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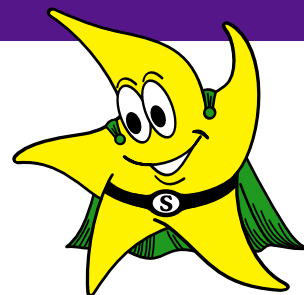
SHELLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

31 May 2019



Principal's Report

One of the greatest delights in my job is bearing witness to the outstanding teaching and learning that occurs at Shelley PS. Each week I enjoy seeing samples of fabulous student work from across the Key Learning Areas. We see wonderful examples of work in the Creative and Performing Arts in displays around our school - and in fantastic performances at weekly assemblies.



My favourite days at work are those when I have the most time to get out into classrooms and the playground to interact with the students and teachers. This has been one such fortnight. I have had the opportunity to read some remarkable writing by Year 3 students, witness some of our very artistic students create some amazing pieces for Operation Art and talked to some of our Year 6 students about their experiences during Mitchell High School visits. . (Being a School Principal really is one of the best jobs around!) It is such a pleasure to see the pride and excitement on our student's faces as they talk about their learning. Well done to all of our students for their work so far this term.

Over the past 18 months, we have been using our school social media accounts to share some of the activities and work being done by our students here at Shelley PS every day. If you would like to access this information, I have provided the details about Instagram and Facebook below. The feedback from parents has been very positive, as it is a good way to stay connected with what has been happening at school. For those with children who tend not to be forthcoming about daily school events, it is a great means for parents to start conversations about activities they have seen on social media.

Many parents have contacted us recently about issues with our school APP. Most notably push notifications (messages) are a problem, as parents are not being alerted that there is a message. We have been working with the company to have this issue resolved, however it has become obvious that the platform currently used for our APP is untenable. We are therefore looking at our alternatives and are investigating having our APP rebuilt. Whilst you will still be able to access the APP for the time being, to send absence notes etc – we will be looking at replacing the current APP as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will be using School Bytes and email to keep you informed, as well as the weekly newsletter and Shelley Spotlight.

**The OFFICIAL
Shelley PS
social media accounts
can be found
by searching for:**



**Facebook:
Shelley PS**



**Instagram:
shelley.ps**

As we reach the end of Week 5 (already!)- the teachers are very busy with assessments and report writing. I thank our staff sincerely for their hard work and commitment. The strong reputation enjoyed by our school is due to our fabulous teaching staff, great students – and thanks to your support as parents.

It has been another busy fortnight at Shelley, since our last newsletter! Some important events and activities included School Photos, the Zone Cross Country on Tuesday, Excursions to Brewongle for Year 2 and 3, Operation Art Workshop Days for both K-2 and 3-6, and continued Year 6 High School visits. Our youngest students also took part in their first excursion on Wednesday, with Kindergarten visiting Taronga Zoo. They had a wonderful day – and enjoyed linking their classroom learning to some real life experience! Thank you to all the parents for having the students here on time ready to leave early - and especially to all the parent helpers who assisted on the day.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Most students in K-6 participated in **Simultaneous Storytime** on Wednesday last week. "National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. It is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Kindergarten to Year 6".

This is our school's third year taking part in Simultaneous Storytime – and Shelley students joined thousands of other students across the country reading the selected book during literacy time on Wednesday 22nd. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. 2019's book was *Alpacas with Maracas* written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove who visited our school with his books last year. The students enjoyed the story and a range of associated activities.





Alpacas with Maracas
MATT COSGROVE

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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

Wednesday 22 May 2019

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Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to our team of representatives who competed at the Zone Cross Country on Tuesday. The Shelley teachers who attended the carnival tell me that our students were fantastic representatives of our school and put in outstanding efforts.

We have 5 students who have now made it through to the next level of competition, the Sydney West Carnival to be held on Wednesday 12th June. We wish Jake, Lacey, Nathaniel, Selim and Niko all the best!

Social Media: Instagram and Facebook

Many parents now access our new social media pages. For those who missed this information:

In order to help our parents stay in touch with what is happening at Shelley, last year we also introduced social media. We have established a Facebook page, as well an Instagram account, which will be used to acknowledge the amazing work done by students and teachers of Shelley and to showcase the many events and activities that take place here every week. (Please note: the social media accounts are a secondary form of communication – and should not be relied upon for reminders about upcoming events etc. We encourage all families to access the newsletter and app, when it is updated, as the core communication tools).

