



# newsletter

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SHELLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Principal's Report

We have had another busy couple of weeks at Shelley! This week we held our final two **Kindergarten Orientation sessions** for the year and our 2021 Kindergarten students are now excitedly waiting to commence school with us next year.



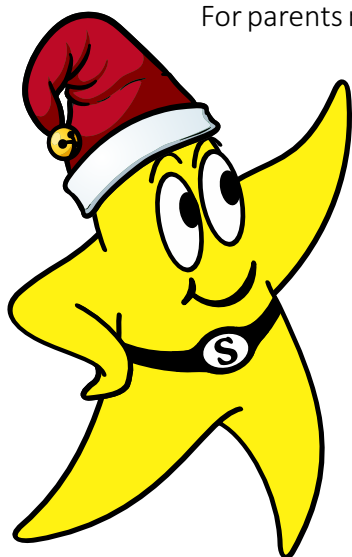
### Shelley's Quest and 2021 Student Leadership

Well done to the group of Year 5 students who are standing for a student leader position (Captain, Vice-Captain and Student Councillors and House Captains) in 2021. These students have filmed their speeches over the last two weeks and they will be presented to students in Years 1-5 in Week 8. This was a very different task this year, not presenting directly to an audience due to COVID restrictions, but our students rose to the challenge. They presented well-prepared, passionate and funny 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. Well done boys and girls.

The speeches for Captain, Vice Captains and Student Councillors will be viewed by students on Tuesday next week and voting will take place. Eight of these students will then proceed to the next phase of our leadership process, which is an interview with Mrs William and I.

Speeches for House Captains and Vice Captains will be viewed by students on Thursday, for voting.

We again congratulate all of the Year 5 boys and girls who completed the Shelley's Quest, whether you presented a speech, whether you intend to stand for a Student Leader 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.

Yesterday our **final Scripture lessons** for the year were held. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those who attend our school on Thursday each week, to support and teach our students in their scripture lessons. When I speak to these scripture teachers, I am always delighted to hear how much they enjoy coming to Shelley and working with our students. These people are volunteers who give very generously of their time to attend our school.

This year we have been unable to hold our annual **Thank You Morning Tea**, for all of the helpers and volunteers at Shelley. Whilst CoVID has meant that there have been far fewer helpers on site, there is no doubt the Shelley school community has still been very active in supporting our school: from scripture teachers, to canteen and uniform shop assistants, the P&C, Book Club helpers and a huge group of book coverers this year..... we are truly thankful. As I frequently say, I am very proud of Shelley – our students and staff make this a fantastic place to learn and work. **The contributions of our parents and community helpers should not be underestimated.** We greatly value the support that these people give not only to our students, but also to the staff and to each other. Thank you for helping to make Shelley the great learning community that it is.

I would also like to acknowledge the staff at Shelley. It is a very busy time of the year in schools. The teachers and SASS staff are working tirelessly at the moment - not only to complete the myriad of tasks which need to be done at this time of year - but ensuring effective teaching and learning experiences continue, whilst also preparing for some major end of year events and activities.

## End of Year Events

Just two and a half more weeks of school for the students – and there are a few important events taking place. Unfortunately, as we draw to a year which has been significantly impacted by CoVID, some of our usual events will not take place and for others, there will be substantial differences in their format.

This year there will be no Sports Presentation Assembly, as most school and inter-school sports events were cancelled. For those students who competed in the Swimming Carnivals (School and Zone), these awards will be presented on Presentation Day. We are also unable to hold our annual Christmas Carol event and we will not be leaving the school for the end of year excursion. Each grade is however, planning a party day here at school for students to participate in, on the final day of school. (More information will be sent closer to the day – but all students will need to bring their OWN party food, as we will be unable to have shared party food).

## Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday 1st December** - Mitchell High School Orientation Day for Year 6 students
- **Monday 7th December** - Presentation Day Assemblies.

