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SHELLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope all our students had a great break over the holidays, and everyone had the opportunity to spend some fun time with family and friends.

If Week 1 is anything to go by, Term 4 is going to fly by! I have had the opportunity to visit a few classrooms and I have been very pleased with the settled manner in which students have returned to school and commenced a new term of learning.

The second last week of Term 3 was our Professional Learning and Planning Week – which is an invaluable opportunity for the teachers to work together to develop and enrich their teaching and to plan educational programs as a team, to ensure consistency across classes. This means we have engaged learners in our classrooms from Day 1 of each term, as students are actively involved in rich learning tasks to meet their individual and group needs.



KidsMatter

Our Year 6 students are this week enjoying the opportunity to participate in our High School Transition program (Weeks 1 and 2). This program is organised by their teachers to provide them with the experience of reading and following timetables, and adapting to working in changing learning spaces throughout the school day.

Our Year 5 and Year 4 students are excitedly preparing for their respective overnight camps next week. I am sure both these camps will be wonderful learning experiences for our students – and I am equally confident, our Shelley students will be outstanding representatives of the school whilst on these extended excursions.

Some of our students in Years 2 and 3 will also be participating in the School Swim Scheme during Weeks 3 and 4 of this term.

Good luck to our Shelley students who will be participating in representative competitions over the next two weeks, including our Stage 2 and 3 Ballroom dancers, who are competing in the Sydney Dance Sport Championships on Tuesday 5th November and to those competing in the League Tag Gala Day.

Twilight Markets are on TONIGHT!

Our P&C, and members of the school staff have also been working very hard in preparation for Shelley PS's annual Twilight Markets which will be on TONIGHT. Entry to the markets is by gold coin donation.

We hope many parents and visitors will be able to come along to this special evening...(and maybe take the opportunity to get some early Christmas shopping done!).

Don't forget to also visit the Shelley PS Art Exhibition, which will be on in the hall, showcasing the amazing artistic talent of Shelley students. Entry to the art exhibition is also a gold coin donation.



NSW Grandparents day is held in October each year (this year it is Sunday 27th October). It is a day where we can acknowledge and celebrate our shared memories of being at home with our grandparents.

Our whole school Grandparents Days have been very popular over recent years and we will be continuing the event this year.

This year it will be held on **Thursday 31st October** - so please put this date in your diary and let all the grandparents know! Grandparents will be invited to a special morning tea, before joining their grandchildren in their class for some fun activities. We look forward to welcoming many grandparents to Shelley and celebrating the vital role they play in their grandchildren's life!

Introducing Music Tutoring and Combined Band Opportunities at Shelley PS

In addition to sporting and performance groups, Shelley PS teachers offer an awesome range of extra-curricular opportunities for our students including Gardening Club, Chess Club and the Knitting Club.

Another opportunity we are looking at introducing for our Shelley students in 2020 is a Band program. Whilst our teachers offer a recorder, drumming and band performance group, we do not have the expertise or time within our school to offer a full brass band program. We have been working with a number of local schools to look at introducing a Combined Band program, to students within our school.

There have been many scholarly articles written about the impact of music on the development of students both academically and socially, including benefits such as self-esteem, improved language and maths skills, creativity and relieving stress.

We are therefore investigating the viability of offering a Band program at Shelley PS. The music lessons would take place during school time – and our students would also have the opportunity to attend combined band rehearsals with the community band (from a range of local schools). Parents would pay directly for lessons to the company providing tutoring: School Bands Australia.

We are very excited about this opportunity. All students in Years 2 to 5 (Yrs 3-6 in 2020), will attend an information session here at School next Thursday 24th October.

If your child is interested in joining the band, we will also be hosting a Parent Information Session here at Shelley PS on Monday 28th October at 6.30pm.

“NSW Grandparents Day is a state initiative that celebrates the vital role that grandparents play in our society, as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of care and love to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents Day recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community.”

“It celebrates the contributions grandparents and older people make to their families and communities and recognises the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations.”

“Everyone has fond memories of the being at their nan and pop's place – it's where you'd go to get the kind of love that only a grandparent can give!”



Year 7 Selective High School Placement in 2021

Applications for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2021 have opened. To apply, visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2020.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2021, you need to apply soon.

You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Last Chance to complete Tell Them from Me PARENT Survey - (All parents K-6)

This is the final week for parents to have their say!

