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Principal's Report

Welcome back for Term 3

It has been a great start to the school term! On Monday, our teachers had a very productive Staff Development Day, participating in four sessions focusing on our Strategic Directions 1 (Visible Learning) and 2 (Evidence Based Teaching) and including work around the new Digital Technology outcomes. It was a very informative day of professional learning for our teachers.

Our students returned to school on Tuesday – and it was pleasing to see them all so well presented in school uniform. (There are a few reminders about uniform requirements and expectations later in the newsletter). I am confident these great standards of uniform will continue throughout the term.

Eye checks for eligible students who returned notes last term commenced on Wednesday. Eye checks are taking place in Room 2 and will continue until late next week. The Dental van will arrive next Monday and dental checks (for eligible students who returned notes) will take place throughout Week 2.

Our first session of Footsteps took place yesterday and it is always a delight to see the eager participation of our students in these sessions.

Walking around the school this week, I have been pleased to see the active engagement of our students and their enthusiasm for learning. Well done to all of our students and their teachers for such an industrious and positive start to the school term.

Colds and Illness – Should my child attend school?

In the midst of winter, we naturally have many cold and flu “bugs” at school. Unfortunately, the sick bay is frequently busy with children coming to visit due to temperatures, vomiting and general cold symptoms. Although regular attendance at school is important – it is also essential that children are fit and well when at school. **Children who are unwell should be kept at home, until the symptoms have cleared.**

We often have reports of students diagnosed with various strands of influenza. Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Exposure to influenza at school can cause illness for large numbers of students and teachers– so we ask parents to help us by ensuring their children remain at home if they are unwell.

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea, the best advice is to keep them home until 24 hours after the vomiting / diarrhoea has stopped.



KidsMatter





Staffing News

At the end of last term Mrs Pikse commenced maternity leave and I am delighted to announce that on Tuesday, the Pikses welcomed a new little baby girl, Sienna, to their family. We warmly congratulate Mr and Mrs Pikse and the new “big sister” Charlotte.

Later this term, Mrs Storey will also commence maternity leave. We wish her family all the best. This week, Mrs Deb Small has taken over the shared teaching of 1T on Monday to Wednesday, with Mrs Rachel Ramnac continuing on Thursday and Friday.

Athletics Carnival

We are looking forward to our Athletics Carnivals to be held on:

- Tuesday 6th August for K-2 students – here at Shelley PS. Remember the P&C have their Coon Cheese Toastie fundraiser happening on this day.
- Thursday 8th August for Year 3-6 (and 8 year old Year 2s) at Blacktown International Sports Park. This is now our fourth year we have had the opportunity to utilise an external venue such as this, and we look forward to a great event. The school has funded the cost of the venue hire, through our involvement with the Premier's Sporting Challenge.

Just a reminder for parents re the 3-6 Carnival:

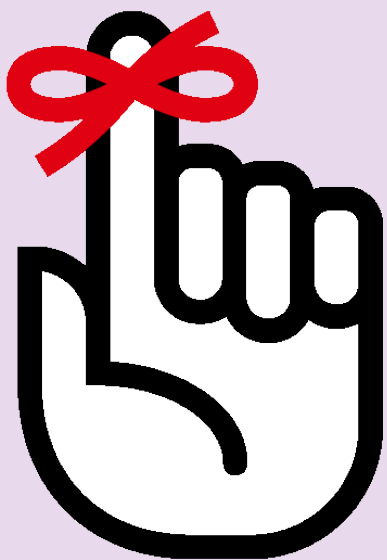
- Only students, teachers and nominated parent helpers will be able to access the track and field area at this event. All other parents will be able to utilise the excellent spectator facilities, and will be required to remain in the stands / behind the fences.
- All track and field events at our carnival are run in line with Department of Education Sports Unit guidelines. As such, there may be some minor variations to the way these events are run by other sporting associations, such as Little Athletics.

