

# Sherwood Grange Public School

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*Our focus is on EVERY CHILD*

*September 2017*

## *From the Principal ...*

Dear School Community,

Another engaging, enjoyable and successful term is drawing to a close and I know that our hardworking students, staff and volunteers are ready for a well-deserved break.

There have been many highlights this term, including, but not limited to:

**Education Week Open Day** with open classrooms and a community picnic on our school oval.

**Book Week Parade and the Book Fair**, where I'm sure you will agree our students and teachers looked fantastic in costumes reflecting the *Escape to Anywhere* theme.

**Canberra/Snowy Overnight Excursion** for Stage 3. What an outstanding educational and social opportunity for the children!

**K-2 Excursion** to Sydney Wildlife Zoo and Sydney Aquarium. The children came back to school buzzing with excitement about their day.

**Extension Opportunities** for students including Visual Arts Groups and Debating.

**Swim School** where students attend lessons over two weeks developing their skills in and around water.

**Winter PSSA Sport** teams competed and displayed great sportsmanship and teamwork, with five teams reaching the semi-finals and three moving through to the finals.

**School Athletics Carnivals** for all students in K-6. Some students went on to **Zone** and **Area**

**representation** a number of students have reached State level!

**Sydney Opera House performance** involving the dance group and sixteen members of our school choir. Our students shone brightly on the stage of this iconic building.

**Quality, Engaging Teaching and Learning** in every classroom, every day. This is perhaps our greatest achievement as we strive to meet the academic, social, emotional, creative and physical needs of EVERY CHILD in our care.

## **Professional Learning**

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we are absorbing the last two School Development Days, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, into four separate afternoon/evening professional learning sessions.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, teachers remained at school until 6:15pm for their third *Twilight Professional Learning*. During the session teachers worked in groups to explore exciting new Road Safety Programs and Internet based resources. They then participated in a session on student needs and the development of a wide range of evidence-based practices designed to increase student engagement and achievement.

Teachers at Sherwood Grange will finish work on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. The school will be non-operational on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Warm regards,

*Vicki Robertson*

## Upcoming Events

### Week 10

Thursday 21/9	Swim School
Friday 22/9	Swim School
	Last Day of Term 3

### Term 4 Week 1

Monday 9/10	First Day Term 4
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### Week 2

Tuesday 17/10	P&C Meeting
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### Week 3

Wednesday 25/10	Sustainability Expo Stage 3
Thursday 26/10	Kindy Orientation Colour Fun Run

### Week 4

Wednesday 1/11	Special Interest Photos Kindy Orientation
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### Week 5

Monday 6/11	Merrylands High Year 5 Open Day
Wednesday 8/11	Kindy Orientation

### Week 8

Tuesday 28/11	Volunteer Morning Tea
Thursday 30/11	Disco

### Week 9

Wednesday 6/12	Presentation Evening
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### Week 10

Monday 11/12	Principal's Pizza Party
Tuesday 12/12	Year 6 Party
Wednesday 13/12	School Picnic
Friday 15/12	Year 6 Graduation Last day Term 4 2017

## Safety Spotlight

Children,

Make good choices during the holidays so that you come back to school safe and well.



Always wear a helmet when riding a bike.



Cross roads carefully using a crossing or traffic lights if you can.



Wear your seat belt.



Always think before you act.

## Anaphylaxis

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. The health and wellbeing of students at this school is carefully considered in all activities. We encourage you **not to** send the following things to school with your children:

**Peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella sandwiches and bars or biscuits that contain nuts.**

Encourage your child:

- *Not to swap food*
- *To wash their hands after eating*
- *To tell the teacher if they are worried about particular foods*
- *Know which friends have an allergy*

Thank you for your support.

## Library News



Book Week was a great success this term! Thank you to all the students who dressed up and joined in the parade.

I hope everyone had the chance to buy something from the Book Fair. It also was a great success earning \$1000 for the school which will buy some new class and library resources. Thank you!

