

# Sherwood Grange Public School

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*Our focus is on EVERY CHILD*

*June 2018*



We are delighted to announce that we are a finalist for 'Primary School of the Year – Government' at the Australian Education Awards for 2018.

We were nominated in recognition of the wonderful teaching, learning and wellbeing programs we offer at Sherwood Grange. The nomination highlighted how our school is focussed on creating and maintaining strong connections with our community.

Winners will be announced in August.

More information about the awards can be found at [www.educatorawards.com](http://www.educatorawards.com)



## *From the Principal ...*

### Staffing Changes

#### **Congratulations and Farewell Mr Shearer**

We are about to say farewell to one of our amazing Assistant Principals. Mr David Shearer has been successful in his application for the position of Deputy Principal at Greenway Park Public School and will be leaving us at the end of this term. He is a talented, dynamic and progressive educational leader and thoroughly deserves this well-earned promotion.

Mr Shearer joined us in 2014 and his contribution over the past five years has been immense. Everything he has done has been underpinned by our School Purpose, which is to meet the needs of EVERY CHILD in our care and he has made a significant difference in the lives of our students, staff and community.

As a Principal, I could not have asked for more from one of my Assistant Principals. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside him as an integral member of my Executive Team.

Mr Shearer, on behalf of your 'Sherwood Grange Family' I would like to wish you and your beautiful family the very, very best for the future. We are going to miss you, but I know that you will do an outstanding job in your new role.



**You will have the opportunity to say goodbye to Mr Shearer at a Pop Up Café at 2pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Everyone is welcome.**

## Relieving Assistant Principal

For the remainder of the year Miss Hanan Fares will be relieving in the Assistant Principal position left vacant by Mr Shearer's departure.

Miss Fares is well equipped to take on the role of Assistant Principal, Learning and Wellbeing and she is very much looking forward to it.

## Welcome Miss Tran

I am delighted to announce that Miss Kim Tran has been permanently appointed to our school and will start with us next term. She will step into the role of Miss Hanan Fares who will be the Relieving Assistant Principal. This means that Miss Tran will now be teaching 6/5M on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Tran is very excited about her new role and I know that she will be a great fit for our school.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> July and **students return on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.**

Kind regards,

*Vicki Robertson*



## Farewell SGPS

To my Sherwood Grange Family,

As I count down the final few days at Sherwood Grange, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to come and teach in such a wonderful community.

I have been called 'the new Mr Shearer', 'the 3 to 6 Mr Shearer', 'the Mr Shearer with hair' and more recently, 'Mr Shearer in the office'. Starting at Sherwood Grange as the Assistant Principal was an absolute privilege and as I leave to start a new challenge, I know my new school has some very big shoes to fill.

A huge thank you to the SGPS parents, carers and community members. Thank you for trusting me with your precious children and supporting me as I aimed to enrich the learning opportunities for EVERY CHILD at Sherwood Grange. Your friendly smiles, chirpy chats and Pizza Days will be dearly missed.

Thank you to my dear friends and colleagues. The way you all strive to constantly improve and have the children at the forefront of every decision is something I will cherish and take with me on my next journey. I will miss seeing you all every day and want to thank you for the support and care during my time at Sherwood Grange.

Finally, to the students, thank you for opening your hearts and brains to me as one of your teachers. You make me smile each and every day and it has been a privilege to watch you grow and thrive at school. Thank you for all the warm welcomes when I visit your class and the great handball games at lunch. Remember to always try your best, be kind to one another and tell your parents you love them EVERY DAY.

All the best to everyone for the rest of 2018 and the future ahead.

Mr Shearer

## Upcoming Events

### Term 2 Week 10

Friday 6/7	NAIDOC Celebrations Last Day of Term 2
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### Term 3 Week 1

Monday 23/7	School Development Day
Tuesday 24/7	Students Return Term 3

### Week 2

Tuesday 31/7	ICAS English 7.30am
Thursday 2/8	Athletics Carnival

## Hats for Sale

The Administration Office has school hats which can be purchased.

School Bucket Hats cost \$15 (Compulsory for Kindergarten and Year 1 students).

School Caps cost \$12 (Year 2-6 students can wear a cap, but for Sun safety reasons we encourage the bucket style when purchasing a replacement).

Please bring the correct money if you or your child would like to purchase a hat.

## 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.

We encourage you **not to** 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:

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

## Gate Automation

Most of you will have seen and experienced recent changes to the entries and exits to the school. A safety audit of our carpark and pedestrian access last year by our Work Health and Safety Committee, accompanied by Senior Assets Management Officers, prompted the automation of our gates.

