

# NCWSLETTER

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# Principal's Report



**KidsMatter** 



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We NEED your support to ensure the safety of our students.

The staff carpark is **NOT to be used by pedestrians as a shortcut** in the mornings or afternoons.

<u>Please use the paths provided</u> – and set a positive example for your children. (I have overheard a number of our boys and girls giving their carers a gentle reminder not to walk through the carpark recently—which is great, as it means our students are getting this important safety message!)

# **Connecting Home and School Evening**

Last week we hosted our Kindergarten Meet the Teacher session, a Year 6 Information session and our annual Connecting School and Home event for all parents and students. We served about 400 sausage sandwiches — and enjoyed the company of many families from across the school, to celebrate the beginning of the school year. Many parents took the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and have an informal chat. This was a lovely social evening — and the feedback from parents on the night was very positive. If you have any other feedback regarding the evening, Mrs Williams and I would be pleased to hear from you.

Reminder: Information provided on the evening was also sent home for those parents unable to attend. (If you haven't seen these notes, please check your child's school bag!)

# Thirty Days of Kindergarten BBQ Reminder

It is hard to believe we are nearly halfway through Term 1 already. In two weeks, we will have our celebration of thirty days in Kindergarten and a special BBQ. Kindergarten parents, please make sure Friday 13th March is marked in your diary! Our newest students are settling very well into school life — and we look forward to celebrating this with parents and family members at our special welcome BBQ.

### **Dates to Remember**

Each week we include a "Dates to Remember" section in our newsletter. This includes all the important information about upcoming events – and permission notes / payments which are due.

If you are running short of time – and don't have time to read the whole newsletter immediately – please make sure you at least click on this section, so your child doesn't miss out on events and activities.

The Dates to Remember can be quickly accessed using the tabs down the side of the newsletter. (Dates to Remember is always the last tab).

**Dates to Remember** 



# Uniform Reminder – Sports shorts and joggers on Friday only

It is wonderful to see all of our students in their full school uniform. The feedback about the look and wearability of the Shelley uniform has been very positive.

Our P&C parent volunteers do an amazing job in the uniform shop and we thank them for their commitment of time and expertise. Sincere thanks to all of them. I know we are currently facing a shortage of school shirts and an urgent order has been placed. We apologise for the delay and thank parents for your patience as the uniform stock arrives.

Just a reminder to all students and parents: the green microfibre sports shorts with the SPS logo are ONLY to be worn on Friday sports day. On Monday through to Thursday, students should be wearing either green shorts or culottes. Sports joggers are also only to be worn on Friday. (Black school shoes with white socks should be worn Monday to Thursday).

# **Morning Assemblies**

It is always great to see so many parents attend our morning assemblies – particularly the Monday morning K-6 assembly. The students and staff appreciate the involvement of community members in all aspects of school life.

We do, however, need your assistance to ensure that these assemblies run smoothly and are a positive experience for all involved.

If you are attending a morning assembly, please assist us by standing well back from the class lines. It is important for the children to listen carefully at these assemblies- so holding conversations off until after the assembly would also be appreciated.

In the K-2 quad, we also ask that parents and pre-schoolers do not sit along the bench directly in front of the assembly — as this is very distracting for young children. There is a yellow line painted around the assembly area- as an indication for parents. Please remain behind the yellow lines to allow for the smooth flow of our assemblies.



# **Mobile Phones at school**

Mobile phones have become an integral part of our society and lifestyles. Whilst we recognise this trend, we strongly encourage Shelley primary students NOT to bring their mobile phones to school. A reminder about the procedures for mobile phones at Shelley (as per DoE policy): If it is essential for a student to bring a mobile phone to school they are required to;

- bring the mobile phone to the office each morning upon arrival at school and sign it in with a staff member.
- collect the phone from the office at 3pm and sign it out.

The sign in book for mobile phones will be kept behind the counter – all students MUST wait for one of the SAS Staff to assist them. Students MUST NOT just leave their mobile phone on the counter – no matter how busy the office is.

Please understand that students may need to wait a few moments to sign phones in and to pick them up in the afternoon.

Mobile phones are **NOT** to be kept with the student during the day and **MUST NOT** be used to take photos or videos at school.

If you are unsure about the importance of your child carrying a phone – please remember that the office staff are happy to assist with getting urgent messages to students about changes to pick up arrangements etc. Where it is urgent for a child to contact their parents, the office staff will likewise assist.