Our school is participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them from Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey helps our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online and closes on Friday 25th October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey please follow the link: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bnbky>

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/>

The survey is available in 23 languages.

2020 Planning

We are well underway with planning for Kindergarten 2020 orientation, which commences on Wednesday 13th November. We look forward to welcoming our newest students.

We are also starting to plan for K-6 classes for 2020. It is important that we have up to date information about expected students in Years 1 to 6, as we begin organisation. If you will be moving over the Christmas holiday period, or your child will NOT be attending Shelley PS in 2020, please advise us as soon as possible via the tear off slip below.

Jo-Ann Champion



ARE YOU MOVING?

In order to assist with our planning for next year please indicate below if you will be moving residence and/or your child will be attending a new school.

Please return to the office or your child's teacher.

Name of Student: Class:

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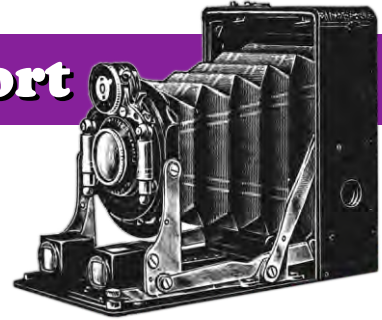
Name of Student: Class:

New School: Leaving Date:

Parent / Guardian's signature: Date:



Deputy Principal's Report



Year 6 Photo Day

Year 6 will be having their special photographs taken on Friday 2nd November. On the day, students are required to wear their Year 6 shirt, black shoes and white socks. They will also need their school hat.

Congratulations to our Week 10 Term 3 Shelley Super Stars: Johnathan 4B, Amanda 2M, Sibel 4L, Isabelle 6F, Mia 1F, Ryan 2P, Eshal 5J, Hayden 1D and Noah 2J.



PBL Update



Shelley Super Stars are Safe Respectful and Responsible!

Students who received a merit badge this term attended our biggest ever morning tea. We had 86 fabulous students attending. Well done to all!

Our purple award winners at the K-6 Assembly was **Zoe from 1T**. Congratulations, we hope you enjoyed your special canteen reward!

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The PBL Committee



End of Term 3 K-6 Assembly



Radical Recyclers





Shelley Super Stars



PINNACLE
 ▶ Our Highest Award
 Sahej 6D

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their:

These students will be presented with their badges on Monday 21st October at the K-6 Assembly



▶ Maryam 5T



▶ Yonghoon 3T
 ▶ Kaitlyn 3L
 Eshal 5J



▶ Jessica 2P
 ▶ Mehmet 2P
 Jethro 2J



▶ Zelal 1T
 ▶ Lachlan 1F
 Halatu'u 5G



Leanita Williams - Deputy Principal

Spechie Corner - Describe the Food You Are Eating



How?

When you are having a meal together, ask your child to describe what it tastes and feels like.

For example: "a sweet, juicy watermelon".

Why?

This will help to build your child's vocabulary of descriptive words.



How do I help?

If your child isn't sure, give them a choice of words, for example "is the yoghurt chewy or creamy?".

Try to introduce new words such as "The crunchy cookies are crumbly too!".

How do I make it harder?

Ask your child to think of other foods that taste or feel the same.

For example "squishy" = banana, avocado, mashed potato etc.



Year 6 Excursion to Canberra – PACER Rebate

As part of their studies in History and Geography, late last term, our senior students undertook an educational tour of the nation's capital.

To support the learning taking place in the classroom, students had the opportunity to participate in a range of educational programs in Canberra. Our itinerary included programs at Parliament House, the Museum of Democracy, the Australian War Memorial, The Royal Australian Mint, the Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate Program towards these costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. (NB: This rebate was utilised in calculating the cost of the camp for parents).

The camp was a very busy, yet memorable three day experience for our students. Their behaviour was of the highest standard and we received numerous compliments on the way our students conducted themselves in public and the smart appearance of our uniform. Thank you parents for your assistance on this matter and well done students!

