

# Sherwood Grange Public School

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*Our focus is on EVERY CHILD*

*December 2019*

## *From the Principal*

### Term 4

Here we are again at the end of another busy and exciting school year at Sherwood Grange.

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.

Thank you students, teachers, admin staff, volunteers, parents, carers and community members for all that you do as we strive for excellence within a culture of high expectations.

### Staffing Changes

I announced at Presentation Evening that Miss Montgomerie will be continuing in the Rural Teaching Experience Program in 2020.

Sadly, Ms Dennis will not be on class here next year. I would like to thank her for all she has done, both within and beyond the classroom, during her time at Sherwood Grange.

### HIGH IMPORTANCE: Social Media

I have included an important letter sent home to parents/carers of all Year 3-6 students on Page 5 of this Newsletter. It is extremely important and I ask that parents and carers read it carefully and discuss it in detail with their children. Thank you.



### Year 6

What a delight it has been to watch our Year 6 students thrive and mature over the last seven years.

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. Remember to always make good choices and try to follow our school motto of "Strive to Improve" as you travel through life.

We will officially say goodbye to Year 6 tomorrow, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm 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, carers and family members are of course welcome.

### 2020

Next year students in **Years 1 – 6** return to school on **Wednesday 29th January**. Students will remain in their 2019 class for the first week or two while we confirm enrolment numbers and finalise our 2020 class lists.

Kindergarten students will be here throughout the first week of term for their Best Start Assessment. Their first day of school will be Monday 3rd February. We look forward to welcoming them to our school.

### A Message to all ...

I would like to wish every member of our school community the very best for the Festive Season. Have a wonderful summer holiday everyone. Remember to stay safe and make good choices so that you return to school happy and well.

*Merry Christmas*



Kind regards,

*Vicki Robertson*

## Upcoming Events

### Term 4 Week 10 2019

Tuesday 17/12	Movie Fun Day
Wednesday 18/12	Talent Quest
	Year 6 Graduation
	Last Day of Term 4
Thursday 19/12	Staff Development Day

### Term 1 Week 1 2020

Tuesday 28/1	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29/1	Term 1 commences
Monday 3/2	Kindergarten start

## Sydney Symphony Orchestra

On Thursday the 7th of November, Stage 2 headed off to the Seymour Centre feeling very excited and the bus trip took about one hour. When we arrived, we went to Victoria Park and there we had lunch. We got to play on the play equipment and have a run around on the grass. Then we walked to the Seymour Centre and went up to the auditorium where we got ready to see the show.

Our seats were right at the front and we had the perfect view. During the show, we learnt all of the different names of instruments in the orchestra and the different families of instruments. It was a very good experience to watch the show as it was funny, entertaining and educational. After a quick bite to eat after the show, we hopped onto the bus and made our way back to school.

Overall the Seymour Centre excursion to see the orchestra was a very engaging and interesting experience.

By Tara Thapaliya & Callum Keay  
From 5/4T





## Library News

The end of year is a busy time in the Library with the stocktake of all books and equipment.



Thank you to all the students who have returned their library books on time. If you still have a library book please return it to school tomorrow.

Remember the prizes for the first K-2 class and the first 3-6 class who have all their books returned! See if your class can be the winners!

I hope you have a relaxing break over the holidays and read lots of interesting books!

Mrs Parnis

Teacher Librarian

## Debating

Congratulations to our talented, hardworking Debating Team on making the Grand Final. Unfortunately, they were not successful on the day but performed very strongly. We are very proud of all debaters.



## Wellbeing Support Officer

This term we celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week, Teacher Appreciation Week AND Kindness Week. During these weeks teachers and students practised different strategies that support their wellbeing.

Recent research shows that having an attitude of gratitude will positively affect a person's overall wellbeing and contribute to the wellbeing of those around them.

Put simply, expressing thankfulness for things and people around you will have a positive effect on not only your day, but the day of those around you. Leading up to the end of year break, can I encourage you to have an attitude of gratitude?

This does not mean that you must ignore the hard things or the frustrating things in life, but rather acknowledge that these things are not the only things in life and remind yourself of the many things you can be grateful for.

I've included a link to a few articles in psychology today that are a great read if you have the time. <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/basics/gratitude>

Mrs Kim Whale



## Skoolbag Instructions

### 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](http://skoolbag.com.au)



## Safety Spotlight



Make good choices during the holidays so that you come back to school safe and well.

Always wear a helmet when riding a bike.