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now finished for 2017. Well done to all the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 classes who have all completed the challenge!

Also well done to the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students who completed the challenge on their own! This shows perseverance and determination, two admirable qualities to have in a successful student and future citizen.

All certificates will be handed out in Term 4.

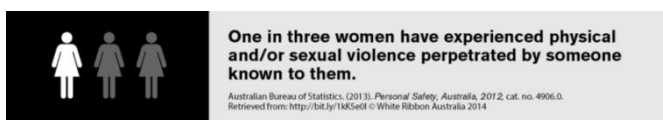
There are still some students with very overdue books. Please have a search at home and return them to the school library as soon as possible or replacement costs will need to be paid.

Don't forget to have a look at the many photographs from the Book Parade. Maybe you will see yourself!

Yours in reading,

Mrs Parnis

## White Ribbon Morning Tea



On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, our school held a White Ribbon Morning Tea. White Ribbon Australia exists to

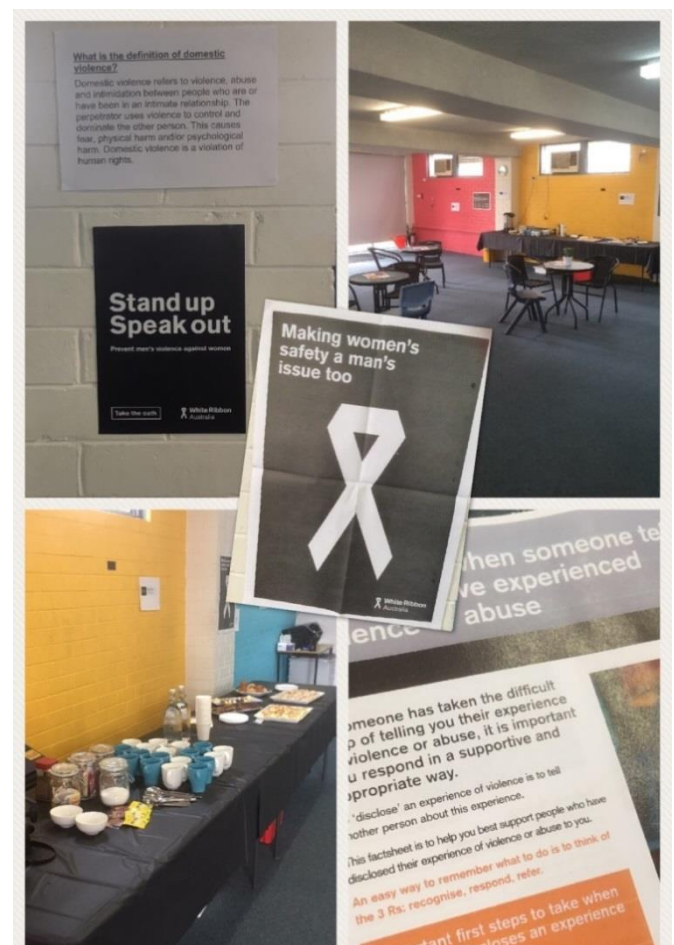
educate Australians about domestic and family violence. By showing our support for White Ribbon, our school is standing up and speaking out, sending the message that violence against women is never ok. Whilst this is a difficult topic to discuss, the reality is, statistically speaking, we all know someone who has previously, or currently does not feel safe in their home. The White Ribbon Morning Tea was an opportunity to learn about the impact this violence has on Australian families and become aware of how to best support these families. Thank you to those who were able to attend and donate to this event.

For more information please contact:

1800RESPECT (1800737732) or visit their website: <https://www.1800respect.org.au/> or the White Ribbon website: [www.whiteribbon.org.au](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au)

I am also available to answer questions – please leave a message for me at the office and I will call you as soon as possible.