Thank you for your continued support of Shelley PS and the students. We look forward to seeing parent helpers and spectators at both the upcoming Athletics Carnivals.

Lost Uniforms

The lost property cupboard is frequently overflowing. If your child has lost an item of uniform, please remind them to go and check the lost property (in the cupboard in the toilet just outside the hall).

Unfortunately many of the items that make their way to lost property are either unclearly labelled (the writing is faded or illegible) or not labelled at all. Where possible, labelled items are returned directly through the class teacher.



Opportunity Class Placement Test Reminder

For those students who have submitted an application for Opportunity Class Placement for 2020, please read the following reminder.

Applicants for Year 5 placement in an opportunity class in 2020 are required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test to be held from 9.00 am to 11.15 am on Wednesday 31 July 2019.

The test centre for students from our school is:

**Blacktown Boys High School
Sunnyholt Rd & Fifth Ave
BLACKTOWN NSW 2148**

Education Week and Three Way Interviews

Term 3 is always a busy term in schools. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with parents to provide the best possible learning opportunities and develop the capabilities of each of our students, helping them develop into confident and resilient members of society. We endeavour to do this through innovative teaching, promoting creativity and encouraging all students to achieve their personal best.

We celebrate these achievements every day – but Education Week (in Week 3) gives us an opportunity to do this in a more formal way. Education Week for 2019 is on Monday 5th August through to Friday 9th August.



For Education Week – we invite parents and grandparents to join us on Tuesday 6th August for Shelley Public School's Open Classrooms. This year we have some special events planned which include a Mini-Tech Expo in the hall, as well as Open Classrooms with a special whole school writing focus.

The theme for 2019 Education Week is **Every student, every voice**. It is a “celebration of student empowerment and how the NSW public education system gives students the skills they need in order to have and express a voice during their own educational journey and as engaged global citizens”. It is fitting therefore that our Three Way Interviews are also held during Education Week.

In our Three Way Interviews, students, teachers and parents meet together to share student progress against learning goals and to set new plans for future learning. During these interviews, students are encouraged to take the lead in explaining their learning journeys, whilst teachers make explicit connections to how the learning goals reflect achievement in relation to the syllabus outcomes. This process helps students to become drivers of their learning and provides parents with the opportunity to engage as partners in the process.

Notes were sent home with student reports at the end of last term, outlining the importance of our Three Way Interview process. For those who missed the information and have not yet booked an interview time, I have included the booking information below.

Online booking for Three Way Interviews 2019



This year we will be using an online booking platform called School Interviews. Please visit the website: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the event code **xek6n** to make a booking to meet with each of your children's class teachers.

The direct link is: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=xek6n>

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office as soon as possible and leave your details to organise an interview time.

I am very proud of the work being done at this school. We are a diverse community of learners, who embrace both tradition and the future. We hope you can join us to celebrate Education Week and participate in Three way Interviews.

Neighbours

As we commence the new term, I would just like to remind all parents and caregivers once again of the importance of safe practices at drop-off and pick-up time each day.

I would also ask our school community to please be mindful of our neighbours and their properties. It is disheartening to still occasionally receive phone calls from local residents about parents parking across driveways, making illegal turns and driving unsafely in Hadrian Ave and Pelleas Street. This is most disappointing to hear, as it also reflects badly on our school community.

Please help to ensure the safety of our students – and help to maintain Shelley's great reputation, by being mindful of these matters.

Uniform

Just over a year ago, the State government introduced a new uniform policy for NSW public schools, which included the option for girls to wear shorts and pants. The policy says all students should have the opportunity to access the full range of school activities while wearing a school uniform, including physical activities, and girls must have the option to wear shorts and pants. The Shelley PS uniform already met the new policy guidelines. Our girls uniform includes green culottes (which are shorts made to look like a skirt) and green long pants. Girls also have the option to wear the green shorts, as some already choose to do.



