

# Sherwood Grange Public School

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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

Term 2, 2024

## From the Principal

### Strategic Improvement Plan

All NSW government schools are required to have a Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP). A SIP is a working document that details the steps a school will take to improve learning outcomes, student achievement and academic growth. Each school's SIP has up to three strategic directions and associated improvement measures which form the basis of each planning cycle.

Our school's **2021-2025 Strategic Improvement Plan** has the following focus areas:

#### Strategic Direction 1

##### Student Growth and Attainment

###### Purpose:

To enhance capacity of staff in the authentic use of data to drive effective classroom practice by implementing school wide processes for consistent and systematic collection and analysis of meaningful data. This will result in improved student learning outcomes in reading and numeracy.

#### Strategic Direction 2

##### Assessment and Feedback

###### Purpose:

To ensure quality data informs planning and decision making, current assessment and feedback practices will be evaluated and refined at a whole school and team level. This will result in the collection of accurate formative and summative assessment data and support consistent teacher judgement.

### Strategic Direction 3

#### Collaboration and Leadership

To enhance the collaborative culture and maintain high expectations, coaching and mentoring will support improved collaborative teaching practice and student outcomes across the school.

#### Next Term

I am very excited about next term because we will be holding several events that involve the school community. We are busy planning our K-2 Athletics Carnival, 3-6 Athletics Carnival, Education Week Open Day and Community Picnic, and Book Week Parade.

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to these events.

#### School Holidays

Enjoy your school holidays everyone. Have fun, stay safe and remember to be kind.

Staff will be at school for Professional Learning on Monday 22nd July and **students return on Tuesday 23rd July.**



Warmest regards,

*Vicki Robertson*

## Upcoming Dates

### Term 3 2024

#### JULY

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>                      Staff Development Day  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>                      Students Return Term 3

#### AUGUST

Week 3                              Education Week  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>                        3 – 6 Athletics Carnival  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>                        Open Day  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>                    Book Week Parade  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>                    Father's Day Stall

## Sun Safety at Sherwood Grange

Please remember our Sun Safety Rule:

**NO HAT NO PLAY**

**School hats are always  
available to purchase from the  
Front Office**

## Uniform Purchases Oz Fashions

Please be advised that Oz Fashions no longer use the QKR APP. All purchases are to be made via a secure website by either using the QR Code below or by visiting the following website.

[sherwoodgrange.uniforms4u.com.au](https://sherwoodgrange.uniforms4u.com.au)

Password: **sgps2160**

QR Code for Ordering uniforms with Oz Fashions.



All uniform orders are to be finalised by Tuesday afternoon for receipt in the Front Office every Thursday.

Any new uniform orders received are delivered to the students every Thursday.

All students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are required to wear a bucket style hat for Sun Safety.

## Harmony Day

In Term 1 we celebrated the many cultures of the Sherwood Grange community at our Harmony Day assembly.

Some very talented students and families shared their culture with us through dance performances. Joseph B (Year 2) performed a wonderful Turkish dance and Ava N (Year 5) impressed us with her Iranian dancing.

The Kuo family including Cooper (Year 2) and Aurora (Kinder) treated us to an incredible Chinese lion dance performance, a highlight of which was Cooper standing on his dad's shoulders as the head of the lion!

Our K-2 students performed *I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing*, a lovely song which reflects the spirit of Harmony Day and the desire for a world where people of all backgrounds live in peace and harmony with one another. We also celebrated the diversity of our community with a cultural dress parade. A wide range of cultures were represented and the pride felt by students as they showed off their traditional outfits was obvious in their beaming smiles.

### Harmony Day Facts:

30 students and 251 parents in our community were born overseas.

Other than Australia, Afghanistan and Lebanon are the most common countries where our community members were born.

There are over 30 languages spoken in our community.

English, Arabic, Dari and Turkish are the most common languages that we speak.

## Birthday Celebrations



For health and safety reasons, including anaphylaxis and allergies, children cannot bring cupcakes or lolly bags to school when it is their birthday.

We celebrate birthdays by presenting children with a **birthday badge**. Teachers will do their best to remember when a child has a birthday, but to ensure your child doesn't miss out, please remind them to go to the Front Office to get their birthday badge.

## Food Safety

The number of children with food allergies in Australia is increasing and it is estimated that 1 in 20 have a food allergy and 1 in 50 have a peanut allergy.