# **P&C Meeting and AGM**

The next P&C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 2nd March at 7.00pm in Room 2. At this meeting, all executive positions will be declared open and elections will be held for the 2020 Executive Committee. Only financial P&C members are eligible to stand for these positions.

A President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer will be elected, as per the standard and prescribed constitutions. No more than one officer position can be held by the same person.

Members of the same family can hold office-bearer positions at the same time. Office-bearers can be elected regardless of their place or type of employment.

The Executive committee is convened by the President or one other officer and is responsible for ensuring that the decisions of the P&C meeting are acted upon.

We look forward to a strong attendance at the AGM, to elect parents to these important roles in our P&C.

# Moving into Year 7 – 2021

This week, students who are currently in Year 6 will have brought home information about the transition to High School in 2021. The booklet will contain information about:

- moving to secondary school
- government secondary school options
- how to complete the expression of interest AND
- the expression of interest form.

The expression of interest form will be accompanied with a slip of paper with:

- the student's name
- the student's SRN (registration number)
- the home address
- name of designated local high school (based on the current residential address on record here at school).

All parents are asked to complete the expression of interest form and return to school before Friday 15th March. (Please note: the EOI should be completed for ALL students, including those who have applied for placement in a non-government school. If this is the case,

and you have been guaranteed a place, please complete Section E – Placement not required).

For those parents intending to apply for a placement at a non-local government school (out of area), please read the requirements carefully and consult with the high school or our staff if unsure. You will need to thoroughly outline your reasons for seeking non-local placement.

If you have any queries about completing the Expression of Interest, or require assistance, please contact Mrs Bradley or Mrs Brechin.

# International Women's Day

International Women's Day is celebrated on 8th March each year. It is a day to celebrate the contribution women have made across the world to their communities and the progress that has been made for

equality in the workplace. It is also known as the United Nations (UN) Day for Women's Rights and International Peace and is a day to raise awareness about the unjust treatment that many women and children around the world are still facing.

The IWD 2020 campaign theme is "I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights". The theme is aligned with UN Women's new multigenerational campaign,

Generation Equality, which marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. May I take the opportunity to wish all women in the Shelley School community – teachers, mums, grandmothers and others- "Happy International Women's Day" for next weekend.



# Appointments / Phone calls to Teachers

If you have a concern or query about your child's learning, the staff at Shelley PS encourages all parents to let us know. The first "port of call" should always be the class teacher as they will have the best knowledge of your child's learning.

Remember, if at any time throughout the year, you have something you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher, you can:

- Send a note to the class teacher requesting a meeting,
- Telephone the school office requesting a meeting OR
- Use the school app to request a meeting.

Teachers will get back to you when they are able to organise a mutually suitable time to meet.

If it is an urgent matter, you can phone to talk to the teacher – but please be aware that teachers cannot take phone calls during the teaching day. Likewise, if you phone before or after school, many teachers may also have meetings. If you call after 8.45am, you may not be put through to the teacher as they are preparing for class.

Please be assured that we value open communication with parents, and our teachers will be happy to make an appointment to discuss your concerns at any time during the year.

Or course, if there is an emergency and you need to discuss something with us urgently, please phone the

office and ask to speak to either myself, Mrs Williams or one of the Assistant Principals.

# Shelley Public School Afternoon Pick-Up Arrangements Face considered display to the large base compare and fore particular to the large base of the large

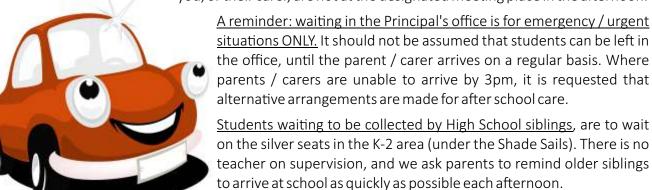
# Afternoon Pick-Up

Thank you to the majority of parents who have now returned the note outlining the afternoon pick-up arrangements for their children. This assists us to ensure the safe dismissal of our students each day.

I know many parents have arrangements amongst themselves to collect and take home each other's children. It is important that these arrangements are listed on the afternoon pick up note. If there has been a change in your arrangements since the note was sent in, please ensure a note is written to your child's class teacher, outlining the new arrangements and listing those people who have permission to take your child home.

I would like to remind parents that if there are no prior arrangements, you should NEVER take another student out of the school gate, even to help them go and look for their own parents. Whilst we appreciate that this is well intentioned, it can also cause unnecessary distress. The arrangement for all students is that if a parent / carer does not arrive to collect them as organised, students should go directly to the office. The office staff will then contact the parent, and children can wait safely in the office until they are collected. Parents - please assist us by reminding your child what to do if

you, or their carer, are not at the designated meeting place in the afternoon.





