



NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Report

We have had another busy couple of weeks at Shelley! We held our final two Kindergarten Orientation sessions for the year and our 2025 Kindergarten students are now excitedly waiting to commence school with us next year.

SRC Kindness Challenges

Wednesday 13th November was World Kindness Day! "World Kindness Day is a global day that promotes the importance of being kind to each other, to yourself, and to the world. If every Australian performed an act of kindness on World Kindness Day, we would have 25 million acts of kindness in a single day. The possibilities are endless .."

As we want every day to be a day of Kindness at Shelley, our SRC have set the 2024 "challenge" for everyone at Shelley to think about the small ways they can show kindness to others and to our school community each and every day.

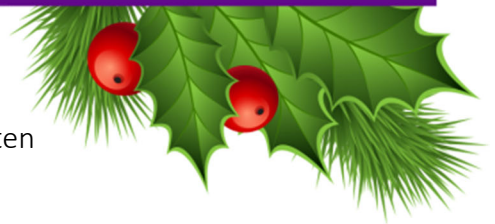
Each week our SRC have been calling on their peers to take on the Kindness challenge! It has been wonderful to hear the conversation between staff and students, and to see everyone embrace the idea that being kind is easy – and can make such a difference to others!

So far, students have been challenged to think about the way they use manners and keep our playground tidy.



A simple smile, helping someone carry a heavy load, welcoming a new person into a game, a reassuring word when someone is feeling down or forgiving someone when they make a mistake- kindness is defined as "the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. "Kindness is a type of behaviour marked by acts of generosity, consideration, rendering assistance, or concern for others, without expecting praise or reward in return." It has been fabulous to see students not only thinking about how they can react to situations in a kinder way- but also recognising the small acts of kindness done for them by others.

Next time you are talking to your child about their school day- you could add the question "How did you show kindness today?"



Shelley Christmas Carols



Wednesday
11th December



5:30pm photos with
Santa & Mrs Claus



Carols begin
at 6:30pm

Shelley's Quest and 2025 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, House Captains and Library Monitors) in 2025.



The students are currently undertaking their final major task. Students standing for Captain, Vice-Captain or Counsellor, presented their speeches to students in Years 1-5 last week. Voting by students and staff took place after the assembly. Eight of these students then proceeded to the next phase of our leadership process, which is an interview with members of the School Executive. We again congratulate all the Year 5 students who completed the Shelley's Quest, whether you presented a speech, whether you intend to stand for a Student Leader, Sports Leader role or Library Monitor, 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 2025, whether they hold a “leadership position” or not.

Events this Week

Last week 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. (Some of them have been coming to Shelley for over twenty years to teach scripture!).

We also held our Thank You Morning Tea last Thursday, for all of the helpers and volunteers at Shelley. The Shelley school community has always been very active in supporting our school: from scripture teachers to canteen and uniform shop assistants, the P&C, Book Club helpers, book coverers and Breakfast Club helpers..... 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 relentlessly 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.



Are you leaving Shelley?

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 2025, or your child will no longer be attending Shelley, please notify the office as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

Just three more weeks of school for the students- and there are many important events taking place.

Coming up in December we have:

- **Monday 2nd** - 11.30am Sport and Extra Curricular Presentation Assembly
- **Tuesday 3rd** - Year 7 Orientation at Mitchell HS
- **Wednesday 4th** - Year 4 Incursion- Challenge Day
- **Thursday 5th** - Year 6 Farewell Evening
- **Tuesday 10th** - Presentation Day Assemblies
- **Wednesday 11th** - Christmas Carols from 6:30pm
- **Tuesday 17th** - Term 4 Super Star Morning Tea
- **Tuesday 17th** - Year 6 Farewell Assembly
- **Wednesday 18th** - Final Day of the School Year for students and CLASS FUN Day P&C Colour Fun Run Day (Students can wear Christmas Mufti / white shirt for Colour Run)

A Final Reminder

The final day of school for students this year is Wednesday 18th December (Class Fun Day and the P&C Fun Run). Staff ONLY will attend school on Thursday 19th December, for the final School Development Day for the year.

Whilst this is the final newsletter for 2024, there will be a short email from the Principal, to end the year in Week 10.

