



# NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Report

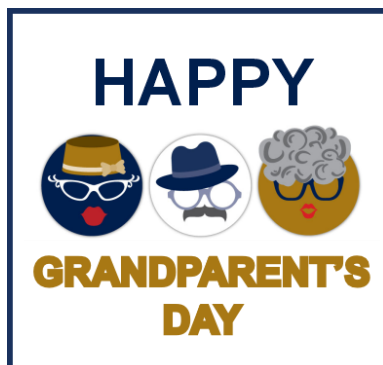


It has certainly been another busy start to Term 4 at Shelley PS!

Our Year 5 students kicked the term off with their 3-day Sport and Recreation Camp. By all accounts, the students had a fantastic time. School camps provide outstanding support to classroom learning – and as adults, I know we can reflect that overnight camps provide some of our most memorable primary school experiences. The Year 5 camp provides an opportunity to participate in activities which students might otherwise not get a chance to try, including kayaking, sailing, rock climbing and archery! Thank you to our parents for supporting us in providing these opportunities for students and thank you to the teachers for taking time away from your own families to facilitate great Shelley camps.

Also in the very first week of term we had Sport / Group Photos, a Year 2 Incursion and Year 3 Excursion to Botany Bay. Over Weeks 2 and 3 we have had a very successful Swim Scheme, as well as Kindergarten Pirate Day, Book Fair, Grandparents Day, Band Demonstration Day, and finally a Year 4 Excursion today. No wonder we are all feeling exhausted after just three weeks back in Term 4!

The **Book Fair** has concluded this week – and was tremendously well supported by the parents of Shelley students. It is a pleasure to wander the playground and see so many students “buried in a good book” – so excited by their recent purchases and eager to read! Thank you to the school community – not only for supporting the school through the Book Fair, but for also engendering a love of reading in our students! We are grateful for our community’s enthusiasm for providing their children with the opportunity to own great books. (Our final total of book sales for Book Fair this year was \$7,400. This will entitle our school library to a significant donation of books from Scholastic.)



Our annual **Grandparents Day**, which is always a highlight of the school calendar was held on Tuesday and we were thrilled to welcome so many grandparents to both the Morning Tea and Open Classrooms. (The grandparents also contributed to developing a love of reading – spoiling their grandchildren, with over \$3000 of spending on Grandparents Day alone!)

At Shelley, we always endeavour to share these activities with our parents, through photos on **Social Media (Facebook and Instagram)**, so that parents can stay connected with what’s happening at Shelley, even if they are not able to be here at school for special events. We now have over 900 people following Shelley PS on Facebook and 675 Instagram followers. If you haven’t done so yet, like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram, to keep in touch with events at your child’s school. (Please be patient if events are not posted immediately. Our main priority will always be student learning and school management. Social Media is an “extra”, with teachers providing photos when they are able, and mostly managed by Ms Campion, outside of school hours.)

Our **Kindergarten Orientation** is also well underway for 2025 Kindergarten students. We have already had four orientation sessions and have one more scheduled this term, as well as the **Parent Information Session** on Wednesday 20th November. If you have forgotten to enrol your child – please do so IMMEDIATELY. Likewise, if you know of a neighbour or friend who is intending to start their child in 2025, please have them enrol online as soon as possible.

### **Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Parent Surveys**

This term, our school will be 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 will help 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 on smartphones, ipads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is **completely confidential**. The parent survey will be conducted between now and 8th November. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

To access the survey – please follow this link: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/z463h>

### **Change to Afternoon Pick-Up Arrangements**

If your child's after school pick up arrangements change- please assist us by notifying the class teacher in writing. This applies whether the changes are just for the day, for the week- or for the rest of the year. It is important that all teachers have up to date information, to help us ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

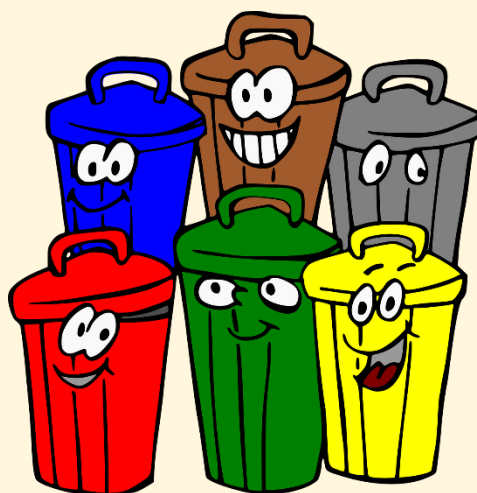


**Where you need to make last minute changes to after school pick-up,** please notify the school office on 9622 8359, so this information can be passed on to the class teacher.