It is great to see the pride our students take in their uniform, and we have been very impressed with the standard of student presentation as they return to school. Just few reminders:

- Green dance pants are NOT part of the school uniform and should not be worn.
- Tracksuit pants are only part of the sports uniform – and should only be worn on Friday (sports day).
- All students are required to wear black school shoes with their school uniform on Monday through to Thursday. Joggers should ONLY be worn to school on Friday, for the sport day.
- For the new uniform – socks should be white for both girls and boys. Socks should be white fold down socks (NOT the low cut socks, designed to sit right down in the shoes).
- Please make sure ALL uniform items are labelled – particularly jackets. We continue to have many jackets (even the bomber jackets) being left in the playground – with NO NAME, making them difficult to return to the rightful owner.

Reminder to Parents

At Shelley PS we are proud of the way our students embrace the school's PBL values in demonstrating their abilities as Safe, Respectful and Responsible Learners. In our classrooms, our teachers and students constantly revisit what this means and what it “looks like” to be safe, respectful and responsible. We also greatly appreciate the role of parents in supporting the school's PBL values by reinforcing them with students and using the shared language we have developed through PBL and KidsMatter.

Unfortunately, very occasionally we witness and become aware of, some parents in our school community not upholding these values and in fact, setting a poor example for our students.

When parents and community members enter the school grounds, it is expected that their behaviour will be in accordance with the school's expectations.

Swearing, abusive, negative or racist comments towards or about others, is not acceptable.

Unfortunately, I occasionally hear of parents loudly voicing their unhappiness about others (parents, students or staff) in the playground or just outside the school gate. Whilst we all enjoy freedom of speech, and the right to voice our opinions, we ask that parents be mindful of the appropriate time and place to do so. Loudly voicing your dissatisfaction about a student or staff member, within hearing of other students or staff, is not appropriate.

If you have a genuine concern about a school issue, a student or a staff member, which needs to be addressed, we ask that you utilise the proper channels to do so (either speaking to the classroom teacher or the appropriate Assistant Principal).

If you have a concern with another parent, and it is a school related matter, please make an appointment to see either Mrs Williams or myself, so the issue can be discussed and resolved. Where the issue is not related to school, I respectfully ask that parents keep these issues out of our school playground. Where parents or community members cannot abide by this, we will follow the DoE's procedures and where necessary, utilise the Inclosed Lands Act to exclude offenders from the school grounds.

My sincere thanks to the vast majority of our parents who are always supportive of our efforts to ensure Shelley PS continues to be a safe, friendly and welcoming school community for students, parents and teachers alike.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2020



It is Term 3 already – and before we know it, we will be planning for Kindergarten Orientation. We are currently accepting applications for enrolment in Kindergarten 2020. **If you have a child who will be turning 5 before 30th July, 2020 and you are intending to enrol them for next year, please complete an application form as soon as possible and return it to the office.**

Likewise, if you have a neighbour or friend with pre-school children who is intending to commence next year – please advise them to complete their application in the next few weeks.

As our student numbers grow the number of applications for Kindergarten may have a significant impact on school organisation for 2020. We ask for your assistance in ensuring applications are sent in as soon as able.

“Application to enrol” forms are available either via the school website or from the office. **Those parents who do not live in the catchment area and wish to send their children to Shelley PS are also required to complete an out of area application form**, which will be reviewed by the Out of Area Panel.

Jo-Ann Campion

STUDENT CONTACT CARD

Our student contact card is sent home each week for parents to observe, sign and return to school the next school day. The purpose of the card is to provide weekly contact between school and home. The card shows:

- The child's academic involvement and general behaviour for the week.
- Opportunity to arrange meetings between classroom teacher and parents.
- A rating level from 0 to 4 with 0 being the level to strive for.

SHELLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT CONTACT CARD						
Student's Name:				Class:		
Week	Behaviour Level (at school area)	Application to Classroom For The Week	Teacher's Comments		Parent's Signature	
1		Exc. Good Safe Unsafe				
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

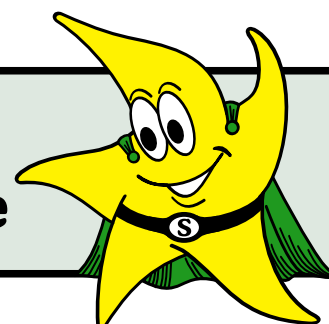
Interview Required if Ticked

Teacher ☐ Date: _____ ☐ Date: _____ ☐ Date: _____

Parent ☐ Date: _____ ☐ Date: _____ ☐ Date: _____

BEHAVIOUR LEVELS FOR ALL SCHOOL AREAS (PLAYGROUND / CLASSROOM / EXTRA CURRICULA) GENERAL DESCRIPTION	
LEVEL	Please refer to the Classroom and Playground Behaviour Flowchart
0	Your child has been safe, respectful and responsible this week.
1	Your child has been involved in one or more of the following:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> calling out interfering in other people's games littering mock or play fighting off task out of bounds running on hard surfaces swearing in conversation low level behaviour
2	Your child has been involved in one or more of the following:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> disruptive behaviour offensive behaviour unsafe behaviour minor incident
3	Your child has been involved in one or more of the following:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> aggressive behaviour bullying fighting ling offensive language repeatedly disobeying a teacher teasing major incident
4	Your child has been involved in one or more of the following:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> premeditated assault repeated inappropriate behaviour vandalism use and/or possession of dangerous implements or weapons serious incident

Shelley Super Star Learners are Safe, Respectful and Responsible





Deputy Principal's Report

NCCD

At Shelley, we are currently completing our responsibilities for the NCCD (National Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability).



**Nationally Consistent
Collection of Data**
School Students with Disability

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability is a compulsory annual collection that counts the number of students receiving an adjustment due to disability and the level of reasonable adjustment they are receiving.

Parent Planner - see page 11

Included in the newsletter this week is the Term 3 Parent Planner.

Print and keep in a safe place as it contains all confirmed dates for this term.

WEEK	DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
1	25/07	25/07	25/07	25/07
2	29/07	29/07	29/07	29/07
3	05/08	05/08	05/08	05/08
4	12/08	12/08	12/08	12/08
5	19/08	19/08	19/08	19/08
6	26/08	26/08	26/08	26/08
7	02/09	02/09	02/09	02/09
8	09/09	09/09	09/09	09/09
9	16/09	16/09	16/09	16/09
10	23/09	23/09	23/09	23/09

Student and family privacy is protected as no names or other identifying information is provided in the collection. For more information, visit: www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability

End of Term 2 K-6 Assembly

Congratulations to all award recipients including those for Cross Country representation and Public Speaking. We also had wonderful performances by the Senior Dance Group, Choirs, Recorder Group and Band.



K-2 Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 6th August
11:30am - 1:10pm



Congratulations to our Shelley Super Stars: Loureine 3S, Anastacia 1D, Noah 1D, Amaleah 1T, Leo 1T, Avyan 1T, Shriyas 2J, Jericho 2M, Reisha 2P, Angel 2P, Dearnna 1T



PBL Update



Shelley Super Stars are Safe Respectful and Responsible!

Congratulations to all Super Stars who achieved badges in Term 2. All were invited to attend a special morning tea with Ms Campion and Mrs Williams during the last week of the term. Well done! We look forward to you achieving your next Super Star Badge!



Our purple award winners at the K-6 Assemblies were **Jet in 2M and Jaskirat in 1F**. We hope you enjoy your canteen reward!

