the years.

As I am stepping down tonight, I wish the best of luck to the new chairperson and treasurer

and the rest of the committee. You have a number of exciting events coming up over the next 12 months.

Sally Banks

Pet Lambs

If you would like a pet lamb to feed please call Jenny on 03 347 1469 evenings.

Arapawa ram lambs will make very cute pets and are free

A ewe with lamb will cost \$120

Pick up from Sandy Knolls area.



Daffodil Day

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST

**DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR DAFFODIL AT
THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO SUPPORT THE CANCER
SOCIETY OF NZ**

QUIZ & AUCTION

fundraising event
All proceeds to Sheffield School

FUN

Night Out

7:30 Start

Fantastic prizes
and items for auctions

9th Friday September

Sheffield Community Hall

*Cash Bar Available
& Supper Provided*



Tickets Available from

Sheffield School Office

Telephone: (03) 318 3713

Email: karen@sheffieldprimary.school.nz

\$10

each or

\$40

for a table
of four

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Term 3 Diary

12 Aug - Singing Rm 3

16 Aug - Options 2

19 Aug - Assembly Rm 3

PTA Meeting

Monday 5th September

7.30

School Staffroom

23 Aug - Junior School Cricket
Sessions

23 Aug - Options 3

25 Aug - BOT Meeting

26 Aug - Singing Rm 2

30 Aug - Options 4

2 Sep - Assembly Rm 2

6 Sep - Options 5

9 Sep - Singing Rm 1

9 Sep - Quiz & Auction Fundraising
Event

16 Sep - Assembly Rm 2

23 Sep - End of Term 3

All welcome

Sausage cookers for tomorrow
Molloy & Molloy families

Our telephone number is: 03 318 3713 Website: sheffieldprimary.school.nz