

Sherwood Grange Public School

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Our focus is on EVERY CHILD

Term 2, 2025

From the Principal

Our School Excellence Plan

Our School Excellence Plan (SEP) for 2025-2028 has been finalised and I am delighted to share details from the plan with you.

Our vision is to meet the academic, social, emotional, creative and physical needs of every child in our care. This will be achieved through consistent explicit, evidence-based teaching within a culture of collaborative practice, accompanied by a relentless focus on the wellbeing of the whole child. Every student will be known, valued and cared for within a culture of high expectations where students are able to connect, succeed, thrive and learn.

Within the plan there are three Strategic Directions.

Strategic Direction 1

Student Growth and Attainment

Strategic Direction 2

Engagement with Learning

Strategic Direction 3

Wellbeing and Attendance

Across the school there is an ongoing focus on explicit teaching, the differentiation of learning for students needing extra support, high expectations for all students, opportunities for extension, and the acceleration of identified students.

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 21st July and **students return on Tuesday 22nd July.**



Warmest regards,

Vicki Robertson

Upcoming Dates

JULY

Monday 21st

Tuesday 22nd

Staff Development Day

Students Return Term 3

AUGUST

Monday 4th – 8th

Tuesday 5th

Thursday 7th

Wednesday 20th

Education Week

3 – 6 Athletics Carnival

Open Day

Book Week Parade

Sun Safety at Sherwood Grange

Please remember our Sun Safety Rule:

NO HAT NO PLAY

**School hats are always
available to purchase from the
Front Office**

Uniform Purchases Oz Fashions

Please be advised that Oz Fashions no longer use the QKR APP. All purchases are to be made via a secure website by either using the QR Code below or by visiting the following website.

sherwoodgrange.uniforms4u.com.au

Password: **sgps2160**

QR Code for Ordering uniforms with Oz Fashions.



All uniform orders are to be finalised by Tuesday afternoon for delivery in the Front Office every Thursday.

Any new uniform orders received are delivered to the students every Thursday.

All students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are required to wear a bucket style hat for Sun Safety.

Wellbeing Support officer (WSO)



Hello, my name is Kelly or Mrs. Aston (to the students). I am the new Wellbeing Support Officer (WSO) here at Sherwood Grange Public School.

I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone who is a part of the Sherwood Grange community. Here's a little bit about me: I am married with two children and a dog.

I have worked in Social Work, Special Education and Children's Ministry and I love going on bushwalks.

I will be at school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, so please come and say 'hello' if you see me. I'll be in the playground, in the classrooms, running small groups and supporting students, staff and families as needed.

In my short time here, I have already sensed the kindness and warmth that are a part of this school community. I am very thankful to be joining you.

Mrs Aston

SRC

Congratulations to the students who were selected by their class peers to be part of the Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2025. All SRC members received their badges at a morning assembly and will carry out various duties throughout the year.

We have held our first meeting where students have advised what they would like to achieve as a member of the SRC at Sherwood Grange Public School this year.

Our first fundraising event was held on Wednesday 18th June. The SRC have asked that all funds raised from this event be donated to the Sydney Wildlife Rescue Organisation. In conjunction with a mufti day, we held an Art Competition where students could either colour in a picture of a kookaburra or design their own artwork of a native Australian animal.

Together, we raised \$300 which will directly benefit the rescue and rehabilitation of native Australian wildlife in our region. This endeavour was made possible through lunchtime art workshops, diligent collection of entries and donations, and working to hang the artwork in the hall.

Their dedication extended to delivering morning assembly reminders, showcasing their leadership to the entire school community.

We also celebrate the creativity and talent showcased in our recent art competition. Students poured their hearts into their artworks, capturing the beauty of Australian wildlife. The quality of entries was exceptionally high, making it incredibly difficult to choose the winners. Winners received prizes which were lovingly chosen and assembled by Mrs Williams.

The winners of the art competition were as follows:

Kindergarten:

Ella D KJ

Keanu S KL

Stage 1:

Olivia H 2/1G

Stage 2:

Sareen S 4/3P

Stage 3:

Asmahan E 6/5K

Thank you to all the students who took part and to our Sherwood Grange families for sponsoring this very worthy cause.

A copy of the award-winning entries are included in this newsletter.



Looking forward, we are excited about the ongoing impact our SRC will have on shaping our school environment and we eagerly anticipate their future projects in Semester 2. We take pride in having such dedicated student leaders at Sherwood Grange.

Miss Javaid
SRC Coordinator

Premier's Spelling Bee

In week 8 we held our Premier's Spelling Bee events in the hall for all our semi finalists from Years 2 – 6. Every competitor did an amazing job and handled the pressure as well as the public speaking aspect with confidence and maturity.

