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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

September 2019

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.
- Our annual Book Fair in the library and our Book Parade to celebrate Book Week.
- Students from K-2 Dance Group performed at the Community of Schools Creative and Performing Arts Showcase at Merrylands High School
- The Father's Day Stall was organised by our wonderful P&C.
- The Dance Group and Choir performed superbly during *Our Spectacular* at the Sydney Opera House.
- Students participated in the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Orla B represented our school at the region and state finals, an amazing achievement.
- Our School Athletics Carnival. Students went on to represent our school at the Zone Track and Field Carnivals.
- Students have also been successful at Zone and will now be attending the Sydney West Area Carnival in October
- All 3-6 Students participated in the Spelling Bee competition at school and the following students advanced to attend the Regional Final of the 2019 Premier's Spelling Bee: Anthony K, Callum K, Jasmine C and Tala H
- Ethan H represent the State in Darwin for Discus during September

As your Principal, I am very proud of the individual and collective achievements of students throughout this term.

School Holidays



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 14th October.

Kind regards,

Vicki Robertson

Upcoming Events

Term 3 Week 10 2019

Monday 23/9
Thursday 26/9
Friday 27/9

Swim School Week 2
P&C Pizza Day
Last Day Term 3

Term 4 Week 1 2019

Monday 14//10
Tuesday 15/10

Students Return Term 4
Kindergarten Prep
Program Commences
P&C Meeting 6.30pm

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, Year 1 and Year 2 in 2019).

School Caps cost \$12 (In 2019 Year 3-6 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.

Our Spectacular

On Thursday 28th August our Opera House Dance Group and Opera House Choir students headed off to perform at Our Spectacular. Unfortunately, it was a very cold and rainy day but all performers were still happy to purchase delicious ice creams in the rain.

We would like to thank Miss Reinhard, Mrs Lopez, Mrs Straub and Miss Thomson for all their hard work and the extra hours it takes getting everyone ready to perform.

Year 6 Ice Blocks



During Term 1 and Term 4 every year, Year 6 students sell Zooper Doopers for 50 cents to assist with fundraising for the Year 6 Farewell Party. Please send along 50c with your child.

Student Absences

Parents/Carers are required to supply an absentee note when their child has been away from school.

A note must be sent in the day the student returns to school or submitted on Skoolbag.

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:

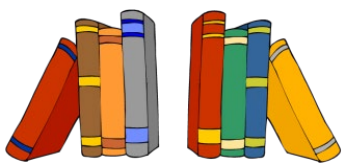
- *Not to swap food*
- *To wash their hands before and after eating*
- *To tell the teacher if they are worried about particular foods*
- *To know which friends have an allergy*

Birthday cup cakes

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

Library News

Book Week was a great success this year! Thanks to everyone who joined in and dressed as a book character or someone who had secret powers!



There were some amazing outfits! A big thank you to the parents/designers!

The Book Fair was busy every morning! Thank you to Mrs Lillas, Mrs Denise Williams, Mrs Williams and Mrs Ugarte who helped with sales.

We raised over \$750 at the Book Fair and have already purchased some coding resources for the school!

Make sure you check out the photos on Twitter and the school website!

PRC

The Premiers Reading Challenge has closed for this year.

Congratulations to all the students who completed the challenge!

Certificates will be handed out in Term 4.

Mrs Parnis

Teacher Librarian

Canberra Overnight Camp

On Wednesday morning at 5:45am, all students who were attending the overnight excursion were all excited but also a bit sad to leave their homes for 3 days. As everyone gave their parents their final hugs, we all went on the bus ready for a 3 hour drive. Our first learning experience was at The War Memorial. This place was a home for lots of old and precious artefacts that was from all the wars as well as stories about all the soldiers who fought for us.

