

# Sherwood Grange Public School

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*Our focus is on EVERY CHILD*

*Term 1, 2025*

## *From the Principal*

Dear School Community,

It's been a busy and enjoyable Term 1 at Sherwood Grange. Getting to know our Kinder students is always a pleasure and I must say that they have settled into "big school" very well.

An exciting initiative this year is having the performing arts curriculum covered through our Release from Face to Face (RFF) program. Mrs Chisholm has expertise in this area, which she is using to explicitly teach music and actively engage students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

### **Staffing**

There have been some staffing changes this year.

We have warmly welcomed two new permanent teachers to our school, Miss Huang and Mr McLeod.

Mrs Memar, formerly a highly valued SLSO at our school, completed her teaching degree last year and is now teaching literacy in the school library. Congratulations Mrs Memar!

Mrs Manning, highly respected classroom teacher and assistant principal, has taken on the important role of Deputy Principal at our school. Mrs Manning directly supervises all Years 3-6 classes and has a range of whole school responsibilities.

### **Thank you and Farewell Miss Bradshaw**

It is with mixed emotions that I inform you that Miss Jennifer Bradshaw will be leaving our school at the end of this term. Miss Bradshaw was appointed to our school in 2012 and has touched the lives of many children and families during her time here.

She has taught all classes K-6 in her role as a classroom teacher and Release from Face to Face (RFF) teacher.

Miss Bradshaw has taken on roles outside the classroom, including being a PSSA coach. Her leadership and creative direction of school dance groups has had an enormous impact over many years. Performances at the Sydney Opera House and end of year Presentation Assemblies have been wonderful highlights.

For the last two years Miss Bradshaw has taught our Support Class for children on the autism spectrum. She has loved this role but was recently provided with the opportunity to apply for a position at a school with a large Support Unit that is closer to home and she was successful in her application. This is sure to be a wonderful new chapter in Miss Bradshaw's career and I wish her the very best.

On behalf of Sherwood Grange, I would like to thank Miss Bradshaw for her all she has done for our students, both within and beyond the classroom.

### **Morning Assembly**

The Morning Assembly is an important part of the school day. It is a time when announcements are made, changes to routine are communicated and reminders are given. This is why it is extremely important for all children to arrive at school by 8:50am every day. The first bell for the day rings at 8:53am and this is when students line up for the Morning Assembly that commences at 8:55am. When children arrive at school before the bell they have a settled start to a day of learning.

I understand that things like car troubles and unexpected complications happen occasionally, but I am concerned about the children who are regularly late to school. By ensuring that your children arrive at school by 8:50am you are helping them to have a smooth, calm and happy start to the day.

Warmest regards,

*Vicki Robertson*

## Upcoming Dates

### Term 1 2025

**APRIL**  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup>                      Last day for Term one

### Term 2 2025

**APRIL**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup>                      Staff Development Day  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>                      Staff Development Day  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>                      Students return Term 2

**MAY**  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>                      SRC Badge Presentation  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>                      ANZAC Day Service  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>                      Mother's Day Stall  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup>                      Cross Country Carnival  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>                      Walk Safely to School Day

## 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

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

## 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](https://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 receipt 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.

## Birthday Celebrations



For health and safety reasons, including anaphylaxis and allergies, children cannot bring cupcakes or lolly 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 children doesn't miss out please remind them to go to the Front Office to get their birthday badge.

## 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 them to school as soon as possible or when your child returns from illness.

## Harmony Week



This term, our school celebrated Harmony Week with a vibrant array of activities that highlighted the diversity and inclusiveness of our community. From 17 - 21 March, students and staff came together to embrace the ongoing theme of "Everyone Belongs".

The purpose of celebrating Harmony Week aims to outline the importance of kindness and develop an understanding of how all Australians, from the Traditional Custodians of the land to those who have come from many countries around the world, equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

In the classrooms, teachers facilitated discussions and activities focused on the importance of diversity and cultural respect. Students created posters that expressed what harmony means to them, they engaged in creating music in harmony with each other or watched stories of multiculturalism on DART Learning.

On Thursday 20 March, Sherwood Grange students dressed in mufti, many of which wore traditional attire showcasing their heritage while others dressed in orange representing freedom, encouragement and mutual respect.

We love celebrating Harmony Week at Sherwood Grange! Thank you to all our students who participated. Mrs Vihas ❤️

## Congratulations Mohammed!

Please read the email below which our school received from Auburn/Merrylands/Parramatta Combined Zone Coach Mr A Little.

*I am writing to congratulate Mohammed on his efforts yesterday. He's a lovely kid and was a pleasure to coach.*

*The Auburn/Merrylands/Parramatta Combined Zone team performed well yesterday, with the students giving their all and representing their schools extremely well. AMP won 3 out of 3 tough pool games, but unfortunately, we lost in the semi-final to Penrith/Blue Mountains Zones.*

*It was a great day for the team as we had 4 students selected for the Sydney West development squad, which included Mohammed - a great achievement!*

*Please thank Mohammed again and extend that to his parents for their support and efforts getting him to training and games. 😊*



## Library News

### Welcome to a New Year of Reading!

It's been wonderful to welcome students back to the library for another exciting year. Our library is a vibrant space where we foster a love of reading, imagination, and lifelong learning. This term, we've enjoyed seeing students reconnect with books and explore new stories during their library sessions.

A highlight of our library program is the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The 2025 Premier's Reading Challenge for Years 3-6 is now underway! It's fantastic to see so many students eagerly starting their PRC journey. For more information, please visit the PRC website.

