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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

April 2017

From the Principal ...

Respectful Behaviours

I would like to remind everyone that as a school we are part of the broader local community. A high functioning community of any sort must have respect at its core.

It has come to my attention that parents and carers are parking across driveways in Bruce St and surrounding streets, particularly at the end of the school day. This is not respectful behaviour towards our neighbours and is unacceptable, even if only for a short time.

I ask that you drive and park safely, legally and respectfully at all times when you are dropping your children at school and collecting them in the afternoon.

A Great First Term

I can't believe that our first term of the year has come to an end. What a busy and enjoyable time we have had.

In classrooms across the school teachers have worked hard to meet the *academic, social, emotional, creative and physical needs of EVERY CHILD in our care*. This is our *School Purpose* and underpins all that we do at Sherwood Grange.

Additional activities and events have included our Swimming Carnival; a wellbeing program called "Emmy and Friends" for students in Year 1 (Year 2 next term); a volleyball program for students in Years 3-6; Crazy Hair Day; SRC Pizza Day; our Annual Easter Fair; and Harmony Day activities planned for the last day of term.

Yes ... the students and staff are definitely ready for the holidays!

Have a wonderful Easter Holidays everyone. Take, care, have fun and stay safe.

Warm regards,

Vicki Robertson

Safety Spotlight

NO SCHOOL HAT, NO PLAY

This rule is an integral part of our Sun Safety Strategy.



If a student is not wearing a school hat he/she is expected to sit in a designated spot in the shade. To maintain the exceptional standard of adherence to the wearing of school uniform at Sherwood Grange every student is expected to wear a **school hat**. **Kindergarten students are expected to wear the wide brim style hat.**

Upcoming Events

Week 11

Friday 7/4	Last Day of Term 1
Friday 7/4	Harmony Day Mufti Day

Term 2 Week 1

Monday 24/4	School Development Day
Tuesday 25/4	Anzac Day
Wednesday 26/4	Students Return Term 2
Friday 28/4	Cross Country

Term 2 Week 3

Tuesday 9/5	NAPLAN
Wednesday 10/5	NAPLAN
Thursday 11/5	NAPLAN
Friday 12/5	P&C Mothers' Day Stall

Term 2 Week 4

Tuesday 16/5	P&C Meeting
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Every Day Counts

This week the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) came to visit Sherwood Grange. Their role within the Department of Education is to ensure EVERY CHILD within our care is attending school. The HSLO also monitors partial absences and ensures all whole day absences are justified.

At Sherwood Grange, EVERY CHILD is expected to be here and ready for a day of learning at 8.55am. Arriving late often means that students don't hear important morning messages, fail to hear the daily routines and miss crucial aspects of the morning literacy session.

Please help us by ensuring your child is on time.

RAW Project

Dear Parents,

We would like to invite you and your child to join The RAW Project.

We all remember our teenage years – some of us with fondness and others with horror. The adolescent period is one of dramatic change. During this time, teens have to negotiate powerful peer pressures, begin to date, start to separate from their parents, deal with wild hormonal storms, and start to contemplate their future. Not surprisingly, the teenage period is the time when the vast majority of mental health problems first emerge.

But not all is doom. The teenage years are also the time when leaders are born; when future doctors, lawyers, and scientists start their journeys; and when some of our strongest friendships are formed. But we need much more information.

The central aim of the RAW Project is to understand the forces that shape teenage social and emotional development, and with the help of you and your child, find the key to building a stronger and more productive society.

Benefits of being involved include \$100 and a "thank you pack" each year you take part in the project as well as opportunities to be involved in competitions and receive prizes throughout the year.

We are currently recruiting Year 6 students. For more information, please read through the attached flyer and consult the contact information.

Regards,

The RAW Team

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EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!





MACQUARIE
University

Is your child in year 6? What does their future hold?

The Centre for Emotional Health is recruiting for an exciting project to discover what affects young people's emotional development. We will start with 500 children in Year 6 and assess them every year throughout high school.

FIND OUT MORE

For more information visit the RAW Project website rawproject.com.au. If you are interested in being involved, please contact the RAW Project on (02) 9850 4080 or rawproject@mq.edu.au

HERE ARE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF BEING INVOLVED IN THIS RESEARCH:

- \$100 plus a "thank you pack" for each yearly assessment
- A yearly assessment of your child's emotional well-being
- Opportunities for games, competitions, and prizes throughout the year
- Information about teenage development

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PSSA Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who have made it into the Merrylands Parramatta teams to compete at the Sydney West Area Championships.

A further congratulations to Donnelle who has been selected for the Regional Girls Soccer Team.

Alex M – Rugby League
Tailyn D – Rugby League
Jacob K – Rugby League
Jaiden K – Rugby League
Donnelle M – Soccer
Raouf E – Soccer
Bailey G – Soccer
Tara F – Softball
Abbey S – Softball

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, 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 food*
- *Know which friends have an allergy*

Thank you for your support.