We will be holding 7 short assemblies, one for each grade, throughout the day.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to have parents in attendance at these assemblies. (Whilst it has been in the media that parents are allowed to attend presentation assemblies at schools, there are still significant space restrictions, including the 4sqm requirements, when adults are present on school grounds. Once additional adults are onsite, we are required to abide by the rule of one person per 4sqm for both students and adults, in both the halls and our under cover areas. This is not possible on our school grounds, with year groups of 55-95 students). We will, however, be **filming each presentation assembly**, and posting them on Google classrooms later in the week, so that all parents get the opportunity to see their child receive their awards).

- **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December** - Year 6 Fun Days (for Year 6 students ONLY)
- **Thursday 10th December** - Super Star Morning Teas
- **Friday 11th December** - Year 6 Farewell

As per information already provided to Year 6 parents, unfortunately we will again be unable to have parents on-site. Only staff assisting with the supervision and organisation will be able to attend.

- **Monday 14th December** - Student Councillor Lunch (for 2020 councillors)
- **Tuesday 15th December** - Year 6 Farewell Assembly

As per the presentation assemblies, this will be filmed and shared via Google classrooms.

- **Wednesday 16th December** - Final Day of School Year for students and PARTY DAY  
Students can wear Christmas Mufti.



### Are you Moving?

A final reminder - 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 next year.

**If your family will be moving in 2021, or your child will no longer be attending Shelley, please notify the office as soon as possible.**

The final day of school for students this year is Wednesday 16th (Party Day). Staff ONLY will attend school on Thursday 17th for the final School Development Day for the year. (Staff attended two twilight professional learning sessions earlier in the year and therefore will not be required to attend on Friday 18th December).

The Week 9 newsletter will be the final newsletter for the year. It will include details about commencement dates for 2021.

*Jo-Ann Campion*



# Salvation Army Christmas Food and Gift Appeal

Students can drop donations at the Connected Classroom / Breakfast Club room between 8:30am and 8:50am each morning.

Heavy items can be left with staff at the school gates at 9:00am.

**Food Drive** The Salvation Army requests donations of the following items for their food hampers:

- Christmas Pudding
- Tinned Leg Ham
- Tinned Potatoes
- Large tins of Tuna
- Packets of Chips
- Boxes of Cereal
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Vegetables (peas, carrots, corn etc)
- Tinned Fruit
- Fruit Cake
- Biscuits
- Lollies
- Nuts
- Custard
- Cordial

**Gift Donations** Put a smile on the face of a child this Christmas! Gifts are requested for both girls and boys (especially boys aged 10-16 years) – these can be placed under the Christmas tree in the office.

**Food donations and gifts will be given to the Salvation Army on Wednesday 9th December.**

We hope you can join us in supporting this worthy cause.





## Deputy Principal's Report



**Super Stars**

## White Awards





## Shelley PS says No to Domestic Violence

Shelley knitters, including staff, grandparents and community members have been madly knitting to decorate our own Shelley trees as part of the program to raise awareness of the issue of family and domestic violence in our community. Please see the attached photos of our beautifully decorated trees in the school playground.

The Shelley squares will be donated to Blacktown Council to be sewn into blankets for local charities.



## Say No to Domestic Violence Blacktown Council

"Over a thousand colourful squares have been wrapped around trees in Blacktown's Village Green to raise awareness of domestic and family violence.

Blacktown City Council's Women's Advisory Committee has partnered with the Zonta Club of Cumberland West to highlight the issues surrounding domestic and family violence. The Zonta Club is an international service organisation with the mission of empowering women.

"Under the stewardship of our Deputy Mayor, Councillor Julie Griffiths, groups of women have been coming together for a 'knit in' for the past six months," Mayor Bleasdale said.

"Together, they have shared stories and knitted over 1,100 colourful squares which were used to decorate the trees in and around the Village Green. The project highlights the issue of family and domestic violence as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, a campaign to challenge violence against women and girls."

The woollen squares will eventually be sown into blankets which will be distributed to local charities."