Mrs K Whale





## STEM

On the 1st of September 2017, 4/3M conducted a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) experiment. Our job was to stack cups and to see how high our structure could reach. We had to make a decision about how we would stack the cups. My group stacked the first row with 8 cups, we then did a row of 7, then 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and then we stacked as many single cups as we could. We got 6 single cups high. The height of our tower was 1.14m. The winners of this challenge were Aria, Nadia, Elizabeth and Liliani with a tower of 1.24m. We think this experiment was super fun because we all worked together. Even though we didn't win it was still enjoyable because we were learning together.

By Katrina and Shantell 4/3M



## Zone Athletics Carnivals

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August a number of students represented Sherwood Grange at the Zone Track and Field Athletics Carnivals.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all students who made it to these carnivals. All students are to be commended on their behaviour at both of these events and for their sporting achievements.

The following students have been successful in placing at these carnivals and have represented the Parramatta/Merrylands Zone at the Sydney West Area Carnival on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

Isabella C  
Nicola C  
Ashleigh D  
Ethan H  
Elianna H  
Jorja M  
Donelle M  
Shantell O  
Aria W





## Sydney West Area Carnival

Congratulations to Elianna H and Nicola C who have gained places and will be attending the State Athletics Carnival at Homebush on Wednesday and Thursday 18th and 19th October.

## PSSA Semi Final Thank You

Due to the Year 5/6 Camp clashing with semi-finals, we would like to formally acknowledge and thank Greystanes Public School and Ringrose Public School for making changes to their school routines to allow Sherwood Grange students to play in the PSSA semi-finals. Thank you for your sportsmanship, understanding and flexibility in providing an alternative day for the Senior Netball team and Newcombe Ball teams to play. We really appreciated our local schools working collaboratively with Sherwood Grange Public School to give all of our students the exciting opportunity to compete in the semi-finals.

## PSSA Congratulations

We would like to CONGRATULATE all teams who made it through to the PSSA Semi-Finals this year. We had a record number of teams who were successful in reaching the finals which is an amazing achievement.

### PSSA Semi-Finalists:

- Junior Soccer
- Junior Rugby League
- Junior Newcombe Ball
- Senior Newcombe Ball
- Senior Netball

A special mention to Junior Soccer, Senior Netball and Senior Newcombe Ball who made it to the Grand Finals.



## No dogs on School Property

Dogs can be great family pets, and many children love their family dogs. But children always need constant, close supervision when they're near dogs to prevent dog bites and other injuries.



As we can't always be sure how dogs and children will respond to each other. **Dogs are not allowed on the school grounds at any time**, even if the dog is on a leash.

## Year 5/6 Camp to Canberra

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### Student Recounts

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of September to the 8<sup>th</sup>, Stage 3 went on a camp to Canberra and to the Snowy Mountains. We went to Canberra with Miss Thomson, Miss Swift, Mrs Manning and Mr Shearer. The first place we went to was the War Memorial; we got to see all the names of people who died in the past in war. We also got to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After the War Memorial we went to Parliament House. We even got to watch question time inside the Chamber of Representatives and the Prime Minister even waved to us. These are just a few of the places we went to. All I can say it was a once in a lifetime experience.

Macarius 6/5T

On the second day of camp we had the opportunity to play in the snow and it was so much fun. That night we had a disco which was out of this world, there was loud music and everyone was dancing. The disco ended at 9:00pm and we all headed to our rooms for some much needed sleep. The next day we had to leave Canberra to go back home, we were so sad to leave.

Natalie K 6/5T

On the third and last day of the Canberra excursion we were told that we would visit Old Parliament House, Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport. We first headed off to Old Parliament House where we played in the gardens and had lots of fun! We then headed off into the New Parliament House where we were given a tour. We learnt a lot about Australian history and even got to sit and look like the Old House of Representatives. We then went to eat in the park and travelled to Questacon where we went on the slide and got to learn about science. Afterwards we went the Australian Institute of Sport and headed off back home. Good bye Canberra!