World's Greatest Shave

This year I was fortunate enough to facilitate the World's Greatest Shave at Sherwood Grange Public School. It is a cause that is close to our heart and once again we continued to show our support as a community to such a worthy cause.

Everyone at Sherwood Grange contributed in their very own way. Many students came to school in mufti with a crazy hair style and donated gold coins, some choose to be sponsored and enrol as part of our team online. Here are some of the team who helped reach our total.



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Communities

Public Schools NSW

- Aymin R - \$3121
- Haneen S - \$1540
- Mikhail O - \$1368
- Issac C - \$1206
- Nate S - \$ 929
- Alex M - \$840
- Felix C - \$88
- Luke U - \$375
- Brendan U - \$907
- Darren U - \$200

Our online team managed to raise a remarkable \$11,110.00.

A special thank you to Mrs Upsall and the group of volunteers who sold delicious cupcakes on the day to raise extra funds.

We have calculated all the money raised on the day and that adds up to an impressive \$1,218.20.

Combined this takes our grand total to a staggering **\$12,328.20**.

This is enough money to help over 300 families overcome the initial shock and stress of being diagnosed with Leukaemia. On top of that we could fund 3 months of laboratory costs for a research project to discover better treatments for blood cancers.

As a community we should stand proud together and smile as we send this money off to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Thank you and well done to everyone involved.

Mr Shearer
Assistant Principal
Wellbeing, Learning
& Support Leader





P&C News

We had our first P&C meeting of the 2017 school year on 21/2/17. It was great to see some new faces at the meeting. Thanks for coming along and offering your help. Our meeting in March was mainly to help organise and prepare for the Easter Fair as well as plan some more dates for the year, in regard to fund raising.

It has been a reasonably quiet few weeks for the P&C due to the wet weather so it hasn't been feasible to hold Zooper Dooper days. However, we were prepared for yesterday's Easter Fair are getting ready for next term's Mother's Day Stall. If you feel you could spare some time to help out with these events or at any point during the year please email us at sherwoodgrangepandc@gmail.com

Easter Fair

The Easter fair was held at school on Wednesday 5/4/17. The P&C held ran the sausage sizzle. We also ran an Easter lucky dip for Easter egg baskets. Congratulations to those families who won the fabulous Easter baskets. We really appreciate the community's involvement supporting this event.

Donation

Many thanks to Bank West for making a generous donation of \$1,000 towards our fund for the building of the Outdoor Learning area. This came about thanks to Mr Bahaa Abou Assaf whose daughter is in year 3.

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.

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 – 16th May 6:30pm in the Staff Room which is located in the Administration Building. All parents & carers are welcome to attend.

P&C Sausage Sizzle and Easter raffle

Dee,
P&C President

Swimming Carnival

On Friday the 17th of February students from Sherwood Grange went to the School Swimming Carnival and it was lots of fun! Everyone was cheering and having a good time together.

It was so much fun, even if we didn't come first we still tried our best and enjoyed ourselves and most importantly we had a go!

We would like to thank all the teachers who came along to the Swimming Carnival and helped make it happen for all the students who attended.

We would also like to thank all the parents and volunteers who helped time the races and cheer on the students who were racing.

By Mia Kukucka

Zone Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday, 1st March some students from Sherwood Grange went along to the Zone Swimming Carnival with Miss Montgomerie and Miss Amargianitakis everyone had a fun time and had a go even if they had to race other schools and people.

To all of the parents, Zone teachers and students that made this happen - it was a great day!!!!!!!

By Jorja Matthew

Thank You

We would like to express a huge thank you to Louise from the Cumberland Cougars Netball team. She has kindly donated a large number of netballs, training cones, netball patches and first aid kits. Our students are looking forward to using these for training and playing both at school and in our PSSA competitions.



General Notices



INTERESTED IN PLAYING NETBALL

Celebrating 60 years in 2017

Wenty Waratah Netball Club are looking for players in the following age groups;

2 x 9 years (Training Wednesday)

3 x 10 years (Training Tuesday)

2 x 12 years (Training Tuesday)

3 x 14 years (Training Wednesday)

Training at Ted Burge Sportsground from 6.00pm – 7.30pm Centenary Road, South Wentworthville

Saturday Competition at Blacktown – International Peace Park

Further information please contact Lisa at wentywaratah@hotmail.com or 0438 248 898

Looks what's been happening in 4/3M...





SGPS Zone Swimming Team



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CENTENARY EXPERIENCE

A free travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in the First World War, featuring artefacts from the Australian War Memorial.

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WWW.SPIRITOFANZAC.GOV.AU

We will be hosting free children's activities at the Experience from 17 - 21 April. Find out more and register your interest at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au/sydney/activities

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