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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

June/July 2017

From the Relieving Principal ...

Semester One Reports

This week you would have received your child's Semester 1 Reports. As you would be aware, our focus at Sherwood Grange is on EVERY CHILD. As a result, teachers have worked extremely hard teaching, assessing, refining and reporting on the achievements of every child against the NSW Syllabus. This is a great time to reflect on the learning, effort and opportunities your child has been exposed to this semester.

New Security Fencing

The new security fencing is almost complete with the final touches being made over the holidays. Thank you for your patience and understanding with the changes as it was being installed.

The fence looks fantastic and will also add an element of safety which is paramount to us at Sherwood Grange.

End of Term

As the term comes to end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers, executive and administration staff for the continued hard work and effort that goes in to having a high functioning school like Sherwood Grange Public School.

I would like to wish all our students, families and community members a relaxing and enjoyable two week break. Take care and be kind to one another. School returns for students on Tuesday 18th July.

Warm regards,

David Shearer

Upcoming Events

Week 10

Tuesday 27/6	Stage 3 Excursion
Wednesday 28/6	Multicultural Public Speaking Competition at Merrylands PS
Thursday 29/6	Reports Home
Friday 30/6	Footy Fever Day
	Last Day of Term 2
	NAIDOC Day

Term 3 Week 1

Monday 17/7	School Development Day
Tuesday 18/7	Students Return

Week 2

Thursday 27/7	Athletics Carnival
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Week 3

Monday 31/7	Education Week
Tuesday 1/8	School Open Day

ICAS Dates

Tuesday 1/8	English
Tuesday 15/8	Maths



From your Assistant Principals ...

As some of you may be aware at the end of the school year, in Term 4, teachers are allocated two School Development Days for professional learning. This means that students finish school on Friday 15th December and all teachers finish work on Tuesday 19th December.

The Department of Education has a policy that enables schools to vary the days. This includes allowing schools to absorb one or two of the School Development Days into either weekends or afternoon/evening professional learning sessions under the proviso that teachers are working the correct allocated hours and also that the majority of the staff agree to this decision.

After discussion with teachers, it has been decided that this year we will absorb Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December into four afternoon / evening professional learning sessions. This will allow teachers to develop new teaching and learning strategies and implement them more immediately.

Therefore, teachers at Sherwood Grange PS will finish work on Friday 15th December. The school will be non-operational on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December.

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.

Holiday Learning Top 5



The holidays are an important time to rest, relax and recharge. It's also the perfect time to add some sneaky learning into your day. If you are looking for ways to improve your child's reading, maths skills and gross motor development here are our top five.

1. Read – read to your child, read with your child, or take 10 minutes and everybody in the family reads. A positive reading culture at home helps support reading and writing at school.
2. Play board games and card games – games teach children about maths, language, sharing, a sense of fun and how to support others.
3. Get out of the house – kicking, throwing, running, riding bikes, even going on playground equipment helps support gross motor development, positive risk taking skills and development of their imagination.
4. Go shopping – providing children with a small amount of money and the opportunity to choose something to buy, teaches them about

money, addition and subtraction, how to make choices and how to navigate the purchasing of items.

5. Try new things – go somewhere different; a new park, library or the beach. Anywhere new will broaden their knowledge and understanding as well as provide them with fun family memories they will keep forever.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Stationery Requirements Term 3

Our first semester (Terms 1 & 2) at school has been full of fun, learning and lots of exciting opportunities. All our hard work has meant that we are using up all our wonderful supplies. Over the holidays we ask parents to help us get ready for the new semester (Terms 3 & 4) of learning by restocking our equipment.



K-2 Students

- 4 x whiteboard markers
- 2 x glue sticks

3-6 Students

- 4 x whiteboard markers
- 2 x glue sticks
- 2 x highlighters
- 10 x HB lead pencils

Dance Fever

During Term 2, students took part in an Athletics Program which was run by Dance Fever. Below are some reviews from our students:

4/3M Reviews

Dance fever is about getting active, learning new skills and getting strong and healthy through your actions. Our kind leaders Mitch and Larisa take

care of us and teach us new skills, for example, jumping, sprinting, throwing, long jump, shot put and much more. We are getting a lot better at our new skills. We get fit, strong and healthy.

The best part is getting active, all the sportsmanship and working together. The number one rule is to have fun.

6/5J Review

During this term we took part in the Dance Fever Athletics program. We participated in events such as long jump and sprinting. We learnt many new skills and improved our technique, providing us with the knowledge for athletic events. We also got to participate in a special Mini Olympics filled with fun and games. This program was a lot of fun!

Tanya D 6/5J

Stage 3 Visual Arts Group

Excursion to the Museum of Contemporary Arts

On Wednesday 14th June, the Visual Arts Group went to the Museum of Contemporary Arts at Circular Quay. It was an amazing experience travelling to the city and visiting this special museum. It was a fun day. We looked at famous artworks, sculptures, paintings and things such as a maze that you could walk through. We went around the museum in two separate groups with two lovely staff members (Athena and Rachel) from the museum.

Athena showed us around the museum and there was so much to see. My group got to see artists' resource rooms. It really was a great adventure. After that, we had lunch and stayed at the museum for a self-guided tour. It was truly a marvellous day!

Liliana A 6/5J

Visual Arts Group

This term, the Visual Arts Group was fantastic. The artwork we did gave us the chance to express ourselves on an ordinary canvas. I personally loved the feeling of being allowed to turn an ordinary canvas into a masterpiece of my own. We also got a chance to visit the extraordinary Museum of contemporary Arts, which helped us to really understand how to appreciate such beautiful artworks. I loved this group and truly wish I can do it again!