(From Mirage News)

## Dates to Remember



### Week 8

Tuesday	1st December	Student Councillor speeches Year 6 - High School Orientation
Thursday	3rd December	House Captain speeches
Friday	4th December	Year 2 ball games carnival

### Week 8

Monday	7th December	Presentation Assemblies
Thursday	10th December	Super Star morning tea
Friday	11th December	Year 6 Farewell



**NO LATE  
Payments can  
be Accepted**

### Notes and Money to be Returned by Due Date

Year	Event	Due Date
Year 6	Fun Days - note and \$30	1st December
Year 6	Farewell party - note and \$40	2nd December

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

## Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will continue to receive orders via email at [uniform.shelley@hotmail.com](mailto:uniform.shelley@hotmail.com) for the remainder of Term 4 while the shop itself remains closed. Alternatively, students can submit an Order Form with payment at the canteen.

Any donations of unwanted uniform items in good, clean condition can be left at the canteen.

The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 27th January, 2021 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Covid-19 restrictions will be adhered to and we ask that entry to the shop be limited to one adult at any time.

## Speechie 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.



**Sophie Gill - Speech Pathologist**

# Canteen News

## Thursday 3rd of December is Pie Day!

Students can order a special meal deal for \$7.00.

Payment must be in cash - please return your order form and payment to the canteen by Tuesday 1st December.



# Pie Day! Thursday 3rd December

Return order and \$7 in CASH to the canteen by Tuesday 1st December

Name: ..... Class: .....

## Meal Deal \$7

Please tick ☒ and ☐ your choices

### Food Option

- ☐ Beef Pie
- ☐ Chicken Pie
- ☐ Potato Pie
- ☐ Sausage Roll
- ☐ Spinach & Cheese Roll
- ☐ 4 Party Pies

### Snack Option

- ☐ Fruit Cup / Piece of Fruit
- ☐ Vegie Sticks & Hommus
- ☐ Red Rock Chips

### Sauce Option

- ☐ Tomato Sauce
- ☐ BBQ Sauce

### Drink Option

- ☐ Water
- ☐ Milk - Moove / M2Go Choc / Strawberry
- ☐ Fruit Juice Apple / Orange / Punch
- ☐ Chill J - Raspberry / Watermelon / Grape

# SIGN UP FROM MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

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|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
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| ■ Clarinet  | ■ Trombone  | ■ Percussion/Drums |
| ■ Saxophone | ■ Low Brass | ■ Glockenspiel     |

*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.*



For more information:  
Go to [www.schoolbands.com.au](http://www.schoolbands.com.au)  
or Email: [principal@schoolbands.com.au](mailto:principal@schoolbands.com.au)  
or Call: 1300 1 BANDS (1300 122 637)





## Australian Childhood Anxiety TREATMENT STUDY

### Free home-based assessment and treatment for 7 to 12 year old children with fear and anxiety disorders.

Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things, get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fear?

#### About the study

Our team at Griffith University may be able to assist you. We are conducting a nationwide study that includes the following services at no cost to families:

- A thorough assessment of your child's anxiety with a trained psychologist via the telephone;
- Your child receiving one of two kinds of home-based treatments delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet; and
- Two follow-up telephone assessments with a trained psychologist 6- and 12-months after treatment to track your child's progress.

The study aims to find out if these two treatments are as effective as each other, and which children have the best response to each kind of treatment. This will mean that there are more evidence-based treatments available for helping anxious children.

#### About the treatments

Each treatment involves your child completing treatment sessions at home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

Each treatment involves your child learning practical strategies to better manage anxiety.

- One treatment helps children learn to control the focus of their attention on helpful things around them.
- The other treatment helps children learn to think differently and approach things they fear.

Each treatment includes information, telephone or email support for parents in assisting their child to better manage anxiety.

Prior studies have shown that children who complete each treatment experience significant reductions in anxiety.

#### Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Allison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.

For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact us:



(07) 3735 3351



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[griffith.edu.au/childhood-anxiety-treatment-study](http://griffith.edu.au/childhood-anxiety-treatment-study)



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- U8 Teeball
- U10 Teeball
- U14
- School Girls
- Senior Mens
- U12 Modball
- Junior Boys
- Senior Ladies
- Senior Mixed Competitions

All new players up to the age of 12 years old receive a glove and ball!