Cross roads carefully – use a crossing or traffic lights if you can.

Wear your seat belt.

Always think before you act!

## Cyber Safety Tips

Just a reminder that over the school holidays you need to be aware that security online is very important. Do not do anything online that you wouldn't do in real life. For example, accepting a friend request from a complete stranger and starting conversations with people who you don't know.

Remember the following principles of Internet safety:

- Not using your name in a password.
- Not installing apps without permission.
- Not sharing passwords with anyone besides family.
- Only add people you know on social media.
- Not uploading pictures of people without them knowing.

**Smart  
Alert  
Strong  
Kind  
Brave**

**Be  
Internet  
Awesome.**

Digital Safety and  
Citizenship Curriculum  
Updated June 2018



## PARENTS & CARERS

***Please read this important message from the Principal ...***

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding student use of **social media**.*

*It has come to our attention that some children are posting footage of themselves wearing school uniform on sites such as Tik Tok. This is cause for concern because it allows strangers who might visit these sites for questionable reasons to identify where your children attend school.*

*We strongly suggest that you:*

- As soon as possible check the social media accounts your children are using and look at what they have posted.*
- Consider whether it is in your children's best interest to keep using social media accounts.*
- If you allow your children to use social media:*
  - Establish clear rules about what they can post.*
  - Look regularly at what they are doing online.*
  - Tell your children not to post any images of themselves or others in school uniform.*
- Remind your children that whenever or wherever they are wearing our school uniform, they are representing Sherwood Grange Public School.*

*I would also like to remind you that unsupervised use of social media can be a forum for airing friendship problems and can be a platform for bullying behaviour.*

*Thank you for your careful consideration of the points I have raised and for speaking with your children about these issues.*

*Warm regards,*

*Vicki Robertson  
Principal*

## P&C News

I can't believe that the school year is nearly over!

### **Colour Run**

Colour Run was a great success and so much fun! Over \$8,200 profit was raised and this will go directly to upgrading technology in the classrooms. Thank you for working hard to collect sponsorship and contribute towards this project. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Dennis and her Colour Run Team for all the work that went into the Colour Run, including putting together such a fun course.

### **Sunscreen**

With all of the hot weather upon us and high UV ratings the P&C recently purchased sunscreen for each of the classrooms so that students can freshly apply sunscreen before going out to play at recess and lunch.

### **P&C Annual General Meeting**

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 19th November. All executive positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) were open for nominations and voting. Unfortunately, none of the positions were filled.

### **Thank you!**

The P&C cannot run events without the help of parent and carer volunteers. Thank you to those that volunteered at the Colour Run, and for everyone that has volunteered throughout the year.

I would like to take the opportunity to make a special mention of Dee Berry. Dee has been the pillar of the P&C for a number of years, as President and this year as Treasurer. Thank you Dee for the countless hours that you have given to creating community, to running the Uniform Shop, to coordinating so many fun events, and being in the P&C Executive team.

Keep safe and enjoy the school holidays.

Colleen Alford



## Alkira Challenge

I was so happy to be part of the Alkira Challenge, I worked alongside a great team and was so proud to represent my school at Greystanes High School. Our team had so much fun working on all the different challenges and meeting other students from different public school in the area.

We worked on all types of different projects. Some were building with straws and marshmallows, obstacle courses with a sphero ball, we actually made a bouncy ball and a fun activity was the mystery challenge trying to find out who was the robber.

I felt so proud to be selected and I learnt so much, but I was so happy and so proud when I heard Sherwood Grange Public School announced as the WINNER.

Aymin R 4/3M and Lily M 5/4T

## Sun Safety Reminder

Please remember to remind your children to apply sunscreen before school. We have sunscreen available to use in each classroom during the school day, but you are also welcome to put your own sunscreen in your child's bag for them to apply throughout the day.

## Colour Run

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October our school held the most colourful day of the year, our Colour Fun Run. We would like to thank all the wonderful families who sponsored their children and helped us raise some much needed funds to update technology equipment in the school. A special thank you to all the wonderful P&C and their army of volunteers who helped. In total we managed to raise \$8,200. Congratulations to 2/1R and 5/4T who successfully raised the most money and enjoyed a Pizza Party.

## SRC Disco

On Thursday 12th December our school celebrated the end of 2019 with a disco. We would like to thank Mrs Straub, Ms Dennis and Miss Swift for the organisation of this great event.





## SGPS Photos





