

Sheffield School

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



From the Principal - Tumuaki

Welcome to Sheffield School

A warm Sheffield School welcome to Sam Seville and Thrixy and Barbie Badua. Sam has joined Mrs Clubb in Te Akomanga (Learning Centre's Classroom) and is enjoying being at school with older brother Micah.

Thrixy and Barbie have joined us all the way from The Philippines. Both Thrixy and Barbie are learning with Mrs Scollay and Mrs Edwards in Room 3.

We are all looking forward to seeing you reach your P.E.A.K. in our fantastic learning team.

Weather

Given the current weather patterns we are experiencing it is a timely reminder for us to be prepared for potential school closures. I certainly hope that everybody is keeping

warm in these conditions and that there is plenty of provisions for our farming members of the Sheffield School community. During these cold snaps of weather please ensure your child/ren are dressed appropriately (warm, wet weather gear and gumboots). The school's uniform in these situations will be replaced by the appropriate clothing in cold and wet conditions.

Emergency Ringing List

In the event of school closures or modified opening times, we will continue to use the '2016 Emergency Ringing List'. This list was emailed out to all parents on Tuesday. Please contact Karen if you haven't received this list. However given the fact that power is often out when we need to action this, many phones contacted do not function.

So, on top of the ringing list the following will happen:

- Nick to send out a text message
- More FM (92.1 FM) will announce closure
- Nick will update the website via Twitter

Between these four forms of notification, we should be able to inform our school's community of any changes to the opening of Sheffield School.

If you have not been receiving any texts since the school holidays then please text me on 027 2333 949 and I'll add you to my text list.

If we need to close Sheffield School during a school day, we will send a text out to all parents and actively supervise the children in their classroom until they are collected by a designated adult.

School Transportation

We will be watching the roads very closely to determine if the normal bus services can operate today, tomorrow and next week. If the bus service is not operating, please get your child/ren to school when you feel it is safe to travel on the roads. If buses are not operating I will be out in the car park in the mornings from 8:15am - 9:15am to ensure the children can cross the car park safely when arriving at school.

Winter Tournament - Year 3 to 6 students

The Malvern School's Winter Tournament is next Tuesday in Darfield. The children have all selected their sports and we're now preparing them for their games. We are on the lookout for some parents to help with transport and to help us manage a team. Please complete the forms sent home today and return them to Karen tomorrow morning.

Options

There was an excited buzz around Sheffield School on Tuesday afternoon as we had our first full 'Options' day for 2016. The children are very fortunate to have so much selection and variety in their 'Options'. Their biggest challenge was to select which

'Option' to sign up for! The Sheffield School motto of 'Learning in Partnership, Reaching Our P.E.A.K.' was clearly evident in the interactions the children had with adults from our school's community.

Below are the children doing some basic mosaic designs with Jodie Miller.



Next week's 'Options 2' (Tuesday 9 August) has had to be postponed (Tuesday 16 August) due to a change in the date of the Malvern Schools' Winter Tournament (Tuesday 9 August). This affects all Years 3-6 students. Skiers will still go up to Porters on the 9th as most of the skiers are not involved in the Winter Tournament. The Years 3-6 students who are also skiers will be able to choose whether they would like to participate in the tournament or go skiing.

Options Dates:

Tuesday 9 August - Options postponed due to Winter Tournament (Except skiing)

Tuesday 16 August - Options 2

Tuesday 23 August - Options 3

Tuesday 30 August - Options 4

Tuesday 6 September - Options 5 (Skiing TBC)

Sheffield School Virtues Programme:

A reminder that for this term we are looking at equipping the children with the key life skills required to show ***initiative*** in their lives. Please see the below poster of this term's Sheffield School virtue and discuss with your child/ren how they can effectively display ***initiative*** to ensure they are 'Learning in Partnership and Reaching Their P.E.A.K.'

Initiative



The power is in
your hands to
make a difference

Te Reo Maori

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are reflecting on the phrases taught so far. Please take the time to learn and practice these alongside your child/ren at home.

Last term's phrases:

He tino pai Very good / Very well done

Kei te pēhea koe? - How are you?

E aha ana koe? What are you doing?

Kei te haere koe ki hea? Where are you going?

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](#).

Is your child interested in gymnastics?

Little Springers Gym is a movement and gymnastics programme which runs on Wednesday afternoons during term time in the Springfield Community Hall. It is led by Vicky Peacock who has years of primary teaching experience and a gymnastics coaching qualification. We still have spaces available this term for children aged 5-8 years. The class runs from 3.30-4.15pm and costs \$45 per term. For more information please contact Pam Aldersley (ph 021 2967685) or email littlespringersgym@gmail.com



Term 3 Diary

5 Aug - Assembly Rm 4
9 Aug - Malvern Winter Tournament
NB: Skiers still go to Porters
12 Aug - Singing Rm 3
16 Aug - Options 2
19 Aug - Assembly Rm 3
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

From the PTA

AGM Monday 1st Aug, 7:00pm in the staffroom.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

Sausage cookers for tomorrow MacDonald/Marshall families

If you would like to pay for your child's sausages for the whole of Term 3 the cost will be \$10.50 per child for one sausage. If your child usually has 2 sausages it will be \$21. Sometimes its a lot easier than finding loose change every Friday.

Please pay this into the PTA account: 38 9005 0343804 00.