The PBL Committee





Shelley Super Stars

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their:



Issac 4R
Arnav 5T

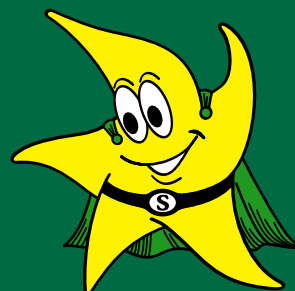


Elias 2M
Dilraj 3T
Asher 2J
Melody 4L



Hanna 3T
Shelley 1F
Fateh 1T

These students will be presented with their badges on Monday 29th July at the K-6 Assembly



Leanita Williams - Deputy Principal

Chess News

The Shelley inter-school chess competition teams have been developing their chess skills during Term 2. The last few matches happen at the start of Term 3, which will determine final places in the competition. Playing against a range of schools from Blacktown to as far away as Ironbark Ridge, the challenges have been met enthusiastically. Isabelle, Arnav, Yash, Amelia and Harkirat have shared the four spots in the Rookies team; Eloise, Arjit, Jayden and Jairus have played in the Intermediate grade, while Bradley, Bradwell, Sabhya and Sahej have faced the challenges of the Championship grade.

All have displayed great sportsmanship and represented our school admirably. Congratulations!

Mrs W. Symington



Speechie Corner - Descriptive Snap

An activity to complete this fortnight: **Play "Descriptive Snap"**

How?

Give a fly swat to two children and tell them to sit facing each other. Place two (or more) picture cards between them, e.g. a fish and a dog. Ask them to name the pictures. Next, say a word that described only one of the cards, e.g. "fluffy", pause to let them think, then say "ready, set, go!" and let them 'snap' the corresponding picture. Use a variety of picture topics, e.g. animals, foods, everyday objects.



Why?

To build a strong vocabulary in which the child can visualise the noun in real life, describe it, and form links between 2 or more nouns.

What do I look for?

Correctly naming the pictured objects/animals, and correctly recognising and matching the adjectives to the pictures.

How can I make this easier/harder?

Easier - Use 'colour' words or 'location' words
e.g. you find it in the kitchen.

Harder - Use 'initial sounds' e.g. it starts with *rrr*

Sophie Gill - Speech Pathologist

An Invitation from the Green Team!

The Shelley Public Green Team, have been working hard to create a new outdoor learning space on our lovely school, which is sits on Darug land.

In 2018, our Year Four students were given the task of planning this new garden area across three criteria:

- to create an outdoor learning space
- to increase biodiversity and
- to provide opportunities for all of us to better understand and imagine Aboriginal perspectives.

The students did an amazing job, responding to the task with skill, research and enthusiasm. We have been supported in this project from the students, the school community and Peter Dawe from the Royal Botanical Garden Trust. Students have presented their plans to the school executive, done the hard work of digging, mulching and planting and also handed over their presentation to the Year One students in 2019.

We would now love to get input and information from our Indigenous community and friends, to help guide us in our project and make this an authentic and appropriate space to reflect on the first people to inhabit this place, the people of the Darug language group.

We'd love you to join us for morning tea and a conversation about the following areas:

- the name and possible zones of the garden.
- the theme for a planned mural at the base of the garden.
- the placement and authenticity of our bush furniture and its potential as a yarnning circle.
- some conversations about choosing a school totem and the replacement of the school emblem/shield.

So, we invite you to our school and garden for a chat and morning tea. Please feel free to pass this invitation to friends and community members who may like to join us.



You're Invited!

**Monday
12th August
10:00am**

**at Shelley Public School,
21 Hadrian Avenue,
Blacktown**

RSVP by phone: 96228359
or email: shelly-p.school
@det.nsw.edu.au
- attention Julie/Cathy

Dates to Remember



Week 2

Monday	29th July	Dental Health Checks this week
Tuesday	30th July	Year 6 High School Visit
Thursday	1st August	Footsteps Dance Program
Friday	2nd August	PSSA

Week 3

Monday	5th August	Three Way Interviews for Year 3-6 P&C Meeting 7pm
Tuesday	6th August	Education Week Activities (Tech Expo and Open Classrooms) P&C Coon Cheese Toasty Fundraiser K-2 Athletics Carnival
Wednesday	7th August	Education Week Performances Westpoint Three Way Interviews for K -2
Thursday	8th August	Footsteps Dance
Friday	9th August	PSSA

