

# Sheffield School

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



## Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Jack Smith's little sister Anna to Sheffield School this week. Anna will be reaching her P.E.A.K. in Room 1 with Mrs Clubb.

## Information for New Families (and existing ones)

This week all families will receive a laminated page with basic information like staff email addresses, food prices, bank account number etc. This was suggested to us by a new parent at Sheffield School and we thought it would be helpful for all families to have this information. Please keep this in a safe place for future reference.

## Sheffield Springfield Cross Country Tuesday 24 May - PP Friday 27 May

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information was sent home yesterday including permission slips. Please make sure all slips are returned tomorrow so we can organise transport. Springfield Principal Judith Beales and Nick are preparing for possible Cross Country postponements next week based on the current weather forecast.

### **2016 Board of Trustee Elections**

By now you should have received your nomination forms for the upcoming Board of Trustees election. If you are intending to put your name forward then the signed nomination form must be received by the Returning Officer (in our case Karen Watson) by noon on Friday 20th May.

Early next week you will receive your voting papers. I urge you to vote. The Board of Trustees play an important role in the direction of the school, working closely with Nick and staff for the greater good of our children.

It's been a pleasure to be the Chairperson of the Board during the last term. I wish to thank fellow Board members for their commitment - It's been great working with such a dedicated and passionate team. While myself, Mark Ozanne and Colin Molloy have put our names forward for re-election in the upcoming term, Bob Vaile and Steph Wason will step down. We lose a huge amount of knowledge and experience: Bob for his expertise in all things financial, policy and property, and Steph for her expertise in health and safety, policy and recruitment. On behalf of the entire Sheffield community I thank both Bob and Steph for their service to the Board.

On reflection this past term has been a busy time and we can look back satisfied of a job well done, including (and not limited to): staff recruitment, numerous property projects the disposal of the old library and build of the learning centre, the ongoing maintenance and improvement of our classroom block, purchase of IT equipment and ergonomic furniture that assists in the creation learning spaces and provides important ergonomic support; inclusion in the Malvern Learning Cluster and a positive ERO review which saw us move from a three to five year ERO review. We also maintain meaningful and valuable relationships with key stakeholders which is important to ensure our projects and goals outlined in our Strategic Plan are a success.

However, there are a number of challenges the Board faces moving forward brought about by the biggest changes in education since the 1980s, a 70 year old building, a growing and changing roll, policy reviews that must reflect the needs of these changes, limited space and new legislation such as the Health and Safety in Employment Act. I would value the opportunity to continue on the Board as a parent representative to navigate through these challenges and urge you to consider the importance of continuity in the success of the school when making your vote.

Once again, do look out for your voting papers, complete and return as soon as possible!

Debs Abraham

### **Election Reminder:**

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- Nominations for the Board of Trustee Election close at noon tomorrow and must be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph
- The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.
- There is also be a list of candidates names as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.
- You will receive your voting forms early next week.
- Voting closes on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2016.

Karen Watson  
Returning Officer

### **From the PTA**

The start of 2016 has been another busy and exciting one for the PTA. Most of our major fundraising is held in the first few months of each year. In January, we catered for the riders at the annual Suzuki trail rides Malvern Hills trail ride event. This has been our 4th year of involvement in this event and we are very grateful to the local farmers who allow the use of their land for this fun family day out.

In February, it was time again to head up to Klondyke corner for the Coast to Coast. Although this is a board fundraiser and not PTA, the PTA helps out with planning and running the event. By all accounts, it was a successful, fun filled day.

At the end of February, we catered for the local Malvern Collie Club dog trials event. This is a small event held over two days. The PTA provided morning and afternoon tea and lunches on Friday and Saturday.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped out in any way at the above events. It is the dedication and willingness to help from the school community that keeps our events running as smoothly as they do.

Our AGM is coming up (date to be confirmed) and we are looking for new fresh faces to join the PTA. We currently have 8 members, however at the end of this year 3 members have their last children finishing their schooling years at Sheffield school. If you would like to join the PTA you don't have to wait until the AGM, you are welcome to come along to our next meeting which is on **Monday night 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7:30pm in the staff room**. Come along and see what we are all about. Joining the PTA is a fantastic way to meet new parents, make new connections and get involved in school life.