A big congratulations to our school finalists:

Sienna S and Jordan H, well done to both of you! These students will be representing Sherwood Grange in Term 3 at the Regional Spelling Bee Finals. Good luck!!

Blocking Driveways

NO PARKING
KEEP DRIVEWAY
CLEAR
THANK YOU

We wish to stress the importance of adhering to all road rules when dropping off or picking up children on a daily basis. We have received numerous phone calls from frustrated neighbours who reside in the streets surrounding the school about the way parents are parking and queuing up down the middle of Bruce Street.

Please take care when you are parking to ensure that you do not park across a driveway. Also do not encourage your child to run out onto the road to hop into your car whilst you are paused or 'double parked'.

We understand that there is limited parking outside the school on Bruce Street, but there are other streets for example, Brian Street or Eddy Street which are also just a short walk to the school.

Please do the right thing, respect our neighbours, and help to keep our children safe.

The NSW road rules state that you cannot park your vehicle on or across a driveway or prevent access to property.

Is Parking Near Driveways Permitted?

Yes, parking near driveways is permitted in NSW, but you must maintain a safe distance to prevent obstruction. This rule allows for efficient use of street parking while ensuring driveway access remains unimpeded. The law doesn't specify an exact distance to maintain because different vehicles and driveways may require different clearances.

A good rule of thumb is to leave at least one metre clearance on either side of the driveway so as not to prevent access. This space allows for safe entry and exit, especially for larger vehicles. It's not just about following the rules – it's about being a good neighbour and ensuring everyone can access their property safely

Birthday Celebrations



For health and safety reasons, children **cannot bring cakes, cupcakes, lolly bags or party gift bags** to school when it is their birthday.

We celebrate birthdays by presenting children with a **birthday badge**. Teachers will do their best to remember when a child has a birthday, but to ensure your child doesn't miss out, please remind them to go to the Front Office to get their birthday badge.

Food Safety

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 ask you to **not** 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:

- *To not 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*

Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all students who represented Sherwood Grange at the Zone Cross Country in freezing and wet conditions on Wednesday 4th June in Greystanes.

A very special mention to the following students who were successful in qualifying for the Parramatta/Merrylands Zone at the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival on Thursday 26th June at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre. These three students qualified in the top eight for their respective age categories.

Catalina A
Jackson C
Felix G

Library News

Congratulations to our 2025 Library Monitors who received their badges at Morning Assembly this term. Our first meeting was held to discuss Roles and Responsibilities as well as expectations for all students.



We're excited to share that our recent Book Fair was a huge success! A big thank you to our wonderful students for bringing their excitement and love for reading to the event. Your enthusiasm for reading and your generosity helped create a vibrant, engaging event that truly celebrated the joy of books. Thank you for helping us foster a love of reading in our school community!

This year is already shaping up to be exciting for our Library Monitors and we're so grateful for your support. Your help during lunchtime when the library is open for students to come in and relax in a warm and comfortable environment is truly appreciated. Thank you for your dedication, responsibility, and the welcoming atmosphere you help create for all students. We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead with your support!



Ms Memar
Teacher/Library Coordinator

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to the following students who recently competed at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

Zak A, Kenza K, Cooper K and Adam I.



Art Competition Winners



Student Absences



Parents/Carers are required to supply an absentee note when their child has been away from school.

A note should be sent in the day the student returns to school or submitted on the Sentral App.

A blue absent note will be sent home with students who have been absent where no explanation has been received. Please complete these forms and return to school as soon as possible.

EVERY DAY COUNTS...
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

S **Keep Safe...**
Never tell someone on the internet or on a mobile phone your full name, your address or your telephone number.

M **Never Meet...**
Never meet up with an online friend. If somebody asks to meet you, tell an adult. **Never** go alone.

A **Never Accept...**
Never accept emails or text messages from people you do not know.

R **Reliable...**
Never rely on what you see on the internet. It's not always true. Don't rely on people you meet online they may lie about who they are.

T **Always Tell...**
Always tell an adult if somebody upsets you. Tell and adult if you see something on the computer that makes you sad.



Where All 11 Flower Power Garden Centres



Our wildlife visitor

School Holiday Activities

CUMBERLAND CITY COUNCIL

School Holiday Activities July 2025

FREE!

 A photograph of a diverse group of smiling children looking up at the camera.

IT'S ALL ABOUT FUN FRIENDS & ADVENTURE

Email: SthWentworthvilleDM@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au

South Wentworthville Guide Hall
130 Hampden Road South Wentworthville

GIRL GUIDES MEET NEAR YOU!