# **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. 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

Shelley Public School
PBL
Statement of Purpose
We at Shelley Public
School aim to improve
learning and behaviour
outcomes for all students.
We will do this by
encouraging all students
to be safe, respectful and
responsible learners.

related to school, I respectfully ask that parents keep these issues out of our school playground and away from the hearing of our students. 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.

# Some useful websites for parents:

Each week I try to provide some websites which may be of use or interest to parents.

### Maths A to Z

Brush up on some of the maths terms your child uses in the classroom. The Maths A to Z glossary provides straightforward explanations and illustrated examples.

Find out more: <a href="https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/learning-resources/maths/maths-a-to-z">https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/learning-resources/maths/maths-a-to-z</a>

# Great books for kids to read

Encourage your kids to read from an early age and set them up with a lifetime love of books and learning. If you are looking for some inspiration to get your children reading, the DoE has pulled together a list of 9 must-read books.

### Find out more:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/learning-resources/english-tips/9-must-read-books-for-your-child

# **Shelley Representatives**

Over the next two weeks we will have students representing Shelley PS at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 4th March, and possibly the Sydney West Carnival later in March. Good luck to all our swimmers. Our Student Leaders will also represent the school at Young Leaders Day at the International Convention Centre on Monday 2nd March. We are confident these students will be outstanding representatives of our school.

**Jo-Ann Campion** 





# **Deputy Principal's Report**

# **Shelley Swimming Carnival**

Well done to all participants for your fabulous efforts at the Shelley Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all swimmers and supporters. The weather was kind and it was a wonderful day. A special thank you to the organising committee. The parent helpers who assisted on the day were much appreciated. Our successful swimmers will progress to the Zone Carnival to be held next Wednesday 4th March.















# Community Language Award

Congratulations to Reyaansh 4T and Reyna 2J, who received certificates this week for their participation in Community Language Programs in 2019.



Congratulations to our Shelley Super Stars: Tiana 4T, Neel 2K and Isabella 4J.



# **Connecting School and Home**



















# Year 6 CPR













# **Shelley Public School Song**

We are the children of Shelley Primary School, We're good and we're kind and we're true Oh, we always try our hardest in everything we do We like to see the job through.

We don't like to fight or to see others hurt,

We like to be kind to our friends.

Oh, Shelley Primary children,

We are proud to be.

Shelley, Blacktown

That's the school for me





# **Shelley Public School Prayer**

This is our school
Let peace dwell here
Let the rooms be full of contentment
Let love abide here

Love of God Love of mankind Love of one another And love of life itself

Let us remember that

As many hands
build a house
So many hearts
make a school

# **PBL Update**

# Shelley Super Stars are Safe Respectful and Responsible!

Shelley Super Stars really enjoyed sampling the sausage sandwiches left over from last Wednesday's family evening.

The PBL Committee



# Harmony Day

Thursday 19th March

Celebrate cultural diversity





# Shelley Super Stars

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their:



Nila

**5G** 



Pratiksha 5/6T
Harini 6F



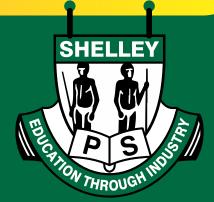
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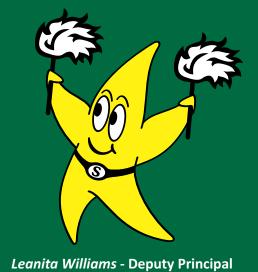


Christian 2F
Christian 2J

Liam 4T

These students will be presented with their badges on Monday 2nd March at the K-6 Assembly







# KINDERGARTEN BBQ

Celebrating 30 days of Kindergarten

Friday 13th March 11:20am-1:10pm

# **Speechie Corner**

An activity to complete this fortnight...Play Modified Scattegories

**How?** Write category words on individual pieces of paper and then place them into a box. (E.g. colour, size, texture, shape, animals, food, transport, sports, clothing etc.) Write all the letters of the alphabet and place them into a separate box. Ask your child to pick one piece of paper from each box i.e. one category, one letter.

Tell your child the aim of the game is to write down as many words relating to the category chosen that start with the letter that was chosen. For example, if the category is texture and the the letter is 's' they could write down smooth, slimy, sticky, slippery etc.

