

# Sherwood Grange Public School

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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

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## From the Principal

### Term 3

What a busy and productive term it's been. In addition to the quality teaching and learning happening daily in classrooms across the school we have had:

- Education Week Open Day where teachers and students proudly opened their classrooms for parents and carers.
- Science Day where students rotated through highly engaging hands on learning activities.
- Our annual Book Fair in the library and our Book Parade to celebrate Book Week.
- Students performed at the Community of Schools Creative and Performing Arts Showcase at Merrylands High School
- An exciting excursion for K-2 to see *The Gruffalo* performed at the Seymour Centre.
- The Father's Day Stall organised by our wonderful P&C.
- Excursions to the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) where students not only viewed artwork, but also participated in activities.
- The Dance Group and Choir performing superbly during *Our Spectacular* at the Sydney Opera House.
- Swim School where children are developing the skills needed to help keep them safe in and around water.
- Students participating in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. A'ishah A will soon represent our school and the region at the state final, an amazing achievement.
- Our School Athletics Carnival. Students went on to represent our school at the Zone and Sydney West Area Championship Track and Field Carnivals. Ethan H will soon participate in the State Carnival, another amazing achievement.

As your Principal, I am proud of our individual and collective achievements through this term.

### School Holidays



Children, I hope you have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

Do your best to stay safe and be sure to have loads of fun. See you next term.

**Students return to school for Term 4 on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**

Kind regards,

*Vicki Robertson*

## Upcoming Events

### Term 3 Week 10

Thursday 27/9	MCA Stage 3 Excursion
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### Term 4 Week 1

Monday 15/10	Term 4 Commences
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### Term 4 Week 2

Wednesday 24/10	Warrior Games
Thursday 25/10	Stage 3 Sustainability Expo
Friday 26/10	State Final Public Speaking

### Term 4 Week 3

Wednesday 31/10	Staff Twilight Learning
Wednesday 31/10	NSWPSSA Athletics Championship
Thursday 1/11	NSWPSSA Athletics Championship

**Term 4 Week 4**

Monday 5/11	Stage 2 Excursion
Tuesday 6/11	Stage 2 Excursion
Wednesday 7/11	Interest Group Photos

**Hats for Sale**

Please remember our Sun Safety Rule:  
**NO HAT NO PLAY**

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.

**Professional Learning**

We are absorbing the last two School Development Days, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, into four separate afternoon/evening professional learning sessions.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, teachers remained at school until 6:15pm for their second *Twilight Professional Learning*. On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September we conducted our third Twilight Learning session. During the evening teachers participated in sessions 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 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The school will be non-operational on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

**Thank you**

Thank you to Merrylands RSL for donating "The Victoria Cross Australia Remembers" book to our library.

**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). 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, **cup cakes only**.

**Student Absences**

Please be aware that all students are required to bring in an absentee note when they are away from school.

A note must be sent in as soon as your child returns to school. Absentee notes can be submitted on Skoolbag.

**Every Day Counts**

The Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO) came to visit Sherwood Grange. Her 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.

## Student Wellbeing

Dear Parents and Carers,

Understanding your child's emotional needs could assist you in supporting them to self-regulate their emotions and control how they react to everyday situations. As growing bodies need nutritional food, growing minds need modelled and practical strategies to comprehend their feelings and understand the emotions of others. To help you tap into your child's emotional wellbeing, I invite you to attend the "Tuning into Kids" free parenting program that will commence on Monday the 22nd of October. Your child would have brought a note home with details about the program and an attached slip to express your interest. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity kindly return the "Tuning into Kids" slip to the front office as spaces are limited.

Miss H. Fares  
Relieving Assistant Principal  
Wellbeing, Learning & Support (K-6)

## Zone Athletics

Our school recently participated in the Zone Athletics for Track and Field Events.

Congratulations to Ethan for coming 1<sup>st</sup> in Discus and Shotput and for breaking two records.

Congratulations to A'ishah for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m and Aria for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in 800m.

These students represented the Parramatta/Merrylands Zone at the Sydney West Area Championship Track and Field Carnival on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Congratulations to Ethan who has progressed to New South Wales PSSA Athletics Championship for Discus.



