



newsletter

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SHELLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Report



We are now halfway through Term 4 and it has been another busy fortnight at Shelley! Last week our students participated in Music Count Us In and our Year 6 students completed their second week of High School Transition. Our top field re-opened allowing our students the opportunity to get back onto the grass for some fun and games during lunch time and our Kindergarten students also had their very special Pirate Day!

This week the second phase of our top field renovations was completed and our tiered outdoor learning area, leading up to top field was opened to students. This synthetic grass area, behind E block, is a nice relaxing place for quiet play. Some classes have also had the chance to use this new space for lessons!

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is usually celebrated in July but this year it was been postponed until this week (8th-15th November.)

The 2020 theme for NAIDOC Week: **Always Was, Always Will Be**, recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

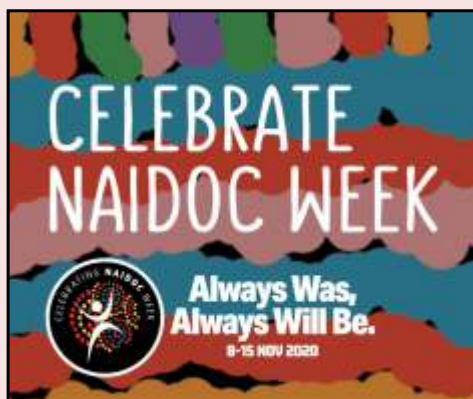
From: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2020-theme>

"Always Was, Always Will Be. recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country.

This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.



Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures- structures on Earth- predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels.

Always Was, Always Will Be. acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land- the biggest estate on earth- to sustainably provide for their future.

Through ingenious land management systems like fire stick farming we transformed the harshest habitable continent into a land of bounty.

NAIDOC Week 2020 acknowledges and celebrates that our nation's story didn't begin with documented European contact whether in 1770 or 1606- with the arrival of the Dutch on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula.

The very first footprints on this continent were those belonging to First Nations peoples.

Our coastal Nations watched and interacted with at least 36 contacts made by Europeans prior to 1770. Many of them resulting in the charting of the northern, western and southern coastlines – of our lands and our waters.

For us, this nation's story began at the dawn of time.

NAIDOC 2020 invites all Australians to embrace the true history of this country – a history which dates back thousands of generations.

It's about seeing, hearing and learning the First Nations' 65,000+ year history of this country - which is Australian history. We want all Australians to celebrate that we have the oldest continuing cultures on the planet and to recognise that our sovereignty was never ceded.

Always Was, Always Will Be.”



Our students in K-6 participated in a variety of activities during NAIDOC Week.

Kindergarten students were introduced to the wonderful world of Aboriginal and Torres Strait people. They looked on the Australian map to see where they lived and the different mobs. They got to hold some artefacts and were told what they were used for. Students learned the importance of 'Acknowledgement of Country' and know that Aboriginal people were the first people of Australia and that they took care of the land for more than 60,000 years. They know that they live on Darug country and practised saying 'Budjari Mulingawul – good morning, Budjari Nugati – good night and Woremi – hello' (Darug). Students loved having their faces painted by Mrs Pitt.

Some of our Year 1 students created their own Acknowledgement of Country based on their learning and through their Integrated Unit, Year 2 examined Aboriginal musical instruments (including the didgeridoo) and Aboriginal music.

Band 2021 - Now is the time to find out more!

Is your child keen to join the Shelley PS Band in 2021? Our current Beginner Band members are doing a fabulous job this year and are enjoying their developing musical skills. There is now an opportunity for students in Years 2-5 to join the 2021 Beginner Band. Enrolments will be open from next week (16th November). Look out for more information, later in the newsletter.



Remembrance Day

In 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to observe one minute silence at 11.00am on 11 November each year, to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts. Remembrance Day was this week and we acknowledged this important occasion in classes on Wednesday. All students were involved in a one minute silence – and discussed the significance of this occasion within their own classrooms. Year 6 students also held a short but respectful ceremony in the Shelley ANZAC garden.




Student Attendance – Coming Late to School

Over recent weeks, we have noticed an increasing number of students arriving at school AFTER the 8:55am bell - and many as late as 9:15am.

Arriving late to school is very disruptive not only for your own child's learning, but also for the other students in their class. Most mornings this week, there have been up to 25 students lining up for a late note. Please help us by ensuring your child is at school well before the bell, so they can be in class ready to learn for the day.

STUDENTS WHO ARE LATE WILL ...



MISS the important social interactions with friends before the bell that can relax them and set them up positively for the work day ahead

MISS the start of lessons so that learning becomes disjointed and difficult

MISS the morning greetings, messages, roll cal, lunch orders collection of notes and monies etc.

Distract other children when they arrive and interrupt the momentum of the group

Receive **unnecessary attention** that may make them feel uncomfortable or embarrassed

{ It's not OK to be late! }

COVID Changes

Last week the Department of Education provided some updated guidelines for Term 4, with further easing of some restrictions.

The DoE is working closely with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), NSW Health and other agencies to ensure our schools continue to operate in the safest ways possible during the COVID-19 environment.

School Attendance

"Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected time frame
- they are currently unwell.
- In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.



NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19."

School Activities and School Site Usage

The following activities have been updated to recommence:



- External providers delivering education services can recommence
- School formals, dances, graduations and other end-of-year events can proceed with a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- P&C meetings can be held on school sites after hours with restrictions
- Parents and carers allowed on school site to purchase or pickup uniform from the uniform shop (We will be providing information shortly about when parents will be able to access the uniform shop if required)
- Field trips, excursions and overnight camps with restrictions.



What does this mean for Kindergarten Orientation, Year 6 Farewell and Presentation Day assemblies at Shelley PS?

