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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

December 2018

From the Principal

Presentation Evening

What a night Our K-2 and 3-6 Presentation Evening assemblies were absolutely wonderful. Every child was given the chance to shine through a range of entertaining performances that included singing, dancing and drama. The smiles on the children's faces was a joy to see. I could not be more proud of our students.

Farewell Year 6



On behalf of the Sherwood Grange Community I would like to wish all Year 6 students good luck, good health and good fortune for the future.

It has been a pleasure watching you all grow academically, physically and socially over the last seven years. You are ready for an exciting new chapter in your life, high school. I encourage you to take your Sherwood Grange Values with you, aim high and follow your dreams.

We will officially say goodbye to Year 6 Wednesday 19th December at 2.20pm in the hall where each student will receive their "Graduation Certificate". The rest of the school will then form a guard of honour as our Year 6 students depart. Parents and carers are of course welcome to attend.

A Message to all Students

You should all be proud of your many academic, social, creative and sporting achievements throughout this year. It is a pleasure and an honour to be the principal of your school.

Remember to stay safe and make good choices so that you come back to school happy and well in 2019.

2019 Return Date for Students

Next year students in **Years 1-6 return to school on Wednesday 30th January**. Students will remain in their 2018 class for the first week or two while we confirm enrolment numbers and finalise our 2019 class lists.

Staffing changes

Miss Montgomerie is participating in the NSW Department of Education *Rural Experience Program* as a teacher at Coleambally Central School next year. This will be a wonderful experience for her and we wish her the very best. Miss Montgomerie will return to Sherwood Grange in 2020.

Schools often experience fluctuations in enrolment numbers as families with young children finish their primary years of schooling and families move in and out of the area. Due to a decline in anticipated enrolment numbers for 2019 two of our highly valued temporary teachers, **Miss Katie Mapapalangi** and **Mr Billy Koutzas** will be leaving us at the end of this year. It has been a pleasure having them both as part of our "Sherwood Family" and I sincerely thank them for their hard work and commitment to our school.

Our wonderful School Counsellor, **Mrs Nada Madjar**, has been recently been assigned to other schools and sadly, will not be returning to Sherwood Grange in 2019. Nada has done an outstanding job during her two years with us and she will be greatly missed.

Next year we welcome **Miss Maryanne Truscott** who through the Merit Selection process secured the permanent **Assistant Principal** position left vacant by Mr Shearer. I am looking forward to having her on board.

Season's Greetings



I would like to wish everyone the very best for the Festive Season. Have a wonderful summer holiday everyone.

I look forward to working with you again in 2019.

Kind regards,

Vicki Robertson

Upcoming Events

Term 1 Week 1 2019

Monday 28/1	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 29/1	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 30/1	Students return (Years 1 – 6)

Term 1 Week 2 2019

Monday 4/2	Kindergarten Commence
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Term 1 Week 3 2019

Monday 11/2	Swimming Carnival
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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.

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*

Library News



Well done to all the students who completed the Premiers Reading Challenge this year! Start reading now for next year's Challenge.

If you have any overdue books, please return them right away. If you have lost any books please let me know and I can let you know the replacement cost.

I wonder which classes will win the prize for first class with all books returned?

Mrs Parnis,
Teacher Librarian

Visual Arts Group

On Thursday 16th of August the Stage 2 and 3 Visual Arts Group went to the MCA (Museum of Contemporary Arts) in Circular Quay. It was an awesome experience. We had a tour around the museum and we saw lots of amazing exhibitions and contemporary artwork.

One of my favourite artworks was a painting on the wall when you first walk in. It was a painting of 7 men that looked like goats, having a chat or get together. My other favourite artwork was one where there was an arrow that pointed to the ground which acknowledges Indigenous people. After we got told a bit about it we were told to write a word on the ground in water that would describe us.

My experience at the MCA was awesome, amazing, fun and exciting and I can't wait to go back with my family in the school holidays.

Overall it was an inspiring day filled with laughter and amazement. I also loved being out in the city with my friends. *Liliana A*

When we arrived, we saw a beautiful painting that was both unique and meaningful. After that, we split into four groups and each group did about three activities.

My favourite was the artwork outside the building where there was an arrow and a poem on the floor. We had to write our favourite words on the floor in water! It was exciting! *Alannah K*

I loved the Visual Arts excursion, it was so much fun and I learned so many new things! I liked one of the rooms that had a giant stack of plates and colourful liquid, it was very interesting. I also liked a film that had 3D images and was like an illusion. It was such a fun day and I had an amazing time.

