

Sherwood Grange Public School

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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

September 2020

From the Principal

Dear School Community,

We are three quarters through what has been a most unusual year, one that will be remembered in history as a challenging time.

I have been reflecting on how well our students coped with a period of remote learning and have adjusted to the many restrictions in place as a result of COVID-19. I know they are missing out on things that give them pleasure; including PSSA competitions, Dance Group, Choir, Debating, excursions and assemblies in the hall. We are doing everything we can at Sherwood Grange to keep their spirits up and a smile on their faces. Our recent athletics carnivals held on the school oval were a great success and our upcoming Footy Colours mufti fundraiser is sure to be another fun day.

I would like to thank you for responding promptly by updating and returning the Urgent Contact Details note. It is more important than ever that we have accurate information at our fingertips in the event that we need to contact you, either individually or as a whole school community.

Health and safety measures that have been in place throughout the pandemic continue for all students and staff at Sherwood Grange. This includes:

- regularly hand washing
- bringing bottled water to school
- hand sanitiser in classrooms
- no sharing of drinks or food

- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

School Holidays

Enjoy your school holidays everyone. Have fun, stay safe and remember to be kind.

Students return on Monday 12th October.

Kind regards,

Vicki Robertson
Principal



Upcoming Events

Term 3 Week 10 2020

Thursday 24/9
Friday 25/9

Footy Colours Day
Last day of Term 3

Term 4 Week 1 2020

Monday 12/10

Students return Term 4

COVID 19 Update

Department of Education Advice as of 17/8/2020: Safety and hygiene

As of 17th August, some of the changes schools were required to implement were:

- Students absent or sent home due to flu like symptoms need to be tested.
- Students must not return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free.
- Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result prior to allowing students to return to school.

Please understand that a verbal notification over the phone cannot be accepted. You are required to forward official evidence of the result to the school email as soon as you receive it.

Our school email address:

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

COVID-19 School Activities

- Wherever it's possible, schools will keep activities to Year Groups or Stages (e.g. Year 5 and 6 together).
- Schools will stay within their local community zone.
- Group activities such as choir, chanting and the use of wind instruments in a group setting won't take place.
- Only providers that delivery curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice.
- Parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site.

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 the Skoolbag App.

Emergency Contact Details

Please advise our office of any contact details changes, including new mobile numbers or a change of address. It is very important that we are able to contact you or a family member in an emergency.

Hats for Sale

Please remember our Sun Safety Rule:

NO HAT NO PLAY

The Administration Office has school hats which can be purchased. Payment is to be made via the school website.

School Bucket Hats cost \$15 (Compulsory for Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 in 2020).

School Caps cost \$12 (In 2020 Year 4-6 students can wear a cap, but for Sun Safety reasons we encourage the bucket style when purchasing a replacement).

Kids Helpline

The graphic features the Kids Helpline logo at the top, with the tagline 'Anytime Any Reason' and a smiley face icon. Below the logo is the text 'We're here for your kids, if they need support they can...'. Three circular icons illustrate support methods: a person on a phone, an envelope, and a laptop with a chat bubble. Below these icons are the labels 'Call us for FREE 1800 55 1800', 'Email us', and 'WebChat with us'. At the bottom, a green banner contains the text 'Parents! For more information and resources, please check out our Kids Helpline parents section' and the website 'kidshelpline.com.au/parents'.

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*

Father's Day



To our Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Carers,

We hope you enjoyed your special gifts made with love from your children. A special thank you for your love and care, we value and appreciate everything you do.

With love and smiles from the staff at Sherwood Grange.

Skoolbag Instructions

Stay informed & connected through
Skoolbag

How to install the SkoolBag app

instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users



for Android users



for more info visit skoolbag.com.au

SkoolBag 

Online payments

Our school is now moving to online payments only, with no money being paid via the BLUE BOX. The only exception to our cashless system will be when students bring in the exact coins required to purchase things such as Zooper Doopers or doughnuts.

If you already make payments via POP we ask that you continue to do so in all cases.

If you don't currently use POP, please do so for your next payment and for all future payments.

Below are the steps for making an online payment:

Visit our school website at:

<https://sherwoodgr-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> .

Click make a payment.



Complete the payment process.

Make a Payment

Enter your payment details below. Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.

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Student Details

Student Registration Number

* Given Name

* Surname

* Enter both Class/Year & Ref Number, or Date of Birth:

Class or Year

Ref Number

Date of Birth e.g. 14/05/2010.

There is no need to enter a Student Registration Number when making a payment this is not a compulsory field. Only fields marked with an *.

Record the receipt number on the Permission Slip.

Return the signed Permission Slip with the receipt number to school with your child.

Wellbeing and Support Team

This term our teachers and students have been taking a deeper look into how our brains work - particularly what happens in our brains when we experience particular emotions.

In classrooms across Sherwood Grange, students have been learning about how to recognise and acknowledge their own emotions as well as the emotions of others. Did you know that research has proven that if you name an emotion that you are feeling aloud, it can reduce the intensity of the emotion in your body?

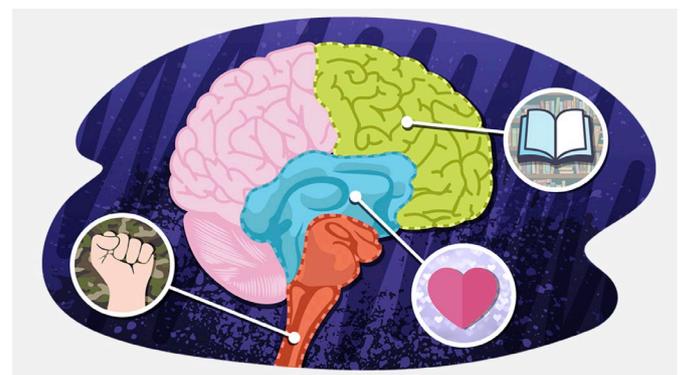
Students have also been looking at ways in which they can help work through particular emotions by using strategies in the classroom or out in the playground. You may hear your children speak about what emotional zone they are in or what part of their brain is in control at the moment. These are the kinds of self regulation strategies and the language we are using around student emotional education.

If you want to find out more about these strategies or what we are focusing on for wellbeing, head on over to our Wellbeing Hub website at <http://www.sgpswellbeing.weebly.com>

For now though, we recommend you check out a fantastic resource that we have been using from Kids Helpline. It describes the different parts of our brains in an easy to understand way. As the Wellbeing Team, we wanted to share this resource with you so you can have conversations with your children around their emotional education.

Resource designed by Kids Helpline and can be found at <http://www.kidshelpline.com.au> (add in the picture here that I have attached to the email)

The Wellbeing Team
Miss Thomson & Mrs Whale



Multicultural Public Speaking

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen from Stage 2 and Stage 3 to represent Sherwood Grange in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

Stage 2: Amelia B and Aleena B

Stage 3: A'ishah A and Selina K



Cross Country Carnival





What's happening at Sherwood



WE WANT YOU!

Wenty Waratah Softball invites you to join a fun sport the whole family can play

WHY US?

- Teams for all ages, genders and skill levels
- We are a family orientated club
- Local training (Merrylands)
- Kids play at the same time & venue every week!
- Learn valuable skills
- Active Kids providers

Competition begins
10/10/2020

READY TO SIGN UP?

Training starting soon so register now -

Send a text to 0425 011 873 saying REGISTER and we will send you the link or you can find it on our Facebook page. Any questions call 0425 011 873

Not quite sure because of COVID?

* We will have Covid Safe Officers at all training and games.
 * CNSA are running a Covid Safe Competition
 * COVID-19 Safe Environment

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