Raouf E 6/5J

## Stage 2 Visual Arts Excursion

Students in the Stage 2 Visual Arts Group went on the most magnificent excursion on Monday 18th August. We had great fun looking at all of the awesome artworks and statues. There were a lot of sculptures and famous artworks, as well as short films that were groovy and mesmerising. We had so much fun seeing everything at the Museum of Contemporary Art! We also took lots of cool pictures and engaged in fun activities to do with the artwork.

Aria W 4/3M & Brianna K 4/3D



## P&C News

### Election

The P&C put on a sausage sizzle during the recent local council elections as the school was used as a polling station. Thank you to those of you who donated drinks and items for the cake stall.

Many thanks are due to all the volunteers who gave their time on the day. It was great to see a couple of new faces and your help is, as always, so much appreciated.

### Father's Day Stall

We held our Father's Day Stall on Thursday 31st August with a pop up stall the following morning. Hopefully all Dads and Pops had a lovely day on Father's Day.

Again, thank you so much to the volunteers who made this event happen.

### Colour Run

We will be holding a fundraising Colour Run at the school on 26th October 2017. Information and sponsorship forms have been sent home with your child/ren this week. This should be a very exciting day for the kids as well as the adults.

### Disco

We are hoping to hold the school disco at the end of November. We are still finalising dates & suppliers and will confirm the details closer to the date.

### Uniforms

As previously advised we are in the process of changing uniform supplier. Until then we have stock in the uniform shop available on Friday mornings during the school term. We do not unfortunately have any caps or hats for sale currently but we are working with the new supplier to ensure we get online as soon as possible. We will notify you as soon as stock becomes available.

### Payments to the P&C

The P&C cannot accept payments made through the school's online payment system. Please ensure that all P&C payments are made through the **BLUE BOX** in the main office with either the exact cash or a cheque made payable to Sherwood Grange P&C. We are unable to accept Credit Card or EFTPOS. This includes payments for uniforms at the onsite shop.

### Athlete's Foot

The Athlete's Foot stores in Parramatta and Merrylands provide sponsorship to Sherwood Grange Public School in the form of a \$5.00 donation for every pair of shoes sold. Please remember to mention Sherwood Grange Public School when purchasing shoes from these stores.

### Dates to remember:

Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 17th October at 6:30pm in the Staff Room which is located in the Administration Building. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Colour Fun Run – Thursday 26th October 2017

Disco – Thursday 30th November 2017 (subject to change)

Thanks

Dee  
P & C President



## K-2 Excursion

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 travelled into the city to the Wild Life Sydney Zoo and Sea Life Sydney Aquarium.

We split into groups so we could have plenty of time to cover both locations. One of the morning highlights was sharing our recess with the sea gulls outside the Aquarium, it was a cause of much excitement.

Once inside there were plenty of excited children who found it hard to stay still. There were so many things to see, touch and explore. Each Teacher/Parent Helper was assigned a group of 7 children and all became expert at counting throughout the day.

There were so many interesting and exciting animals. Some of the favourites included the sharks, dugongs, koalas, green tree snakes, turtles and the huge crocodiles.

The students loved seeing the stingrays glide overhead, touching the starfish and seeing the feeding of the penguins.

There were lots of tired travellers by the end of the day and it was a much quieter bus trip home.

Special thank you to Mrs Ghantous and Mrs Lopez for their organisation of this excursion. A great day was had by all.

## Our Spectacular

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September our Dance Group and Choir set off early for a full day of rehearsals before taking the stage at the Opera House. This year's theme was *Around the World*. It was a wonderful evening, the students are to be commended on their behaviour. Sherwood Grange was definitely one of the best performances of the evening.

There are many teachers to thank for making this day possible:

Miss Reinhard, Mrs Mobbs and Mrs Lopez who are to be thanked on behalf of the Dance Group. Miss Thomson and Miss Kim on behalf of the choir who were amazing on the day.





## HIGH IMPORTANCE



### Swimming Skills

Every child should be taught aquatic skills in a safe and friendly environment. Swimming skills, particularly among children, are fundamental to every individual's safety and overall motor skill development.