South Wentworthville Junior Guides
Mondays 6.30pm - 8.00pm
For girls 5-10 years old

South Wentworthville Guides
Mondays 6.30pm - 8.00pm
For girls 10-14 years old

South Wentworthville Senior Guides
Mondays 7.00pm - 8.30pm
For girls 14-18 years old

GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA NEW ACT NT

Mail Run with Local History

Working with our Local Studies Team, we will address how mail worked before the internet and deliver a fun workshop.

Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds

Merrylands Library
Tuesday 15 July, 10:30am to 11:30am

Teenagers Escape Room

Follow the clues to find the detective and solve the case. To secure a spot, bookings are essential and will open one week prior at 9am.

Sessions run from 2pm to 3pm and 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Suitable for ages 13 to 17

Auburn Library
Thursday 17 July



For more information, please scan the QR code or visit:
www.cumberland.nsw.gov.au/winter-school-program

NOTE

- Bookings are required unless otherwise stated.
- Bookings will open one week prior at 9am.
- Please aim to arrive 10 minutes beforehand so that each session can begin on time.
- All children must always be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents of children under 12 years of age must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.

Cumberland City Council

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f Cumberland City Council Sydney @ cumberlandcitycouncil

Dinosaur and Insect Painting

Get ready to paint as we bring dinosaur and insects to life on canvas.

Suitable for 5 to 7 year olds

Guildford Library
Wednesday 9 July, 10:30am to 11:30am

Animal Masks

Bring along your natural artistic energy as we make a zoo of animal masks in the library.

Suitable for 5 year olds and over

Greystanes Library
Friday 11 July, 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Canvas Painting

Ignite your creativity and have fun painting on canvas using artistic prompts.

Sessions run from 10:30am to 11:30am
Suitable for 8 year olds and over

Regents Park Library
Monday 14 July
Guildford Library
Friday 18 July

NOTE

- Bookings are required unless otherwise stated.
- Bookings will open one week prior at 9am.
- Please aim to arrive 10 minutes beforehand so that each session can begin on time.
- All children must always be accompanied by an adult.
- Parents of children under 12 years of age must remain on the premises while the session is in progress.

Bee Squad Book Launch

NewSouth Publishing is excited to release The Bee Squad. The book offers fantastic projects, adventures, and information on helping threatened species in your suburb, city, and town.

Suitable for 8 to 12 year olds

Merrylands Library
Wednesday 16 July,
10:30am to 11:30am



PROGRAMS



LOWER PRIMARY
(5-7 years)



UPPER PRIMARY
(8-11 years)



SECONDARY
(12-15 years)

Sydney Adoption and Education Centre
201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

Sessions include:

- Walk through the shelter and see our work in action
- Fun and interactive activities focused on animals
- Creating animal enrichment toys
- Animal Welfare focused encounters
- Learn how to be an animal advocate in your community!



RSPCA NSW Education Team

T 02 9782 4478 E education@rspcansw.org.au
@ <https://events.humanitix.com/host/rspca-nsw>

Stars Planetarium Visit

Learn how constellations have paved the way for Aboriginal culture through our awe inspiring 4K Earth and Space experience.

Sessions run from 10am to 10:45am and 10:45am to 11:30am
Starting times are strict, please aim to arrive 10 minutes prior.
Latecomers may not be accepted.

Suitable for 5 year olds and over

Wentworthville Library
Monday 7 July



Legal Studies Trial Exam Prep

Overview of the core Legal Studies topics, past paper practice and scaffolding, extended response writing tips and exam techniques.

Suitable for year 12 students only

Merrylands Library
Tuesday 8 July, 11am to 2pm

Drop in Badge Making

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of NAIDOC Week by decorating a badge designed by Indigenous artist Belle Leonard.

Suitable for 5 year olds and over
No registration required
TWO badges per child, while stock lasts

Greystanes Library
Monday 7 July
Tuesday 8 July

Guildford Library
Thursday 10 July
Friday 11 July

Lidcombe Library
Monday 14 July
Tuesday 15 July

Regents Park Library
Thursday 17 July
Friday 18 July

Cumberland Young Writers Award

The competition will be open to students who live in or attend schools in Cumberland. Award winner author Christopher Cheng will run this workshop.

Sessions run between 1 to 1.5 hours
Suitable for 8 to 18 year olds

Auburn Library
Tuesday 8 July
11am to 12pm (8 to 11 year olds)
1pm to 2:30pm (12 to 14 year olds)

Merrylands Library
Thursday 10 July
11:30am to 1pm (15 to 18 year olds)