Yara T

My favourite activity was when we went to a room where they had sculptures made out of wood. At the back of the room, there was a table with different piece of wood. There were things like mushrooms, pears, balls and rectangles that were all different sizes and we had to make something with those pieces in small groups. Our group made a forest! *Ashleigh D*



Sherwood Warrior Games

We recently held our very first Warrior Games where students took part in a number of obstacles and activities as well as raising money to help purchase new technology equipment for our school.

We would like to thank all families who have donated money toward this event, we managed to raise \$10,400.

We would also like to thank our dedicated team of P&C members who helped run a canteen on the day and fed all the hungry warriors.

Congratulations to 2/1L and 4/3K who raised the most money in the school and celebrated with a pizza party.



Stage 2 Excursion The Rocks

On Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th November Stage 2 students attended an excursion to the Rocks Discovery Museum. Below are some recounts of students from Stage 2:

I thought the excursion was the greatest one of my life. The thing I loved the most is learning new things such as how Aboriginal weapons were used, why they were used and so much more. I wish I could go every day. *Theodore H 4/3G*

The Rocks Excursion was so much fun! We didn't learn about rocks, we actually learnt about the Gadigal people. 4/3G went with 4/3S, then we split into groups with instructors. They taught us a lot about plants, ceremonies, instruments and weapons. I had a great time. *Desilee T 4/3G*

I thought the excursion was fun and my favourite part was the cannon. I learnt all about the kinds of weapons the Aboriginal people used to kill animals and which plants they ate to survive. *Joshua 4/3K*

I had a great time at the Rocks Discovery Museum on the 5th November, it was so much fun. We learnt about how when girls are new born they get their pinkies flicked off after a week of having their mother's hair wrapped around it and that the boys had to get their tooth knocked out when they are 7 or 8 years old. We also learnt about plants and how the Gadigal people used them to survive.

My favourite part was when we were in the room with the boomerangs and the other instruments.
Ella C 4/3S

On the 6th November we went on an amazing excursion to the city to see and learn about the Gadigal people. We tried different things, my favourite part was when we tried the natural sweeteners. 4/3F and 4/3K got to hold boomerangs and clapsticks. We were taught how to say the traditional words and many other traditions. We had a great time and I wish I could go back to learn more. *Aishah 4/3F*

It was amazing, it was relaxing and the two best parts were going outside and learning about the Aboriginal people and how they lived. We also got to hold boomerangs and amazing handmade weapons and instruments. I liked it that much I will go many times. It was amazing and you should go there too! *Aneesa 4/3K*

The excursion was great, we learnt so much stuff about the Gadigal people. We learnt about the ceremonies. I had such a great time and learnt about loads of different plants. *Orla B 4/3G*



SRC Pizza Day

On Friday 23rd November the SRC held a Cheesy Pizza Day. Students were able to have cheese pizza and a popper for lunch.

There was a raffle to win FREE Crust pizza for the whole year and the lucky winner was Amina A.

Skoolbag



The SkoolBag school app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters and all school communications. Follow the instructions below to access the SkoolBag school app to stay connected with what's happening in your school.

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Talent Quest

All parents are invited to our annual talent quest that is being held in the school hall on 19th December at 9:00am.



Year 6 Ice Blocks



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

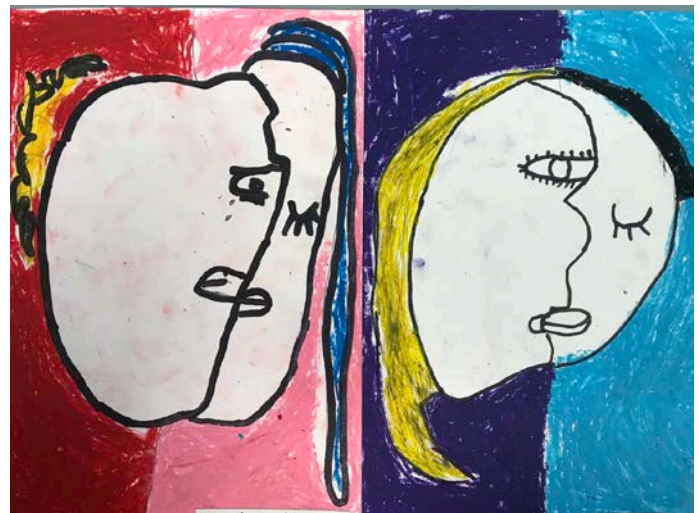
You might like to consider allowing your child/ren to have 50c with them on hot days for when Zoooper Doopers are available.

Stage 3 Overnight Camp

On Monday 19th November, four brave staff members and 60 students set off to Tea Gardens for an adventure to the Great Aussie Bush Camp.

There were tears – mainly from parents, definitely not from the excited students who were rushing to jump onboard the double decker bus. A great time was had by all who attended.





What's happening at SGPS