Each year the Department of Education offers a program called 'Swimming Scheme' to students in Years 2 - 6. This is a two week program held during Term 3 where students are taught the fundamentals of survival swimming. This program, although very beneficial is only a short term program and extra swimming lessons and/or practice is essential.

We are encouraging all parents/carers to give their children the opportunity to learn how to swim through attending swimming lessons on a regular basis.

We do not endorse any particular swimming school or pool, however, below are a list of suggestions that can be contacted.

Guildford Swimming Centre 9632 1491  
Merrylands Swimming Centre 9637 6618  
Wentworthville Swimming Centre 9631 9439

## Cumberland Council OOSH



### Out of School Hours Education and Care

Council's Out of School Hours (OOSH) Education and Care Centres cater for children aged 5-13 years who attend primary school in the Cumberland Local Government area and surrounding areas.

Breakfast and afternoon tea are provided along with an interest based program aligned with the National Quality Framework and My Time Our Place. Experienced and qualified educators develop stimulating and educational programs to meet the children's interests and needs. Homework is supported through the homework club. Environmentally friendly initiatives are promoted within all services. Services promote child wellbeing and development through our safety program. Visit [www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au) to view programs and complete enrolment forms.

SERVICES OPERATE MONDAY TO FRIDAY:  
Before School Care from 8:30am - 9:00am (Penrithway OOSH 6:00am - 9:00am)  
After School Care from 3:00pm - 6:00pm  
School Holiday Program 7:00am - 6:00pm (Penrithway OOSH 6:00am - 6:00pm)  
All activities and excursions are included.  
Services are closed public holidays.

Council's OOSH Centres contact details:  
Quilldale West OOSH 9723 2221 / 0619 485 075  
Penrithway OOSH 9636 6129 / 0627 088 227  
Penrith HSE OOSH 9631 8063 / 0610 553 394  
Penrith West OOSH 9633 5246 / 0608 261 513  
Springer OOSH 9636 6086 / 0618 842 153  
Shenstone OOSH 9636 6086 / 0618 842 153  
Wentworthville OOSH 9631 9439 / 0617 847 210

## Kindergarten Enrolments 2018

**We are excited to  
announce that**

**IT IS  
TIME TO ENROL  
FOR  
KINDERGARTEN  
2018!**



**Please visit the school office**

**or**

**contact the school on  
9632 9447**

*Do you have a neighbour or  
friend with a child due to start  
school next year?*

*If so, please ask them to  
contact our school as soon as  
possible.*

## Birthdays... Cup Cakes Only



We would like to remind you that we are happy to celebrate birthdays within classrooms by singing "Happy Birthday" and handing out cup cakes (enough for each child in the class) supplied by parents or carers. Anything else, however, is not appropriate within the school setting.

We ask that you do not send candles, party hats, cakes that need to be cut, balloons, lolly bags etc. Please remember, **cupcakes only**.