## Our Spectacular

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September our school was one of 30 schools performing at the Sydney Opera House as part of the "Fun in the Sun" themed extravaganza.

Our students are to be commended on their behaviour as well as their performance on the evening. We received a lot of positive feedback from shop owners along with performance organisers who praised our choir and dance students on their excellent behaviour and their good manners. Thank you students for being a credit to Sherwood Grange.

We would also like to thank the wonderful staff who spent so many hours perfecting the performance.

Sherwood Grange was one of the top schools who really shone on the night.



## Gruffalo

What a day! On Tuesday 28th August, a very excited bunch of K-2 students caught a bus into the city to watch *The Gruffalo* come to life!

We took a stroll through the university grounds and enjoyed our feed on the luscious grass!

It was delightful to see the anticipation on everyone's face as we waited for the show to begin. As the lights dimmed and the characters came to life on stage, we heard a collective gasp of excitement from the audience.

The students were on the edge of their seats the whole time with their eyes glued to the stage throughout this interactive, engaging production of *The Gruffalo*!

It was a valuable and entertaining experience and we all learned lots about various elements and techniques of drama.

## Student Reviews

Miss M my favourite character was the snake, he was Spanish like me. – Clarissa 2/1M

Mrs K, my favourite part was when the owl said "I want my mummy, I want my daddy, I want my nanny!" – Lindsey 2/1K

I liked it when the snake started dancing! – Laureen 2/1K

The owl was my favourite because he reminded me of an army guy in the military – Bronson 2/1L

My favourite part was when the fox tried to eat the mouse when he was hungry. – Marley KR

I liked it when the snake was singing and dancing with the maracas. – Jakob & Paris 2/1S

The snake was my favourite because he was very funny. – Joseph KE





## 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.

## 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:

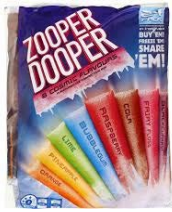
- *Not to swap food*
- *To wash their hands after eating*
- *To tell the teacher if they are worried about particular foods*
- *To know which friends have an allergy*

## Multicultural Public Speaking

Congratulations A'ishah for winning the Year 3 and 4 Regional Final of the 2018 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. Good luck when you speak at the State Final A'ishah!



## Year 6 Ice Blocks



During Term 1 and Term 4 every year, Year 6 students sell Zooper Doopers for 50 cents at lunchtime whenever there is a particularly hot day.

You might like to consider allowing your child/ren to have 50c with them on hot days for when Zooper Doopers are available.

## P&C News

### Onsite Uniform Shop

Please be advised that the onsite Uniform Shop will open once a month for trying on of Oz Fashion uniforms. This will typically be Weeks 1, 5 & 9 of the school term. Confirmation will go out on the Skoolbag App. The reasons for the change of opening times is due to less sales as stock lines sell out and lack of volunteers to open the shop more often.

There are still some items available for sale in our onsite shop but these are limited to some of the logo lines only. We have football socks in sizes small and XL as well as school bags.

Please note the following are no longer available from our onsite shop i.e. *boys grey shorts and long pants, girls bottle green skorts & long pants or long sports pants.*

Should you require uniforms you should first check the QKR! app to see if Oz Fashions have stock of the item you require. If it's on the app then our onsite shop has no stock. If it is not on the app then the onsite shop will have that item in stock.

Please see details of the stock items in the onsite Uniform Shop.

Item description	Sizes available
Sports polo	4, 6, 16, 18, 20, 22
Sports shorts	8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
Girls s/sleeve white blouse	14, 16, 18, 20
Girls l/sleeve white blouse	6, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
Boys s/sleeve grey shirt	4, 14, 16, 18, 20
Boys l/sleeve grey shirt	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20
Fleecy jacket	6, 16, 18, 20

### 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 – 16th October 2018 at 6:30pm in the Staff Room which is located in the administration Building. All parents & carers are welcome to attend.

Thanks

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## Book Week 2018

We have just celebrated Book Week for 2018 with a “Find Your Treasure” theme.

We would like to thank everyone who made an effort on the day. We had a huge turn out with so many wonderful costumes and so many characters. Thank you to all the children who purchased books from the library.

Thank you to the Stage 3 families who baked yummy treats to help fundraise for the Year 6 end of year party.