Entry during peak morning and afternoon periods is via any of the four pedestrian gates. Entry to the school once Assembly is concluded and lessons have commenced is now via the new pedestrian gate using the intercom system. In order to minimise disruption to our students' learning, parents, careers and visitors are required to report to the Administration Office for all enquiries.

To exit during class time you will need to use the middle gate and press the silver button on the black post on the right just inside the gate. This will automatically open the gate.

We are in the process of having clearly labelled signs for direction and ease of access and your patience during this introductory period is very much appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pedestrian access through the carpark is prohibited at all times.

*Lisa McManus*

*Business and Administration Manager*



## Punctuality

Students in NSW Public Schools are expected to attend every school day (unless they are legally excused) and be in class on time.

At Sherwood Grange students are expected to arrive at school between 8.25am (not before as a teacher is not on duty until that time) and 8.50am. A bell is rung at 8.53am to signal that it is time for all children to line up for Morning Assembly. Another bell goes at 8.55am and the assembly then commences. Important announcements are made and messages are communicated at this time. If your child is not at the Morning Assembly he/she is at risk of missing important information.

When a child arrives late to the classroom it interrupts the teaching of lessons and disturbs the learning of others. In addition, the student will have missed out on important instructions and may experience difficulty settling into the day.

Class rolls are regularly monitored by a Home School Liaison Officer from the Department of Education (DoE). The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) not only checks student absences, but also late arrivals to school. If your child's attendance or punctuality is of concern you could be contacted by the HSLO.

By ensuring that your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn you are giving your child the best possible start to a day of learning. You are also helping them to develop good habits that will be of benefit to them in the future.

## Stage 1 Engineers in Training

Stage 1 have been learning about the link between the design and purpose of a variety of places and spaces. Our excursion to Central Gardens showed us all about how a park is set up and what the different areas are used for.

*"At Central Gardens there is lots of grass, just like the oval at school but not any classrooms. There are trees in the enclosures to make shelter for the animals."* Ahmed 2/1K



## Stage 1 Building Challenges

The Building Challenge has had Stage 1 taking all their knowledge about places and creating and testing playground equipment, shopping centres and enclosures.

*"The hardest part was trying to put on the roof"*  
Harry 2/1L

*"We had to make sure in our enclosures that the animals didn't get wet, they were protected from the Sun, they couldn't escape and they had room to play."* Aleena, Nicki, Isabella 2/1L

**"It was so much fun" 2/1M**





## Stage 2 Built Environments

Stage 2 have been very busy over the last few weeks learning, designing and constructing built environments. Students were actively engaged in using recycled materials to create different shade shelters. Students created bus stops, pergolas, car shelters and school shelters. Watch out world, Stage 2 engineers are coming your way!







## Stage 3 Science

This Term, Stage 3 have been working on a science project which we have designed a suburb called Sherville. This project required us to work together in groups of four.

To help us, we've had three speakers come into our school and talk to us about architecture and what to include in our project. Our first speaker was Mr Drew. He works for Bunnings and taught us about how they build a Bunnings and how they buy the land. He gave a wonderful presentation to us.

Our second informative speaker was Miss Parnis and she spoke about town planning. She is currently working on designing a suburb near Parramatta. Miss Parnis gave us ideas about how to design schools, cities and shopping centres, where they should be located and what they could look like.

Our most recent speaker was Mr Row who is a Civil Engineer spoke to us about sustainability in our suburb, Sherville.

He also gave a wonderful presentation and showed us some photos of a site he has worked at where pipes were put in the ground for water to go through. He explained just how much planning goes into how water is pumped around a town and how it is filtered so it is safe for us to drink.

All three speakers were amazing and helped Stage 3 a lot. We can't wait to present our proposals to our teachers in week 10. Don't forget to go on Twitter to check out our progress!

By Noah and Elizabeth  
6/5D







## Anzac Day Ceremony

An early start to the morning for these students representing the school at the Anzac Day dawn service. We would like to thank the two families who attended the service and laid a wreath on behalf of our school.





## Zone Cross Country

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May approximately 30 students from our school attended the Zone Cross Country Carnival at Don Moore Reserve in North Rocks. This was a new venue and an extremely difficult course with lots of hills to navigate.

We had a number of students who came very close to the top 8 runners who were selected to participate at regional level. We would like to thank all the students who attended for showing great Sherwood Grange values throughout the day and actively cheering on the fellow competitors.



## Multicultural Public Speaking

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented our school at the Multicultural Public Speaking Final at Bonnyrigg Public School. The students who attended were:

A'ishah  
Desilee  
Esha  
Mia

They all spoke extremely well and our school is very proud of them.