The most common food allergies are peanuts, tree nuts (walnuts, almonds, and cashews), cow's milk, soy, seafood and eggs.

We ask you to **not** send the following food to school with your children:

- ✗ Peanut butter sandwiches
- ✗ Nutella sandwiches and
- ✗ Biscuits/Bars that contain nuts

At school we teach children:

- *To not swap food*
- *To wash their hands before and after eating*
- *To tell the teacher if they are worried about particular foods*
- *To know which friends have an allergy*

## Parking Reminders

**NO PARKING  
KEEP DRIVEWAY  
CLEAR  
THANK YOU**

We wish to stress the importance of adhering to all road rules and being courteous when dropping off or picking up children.

I wrote to you recently after receiving numerous phone calls from frustrated neighbours and concerned parents from our school. Behaviour of concern includes, double parking, blocking traffic while waiting for a parking spot, parking in or across driveways, illegal/dangerous U Turns, and calling children across the road.

In addition to these concerns, litter is being left in the gutter, on the footpath and on neighbour's fences. A major concern is that disposable coffee cups are regularly left on the ground or on neighbour's brick fences, particularly near Gate 1. This is extremely inconsiderate and unfair behaviour.

Please do the right thing, respect our neighbours, and help to keep our children safe.



**NO DOUBLE PARKING**

Vicki Robertson  
Principal

## Parents of Sherwood Grange

Some of our parents have established a **Parents of Sherwood Grange** Facebook group. If you would like to join, please scan the QR code below.

Parents of Sherwood Grange



## Library News



Hello Sherwood families,

My name is Ms Memar and I am the Library Coordinator of the *Rhonda Parnis Library* at our school. I would like to introduce myself, although, most of you will already have seen me greeting your children at the gates each morning.

To brighten up our library the students have all been busy creating some lovely hands which have been used to decorate the windows.



As you would be aware the Premier's Reading Challenge has commenced for this year and we encourage as many students as possible to take part in this event. All students in Years K – 2 will be completing the challenge in class with their teachers. The school holidays are a great opportunity for students to do some extra reading and maybe even visit their local libraries.

Scholastic Book Club orders have commenced for 2024 and students will arrive home with brochures throughout the year. All orders are to be placed online through the website provided and items will be delivered directly to school, these will be handed to the students directly once received.

We recently held a Scholastic Book Fair where students brought home a Wish List with items they were hoping Mum and Dad would help them purchase. A big thank you to all those families who purchased items, as a result of this Sherwood Grange received **\$650** toward book purchases from Scholastic.

We will be celebrating Book Week in Term 3 and our Book Week Parade will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. The theme for 2024 is Reading is Magic. More information will be sent home in Term 3.

Please encourage your child to pack their library bags and the books they have borrowed each week so they can choose a new book to borrow.

Thank you

Ms Memar  
Library Co Ordinator

## SRC 2024

Congratulations to the students who were selected by their class peers to be part of the Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2024. All SRC members received their badges at a morning assembly and will carry out various duties throughout the year.

We have held our first meeting where students have advised what they would like to achieve as a member of the SRC at Sherwood Grange Public School this year.

Our first fundraising event was a mufti day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July where we managed to raise \$375, this money is being donated to the Sydney Dogs and Cats Home.

Miss Javaid



## Zone Swimming Carnival

I had the pleasure of taking students from 3-6 to the Zone Swimming Carnival. They represented our school with pride, demonstrating high expectations of Sherwood Grange behaviour and outstanding Sportsmanship by cheering each other on as well as neighbouring friends from other schools.

Mrs Lopez



## Student Absences



Parents/Carers are required to supply an absentee note when their child has been away from school.

A note should be sent in the day the student returns to school or submitted on the Sentral App.

A blue absent note will be sent home with students who have been absent where no explanation has been received. Please complete these forms and return to school as soon as possible.



## Zone Cross Country

On Wednesday 22nd May, the top four winners of their age group from our school Cross Country, attended Zone Cross Country at Greystanes Sports Ground. Everyone ran with determination and, most importantly, a smile on their face.

Congratulations to every child who represented Sherwood Grange Public School with pride, participation and enthusiasm.