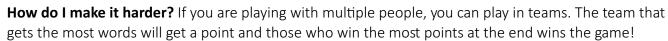
The child is given a time frame of your choosing (e.g. 3 minutes) and is to write down all of the words they have thought of. After the time is up, the child will read out all the words they have come up with.

**Why?** To practice and revise new vocabulary.

What do I look for? Make sure they are writing words starting with the right letter and that they match the category.

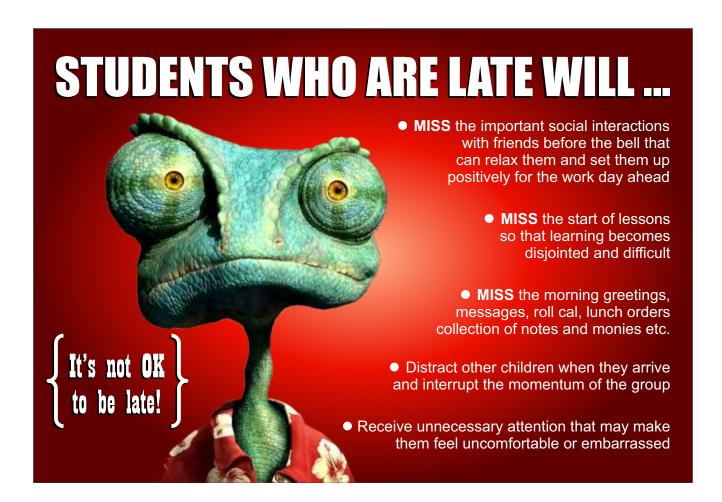
### How can I make this easier?

- Take away the time limit
- Use pictures to help prompt your child



Sophie Gill - Speech Pathologist





# **Dates to Remember**



# Week 6

Monday 2nd March Young Leaders Day

K-2 Assembly – 2J Hosting

P&C Meeting and AGM 7pm

Wednesday 4th March Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 6th March PSSA

Week 7

Monday 9th March 3-6 Assembly – 4J Hosting

Thursday 12th March Selective High School Placement Test

Friday 13th March PSSA

30 Days of Kindergarten BBQ



# Notes and Money to be Returned by Due Date

Year	Event	Due Date
K-6	Student Resource Pack	asap
K-6	Afternoon Pick Up Arrangements	asap
Kindy	Kindergarten BBQ	6 March
Year 4	Camp - note and \$50 deposit	27 March
Year 5	Brewongle Excursion - note and \$35	20 March
Year 5	Camp - note and \$50 deposit	27 March
Year 6	Brewongle Excursion - note and \$35	20 March
Year 6	Camp - note and \$50 deposit	27 March

NO LATE
Payments can
be Accepted

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

# K-2 Area Shade Sails











# Shelley Public School P&C Association

# Office Bearers and their Duties

The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the association and up to six other members and carries out the decisions of the association. Members of the Executive Committee shall not receive any remuneration or other material benefit by reason of their position in the association.

The officers shall consist of President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretary, and shall be elected at the annual general meeting.

# **The President**

- Shall preside at all meetings
- Liaise with the Principal and the staff
- Be a spokesperson for the parents of the school, both within the school and in the general community
- Be an ex officio member of all subcommittees.

# The Vice President

- Shall carry out all the duties of the President when they are absent from meetings
- Will assist the President when ever needed to ensure the smooth running of the P & C Association
- Is responsible for co ordinating the Canteen and liaising between the Canteen Supervisor, the Canteen Committee and the P & C Association.

# The Junior Vice President

- Shall carry out the duties of the President if both the President and the Vice President are absent.
- Will assist the President and Vice President as required
- Will be responsible in overseeing the Fundraising of the P & C Association.

# The Secretary

- Shall carry out the official correspondence of the P & C Association
- Will maintain communication with the President regarding any action required between meetings
- Will take minutes of all association meetings – they may use a tape recorder if they would like to
- Will count the number of people attending each Association meeting.

# The Treasurer

- Shall receive and deposit monies, maintain records, draw cheques and present accounts to each general meeting
- Present all records for auditing each year and shall hand over all records to the incoming Treasurer on relinquishing office.
- The requirements for handling money, keeping records, etc, in the School Manual on Financial Management shall be followed.

# **Executive Members**

Executive members are required to help and contribute wherever they can and to help on the subcommittees of the Canteen and Uniform Shop.

To hold a position on any of the P & C Committees or to vote or nominate anyone for a position, you must be a financial member of the P & C.