## Book Week Photos

















## Stage 2 Visual Arts Photos





## Stage 3 Camp Photos





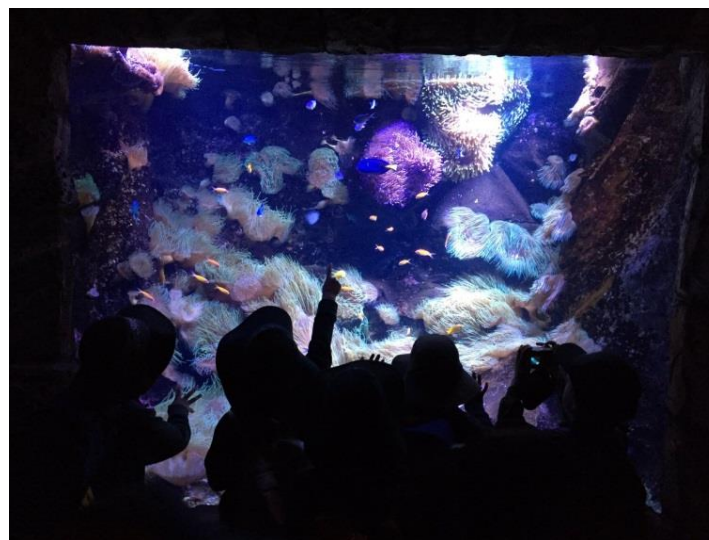




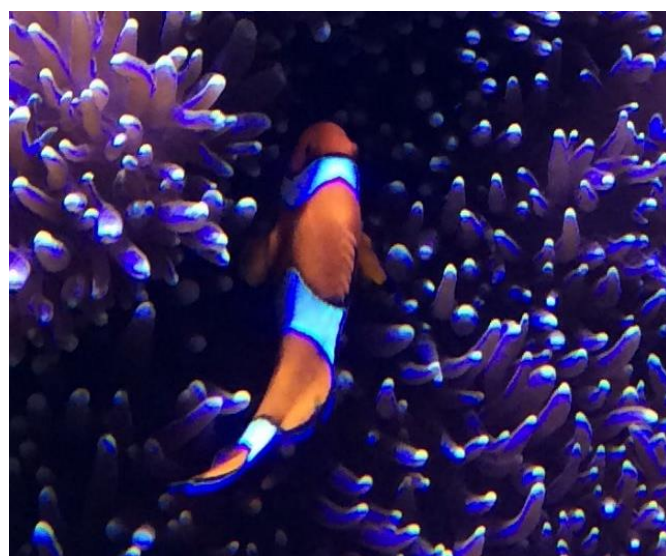




## K-2 Excursion Photos







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## BICYCLE/SCOOTER RIDING POLICY

### Aim

Riding a bike/scooter to school is a useful way for children to develop independence and self reliance. Children need to learn the skills to ride a bike/scooter safely within the local traffic situation and act as responsible road users. We aim to promote safe bicycle/scooter riding and an awareness of road behaviour necessary to enhance riding safety.

### Students must understand:

- Safe riding on the road requires more than the ability to control a bicycle/scooter – a knowledge of traffic and road rules is essential.
- A helmet must be worn when riding a bicycle or scooter (Department of Education recommendation).
- It is a legal requirement that riders wear an approved helmet at all times. Chin straps should be adjusted for correct fitting.
- Safe riding involves more than having the skills to ride. Bicycle/scooter components, maintenance, clothing and behaviour are as important.
- It is not considered safe for children under the age of ten to ride to school unless they are with an adult (Federal Office of Road Safety, Canberra).
- Children under the age of 12 **are** permitted to ride on footpaths.
- When students ride on the road they become part of the traffic system. They must know and obey the road rules and understand how other vehicles use the roads.
- Parents and carers are responsible for how their child travels to and from school.

### Bicycle/ Scooter Management at School

#### Students must:

- Walk their bicycles/scooters through the school grounds. Under no circumstances should students ride bicycles/scooters through the school.
- Not allow other students to ride or walk their bicycles/scooters within the school grounds.
- Place bicycles/scooters and helmets in the bicycle rack. It is recommended that children have a chain/locking system to lock their bicycles/scooters (students are responsible for keys and/or lock combinations).
- Be responsible for the security of the bicycle/scooter and bicycle safety helmet in the school grounds.
- Return a signed permission note to the Administration Office **prior to riding to school.**

If a student is found to be riding in an unsafe manner the parent will be notified and the student warned about withdrawal of the privilege.

### Sherwood Grange Public School – Bicycle/Scooter Riding Policy

I hereby give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to ride a bicycle/scooter to and from school. I have read and discussed the school bicycle/scooter policy with my child and I understand that I am responsible for my child travelling to and from school. I also understand that full responsibility for the security of the bicycle/scooter and bicycle safety helmet whilst on the school grounds rests with my child.

Parent/Carer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

I understand and agree to comply with the above Bicycle/Scooter Riding Policy.

Child's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_