### **Courtesy to Neighbours - Please don't litter in our neighbours' yards!**

I once again remind our parents and community members of the importance of courtesy for our neighbours when dropping off and collecting students. It is disheartening to hear that a small number of parents have still been parking across driveways- preventing our neighbours from either entering or leaving their properties. Arriving just a few minutes earlier- and walking just a few more metres, or even using the Kiss and Drop facility, can make a big difference both for the neighbours of our school and for the safety of our students.

I also occasionally have reports of students and / or parents not being mindful of other people's property around the school. Walking in garden beds, swinging on trees and leaving rubbish in neighbours' yards is not setting a positive example as a member of the school community. We hope all students and parents will be mindful of these issues and ensure we are all safe, respectful and responsible community members.



## Head Lice Reminder

The presence of Head Lice (Nits) is an ongoing problem in schools. I am frequently contacted by parents about the presence of head lice- and particularly the treatment and re-occurrence of them. From my own experience as a parent, I know how frustrating treating head lice can be!

We need the support of parents to help minimise their spread, by detecting and treating head lice.

It is suggested that one of the best methods for reducing lice infestations is for each school community to work together. **Could I ask all families to please check their children's hair this weekend - between Friday 1st November and Sunday 3rd November?** If you detect lice- complete your chosen method of treatment over this same weekend. Together, we can hopefully reduce lice in our school community.



I have included the link for the current information available from the NSW Government Health website:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/pages/default.aspx>

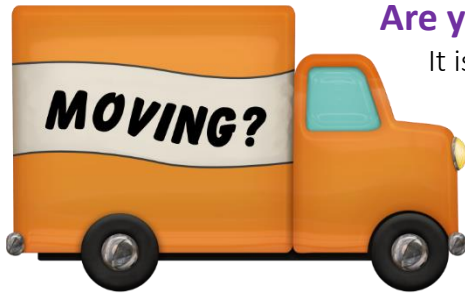
It is essential that parents check students' hair regularly. If you see any evidence of lice or eggs you will need to treat your child, and the whole family before your child returns to school. If unsure, your local chemist would be able to advise you on the appropriate treatment for head lice. **Left untreated head lice will quickly spread through a class and students often become re-infested.**

Please remember- this is not something to be embarrassed about – as head lice like to “set up camp” in clean hair, not dirty hair!

## November P&C Meeting

I would like to thank our P&C for their wonderful show of gratitude to the teachers at Shelley PS on World Teacher's Day, on behalf of the school community. The staff were very appreciative of such a magnificent Morning Tea to say thank you!

Our November P&C Meeting is on next week, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 7pm in Room 2 (alongside the staffroom). The meetings run for no more than 90 minutes (7.00-8.30pm) and are a wonderful opportunity for our community to get involved in discussions about P&C events and activities.



## Are you Moving?

It is that time of year when we are starting to plan for the 2025 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 2024/2025, or your child will no longer be attending Shelley PS, we ask you to notify us as soon as possible. Please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office.

<b>ARE YOU MOVING?</b>	<b>In order to assist with our planning for next year please indicate below if you will be moving house and/or your child will be attending a new school.</b>	
	Name of Student: .....	Class: .....
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	Name of Student: .....	Class: .....
	New School: .....	Leaving Date: .....
	Parent / Guardian's signature: .....	Date: .....
<b>Please return to the office.</b>		

## Selective High School and Opportunity Classes

There have recently been changes to the procedures for applying for Opportunity Classes (for students going into Year 5) and Selective High School (for students going into Year 7). If you think you may be interested in either of these opportunities for your child, please see the following information.

### **What are selective high schools and opportunity classes?**

For information including an overview of both Selective High and Opportunity class, as well as the benefits and whether they are the right fit for your child, visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/what-are-selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes-#What0>

### **How do I apply?**

From 2025, the placement tests for selective high schools and opportunity classes will move from single version paper-based tests to computer-based tests.

There will also be changes to the application process for 2026 entry to selective high schools and opportunity classes. These changes will result in:

- a more engaging experience for students with computer-based testing
- a longer application period for parents and carers to apply
- more choice for parents and carers of when their child will sit a placement test
- outcomes being released earlier to parents and carers.

Applications will be open **each year from November to February (the following year) for both selective high school and opportunity class placement.** Parents and carers will still apply online using the Selective high school and opportunity class placement application website.

