

Sherwood Grange Public School

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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

February 2019

From the Principal

It has been a smooth and productive start to the year at Sherwood Grange. I have enjoyed catching up with students and meeting our new students and their families. In particular, it has been wonderful to welcome Shanae back to our school.

As you know, at Sherwood Grange our focus is on **EVERY CHILD** and as a learning community our purpose is to meet the academic, social, emotional, creative and physical needs of **EVERY CHILD** in our care.

This philosophy underpins all of our decision making, planning and day to day activities. At our school we are not only focused on academic progress, but the wellbeing of the "whole child". This is the case for **EVERY CHILD** at our school.

Staffing

In Week 2 I sent a note home titled "Organisation/Composition of Classes". It detailed the structure of classes, class teachers, support teaching roles, administrative personnel and the executive leadership team.

This year we have welcomed a new Assistant Principal, Ms Maryanne Truscott who is teaching 4/3M and supervising Stage 2.

Mrs Lisa McManus is sharing her expertise and working as a Business Manager at two other schools so will only be here on Friday each week. As a result, we welcome a new Relieving School Administration Manager, Ms Roz MacDonald to our school.

At the end of last year the Department of Education organised a redistribution of school counsellors. Our wonderful School Counsellor, Nada Madjar, was assigned to other schools and is no longer with us. I would like to acknowledge the significant difference Nada made in the two years

she was with us. She will be missed by our students, their families and the staff. We welcome our new School Counsellor, Diane Bradshaw, to our school. She is looking forward to working with our students, families and teachers.

P&C Important Changes

I am very pleased to announce that at our last P&C Meeting Colleen Alford was elected as this year's President. The 2019 P&C Executive is as follows:

President – Colleen Alford

Treasurer – Dee Berry

Secretary – Lisa Boonzaier

This year we will alternate between evening and afternoon P&C Meetings. The **evening meetings** will be held at **6:30pm**, chaired by the President and have an agenda. The **afternoon meetings** will be held at **2pm** and have a fundraising focus.

Our first **P&C Fundraising Committee Meeting** will be held at **2pm on Tuesday 12th March**. We'd love some fresh faces and ideas so please join us if you would like to be involved.

Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

Included in this Newsletter you will find the following:

- Department of Education **School Community Charter**
- Sherwood Grange Public School **Student Learning & Behaviour Awards**
- Sherwood Grange Public School **Student Mobile Phone Policy - 2019**
- Sherwood Grange Public School **Expectations and Values**

I ask that you read each of these documents carefully, thank you.

Kind regards,

Vicki Robertson

Upcoming Events

Term 1 Week 5 2019

Wednesday 27/2 Meet and Mingle

Term 1 Week 6 2019

Monday 4/3 Merrylands HS Open Day
 Tuesday 5/3 Zone Swimming Carnival
 Wednesday 6/3 Women in Sport Roadshow – Stage 3
 Thursday 7/3 Holroyd HS Open Day

Term 1 Week 7 2019

Wednesday 13/3 School Photos

Term 1 Week 10 2019

Wednesday 3/4 Student Progress Meetings

Term 1 Week 11 2019

Wednesday 10/4 Opera House Choir Rehearsal
 Thursday 11/4 Easter Fair
 Friday 12/4 Last day of Term 1

Contacting Staff Members

If you would like to speak with your child's teacher please feel free to ring the school office to make an appointment or contact them via the school email at:

sherwoodgr-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

If you feel that you require further support please contact the Assistant Principal responsible for your child. An appointment can be made through the school office or the school email.

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Please note that once the morning assembly bell has gone the teacher's responsibility is with their class and they are unavailable for discussions.

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

Welcome to 2019
in the Library!



Borrowing has begun in earnest for all classes. Remember a library bag is preferred for students to carry their library books home. Younger students cannot borrow without a library bag and older students will only be able to borrow one book.

If students still have books from 2018 they will not be able to borrow until these books are returned. Please return or pay for any lost books as soon as possible so your child can borrow this year.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures are distributed twice a term for the opportunity to purchase books for home. It is entirely optional for families to buy from the brochure.

Please note the closing date displayed in classrooms, the front office and library. Orders received after this date will no longer be able to be processed as Scholastic now charge a \$7.50 delivery fee for extra orders. Please make sure you return your order to the **BLUE BOX** near the school office, or order online, BEFORE the due date.

BOOK FAIR

This year we are having an extra Book Fair to launch a STAR reading program through the library. It will be held in Week 8 - March 19th to 21st. Start saving your pocket money! More details soon!

Mrs Parnis

Teacher Librarian

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.

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

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.

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.

No dogs on School Property



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.

Kindergarten 2019

Our first few weeks in Kindergarten have been a great success. The children have been having a fantastic time settling into our new classes and getting to know each other. Together, they are learning all about our school and our school routines.

They are a lovely bunch and have been having lots of fun learning how to work and play together.

As Kindergarten teachers we are looking forward to a busy and exciting term with the wonderful students in our care.