We would like to congratulate A'ishah who was successful in winning her division and will now go on to the next level of the competition. Good luck for the next stage in August.





## Debating Stage 3

Well done to our debating team who spoke so well at our most recent debate, especially our newest members of the team.



## P&C News

### Athletics Carnival



The P&C will be holding the usual Sausage Sizzle at the Athletics Carnival on 2/8/18. We will also be selling poppers, water, chips and lollies.

A note will be sent home this week with all the details.

### Rabbitohs Junior Appreciation Round

16 children from the school were lucky enough to take part in the Rabbitohs Junior Appreciation Round march on the pitch at ANZ Stadium on 1<sup>st</sup> June. Thanks to all the children who took part and most especially to the parents who brought them along on the night and braved the cold to watch the Rabbitohs take on the Cronulla Sharks.

### 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.

### Uniform Shop

The P&C Uniform Shop is currently open on Friday every fortnight (odd numbered weeks in school terms). We will review the opening hours depending on demand. We have limited stock left, however, you should check the Oz Fashions app first to see if they have the stock. We wish to advise there are **no** items left in the onsite shop without a school logo. There are only a small number of items left with a logo. **PLEASE CHECK THE QKR APP** as most items are now online for purchasing.

If they don't have stock on their app this is an indicator that these items still remain in the onsite uniform shop. Please remember we can only accept cash in the Uniform Shop.

### Dates to remember:

Next P&C Meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 at 6:30pm in the Staff Room. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Thanks

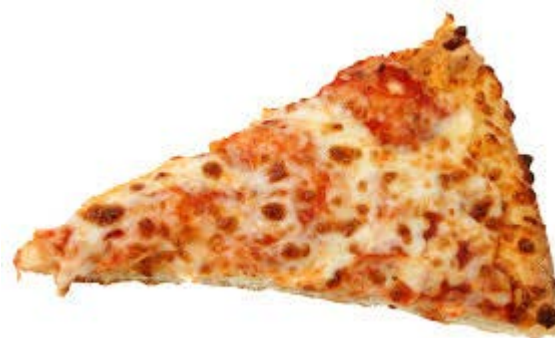
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P&C President

## P&C Pizza Day

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June our wonderful P&C organised a Pizza Day for the entire school. We would like to thank all the volunteers who gave up their time to supply yummy pizza to all the children at school. There were plenty of full tummies and empty plates!!







# Body & Mind Wellbeing

In Term 2, students have been participating in the Body and Mind Wellbeing program organised by Dancefever Multipsorts. Week 1 was a huge success! Here is a snapshot of what the students did and what they thought. Find more photos on Twitter using the handle @Sherwood\_Grange.

Deborah Lopez @Dcblopez · May 2

#2/11/2018 super excited to start mindfulness program @Sherwood\_Grange

@Dancefever\_AUS #staycalm#control#breathe



I really enjoyed wearing the headphones with the music in the background. Callum 4/3G

I liked the headphones and the cups with water that we passed around with our eyes closed. I also liked the music and the fun pose we did. I loved that we could relax and lie down on the comfortable mats. Justin 4/3G

I really enjoyed wearing the headphones with the music in the background. Callum 4/3G

**I liked the HEADPHONES from body and mind wellbeing. Yash 4/3F**



**I like how my mind was focused on relaxing. It made me feel calm. Navid 6/5T**



Danielle Montgomerie @d\_montgomerie · May 3  
 #65D2018 and #65T2018 working on their mind, body and spirit wellbeing  
 @kimelyset1 @Sherwood\_Grange @Dancefever\_AUS



Leanne straub @LeanneStraub · May 2  
 #2/1S2018 engaging in mindfulness @Sherwood\_Grange. #calm#DanceFever



Kimberley Thomson @kimelyset1 · May 2  
 Mind, body and wellbeing program starts today at @Sherwood\_Grange . It's amazing! Kids are loving it 🙌



**It was very calming and relaxing. The activities were fun and it taught me how to do some different yoga poses. It also taught me trust my classmates more. Sana 6/5T**

I like how it allowed us to relax and clear our minds. Tara 4/3F

The body mind wellbeing was great. I liked the idea of the headphones we we could relax even more. Ahhh... so relaxing! Charlotte 4/3G

I loved using the headphones to hear the instructor and the relaxing music. Alannah 6/5T

*The Body and Mind Wellbeing program was really cool and unique. I found it fun, relaxing and can't wait to continue it each week. Mia 6/5D*



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