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## Principal's Report

The end of the year has come so quickly. This will be the last newsletter for 2020. The last day for students will be next Wednesday 16th December, which is also our Class Party day. With just three days left of the term for students, the holidays will be with us before we know it.



On behalf of all the staff at Shelley PS, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers for your support throughout 2020, in what can only be described as the most unusual year of education any of us have experienced. We know some of the changes and restrictions brought about by CoVID, have been at times frustrating for parents, but we thank you for following the guidelines as they have been set out, and helping to ensure we kept our school community safe and protected. At this stage, we believe drop off and pick-up arrangements will remain the same for the start of the new school year, however, we will email an update to parents during the Staff Development Days, prior to students starting back on Friday 29th January.

My sincere thanks to the teachers and parents for the way you came together earlier in the year, when we had the sudden and major shift to online learning, and to the teachers who have worked tirelessly since we returned to face to face teaching, to ensure our students had the best second semester of learning possible.

Semester 2 Student Reports will be sent home next Tuesday 15th December.

### Presentation Assemblies

On Monday, we held our seven grade assemblies to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2020. I would like to thank Miss Sultana, Mrs Jassal, the Assistant Principals, as well as all the teachers and administrative staff involved in organising the assemblies. Congratulations to all the students who received awards. Whilst we were unable to host parents and special guests this year, each of the assemblies was filmed and have now been made available for viewing on the relevant grade Google Classroom.

### Student Leaders 2021

On Monday at our Presentation Assembly, our student leaders for 2021 were presented with their badges.

I am delighted to announce the 2021 Student Leadership Team:



#### 2021 Shelley PS Student Leaders

<b>Captains</b>	Zoe	Kevin
<b>Vice Captains</b>	Charli	Archie
<b>Student Councillors</b>	Dominic	Connor
	Sanjeet	Nila

We congratulate these eight student leaders and are confident they will make an outstanding student leadership team in 2021.

## House Captains and Vice Captains 2021

The 2021 House Captains and Vice Captains were also presented with their badges during the Year 5 assembly on Monday. Congratulations to this team:

	Karingal	Mawarra	Nallak	Orana
Captains	Maria	Chelsea	Maile	Montana
	Finau	Oliver	Olivia	Arjit
Vice Captains	Pania	Jazmine	Shria	Ciara
	Daniel	Joulia	Jake C	Jake W

## Staff Changes

We will have some staff changes in 2021

- **Mrs Rachel Ramnac** has been successful at Merit Selection in gaining an Assistant Principal position at Lewisham PS and will leave us at the end of the year, after 15 years at Shelley PS. We thank Mrs Ramnac for her contributions to the Shelley community over many years and wish her all the very best.
- **Mr Pablo Gonzalez** has been with us at Shelley this year as a temporary teacher. He will commence his permanent position at Lynwood Park PS in 2021. We wish Mr G all the very best for the next step in his teaching career.
- Recently we also acknowledged the retirement of **George Ayoub** – after 33 years as the GA at Shelley PS. We presented him with his retirement medal and 30 years' service certificate, as well as a gift from the staff at a special farewell earlier this week.

We still currently have quite a number of teachers who are in temporary positions here at Shelley. They are largely filling Maternity Leave and LWOP positions, generally for a year at a time. Understandably, many of these teachers are keen to secure permanent teaching positions. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful role these staff play in our school. Most of you would not be able to identify which staff are permanent and which are temporary. All of our staff work so incredibly well together to ensure consistent and quality teaching programs for all students. I mention this as it is always POSSIBLE that some of our temp teachers will pick up permanent positions to commence in 2021 and we will have additional changes.

A full list of staff for 2021 will be provided in the newsletter early next year.

## Goodbye to Year 6

What a great group of students! We are a little sad to see them go on to high school, but wish them all the very best. Most of them started here at Shelley in Kindergarten in 2014. Those eager smiles are still the same but they have done a lot of growing and learning in between. We have some lovely new students who joined us along the way, who are just as valuable to us. We look forward to an enjoyable evening tonight for the Year 6 Farewell. (Our sincere thanks to Mrs Bradley, the Year 6 teachers and other school staff who have worked so tirelessly to organise a special evening for these students).

## Year 6 Assembly

To farewell our Year 6 students, we will also be holding a Year 6 assembly on Tuesday 15th December in the school hall. Even with the COVID restriction changes this week (and the reduction to a 2sq metre rule, we are unable to host parents at this event, within the guidelines. (Our Year 6 cohort is the largest in the school at 95 students, and we would not be able to have one parent for every child in attendance). However, we will be filming this special assembly and making it available on the Year 6 Google classrooms, the following day. Whilst we will be unable to do our traditional archway - we will be organising a modified tunnel, so that all students in our school will be able to say farewell to our Year 6 students!