Mrs Lopez and Miss Kim



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**



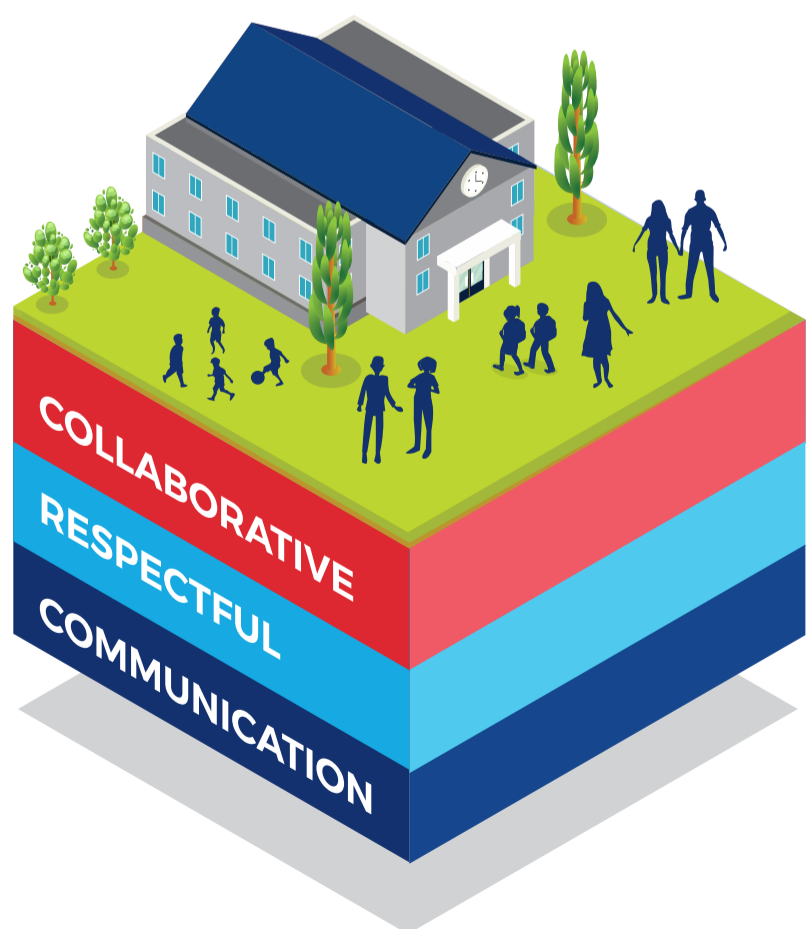
We work in partnership to promote student learning.



We treat each other with respect and fairness.



We communicate in a positive and constructive manner.



Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel safe and respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

Unacceptable behaviour:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.

We all play a part

Student Learning & Behaviour Awards

Information for Parents/Carers

Pink Certificates and **Values Certificates**
are presented at K-2 and 3-6 assemblies.
Families need to keep these awards in a safe place.

When a student has achieved 5
Pink Certificates and/or **Values Certificates**
he/she gives them to the class teacher and will then receive a
Green High Achiever Certificate.

When a student has achieved 3
Green High Achiever Certificates
he/she gives them to the Front Office.
The student will receive a **Principal's Award**
(presented at an end of term Morning Assembly).

All children who earn a
Principal's Award
are invited to the
Principal's Pizza Party at the end of the year.

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Student Mobile Phone Policy - 2019

A student can only bring a mobile phone to school if instructed to do so by a parent or carer for safety reasons when travelling independently to and from school (For example: walking, riding a bike or public transport).

If for safety reasons it is necessary for a child to bring a mobile phone to school parents/carers must:

- Discuss the **Rules and Responsibilities** below in detail with their child.
- Complete the **Agreement Slip** below, detach and return to the Principal.

Rules and Responsibilities

- If a student has a mobile phone at school it must be **turned off** during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.
- Mobile phones are to be kept in the student's bag at all times.
- The school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to a mobile phone brought to school by a student.
- The student must not turn on the mobile phone and make or receive phone calls, send messages or access social media during school hours or at school events.
- Mobile phones are not to be used at school or at school events to take photographs or video images.
- Mobile phones must not be taken on excursions (including overnight excursions).



Detach and return to the Principal



Student Mobile Phone Agreement Slip for 2019

My child _____ in class _____ needs to bring a mobile phone to school because he/she travels independently to and/or from school.

☐ I (student) have discussed the **Rules and Responsibilities** with my parents/carers.

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ I (parent/carer) have discussed the **Rules and Responsibilities** with my child.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Our School Expectations ...

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

Our School Values ...

CARE Being kind Helping others Being compassionate Showing empathy Supporting others	FAIRNESS Taking turns Sharing Playing by the rules Thinking of others Listening to others	EXCELLENCE Doing your best Showing pride in our school Striving to improve Having high expectations
INCLUSION Being friendly Inviting others to participate Accepting difference Respecting others Welcoming others	INTEGRITY Telling the truth Doing the right thing Being trustworthy Making good choices Being honest	PARTICIPATION Having a go Encouraging others Being resilient and bouncing back Being an active learner