Fees include uniform hire up to 15yo

If you're interested in joining, please get in contact!



## Come and Join the Fun!

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### Contact details:

Lynn Eastcott: Eagles Softball Club President  
0422 665 336 | leastcott55@gmail.com

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# Blacktown Christmas Concert Thursday 26 November 6 pm to 9 pm

Civic Plaza, Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown

Christmas carols | a photo with Santa | lighting of the Christmas tree



**blacktown.nsw.gov.au**





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## Salvation Army Christmas Food Appeal

We are collecting items for  
Christmas hampers to be  
donated to the Salvation Army.

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

**Thank you for your support!**





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## SHELLEY OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS VACATION CARE PROGRAM

### December 2020/JANUARY 2021 MAIN EVENTS

Please contact Louise to secure your spot!

[louise@childrenfirst.asn.au](mailto:louise@childrenfirst.asn.au)

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

WEEK 1	ACTIVITIES
17.12.20 to 18.12.20 <b>The festive season is here!</b>	We will participate in lots of Christmas themed games, craft and activities like beaded ornaments, gingerbread house craft and tree paper curl craft - just to name a few!
WEEK 2	ACTIVITIES
21.12.20 to 23.12.20	Christmas theme games, craft and activities like straw Christmas trees, snowman craft, Santa paper bag puppets, Christmas tree twirler, edible Christmas houses and so much more!
WEEK 3	ACTIVITIES
4.1.2021 to 5.1.2021	<b>CENTRE CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 6.1.21	Thumb print heart craft, 3D transport models, four-way tug of war, take the circle challenge.
Thursday 7.1.21	Bottle print button flowers, hoverkups, chemistry experiments, fun with shapes.
Friday 8.1.21	DIY memo board, pipe cleaner butterfly rings, cooking experiences, tongs and ball.
WEEK 4	ACTIVITIES
Monday 11.1.21	Postcard making, 3D animal models, flower chains, The Launcher.
Tuesday 12.1.21 <b>\$15 extra cost for Incursion</b>	<b>Water Battle Arena 10:00am - 12:00pm - bring a spare change of clothes.</b> Hungry fish, snack pong, tissue paper turtles, toss across.
Wednesday 13.1.21	Tip it, crafty names, rainy day collage, BLOB group game, science experiments.
Thursday 14.1.21 <b>\$15 extra cost for Excursion</b>	<b>Vision Gymsports Australia with HGOSH. Please arrive at SOSH by 8:30am sharp!</b> Make n Break, recycled creations, Lynx.
Friday 15.1.21	Pasta art, protect and act, school scavenger hunt, toilet roll cars.
WEEK 5	ACTIVITIES
Monday 18.1.21	Paper mache pig, wooden keyrings, hot potato, Connect 4 shots and card game.
Tuesday 19.1.21	Snake game, oil pastel reverse art, detective express, popsicle people.
Wednesday 20.1.21 <b>\$15 extra cost for Incursion</b>	<b>Spartan Attack 10:00am - 12:00pm</b> Bring me a ... , Yamslam, monster slap, cactus plant painting.
Thursday 21.1.21	Picture lotto, Bedlam, STEM experiments, eggshell mosaic, create a paper town.
Friday 22.1.21	Walking excursion to Northumberland Park. Paper owls, wooden spinning toys, silhouette craft, pom pom clown.
WEEK 6	ACTIVITIES
Monday 25.1.21	Australia Day celebrations, aussie trivia, Australia Day craft, something wild, loofah art.
Tuesday 26.1.21	<b>Public Holiday - CENTRE CLOSED</b>
Wednesday 27.1.21	Pizza making craft, Cartesian bottle driver, hide the beanie boo, cotton bud sheep.
Thursday 28.1.21	Jingle bottom, magnetic bookmarks, Marvel card game, pot plant holders, beat ball.