

Sherwood Grange Public School

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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

June 2019

From the Principal

We are at the end of an engaging, enjoyable and successful second term.

The quality of the teaching and learning has continued to flourish and excel at Sherwood Grange. Teachers are utilising best practice techniques that are grounded in progressive, evidence-based research. One example is the use of Learning Intentions, Success Criteria and Descriptive Feedback in every classroom across the school.

Teachers have completed their Mid-Year Student Progress Reports which will be sent home on Thursday 4th July.

Staff changes

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs D Zeaiter (formerly Miss Fares) has been successful in obtaining a full time position at Darcy Road Public School. We will be very sad to see her leave our "Sherwood Grange Family", but know this is a wonderful opportunity for her.

I would like to thank Mrs Zeaiter for always striving for excellence in everything she does both within and beyond the classroom. She is an outstanding teacher and I wish her the very best at her new school.

Miss Swift will be taking over 3/2Z until the end of 2019. Mrs McKenzie will be taking over from Miss Swift in 6/5M every Thursday and Friday.

These new staffing changes will take effect at the beginning of Term 3.

End of Term

As the term comes to end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers, executive and administration staff for the continued hard work and effort that goes into having a high functioning school like Sherwood Grange Public 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 22nd July and **students return on Tuesday 23rd July.**



Warm regards,

Vicki Robertson

Upcoming Events

Term 2 Week 10 2019

Wednesday 3/7	Stage 3 Excursion
Thursday 4/7	Stage 3 Boys NRL Roadshow
Friday 5/7	NAIDOC Day
Friday 5/7	Last day Term 2

Term 3 Week 1 2019

Monday 22/7	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 23/7	Students Return Term 3

Term 3 Week 2 2019

Thursday 1/8	Opera House Choir Rehearsal
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Term 3 Week 3 2019

Wednesday 7/8	Open Day 9 – 11 am
Thursday 8/8	Athletics Carnival

Term 3 Week 4 2019

Monday 12/8	Zone Field Events Carnival
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Term 3 Week 5 2019

Monday 19/8	Book Week Zone Track Events Carnival
Tuesday 20/8	Book Parade

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.

Student Safety - Dismissal

At Sherwood Grange student safety and wellbeing is always our first concern. In order to keep student dismissal safe and smooth we ask all K-2 parents to enter via the middle gate (near the car park) and wait outside the canteen area. Teachers will not dismiss students to parents waiting at the top gate.

Parents of students in Years 3-6 may collect students at the bottom gate or safely outside the school grounds. We thank all parents for working with us to keep dismissal time as smooth and easy as possible.

We would like to remind parents that all students must be collected at **2:55pm**

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.

Professional Learning

We are absorbing the School Development Day Friday 20th December, into four separate afternoon/evening professional learning sessions.

On Wednesday 15th May, teachers remained at school until 6:15pm for their second *Twilight Professional Learning*. On Wednesday 13th March we conducted our first 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 Thursday 19th December. The school will be non-operational on Friday 20th December.

News from Miss Montgomerie



Hi everyone, I've settled into country life pretty well I think. Just as I started to get used to the heat (it was 47 degrees when I moved in January), it seems summer and warmth have left Coleambally. Last Friday the temperature only got to 10 degrees! I don't think I'm ready for winter.

School has kept me pretty busy so far. It is a K-12 school and there are 5 classes in primary.

I have Year 4/5 and I have 27 students in my class (most of them are related too!).

Coleambally is a really small town, there are about a thousand people in town, many who live on farms, so I often see my students and their family around town after school or on the weekend. Most of the kids own motorbikes and spend the weekends riding bikes, playing on the farms, or at the 'beach' (which I learnt is what locals call the river).

Last term we were going to have a Ride to School Day where all of the students met at a local park and rode their bikes to school but unfortunately it poured that day (and on the day it was rescheduled as well). Some students ride bikes or scooters to school but many have to catch the bus (some of them have to leave home at 7:30 in the morning and don't get home until 5:00 in the afternoon!)

Last term we had an Easter Hat parade which was a lot of fun and an AFL skills session too. NRL isn't very big here but AFL and Netball are very popular. This term I've been using Ozobots in my class and doing some coding online as well.

I'm enjoying the changes and the slower pace of life but miss the Sherwood Grange family as well.

Library News



All students currently taking part in the 2019 Premiers Reading Challenge have until 1st August to return their completed cards. Please make sure to do some extra reading over the school holidays.

Book Week commences in Week 5 of Term 3, Monday 19th August. We will be celebrating Book Week with a Book Parade on Tuesday 20th August, the theme is '*Reading is my Secret Power*'.

Mrs Parnis
Librarian

Harry Potter Club



The Harry Potter Club is all about bringing students together to have fun with all things Harry Potter! We do activities like practicing spells, doing some sort of craft, Kahoot, duels and so much more. The Harry Potter Club meets each Thursday lunchtime in Terms 2 and 3.

Sadly it's only for Stage 2 and Stage 3.

By Lily M, Katrina M and Desilee T

Assistant Principal News

Throughout 2019 the teaching staff at Sherwood Grange have been reflecting on school wide processes through a process called External Validation. This has allowed us to critically analyse the amazing programs, teaching, learning and leading that occurs every day at our school.

We have collected, analysed and reflected on evidence to support our findings which we judged against the Department of Education document called the School Excellence Framework.

On Tuesday 4th June a panel of external Principal's met with our team, which consisted of Executive Members and emerging leader, to discuss our reflections. We are very proud that they placed us at excelling for our Wellbeing programs and Sustaining and Growing for our Learning Culture and Classroom Practice. The External Validation process has been an exciting opportunity for Sherwood Grange to celebrate our successes and reflect on the educational journey we plan for the future.

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*

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

P&C News

The annual Easter Fair was again a highlight of the school year. It was wonderful to see the children having so much fun. Thank you to the Sherwood Grange teachers and staff for working so hard to organise such an exciting event. The P&C held a BBQ as well as the much anticipated Easter Lucky Draw.

We were very lucky this year to have some great prizes donated for the Lucky Draw. Stocklands Merrylands and Kmart donated vouchers so that the chocolate goodies could be purchased and Espresso Warrior in Stocklands Merrylands donated coffee vouchers for all of the hampers. Cincotta Chemist and Dynamic Soccer Academy (www.dynamicsocceracademy.com.au) were our major prize sponsors and were very generous. Thank you!

In May the P&C held a Mothers' Day stall. Thank you to the parents that volunteered - your help is very much appreciated. A special mention should be made of the wonderful manners that were used by all children as they purchased their items.

Again, we were very lucky to receive a donation for this event. Thank you to Zyva Candles for the beautiful handmade candles that were donated.

The P&C has two types of meetings - general business meetings and fundraising meetings. The general business meetings are held on alternate months on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, from 6.30pm in the Staff Room. The fundraising meetings are held on alternate months on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 2pm in the MPR.

At this meeting we will be looking at our volunteer capacity and determining what events we can run in the second half of the year. Any events that we run rely on parent volunteers and we can't do it without you. We'd love to have you join our next fundraising meeting.

Colleen Alford
P&C President

Multicultural Public Speaking

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent our school at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. Taylor and Orla from Stage 2 and A'ishah and Yara from Stage 3.

A'ishah and Yara both received a Highly Commended Award. Another big congratulations to Orla who won the Year 3 & 4 category at the District Competition, Orla will be competing at the next level in August and we wish her all the best.





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**.

What's happening at SGPS