Miss Fares 😊



## School Bytes



## School Bytes

We are pleased to inform you that we now use School Bytes for payments to the school. The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- \* Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- \* Pay for an activity or school contributions
- \* Download a receipt for payments made
- \* View all historical payments in one place
- \* Complete and submit digital permission notes
- \* View the status of all permission notes
- \* Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

**Please follow the information below to Download the School Bytes App today to enable you to use the App to receive information about events and make secure payments for excursions and events.**

### Instructions how to access School Bytes

1. Go to App store or Google Play
2. Search for School Bytes
3. Install and open.
4. Register to create an account.
5. Use the same email address that you have given the school on enrolment – this is so School Bytes knows you are connected to the school.
6. Once your account is verified – link your students.
7. Type in the name of the school – Sherwood Grange Public School
8. Enter your child's name, year group and date of birth.

9. If you have more than one child attend Sherwood Grange, please enter their details if prompted.
10. If you encounter a problem, it will probably mean that the email address School Bytes has in their system does not match what you have entered. You may need to call the school to update your email address or you may need a linking code from the school. If this happens, please contact the school for assistance.

**School Bytes**  
**Parent App**  
 Available now!  
 Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.

**Key Features**

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

Download on the App Store  
 GET IT ON Google Play

### Our School Expectations ...

**BE SAFE**

**BE RESPECTFUL**

**BE RESPONSIBLE**

### Our School Values ...

<b>CARE</b> Being kind Helping others Being compassionate Showing empathy Supporting others	<b>FAIRNESS</b> Taking turns Sharing Playing by the rules Thinking of others Listening to others	<b>EXCELLENCE</b> Doing your best Showing pride in our school Striving to improve Having high expectations
<b>INCLUSION</b> Being friendly Inviting others to participate Accepting difference Respecting others Welcoming others	<b>INTEGRITY</b> Telling the truth Doing the right thing Being trustworthy Making good choices Being honest	<b>PARTICIPATION</b> Having a go Encouraging others Being resilient and bouncing back Being an active learner

## Supported Playgroup Onsite

**SUPPORTED PLAYGROUP**  
*Open for 0-5 years old*

**Where**  
 Sherwood Grange Public School  
 Bruce Street  
 Merrylands West

**When**  
 Every Tuesday, during school term  
 9:45am to 11:45am

**Activities**  
 Free Play  
 Crafts  
 Story time  
 Music time

**Registration**  
 Walk in and register

**Contact**  
 9631 1777/0431 785 523

**Its Free**

# School Holiday Activities

## Job Readiness Workshop

Join us to get job ready. Learn how to:

- Write a cover letter and resume
- How to complete a job application
- Interview techniques
- Dress attire

Suitable for ages 15 and over.  
Session starts from 9:45am to 1:45pm  
Bookings are required

Merrylands Library  
Wednesday 17 July

## Resume Writing Workshops

Are you looking for work and need help with writing a resume? Join us for this free workshop with Cumberland Multicultural Community Services to learn how to write a resume. Suitable for ages 13 and over.

Bookings are required

Granville Library  
Thursday 18 July  
Session 1: 10:30am to 12pm  
Session 2: 12:15pm to 1:45pm  
Session 3: 2pm to 3:30pm

**School Holiday Activities**  
July 2024

FREE!

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/library/holidays](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/library/holidays)

**NOTE:**

- Bookings will open one week prior at 9pm.
- Please arrive 10 minutes beforehand so that each session can begin on time.
- All children must always be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents of children under 13 years of age must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.

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## Traditional Aboriginal Weaving Workshop

Join us to learn traditional Indigenous weaving methods in this fun workshop where you will create something beautiful to take home. Suitable for ages 8+.

Session runs from 10:30am to 11:30am  
Bookings are required

Wentworthville Library  
Monday 8 July

## HSC English and Mathematics Tutoring

Need extra help in English or Maths? Join us for free tutoring sessions.

Sessions run from 10am to 12noon  
Call Merrylands or Auburn Library to make a booking

Merrylands Library  
Tuesday 9 July  
8757 9065

Auburn Library  
Wednesday 10 July  
8757 9060

## Coding with Cubetto

Explore the world of coding with Cubetto, a playful wooden robot that will open the world of programming through adventure and hands on play. Suitable for ages 6 to 10.