Next we visited the House of Democracy where we learnt how to vote in an election. Our next fun filled destination was the Kosciuszko National Park Education Centre and then finally, after a long drive we arrived at Perisher for some snow play. I had a great time on my first experience on a chair lift and the view was spectacular. On the last day, we visited Questacon and were astonished by some of the science experiments. Finally, we headed back home and had a nice dinner at McDonalds. I really enjoyed our Stage 3 overnight excursion in Canberra.

Ethan 6/5G

On Wednesday 4th September 2019, Stage 3 students went on an overnight excursion to Canberra. We all had to wake up early to be at school by 5:45am. When we arrived at school, the sun wasn't even up!! We visited many sacred places where we learnt about Australian History and how it came to be as beautiful as it is today.

We visited The War Memorial, The House of Democracy, The Parliament House, The Electoral Education Centre and the Kosciuszko National Park.

The highlight of the excursion was our trip to Perisher where we spent a really fun time playing with snow. I'm so grateful that I got to go on this fun and engaging trip to Canberra, and I'm so thankful for all the teachers who left their families to ensure that Stage 3 students could have the learning experience possible. This Stage 3 camp will most definitely be one I will cherish and remember for a very long time.

Catherine 6/5G

P&C News

The Year is flying by!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the canteen and BBQ at the school athletics carnival - your help is very much appreciated.

The P&C will be holding a pizza day on Thursday 26th September. We hope you enjoy not making school lunches that day!

Our big fundraiser for the year will be held in Term 4 - A Colour Run. This will be held on Thursday 31st October. The students had a lot of fun participating in the school colour run two years ago so we are looking forward to seeing them have lots of fun again this year. Students will be asked to seek sponsorship from family and friends, and there will be a pizza party prize for the K-2 and 3-6 classes that raises the most money. All of the P&C fundraisers this year are raising funds for updating technology in all of the classrooms.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution that Lisa Boonzaier has made to the P&C and Sherwood Grange community over many years. Lisa has been the P&C secretary and is always willing to help out at all school events. Lisa and her family are moving interstate at the end of this term and we are going to miss them all dearly.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 22th October at 6.30pm. We'd love to see you there!

Colleen

P&C President

Kindergarten Enrolments 2020

**We are excited to
announce that

IT IS
TIME TO ENROL
FOR

KINDERGARTEN
2020!**



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.*

Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 8th August we held our annual Athletics Carnival at Holroyd Sports Ground. We decided to split the K-2 and 3-6 groups this year. Which meant that all K-2 were able to take part in a variety of activities as well as sprinting races without the need to sit and wait for all the big kids to compete. This made for a very happy K-2 group of students.

A great day was had by all and a special thanks to our wonderful P&C plus all their helpers for running a canteen throughout the day.

We had six students break some long standing records in a number of events.

Zone Athletics Carnivals

On Monday 12th and Monday 19th August a group of Sherwood Grange athletes headed to Barton Park and Sydney Olympic Park to compete in the Zone Athletics Field and Track Events Carnivals.

We would like to congratulate all students who made it to this level. There were a number of students who achieved top three positions.

A'ishah	3 rd in 11 years girls 100 metres and 3 rd in 11 years girls 200 metres
Aria	3 rd in 12 years girls 800 metres
Alexander B	3 rd in 8 years boys 100 metres
Tiana	3 rd in junior girls Discus
Ethan	1 st in 11 years boys Discus 1 st in 11 years boys Shotput
Catherine	1 st in 11 years girls High Jump

Good luck to those students who will be representing the Parramatta/Merrylands Zone at the Sydney West Area Carnival in October.

NSW Basketball

Congratulations to Trasel and Elijah who won the NSW State Cup Final with their basketball team the Blacktown Storm. What a fantastic achievement for these talented young athletes!



NSW PSSA Rugby Union

Congratulations to Tailyn for being selected to represent the Sydney-West Regional Rugby Union team at the NSW PSSA Rugby Union Carnival. Tailyn played with great skills and tremendous character while proudly representing the Sydney West Region. Sherwood Grange Public School would like to acknowledge your achievement.



Canberra Overnight Excursion



SGPS Photos