For those planning holidays, school will recommence for ALL students in Kindergarten - Year 6 on Thursday 6th February 2025.

Remember, every day at school is important. The first week of the school year is a particularly important time for catching up with friends, and establishing new friendships, as well as settling into good routines for school. Please ensure that your child is back on Thursday 6th! (Please notify the school IN WRITING if your child will be returning to school after this date).

Wishing everyone in the Shelley community a safe and happy holiday break.



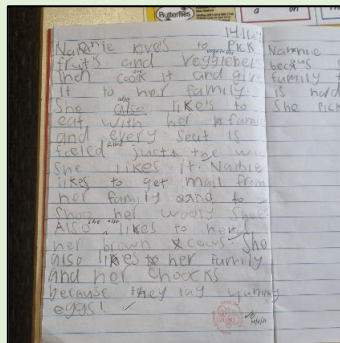
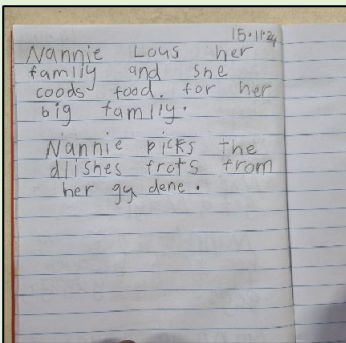
Jo-Ann Campion



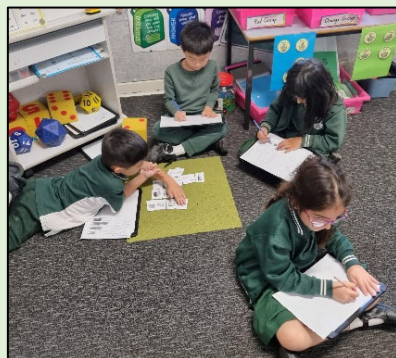
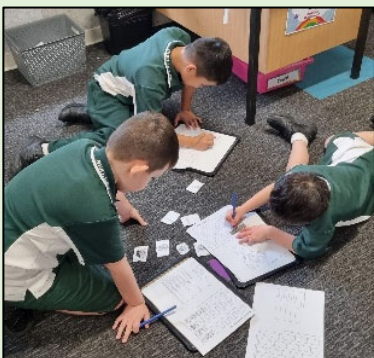
News from the AP C&I

Wow! What a busy year of learning it has been at Shelley in 2024! This year our 3-6 classes began the implementation of the new English and Mathematics curriculum, whilst our K-2 teams entered their second year of working with new syllabuses and resources. It has been exciting to see the amazing learning taking place in each and every classroom, with students confidently sharing their knowledge of textual concepts, specific grammar and expanding their vocabulary to include more sophisticated tier 2 and 3 vocabulary in their talking and writing. In Mathematics, we have continued to extend the ways students think about numbers and the connections between key concepts. Below are some samples of the amazing work happening in K-6 classrooms.