Of course, both social media platforms will be closely monitored and managed. The Facebook page is for use by parents (none of our students should have Facebook accounts anyhow, as they are under 13 years of age).

We hope parents will find these platforms to be a helpful and enjoyable way to stay in touch with what is happening in their children's school.

Book Fair

Our first Book Fair for 2019 has drawn to a close. It has once again been very well supported by the school community. It is heartening to see so many parents and grandparents fuelling their child's love for reading by purchasing books, whilst also supporting the school. Thank you to Mrs Bradley for organising the Book Fair and to the school community for your involvement.

Parenting Ideas

This week I am repeating three useful articles from Parenting Ideas.

The first is entitled "Positive Parent Involvement – You Make a Difference." It is a great overview of how positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school!

Getting to School on Time

As I have mentioned recently in the newsletter – I have been greatly impressed with the outstanding rates of attendance of most Shelley PS students. There has also been a decrease in the number of partial absences (students arriving late and leaving early).

Remember: Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Children arriving late also cause disruption to learning for the other students in their class.

The second of this week's Insights articles remind us "It is not okay to be away or to be late to school". The final article provides some handy tips and ideas about "Getting to School on Time".

Jo-Ann Campion





Deputy Principal's Report

Whole School Photograph

Next Monday 3rd June we will be having a photograph taken of all Shelley students and staff together. Students should wear their full Shelley school uniform. All students need to wear black school shoes for the photo. There should be no sports shoes worn on photo day.

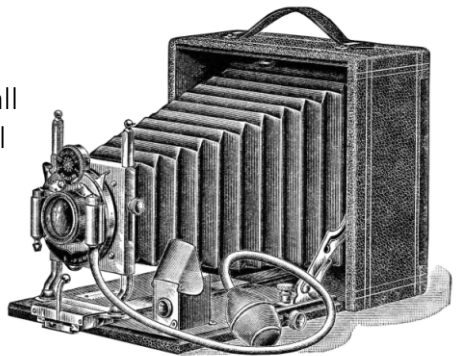
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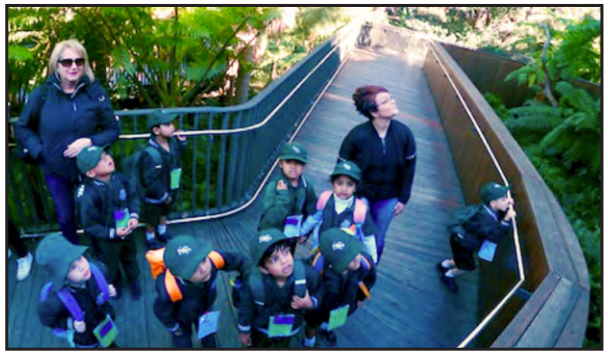
Recently, we went through a pile of jumpers in the playground and sadly, out of 10, none had a name. I was unable to return any to their owners. Please check that every jacket that comes to school has your child's name clearly printed, so that we can return any lost property to the correct owner. Names fade as they go through the wash, so regular upkeep makes a big difference.

From time to time, students accidentally take home the wrong jumper from the bag room. Please regularly check that your child has the correct jumper and return any miscellaneous items to school. It can be frustrating and expensive for parents to replace clothing items unnecessarily.

Kindergarten Taronga Zoo Excursion

Our youngest Shelley students went out on their very first excursion this week to Taronga Zoo. They were very excited when they were put into their groups and were given their Zoo passports to wear around their necks. I am told our students, teachers and helpers walked and walked and walked. Then walked a bit more. A big hit on the day was the seal show as well as the elephants, giraffes and gorilla. Some of our super stars even had a snooze on the way home on the bus!