Gaining membership is easy. Simply pay \$2.00 to the Treasurer on the night of the AGM prior to it starting, or put your \$2.00 in an envelope marked with your name, address and phone number and place it in the P & C box at the canteen.

# P&C News

The Shelley Public School P&C Association is a not-for-profit organisation which is established to promote the interests of the school by bringing parents, citizens and teaching staff together to assist in providing equipment and funding to the school to help maximise our childrens' education.

Membership of the P&C is open to all parents, guardians and citizens of the school. Shelley's P&C meets on the first Monday of each month at 7pm in Room 2 and we are always keen to welcome new members.

# **P&C**Annual General Meeting Monday 2nd March ALL WELCOME

# Our next meeting is Monday 2nd February

Our AGM is on Monday 2nd March, during which our Executive Committee will be elected for the year.

There are several ways which you are able to be involved in the P&C. This can include raising money to purchase equipment, providing a service such as helping with the covering of books, volunteering your time to help in the Uniform Shop or Canteen (both P&C owned and operated), supporting fundraisers such as purchasing raffle tickets, attending P&C meetings and becoming a financial member.

Becoming a financial member of the P&C is only \$2 per year and allows you voting rights in the meetings and

copies of all general meeting minutes. If you wish you may also stand to be a member of the Executive Committee. All executive positions are currently advertised in the school newsletter. You do not have to be available at the school every day to be a member, in fact many of our members work, some full time, some part time, but being a part of the P&C is very rewarding as we primarily do what we do for our children.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Shelley P&C please complete the form below and bring it with you to the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to become a member and receive copies of the minutes please submit this form and payment to the school canteen.

**Cathy Landall** P&C President 2019

# **WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

# **Shelley P&C Membership 2020**

Yes I would like to become a financial member of the P&C. I have enclosed my \$2 membership fee.

Name:
School Community Member: Parent / Caregiver Citizen
Child/s Name and Class:
Contact Phone Number: Email Address:

Hadrian Avenue, BLACKTOWN Telephone: 9622 8359 Facsimile: 9831 6726 Email: pandc.shelley@hotmail.com



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# PIANO MUSIC CENTRE IS TAKING ENROLMENTS NOW!

EARN PIANO IN A FAST AND

FUN WAY WITH OUR OWN **EXCLUSIVE PIANO MUSIC**  essons held in School Hal Friday 3:15-3:45, 3:45-4:1 Email: je-music@live.com.au nclude School + Child's name Ne accept Creative Kids ALL YEAR AROUND ENROL



REFUNDS 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Vouchers from Term 2

J&E

Pay by term at first lesson till

ew book for sale \$14

end of the term

\$18 for 30 min lessons

1st trial lesson free



Hello Parents

Blacktown District Rugby League Spartans pride ourselves on being an inclusive club diverse in culture, a club where all families are welcome.

Being our second year in the Glerwood area we are reaching out to the local and surrounding community offering the opportunity for all members of your family to become involved in rugby league at a club that is new and looking to grow in junior and senior participation.

With the Service NSW Active Kids voucher it's never been easier to enrol school age children and teenagers in sport.

A child aged as young as 4 can register and start having some outdoor fun learning all the required skills to play in a team, improve their motor skills, being in a team creates a feeling of belonging, not to mention new friendships some of which become lifetong.

If you live locally to Glenwood then we are not hard to find with our training and game facilities at Exeter Farm Reserve on Meurants Lane Glenwood, we would enjoy your support of a local club sport that's in your area, our club participates in the Parramatta District Junior League competition.

We caller to all ages from under 6 teams to adults and always looking for parents who would like to participate in their child's sport and become Volunteers it can be extremely rewarding and a great way to meet new people.

If you would like to learn more contact us via call or text to 0466 509 790 or our email blacktown district/l@gmail.com

Age groups are U/5, U/7, U/8, U/9, U/10, U/11, U/12, U/13, U/14, U/15, U/16, U/18 and Open age in boys and girls , women and men. The season runs from February to early September.

Some of our teams are already training and you can drop in and see us Tuesdays and Thursdays at our facilities mensioned above we are there from 5pm to 8pm to assist you with any information you may require.

We look forward to participating in and working with our new community

Age Group	Registration Fee	With Active tide Contribution
Under 6 To Under 8	8100.00	8 0.00
Under 9 To Under 11	5140.00	\$40.00
Under 12 To Under 18	\$100.00	\$60.00

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