Applications for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026 will be open from 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025. There will be no late applications due to the longer application period.

This change to the application period means that parents and carers will now need to apply for opportunity class placement when their child is in Year 3 (or by the end of Week 4, Term 1 when their child is in Year 4). This change applies to students currently in Year 3. For selective high school placement, parents and carers will continue to apply when their child is in Year 5 and can now apply when their child is in year 6 until the end of Week 4, Term 1.

## 2025 Term Dates

With the changes to Staff Development Days announced earlier this week, we are providing the new 2025 term dates for students.

Please note: for 2025 Kindergarten students, we will be reviewing the Best Start dates and will inform parents of the new start date for Kindergarten as soon as possible.

Term	First day for students	Last day for students
<b>Term 1</b>	Thursday 6 February 2025	Friday 11 April 2025
<b>Term 2</b>	Wednesday 30 April 2025	Friday 4 July 2025
<b>Term 3</b>	Tuesday 22 July 2025	Friday 26 September 2025
<b>Term 4</b>	Tuesday 14 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025

**PLEASE NOTE:** parents and carers of Year 3 and Year 5 students- applications are opening soon.

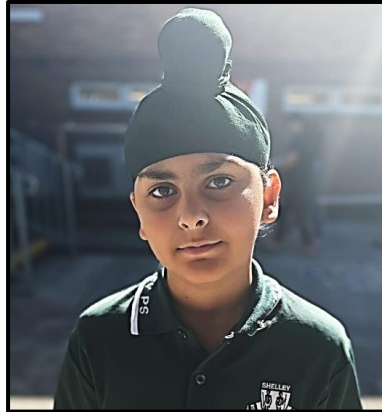
The application link will be available at [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#) from 7 November.

**For information about the application process visit:**

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools/application-process/changes-to-applying-for-entry-in-2026>



**Pinnacle our Highest Award  
Congratulations Hinna and Jagmeet!**



**Congratulations  
to our Maths  
Olympiad  
Achievers!**



**Congratulations to our Shelley Super Stars: Audrey 5/6K, Yong Joon 6G,  
Jackson 1G, Aidan 1G, Tevita 5L, Hunter 2S, Yuxin 6E and Theo 2T.**



**White Awards**





# Shelley Super Stars



**PINNACLE**  
 ▶ Our Highest Award  
 Jude 4F

**Congratulations to the following students on achieving their:**

These students will be presented with their badges at the K-6 Assembly



▶ Maddy 5L



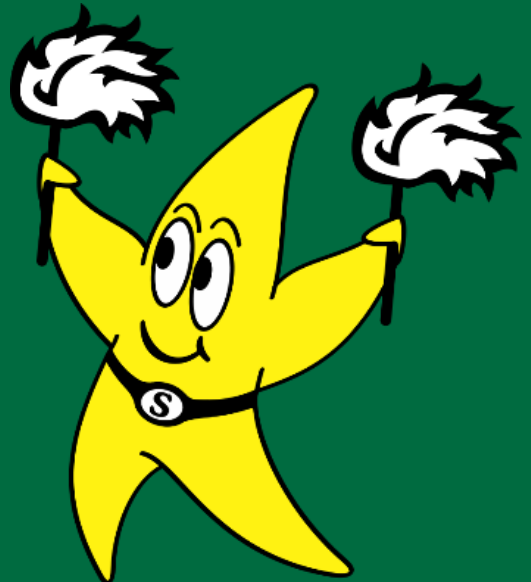
▶ Jairus 3L  
 Anika 5L



▶ Declan 2/3V  
 Kaitlyn 2S  
 Jordan 2S  
 Christian 2T



▶ Archa 1G  
 Memphis 1G  
 Ada 3J  
 Jankin 5S



# Dates to Remember



## Week 4

Monday 4th November **P&C Meeting 7pm – all welcome!**  
 Wednesday 6th November Kindergarten Orientation Session

## Week 5

Monday 11th November Remembrance Day  
 Thursday 14th November **SRC Mufti Day - Favourite Colours**



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Left We Forget*

## Notes and Money to be Returned by Due Date

Year	Event	Due Date
Year 6	Year 6 Farewell - \$60	27th November



All notes are emailed to parents/carers and published on the Audiri app.

# EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	so from Kindy to Year 12, they will miss out on
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1.5 weeks a year	6 months
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2.5 weeks a year	Nearly a year
30 minutes a day	Half a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2.5 years

**School starts at 8:55 - be on time!**  
**Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day.**