- Kindergarten Orientation will remain as per the recent organisation (as emailed to Kindergarten 2021 parents. See below). One parent or carer per child will be able to come onto school grounds for 10 minutes (maximum) for drop off and pick up. Parents will also be able to drop off uniform shop orders whilst on site.
- Year 6 Farewell – Year 6 parents have received a note this week, outlining the organisation for the farewell. Unfortunately parents will be unable to come on-site for the farewell. Attendance will be restricted to Year 6 students and the supervising teachers only (in addition to the photographer, Footsteps disco staff and those staff catering food).
- Presentation Days and Year 6 Assembly – whilst we are still seeking some clarification around the requirements, at this stage, parents will be unable to attend the presentation assemblies. Whilst the eased restrictions state that parents MAY be able to attend, this is based on the school's capacity to abide by the guidelines, which include meeting the 4sq metre rule for both students and adults, AND to have all adults seated 1.5metres away from each other. Whilst we are intending to run stage based assemblies, we cannot accommodate two year groups and up to 50 parents of award recipients safely within the hall area. We will keep parents informed about 2020 presentations and the Year 6 assembly, as soon as possible.
- Our End of Year Excursion will not go ahead this year, however, in its place we are planning a party day at school for our students. More information will be sent closer to the time.

We know that these ongoing restrictions may feel frustrating and upsetting for parents. Please be assured, that the Shelley team will be working very hard to make each of these events as special and memorable for our students, under the circumstances.



Kindergarten Orientation

Our first Kindergarten Orientation session will be held next week.
A reminder for parents with a child starting Kinder in 2021:



Letters about Kindergarten Orientation program have now been posted. If you have a child starting Kindergarten next year, and have not yet received the information, please contact the school office as soon as possible. There will be no Parent Information Session, however this information will be conveyed via the Information Package, as well as some video links which will be provided.

The orientation dates are:

Orange Dinosaurs

9:30 – 11:45am Tuesday 17th November

9:30 – 11:45am Tuesday 24th November

Blue Dinosaurs

9:30 – 11:45am Wednesday 18th November

9:30 – 11:45am Wednesday 25th November

Purple Dinosaurs

9:45am – 12:00pm Tuesday 17th November

9:45am – 12:00pm Tuesday 24th November

Green Dinosaurs

9:45am – 12:00pm Wednesday 18th November

9:45am – 12:00pm Wednesday 25th November

Each session runs for 2 hours and 15 minutes. We seek your support to follow our COVID restrictions, by ensuring that children ONLY attend their designated two sessions.



We look forward to welcoming our newest students to the Shelley community. If you have a child starting next year, and you have not yet registered for orientation, please call the school office by Monday 16th to discuss enrolment and secure a place at Kindergarten Orientation.



Shelley's Quest and 2021 Student Leadership

Good luck to the group of Year 5 students who are standing for a student leader position (Captain, Vice-Captain and Student Councillors, House Captains and Library Monitors) in 2021. These students will present their speeches to K-6 students and the staff in coming weeks - but of course, in the year of COVID, this will look a little bit different in 2020!

All the students running for a leadership role, will be filmed making their speeches over the next week. On the day of voting for Student Leaders, each class will watch the videos in their classrooms and vote. Following the voting, the eight students voted in as Student Leaders will be identified. (They will later undertake an interview with Mrs Williams and myself to determine the Captains and Vice Captains for 2021).

Voting for House Captains and Captains will take place a few days later, with the videos of these candidates being shown to their house team peers in stage based House meetings.

Regardless of the manner in which the speeches are presented, this is a very daunting task but I am confident our students will rise to the challenge. They will present their speeches, outlining the reasons they would like to be a leader and what they bring to the role. It is always a delight to hear the pride of our students when they talk about being part of the Shelley community and hearing them talk about how they would like to contribute further to our school. I am sure this year will be no exception! Good luck boys and girls.

We again congratulate all of the Year 5 boys and girls who completed the Shelley's Quest, whether you intend to stand for Captain, Vice-Captain, Councillor or Sports Leader role, or whether you just completed your quest for the challenge of doing so. It is a great achievement, which you should be proud of.

For parents new to our school: the opportunity to stand for a student leadership position is open to all Year 5 students who have completed their Shelley's Quest program. We are proud of the achievement of all students who have completed the Shelley's Quest – as it demonstrates their commitment and perseverance to work towards taking on a student leadership role. I am confident that all of our Year 5 students will be outstanding leaders within our school in 2021, whether they hold a "leadership position" or not.

Reminder - Are you Moving?

We are now well and truly starting to plan for the 2021 school year. It is important for us to have up to date information about the number of students we can expect to have in each year group.

If your family will be moving in 2021, or your child will no longer be attending Shelley PS, we ask you to notify us immediately. Please complete the tear off below and return it to the office.

Jo-Ann Campion

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:

Name of Student: Class:

New School: Leaving Date:

Parent / Guardian's signature: Date:



Deputy Principal's Report

SUPERSTARS



Abisha 1R, Anaya 1R, Xian 1D, Noah 1C, Viaan 1C, Savannah 2J and Zoe 2J



Lachlan 4J, Noah 3L, Yonghoon 4T, Mia 4G, Lana 4G and Nishika 3T



Declan 6F, Isaac 6E, Ewen 6D and Cooper 6F

Footy Mufti Day



**Wednesday
18th November**

**Wear FOOTY THEMED
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Supporting the Year 6 Farewell





WHITE AWARDS



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H. J. Brown



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Please note: Bass Guitar & Percussion/Drums are limited in numbers. Whilst every attempt will be made to allocate first preferences, it may not be possible in every case.



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Items can be sent to the
Breakfast Club room
each morning from 8:30am.

Thank you for your support!