Sally Banks

### **Virtues - Learning in Partnership**

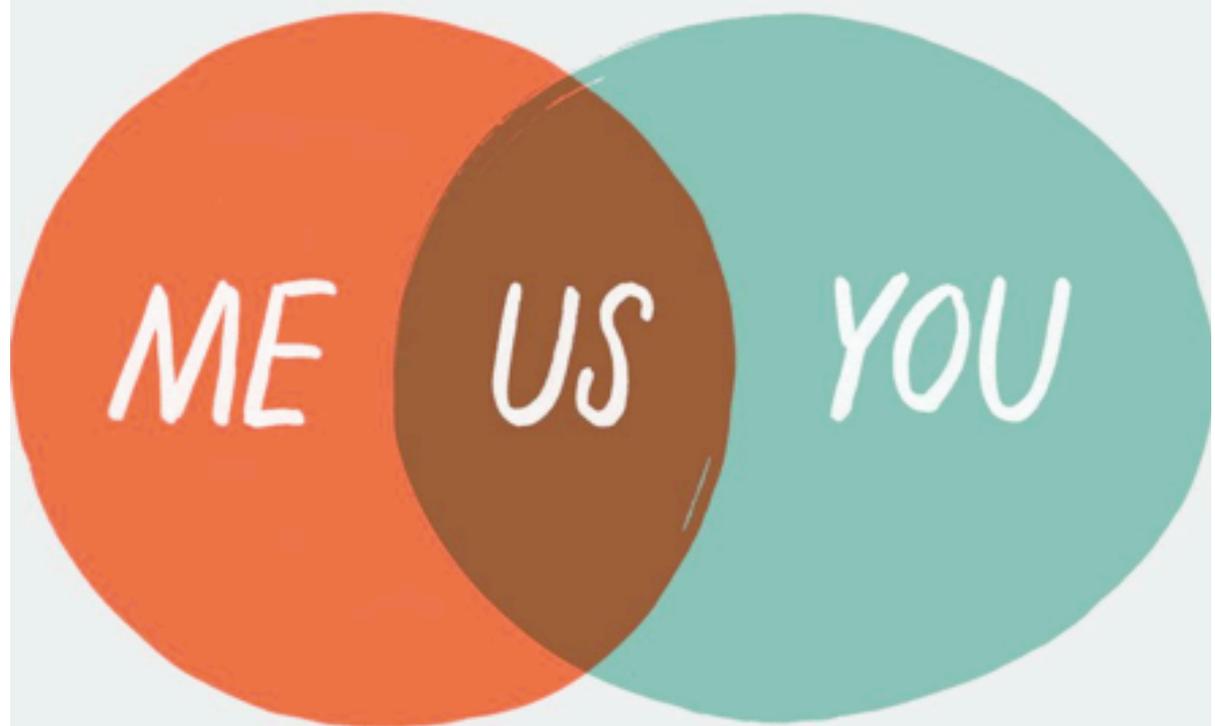
Please take the time to sit down with your child/ren and discuss this term's virtue 'Collaboration'. Effective 'Collaboration' requires confident sharing and respectful listening. We encourage children to take a risk and share their thoughts in conversations and to be actively involved in team learning and problem solving. For this to take place the children need to listen to what is being said to them and react to those

points rather than just thinking about what they're going to say next. This is a challenging task for us as adults, let alone our children. But if we can teach the children the crucial life skill of actively listening and responding to what is being said to them, then they will truly become 'life-long learners that can learn in partnership'.

Come in and see Nick or the teachers if you'd like to know more about teaching the skills and art of collaboration with your child/ren.



# Collaboration



**Working together  
to grow our brains**

## 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

19 May - Junior museum trip  
23 May - PTA Meeting  
24 May - Sheff/Sprin XCountry  
27 May - XCountry PP;  
NB: Date change  
16 June - School Photos

Sausage cookers  
for tomorrow

Ferguson &  
Greening families

PTA Meeting  
Monday 23rd May  
School Staffroom  
7:30pm

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