## Playground Updates

Work on our K-2 Playground equipment commenced last week, however, unfortunately we have encountered some unforeseen difficulties with the location. We cannot risk any damage to the large Moreton Bay Fig in our K-2 playground, and we have therefore made the difficult decision to relocate the K-2 play equipment to a more suitable location. We are awaiting the new plans, but hope that this work will take place in January, with the soft fall being installed in February, so that the playground should be open by the end of Week 3.

The 3-6 Playground equipment will be installed in January, with the final piece (the cargo net) arriving early February, so that this play area will also, hopefully, be open by the end of Week 3.

An update on the Kiss and Drop facility: this RMS / Transport NSW project is currently out to tender and we expect work to start on the Kiss and Drop facility, early in the New Year.

## Uniform 2021

The Uniform Shop will continue to accept 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 during the first week of term (on the staff development days) – and we sincerely thank the P&C uniform shop volunteers for so generously giving of their own time, to allow parents the opportunity to shop for new uniforms

**The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 27 January, 2021 and Thursday 28th January 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.

Remember, Shelley school bags are now also available for sale. They are a high quality and durable bag – so have a look next time you are in the uniform shop.

## Socks

A reminder – that with the school uniform, all students wear **white socks**. Socks should be fold down short socks (NOT the ankle socks, which slide down under the shoes).

## School Shoes

Before parents go off to buy new school shoes for the new school year – I would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the school shoe requirements.

**On Monday through to Thursday, all students are to wear black school shoes** (Lace-up, Buckle or Velcro). This includes black leather or leather-look school shoes, such as those illustrated below.

**There should be no other colour on the school shoes, and no sneakers / high top boots or converse style shoes. Raben style shoes and converse shoes / boots are NOT classified as school shoes.**

On Fridays, all students wear sports shoes / joggers. The preferred colour for sports shoes is mostly white.

## School Requirements for 2021

This week you will receive a note outlining the basic requirements for the commencement of school next year, for students going into Years 1-6. Please keep the list in a safe place. We send the list out early so you will have the opportunity to take advantage of the many back to school sales!



## Attention -

### Parents of students who sat for the Opportunity Class 2021 Placement Test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test was conducted on Wednesday 18 November 2020 in 1068 primary schools and test centres across NSW. The results are expected to be released to parents in mid-January 2021.

Please be aware: Parents who are offered placement on behalf of their child will have **just one week to respond to their offers**.

Parents are reminded to ensure that they watch their emails or organise for someone to respond on their behalf if you will be out of contact when the results are released. The offer will lapse if parents do not respond in time.

## School Security

To our neighbours, we thank you for always keeping an eye on our school over the holidays. If you are concerned at any time, the contact number for **School Security is 1300 880 021**.

## Warmest Wishes

I would like to thank all of the staff, students and parents for their hard work and support throughout 2020. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season. Travel safely. I look forward to seeing you all back here for a fantastic 2021!

*Jo-Ann Campion*



## Dates to Remember



### Week 10

Monday	14th December	Super Star morning tea Councillor lunch
Tuesday	15th December	Year 6 farewell assembly
Wednesday	16th December	<b>Party Day! - wear Xmas mufti and bring a party lunch</b> <b>Students last day</b>
Thursday	17th December	Staff development day

### 2021 Week 1

Wednesday	27th January	Staff development day
Thursday	28th January	Staff development day Best Start interviews begin
Friday	29th January	<b>Students return to school</b>







## Deputy Principal's Report

### Super Stars



### White Awards





# Presentation Day













# Year 6 Fun Days





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We will be back to your school soon to assess students and guide them to the best choice of instrument. Go online to choose your favourite three to try!

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|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| ■ Flute     | ■ Trumpet   | ■ Bass Guitar      |
| ■ 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:  
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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



[cadrp@griffith.edu.au](mailto:cadrp@griffith.edu.au)



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



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## WHERE ARE WE?

JACK MYERS FIELD  
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## WHAT AGE?

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## WHEN DOES THE SEASON BEGIN?

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We offer  
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competitions  
for absolutely  
everyone!

We have competitions for girls, boys, women, men and also mixed teams for those who want to softball with friends and family!

The competition runs during summer from October to March. All teams play at the same time and at the same venue every week.

Our summer competition has the following teams:

- Blast Ball (3-5 year olds)
- 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!

Eagles is an award winning club with a family friendly culture. We are community minded and enjoy taking part in charity days and are also proud to be a Level 3 Good Sports Club. So come down and become part of the Eagles family.



Winners of CWSA Club of the Year & Blacktown City Council Club awards



Winners! Mixed Division 2



Colour Me Happy Day supporting The Children's Hospital, Adolescent Medicine Unit

Join the Eagles this Summer!

### Contact details:

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

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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.