Mrs Bradley & Year 6 Teachers



Dates to Remember



Week 2

Thursday	24th October	Book Fair Arrives Book Talks Band Session for Students
Friday	25th October	Kindergarten Pirate Day Year 6 Photos PSSA - round 4

Students on Camp

Year 4

22nd - 23rd October

Year 5

21st - 23rd October

Week 3

Monday	28th October	Band Parent Information Session 6:30pm
Wednesday	30th October	Year 4 Bunnings Talk
Thursday	31st October	Grandparents Day
Friday	25th October	PSSA - round 5

**NO LATE
Payments can
be Accepted**

Notes and Money to be Returned by Due Date

Year	Event	Due Date
Various	Dance Sport Championship - \$12 and note	29 October

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



BOOKFAIR IS COMING!

25th October - 7th November

Yes! EFTPOS is available at the bookfair!

GRANDPARENTS DAY



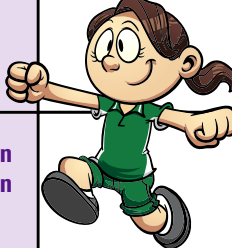




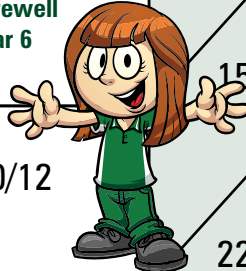
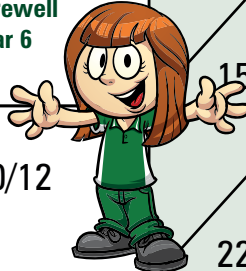
Thursday 31st October

**Activities will take place
between 11:30am - 1:30pm**

*We will celebrate Grandparent's Day
at a later time this year due to swim scheme.*



Shelley Public School Planner 2019 - Term 4

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
1	14/10 Students Return to School	15/10 Group Photographs 	16/10 Minbalup Dance Session in Hall 9-1	17/10 Sydney West Athletics	PSSA-4 Twilight Markets	19/10 20/10
2	21/10 Year 5 Camp 	22/10 Year 5 Camp Year 4 Camp	23/10 Year 5 Camp Year 4 Camp	24/10 Book Fair STARTS	Kindergarten PIRATE DAY Year 6 Photos PSSA-5 	26/10
3	28/10 Swim Scheme	29/10 Swim Scheme	30/10 Year 4 Bunnings Talk Swim Scheme	31/10 Grandparent's Day Swim Scheme	01/11 PSSA-6 Swim Scheme	03/11
	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR	
4	K-2 Assembly KA P&C Meeting 7pm Swim Scheme	Dance Sport Comp Swim Scheme	06/11 Swim Scheme	Book Fair Ends Music Count Us In Swim Scheme	08/11 PSSA-7 Swim Scheme	09/11 10/11
	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR		
5	11/11 3-6 Assembly 3L + 4R	12/11	12/11 Kindergarten Orientation	14/11 	15/11 PSSA - Semi	16/11 17/11
6	18/11 Carols Practice 	Kindergarten Orientation Counsellor Speeches 	Kindergarten Orientation		PSSA - GF Student Leader Interviews AFL Clinic	23/11 24/11
7	25/11 3-6 Assembly 5G	26/11 Kindergarten Orientation 	27/11 Kindergarten Orientation	28/11 Helper Morning Tea Last Scripture	29/11 AFL Clinic Ball Games Carnival	30/11 01/12
8	02/12 Sports Presentation Assembly P&C Meeting 7pm		04/12 Christmas Event	05/12	 AFL Clinic	07/12 08/12
9	09/12 Presentation Day Assemblies 3-6 9.15am K-2 11.30am		11/12 Super Star Morning Tea 	12/12	AFL Clinic Farewell Year 6 	14/12 15/12
10	Shelley Talent Quest Student Councillor Lunch Moving Day	17/12 Year 6 Farewell Assembly	18/12 School Excursion Day LAST DAY	19/12	20/12 	22/12



Girraween High School

Aspire - Respect - Unite

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Year 7 2021 Information Evening for Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced and dedicated staff, providing students with safe, engaging classes.

Entry is via the Selective High School Placement Test that is run by the Department of Education's High Performing Students Unit. The test will be conducted on Thursday 12 March 2020. Online applications open 8th October 2019 and close 11 November 2019. For more information please refer to our website.

The information evening will feature classroom tours, displays, presentations and the chance to meet students and teachers. The school band will perform from 5:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Tuesday 22nd October 2019

Phone: 9636 7293 or 9636 7303

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Email: girraween-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Venue: Girraween High School

Web: www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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