Bookings are required

Regent's Park Library  
Monday 8 July

Session 1: 10am to 11am  
Session 2: 11:15am to 12:15pm  
Please only book one

## Driver's Licence Workshop

Join us for free support from Youthsafe, a Government-approved Driver Licensing Access Provider who provide young people with:

- Help to prepare for their Driver Knowledge Test
- A fee exemption letter for the Driver Knowledge Test
- Reimbursement of the cost of their Learner Licence
- Complimentary access to professional driving lessons up to the value of \$150

Suitable for ages 15 to 18.  
Sessions run from 2pm to 3pm  
Bookings are required

Auburn Library  
Tuesday 9 July

Granville Library  
Tuesday 16 July

## Recyclable Art

Create your own masterpiece using recycled bottles. Suitable for ages 5 to 12.

Session runs from 2:30pm to 3:30pm  
Bookings are required

Wentworthville Library  
Wednesday 10 July

## Pipe Cleaner Ninjas

Come and join us to make some bendy book loving ninja friends. Suitable for ages 5 to 12.

Sessions run from 11am to 12noon  
Bookings are required

Lidcombe Library  
Thursday 11 July

Greystanes Library  
Monday 15 July

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## Pyjama Fun

We have a fun filled evening of library fun in store! Come dressed in your pyjamas and join in on singing, dancing, and games! Make sure to bring a stuffed toy that will spend the night in the library! What mischief will they get up to while you sleep?

Toys will need to be picked up the following day. Suitable for all ages. Families are welcome.

Session runs from 4pm to 5pm  
Bookings are required

Merrylands Library  
Monday 15 July

## Asleigh Barton Writing Workshops

Cumberland City Council Libraries will be working with bestselling children's author Asleigh Barton to run three writing workshops for students who are interested in creative writing.

Bookings are required  
All sessions will be held at Oatfield Library

Tuesday 16 July  
8 to 11 years: 11am to 12:30pm

Thursday 18 July  
12 to 14 years: 11am to 12:30pm

Friday 19 July  
15 to 18 years: 10:30am to 3pm

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/library/holidays](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/library/holidays)  
Turn over for more activities



# mid season entry

It's not too late to join NAB AFL Auskick.  
Try it out - 5 weeks and exclusive goodies for \$55!  
**GREYSTANES GOANNAS AUSKICK CENTRE**  
Gipps Road Ovals, Greystanes  
Wednesday nights from 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Registrations open from Friday 21st June 2024



[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



## Junior Landcare Family Fun - Winter

Welcome to your guide for some awesome Junior Landcare activities you can do right at home that are perfect for colder times of the year.

Whether you've got a green thumb or you're dipping your toes into the world of sustainability and nature, these activities are sure to bring a splash of fun to your school holidays.

We've rounded up five super cool activities that'll have your kiddos exploring the outdoors, getting their hands dirty and discovering the wonders of nature. From getting the most out of food scraps, learning all about our First Nations seasons, and making friends with some wiggly worms, there's something for everyone.

We've included a budget and complexity scale for each activity so you can easily see how much they might cost (some don't cost a cent!) and how much effort they'll require. You'll find links for each activity to step-by-step guides, videos and activity sheets on the [Junior Landcare Learning Centre](http://Junior Landcare Learning Centre), proudly supported by Woolworths.

Let's dive into these awesome Junior Landcare activities and make some fantastic memories along the way. Happy exploring!

- Activities**
- 1 What's happening in your backyard?
  - 2 Propagating from fruit and vegetable scraps
  - 3 Exploring First Nations seasons
  - 4 Making a wiggly worm farm
  - 5 Sow a seed, grow a feed
- Bonus:**  
Activity sheets for rainy days



[www.juniorlandcare.org.au](http://www.juniorlandcare.org.au)



Register Now!

Active Kids vouchers accepted

# PLAY SOFTBALL

## Greystanes Giants Softball Club

- Teams for ages 5 to adult
- Female, male and mixed teams available
- Tee ball for under 10s
- Season from October-March
- Beginners to representative players
- Family oriented club

## Saturday Competitions

Games at Seven Hills and Stanhope Gardens, at the same time and place

## Mid week competitions

Mid week tee ball, mixed youth, mens and ladies over 35s competitions

## Training

Daniel Street Park, Greystanes



Register here  
[www.revolutionise.com.au/greystanesgiants](http://www.revolutionise.com.au/greystanesgiants)