Tanya D 6/5J

Kids Helpline

Over the past two weeks 4/3M have had video conferences with the Kids Helpline. We learnt about different types of media including social media. We also learnt about our digital identity - they told us that we needed to be careful when we are online because when you are posting something you need to THINK.

These are the reasons why. You need to be respectful, responsible and make sure you don't ruin your reputation. Kids can call the Kids Helpline at any time; they are able to help you in any situation you are having trouble with.

They are open 24 hours a day, so they are never closed and you can go on computers or phones to communicate with them.

Phone Number: 1800 55 1800

By: Aria and Nadia

Stage 3 Excursion Sydney Jewish Museum

Going to the Jewish Museum was one of the most intriguing experiences I have ever had. We first had a talk with Dr Ari who thoroughly explained the history of Jewish migration and some famous possessions that were given by Jewish immigrants and Holocaust survivors. I then listened to a lady called Mimi, a Holocaust survivor. Her survival story was really interesting and I can only imagine

what she went through. We then got to explore around the museum and my favourite section was the Children Memorial which showcased all the children who were murdered at the concentration camp. I was shocked to see how many children there were. They also showed some of their belongings. All in all, I had a really good time visiting the Jewish Museum.

Elianna H 6/5M

I really enjoyed the Jewish Museum. I loved Mimi's story and I thought what her parents and family members did to keep her and her brother safe was amazing. Mimi is a Jewish lady now living in Sydney. Mimi and her family lived in France before they came to Australia. I think it was incredible how people kept their possessions like blankets, dolls and guitars throughout all their travels and donated them to the museum so they could tell their story. I really enjoyed all the stories around the museum. I loved how in the centre of the museum they had a star with all the survivors' names. I would really suggest going to the Jewish Museum in the holidays. It is definitely worth a visit!

Olivia M 6/5M

Stage 3 went on an excursion to the Sydney Jewish Museum. It was an amazing day and we learnt a lot. My favourite part was when a lady named Kitty told us her story about how she migrated to Australia. It was a great experience and I would love to go again.

Nicola 6/5J

Team Colours Day

Our school has just celebrated Team Colours Day and it was great to see so many people supporting this event. We would like to thank all of the families who purchased raffle tickets and provided donations. Congratulations to the following lucky winners.

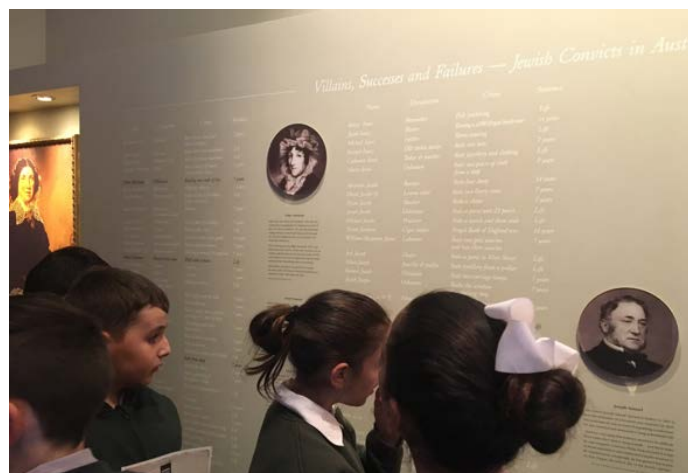
Gerardo C
Kellie M
Isaac C

The total raised by our school was \$953.85 which will go towards the purchasing of new sporting equipment.

Team Colours Day...



Visual Arts Excursion...





Cumberland Council OOSH



CUMBERLAND COUNCIL

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 well-being and development through our safety program. Visit www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au to view programs and complete enrolment forms.

SERVICES OPERATE MONDAY TO FRIDAY:
 Before School Care from 6.30am - 9.00am (Parramatta OOSH 6.00am - 9.00am)
 After School Care from 3.00pm - 6.00pm
 School Holiday Program 7.00am - 6.00pm (Parramatta OOSH 6.00am - 6.00pm)
 All activities and excursions are included.
 Services are closed public holidays.

Council's OOSH Centre contact details:
 Guildford West OOSH 9727 2227 / 0419 220 575
 Parramatta OOSH 9636 6124 / 0407 688 221
 Penrith OOSH 9631 1663 / 0410 555 294

Parramatta West OOSH 9631 5246 / 0409 241 513
 Penrith OOSH 9636 6588 / 0418 492 155
 Sherrinstown OOSH 9636 6227 / 0419 633 883
 Wollstonecraft OOSH 9757 1906 / 0417 447 370

General Notices



JOIN US AT HOLROYD GIANTS JUNIOR T-BALL AND BASEBALL CLUB!

Want to help develop your child's hitting, catching and throwing skills, in a team environment – run by accredited coaches? Why not join Holroyd Giants Junior Baseball Club! Boys and girls from 4 years of age are welcome. Training is held on Thursday afternoons, with games on Saturday mornings, starting September.

Come along to our Try Baseball and Registration days
 At West Guildford Sports Ground, Foray Street, Guildford West
 Sunday 30th July & 6th August 2017: 10am to 1pm
 Find us on Facebook, or contact: Kevin on 0407 248 152
www.GiantsJuniors.com.au



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.

Stage 3 Visual Arts Excursion





FREE

KIDS GARDENING CLASSES

11am Weekdays
 Mon 3 - Fri 7 July &
 Mon 10 - Fri 14 July



Pot
your own
seedling
to take
home.

Kids under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

 For more information go to flowerpower.com.au

How can I help my child **SUCCEED** in school?



Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with any questions or concerns.

Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.

Do not talk negatively about your child's teacher or school.

Read with your child **every** night.

Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.

Help your child with his/her homework **every** night.

Teach your children to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.

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