All students are encouraged to borrow books regularly to support their literacy development and reading enjoyment. We look forward to sharing book recommendations and celebrating student achievements throughout the year.

All students in Years K – 2 will be completing the challenge in class with their teachers. As we are nearing the school holidays, it's a great opportunity for students to be able to do some extra reading and maybe even visit your local libraries.

Please encourage your child to pack their library bags each week so they may borrow some books. Also, please ensure all books are returned each week so that borrowing can continue.

Scholastic Book Club orders have commenced for 2025 and students will arrive home with brochures throughout the year. All orders are to be placed online through the website provided and items will be delivered directly to school, these will be handed to the students directly once received.

Ms Memar  
Library Co Ordinator



Artwork by Matt Ottley

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**2025 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge**  
Start reading now!

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)


**Key dates for students in K-10:**  
Challenge opens Monday 24 February  
Challenge closes for student entries Friday 22 August



Love reading? Well, there's an awesome local network of over 150 decorated mini libraries full of free books open 24/7 across the Greater Parramatta region, from Ryde to Blacktown!

Below are the locations of the FREE mini libraries located in Greystanes and Merrylands, where you can pick up a book for free and perhaps donate any books you no longer read.



### Locations

- Guildford West Children's Centre
- Jump Swim Schools Guildford – 12 Carrington Road, Guildford
- Central Gardens Reserve, Merrylands Road, Merrylands
- King Park, 49 Newman St, Merrylands
- Hilltop Child Care Centre, 42 Paton St, Merrylands West
- Wenty Children's Centre

## Zone Swimming Carnival

We are thrilled to share highlights from the recent Merrylands Zone Swimming Carnival, where our students showcased not only their swimming talents but also the core values of Sherwood Grange.

It was a fantastic day filled with excitement and camaraderie, as our students demonstrated strong sportsmanship and teamwork.

They supported each other, cheered loudly, and truly represented our school with pride.

We are incredibly proud of each participant who gave their best in the pool. Their dedication and commitment were commendable, and it was a joy to see them embody our school values throughout the event.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who came out to support our swimmers. Your encouragement made the day even more special! We look forward to more opportunities for our students to shine in future competitions.

A special mention to Kenza K who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50 metres breaststroke.

Congratulations

Go Sherwood Grange!

Mrs Lopez



## Parking Reminders

**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'.

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



**NO DOUBLE PARKING**

## 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 encourage 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*

## 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 consider leaving 50 cents in your child's bag for sunny days when ice blocks will be sold.

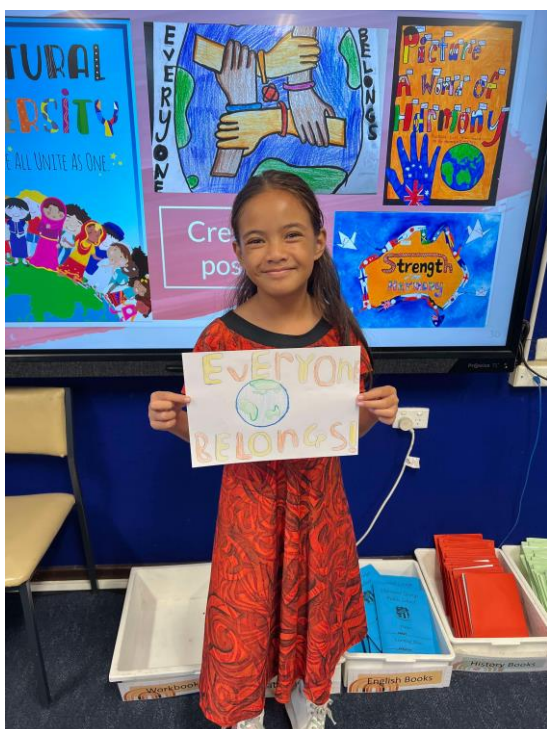


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**S** Speak to somebody if you need help

**A** Ask an adult before going online

**F** Friends are real people we know

**E** Enjoy play, have fun and stay safe

e-safety adviser

**Stay safe online**

Quality First Education Trust

# MOTORISED WHEELED DEVICES



Devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are **ILLEGAL** in NSW.

Although a motorised scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard (electric or petrol powered) are considered motor vehicles, they do not satisfy the Australian Design Rules and for this reason, cannot be registered in NSW and are unable to be insured.

These devices cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.



Anyone caught riding a motorised device on a road or road related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$723


Further information is available at [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)



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# MOTORISED BICYCLES

## 'E-Bikes'



Some electric motorised bicycles known as 'e-bikes' are **LEGAL** to ride in public in NSW if they comply with certain **CONDITIONS**.



There are only two types of permitted e-bikes:

- Power-assisted pedal cycles
- Electric power-assisted cycles

BUT they must be designed to be propelled primarily by the rider. They cannot be propelled exclusively by the motor and cannot exceed 25km/h.

Bicycles powered by electric motors are intended only to assist when riding uphill or into a headwind, NOT to be the primary source of propulsion.

Electric powered bicycles which don't comply with these conditions cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.

Anyone caught riding an illegal electric powered bicycle on a road or road-related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$723

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# Easter Family Night

Bunnings Smithfield



## Thursday 10th of April

### 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Join us for our FREE Easter Family Fun night. We will be having loads of fun with Pony rides, Arts and Craft and a Visit from the Easter Bunny. Plus lots more

Be sure to Book for Catering purposes and to secure ticket in our lucky door Raffle

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