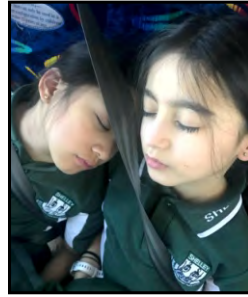
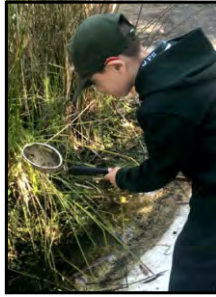


OPERATION ART





Year 3 Brewongle





ZONE CROSS COUNTRY



**Congratulations to our
Shelley Super Stars: Jet 2M,
Miranda 2P and Anderson 2M**



**Congratulations to our Shelley Super Stars: Brodhy 3S, Leyla 3T,
Leah 1F, Jacob 3L, Sienna 2P, Baran 6F, Lucas 4L and Caitlin 3L**





Shelley Super Stars

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their:



▶ Mikayla 6D



▶ Lana 3T



▶ Mia 2P
▶ Redster 2M
▶ Isabella 3T

These students will be presented with their badges on Monday 3rd June at the K-6 Assembly



Leanita Williams - Deputy Principal



Drop your tokens into our box at your local Woolies or at the Shelley office!

Speechie Corner

Tip of the Week: Family Dinners

Did you know children who have dinner with their families at the dinner table have a larger vocabulary than children who eat dinner in front of the television?

Your challenge for this fortnight:

As a family, attempt to have dinner 4 to 5 times a week at the dinner table without the television on in the background.

Talk to your children about your day. Ask your children a variety of questions during dinner time about their day that will initiate conversation. For example, 'Who did you talk to at recess time?', 'What did you play with at lunch time?', 'When did you do reading groups?'.

Good Luck!



Sophie Gill - Speech Pathologist

Green Team News

A huge big thank you to all the team who have mulched and mulched and mulched. Some jobs in the garden are hard work and not very glamorous, but this mulching really helps keep the soil moist and healthy and the weeds away.

The frog pond was filled up today and the lomandra is looking lush and healthy.

Year One have planted bush tucker plants in the new outdoor space and they are looking healthy and well cared for.



We have some big weeding days ahead in the next few weeks, as well as getting some seating so that classes can really start to use this space for a whole range of learning purposes.



Dates to Remember



Week 6

Monday	3rd June	K-2 Assembly -1F Hosting Whole School Photograph P&C Meeting 7pm in Room 2
Tuesday	4th June	Year 6 High School Visit
Wednesday	5th June	Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts Rehearsal
Thursday	6th June	Debate
Friday	7th June	PSSA

PSSA

7th June - Week 6

Netball
International Peace Park
League Tag
Marayong Oval
Rugby League
Waite Reserve
Soccer
Harvey Park

Week 7

Monday	10th June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
Tuesday	11th June	Year 6 High School Visit
Friday	14th June	PSSA

Notes and Money to be Returned by Due Date

Year	Event	Due Date
Year 4	Camp Instalment - \$65 and medical form	7 June
Year 5	Camp Instalment - \$65 and medical form	31 May
Year 6	Camp Instalment - \$70 and medical form	31 May

Final Camp Payment Dates
Year 4 - 9th Aug
Years 5&6 - 6th Sept

Please note: copies of all notes and Newsletters are available on the Shelley website.

PBL Update



Shelley Super Stars are Safe Respectful and Responsible!

Shelley recently received a silver award once again for our support of Stewart House. This is our major fundraiser for students and staff and has been for a long time. Remember, Stewart House is a school in Curl Curl, near the beach where 1800 public school students go each year at no cost to their parents or caregivers. The DoE provides the school and staffing support for the school, all other costs associated with the children's stay are met from charitable donations. While there, children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve overall wellbeing.



Our purple award winners at the K-6 Assemblies were **Rafael from 3S** and **Mehmet from 2P**. Congratulations, we hope you enjoyed your special canteen reward!

The PBL Committee

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose - Australia's No 1 parenting educator

Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

"Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you're not even dressed yet!"

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✓ Establish a morning routine.

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven't fully prepared for the day.



✓ Identify and remove distractions such as television.

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✓ Teach some of the basics of time management.

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✓ Arrive at school ten minutes early.

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✓ Model a good routine.

Its pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!

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Positive Parent Involvement - you make a difference

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school.



Parental withdrawal from children's education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities. By the time you get home from work or doing other activities you are spent.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child's education. The involvement of parents helps break down the mystique about school that can exist for some children. Their chances of success are better when they see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. Children copy many of their parents' views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching.

Many primary schools offer parents classroom jobs such as hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories. Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. There is a range of simple ways to assist teachers to maximise the learning of your child. These include; hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep.

Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child's education in positive ways:

- ✓ Find out what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Discover what sets your child's school apart from others.
- ✓ Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R's.
- ✓ Direct constructive criticism through the correct channels such as your child's teacher, the principal or the school's governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school's reputation.
- ✓ Become an advocate for your child's school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.
- ✓ Attend school activities such as open days, concerts, sports events and celebrations. Invite other members of the community along as well.
- ✓ Consult with your child's teacher about practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school. Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

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INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose



It's not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, many teachers tell me, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

Of course, most people know this intuitively, yet school absenteeism is a huge problem in Australian schools—and much of it is parent-condoned.

It's hard to get an accurate picture across the country but it would appear that Australian students miss an average of between 12 and 15 days per school year, with parent-condoned absenteeism highest among young primary-aged children.

That adds up to a year's lost schooling over the school-life of a child. In today's highly competitive world, this rate of absenteeism is alarming, putting our kids at a distinct disadvantage.

That's not a reason to be away!

It's now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling's birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a

sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don't really value learning or their children's school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

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- Homework - Why do we do it? What do we do?
- Strategies to engage your child in homework and make it interesting
- How to help your child with Maths and English skills.
- What if your child needs extra support? Who to talk to and what does this look like.

DATE: Wednesday 22nd May 2019
TIME: 6pm - 8pm
VENUE: Blacktown - venue to be advised upon registration

- Refreshments provided
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- ✓ Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.
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¹ RMIT University, 2016. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2004. For more information see anz.com/saverplus

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SHELLEY VACATION CARE PROGRAM

JULY 2019 MAIN EVENTS

Shelley Outside School Hours - Inside Shelley Public School
Hadrian Ave Blacktown Ph: (02) 9621 2022 Email: sosh@childrenfirst.asn.au

WEEK 1	ACTIVITIES
Monday 8.7.19	Come and celebrate Julieanne's birthday with food, games and lots of fun activities
Tuesday 9.7.19 \$15 extra cost of Excursion	Excursion to Nurragingy Reserve with HGOSH. Please arrive at SOSH by 9:30am sharp. Chalk explosion prints. Candle holders.
Wednesday 10.7.19	Backyard collage craft, Wheelie board ski races, Paper straw bracelets
Thursday 11.7.19 \$15 extra cost of Incursion	Incursion - Traditional Indigenous Games 9:30 – 12:30pm Indigenous beading and symbol writing
Friday 12.7.19	Slime fun, Apple chess, Don't get caught with the cookie, Christmas In July
WEEK 2	ACTIVITIES
Monday 22.4.19 \$15 extra cost of Excursion	Excursion to Hoyts Blacktown. Please arrive at SOSH by 8:30am sharp. Strategy games, Shaving cream fun
Tuesday 23.4.19	Hungry hungry hippo group game, Sosh cash bidding game, Spot it competition
Wednesday 24.4.19 \$15 extra cost of Incursion	Incursion - Shoot 4 basketball 10 – 11:30am Science experiments, CD spinning top craft
Thursday 25.4.19	Super Hero Theme Day - Come dressed as your favourite Hero. Participate in art, craft and themed games
Friday 26.4.19	World block challenge game, Making warm winter meals, Bounce off, Lava River
WEEK 3	ACTIVITIES
Monday 29.4.19	Teddy Bears Picnic Theme Day - Come dressed in your PJ's and bring a teddy or stuffed animal for the day. Join in on all our fun activities we have planned! Splatter painting

BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY 24th JUNE - PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY 27th JUNE

Please contact the centre on 9621 2022 if you have any questions.
We look forward to sharing in some holiday fun with your children.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Please bring a hat for outdoor play.
- Children will need to bring morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and snacks.
- Food is not provided during Vacation Care.**
- Lunch is occasionally eaten while we are out on excursions.
Please do not pack hot lunches on these days.
- Children are permitted to bring DS, iPods and other electronic devices (must not be able to access wifi on these days). **Games must be age appropriate.**
- Staff take no responsibility for lost or damaged games/consoles.
- Mobile phones are not permitted at the centre.
- Children are encouraged to wear enclosed shoes and shirts with sleeves.
- Please advise staff if your child will be absent for a day you have booked in for.

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