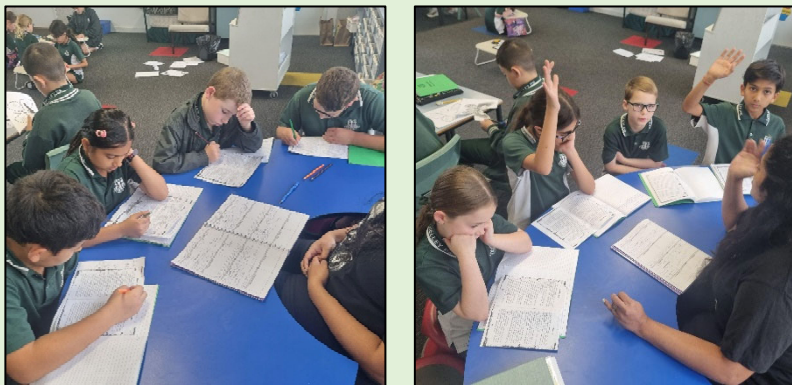
Kindergarten Writers



Stage 1 Mathematicians



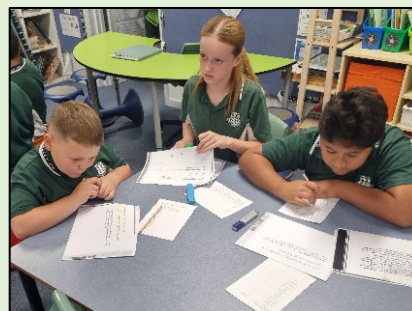
Stage 2 Close Readers



This year our teachers have been hard at work beyond the classroom as well, creating information videos to help families develop their understanding of how the new curriculum has impacted what and how we learn at school today. Each fortnight, videos have been posted on Google Classrooms sharing helpful hints of ways to support learning at home. Videos have been on topics such as reading, comprehension, mathematics jump strategy, spelling and emotional regulation. The decision to share videos this year was to support more Shelley families, who can find it difficult to attend information evenings we have held in the past. As we begin to plan for 2025, we would love your feedback about how you and your family have engaged with the parent information videos. Please use the survey link to access a very short survey to share your thoughts. Don't forget to keep logging on to see the videos that will continue until the end of term, with even a special holiday activity ideas video that will be posted in Week 10!

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/XBcCoQtS3LCfQFMNA>

Stage 3 Grammar Detectives



Ros Greenwood

Assistant Principal, Curriculum & Instruction

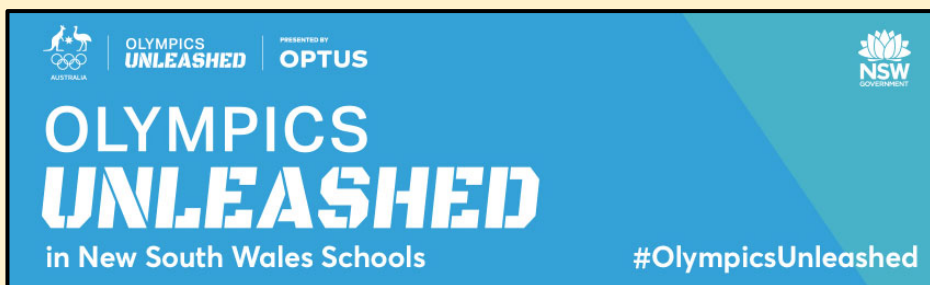
Olympian Tayla Martin - Sports and Extra Curricular Assembly Guest

Tayla Martin will join us at the Sports and Extra Curricular Assembly as part of Olympics Unleashed.

The students will learn from Tayla's Olympic journey how to build resilience, the importance of setting goals and how to find what you are passionate about.

Students will hear firsthand from Tayla about how they overcame challenges to compete in their chosen

sport at the very highest, and how some lessons they've learned in sport can help students to be the best they can be - whether that's in school, at home, on the sporting field or with friends.





Pinnacle our Highest Award
Congratulations Jude!



Congratulations to our Shelley Super Stars:

**Leo 2S, Kaitlyn 2S, Jordan 2S, Maddy 5L, Christian 2T, Ankia 5L,
Archa 1G, Ada 3J, Jairus 3J, Ethan 1A and Memphis 1G.**



**Congratulations to our
Shelley Super Stars:**

**Kohatu 5S, Keerat 3P,
Alyssa 2/3V, Abisha 5L,
Alexia 2J, Navya 4F,
Lachlan 2J, Vihaan 4D, Zara 1G,
Indianna 4F, Dean KK, Ava 4D,
Sevin 4D and Jankin 5S.**





Shelley Super Stars



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

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their:



▶ Miguel 5/6K



▶ Sofia Haarsini 4D
6E



▶ Daisy 2S



▶ Mariah 1A

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



Dates to Remember



Week 8

Monday 2nd December

Sports & Extra Curricular Assembly 11:30am-12:30pm

P&C Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 3rd December

Year 6 Mitchell HS Orientation 9:15am – 12:30pm

Wednesday 4th December

Year 4 Team Building Day

Thursday 5th December

Year 6 Farewell Evening

Week 9

Tuesday 10th December

Presentation Assembly

Wednesday 11th December

Carols 6:30pm



Week 9

Tuesday 17th December

Year 6 Farewell Assembly 2pm

Wednesday 18th December

Class Fun Day - Colour Fun Run from 12:00pm

Last day of school for students



2025 Week 1

Thursday 6th February

All students K-6 start school



White Awards