PSSA

2nd August - Week 2

Netball

International Peace Park

League Tag

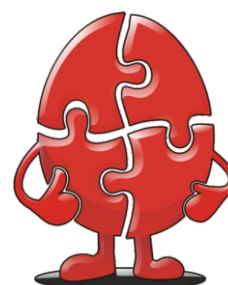
Marayong Oval

Rugby League

Alwyn Lindfield Reserve

Soccer

Morgan Power Reserve



Notes and Money to be Returned by Due Date

Year	Event	Due Date
Kindy	Hatch 'n' Grow - note and \$17	16 August
Year 3	Environmental Centre Excursion - note	26 August
Year 4	CARES Excursion - note and \$16	19 August
Year 4	Camp Final Payment - \$50	9 August
Year 5	Camp Instalment - \$50	16 August
Year 6	Camp Instalment - \$70	16 August

**NO LATE
Payments can
be Accepted**

Final Camp Payment Dates

Year 4 - Friday 9th August
Years 5&6 - Friday 6th September

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

Fairy Bread

For sale by the SRC at recess
under the COLA



















Wednesday 31st July

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Supporting Stewart House



Shelley Public School Planner 2019 - Term 3

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
1	Staff Development Day 	23/07 Students return to School	24/07	25/07 	26/07 PSSA	27/07 28/07
2	29/07 	30/07 Year 6 High School Visit	31/07 Maths Olympiad OC Placement Test	01/08 Footsteps Dance 	02/08 PSSA	03/08 04/08
3	EDUCATION WEEK EDUCATION WEEK EDUCATION WEEK EDUCATION WEEK					10/08 11/08
	Three Way Interviews 3-6 P&C Meeting 7pm	Education Week Assembly OPEN CLASSROOMS K-2 Athletics Carnival Yr 6 High School Visit	07/08 Three Way Interviews K-2	09/08 3-6 Athletics	09/08 PSSA 	
4	12/08 K-2 Assembly KV		14/08 Blacktown Festival Performing Arts Rehearsal	15/08 Footsteps Dance P&C Mufti Day 	PSSA	17/08 18/08
5	19/08 3-6 Assembly 4B	Year 6 High School Visit	Book Tasting and Book Parade  Maths Olympiad	22/08  Debate Footsteps Dance	23/08 PSSA - Semi	24/08 25/08
6	K-2 Assembly 1T CARES Year 4 Kindy Ducks Arrive	27/08 CARES Year 4 Year 6 High School Visit	CARES Year 4 Father's Day Stall 	29/08 CARES 4A Debate Footsteps Dance	Father's Day Evening Event PSSA - GF Night	31/09 Father's Day 01/10
7	02/09 3-6 Assembly 5T P&C Meeting 7pm	03/09 Yr 6 High School Visit ICAS Digital Technologies	04/09  Year 3 Brewongle Excursion	05/09 Footsteps Dance ICAS Science 	Kinder Ducks Go!  PSSA GF Back Up	07/09 08/09
8	K-2 Assembly KH Transition Visit Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts	10/09 Year 6 High School Visit ICAS Writing	11/09 Maths Olympiad Year 6 Camp	12/09  Footsteps Dance Year 6 Camp	Year 6 Camp 	14/09 15/09
9	16/09 Obstacool Day P&C Event	17/09 Year 6 High School Visit ICAS English	Kindergarten Transition Visit Stage 2 Recycling Incursion	ICAS Mathematics Footsteps Dance 		21/09 22/09
10	23/09 	Super Star Morning Tea Year 6 High School Visit	25/09 Assembly K-6	26/09 Footsteps Dance 	Footsteps DISCO K-2 - 3.45-4.45pm 3 & 4 - 5-6pm 5 & 6 - 6.15-7.15pm	28/09 29/09