



Newsletter

Shellharbour Public School

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A Word From The Principal Dear Parents/Carers

8 February 2010
Term 1, Week 2

WELCOME BACK!

It was wonderful to see all the excited faces of children in the playground on the first day, catching up with friends and swapping stories. It shows that school is a place that they value. In 2010 Shellharbour Public School will continue to provide children with high quality education that equips them with skills to forge a successful future.

INCREASED ENROLMENTS

Student numbers have grown significantly resulting in the need for the formation of an extra class, taking us from 18 to 19 classrooms. This has placed some strain on our resources, at present one class (1P) is being conducted in the Audio Visual room next to the Library.

WELCOME TEACHERS

Welcome back (again!) to **Sarah Puglisi**, who has returned from a secondment to the Connected Classrooms unit of the DET. She has gained invaluable knowledge of technology applications for interactive whiteboards. Her students will benefit greatly from this as will our teaching staff.

Chris Laird is now welcomed as our new school chaplain, replacing Steve Crabb.

Brendan Carter is teaching Mrs Riddington's class while she is on leave for term 1.

Ashleigh Neill is teaching our new 19th teacher, Mrs Shirlaw's class for Term 1.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION FOR 2010

Student structures for our 19 classrooms have been organised, and we will be endeavouring to keep these in place for the remainder of the year. Any further enrolments may necessitate a reorganisation, as some grade areas are full to capacity. Our school structure for 2010 is as follows:

KC	Miss Chalmers
KD	Mrs Dawson
KM	Mrs Morris
KS	Mrs Munro

1B	Miss Bracco
1P	Ms Prince
1S	Mrs Shirlaw
2A	Mrs Ang
2B	Mr Baker
2/3T	Mrs Testa
3MB	Mrs Mosley/Mr Barr
3R	Mrs Riddington
3/4C	Miss Carroll
4DP	Mrs Downes/Miss Pattison
5K	Mrs Prisk
5P	Miss Puglisi
5/6M	Mrs MacDonald
6G	Mr Good
6M	Mr Moore
Computer Room	Mrs Atkins
Reading Recovery/RFF	Ms Williams
STLA/ESL	Mrs Barrett
Teacher/Librarian	Mrs Cooper
School Chaplain	Mr Laird

OUR NEW KINDERS

Last Monday morning our fabulous Kinder students started the beginning of their school journey. Teachers reported no tears from students, however a few parents were in serious need of a tissue box! Parents have obviously done a brilliant job providing our new Kinders with the necessary skills and values to be a success at school! These students may be the first to progress through their school life utilising interactive whiteboards for many lessons, and chalkboards will be a concept learned in history lessons.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our annual Swimming Carnival was held last Monday at Oak Flats Pool. Our carnivals give every child a chance to compete in a positive and controlled environment. Due to

the thorough organisation of **Kate Prisk** and wonderful contributions from a school of well behaved kids and enthusiastic teachers, a good time was had by all. We will let you know the names of District Representatives as soon as they are finalised, everyone who took part in the carnival last Monday was a winner!

P & C

All parents are encouraged to join this hardworking group who contribute so much to the education of all students in this school. I often tell colleagues of the 'exploits' of the Shellharbour PS P & C, and they are always amazed at the hard work and dedication that is exhibited by our wonderful P & C.

The first meeting of the year is on **this Wednesday, 10 February, 2010 at 7.00 pm** in the staff room. All parents (especially Kinder and new enrolment parents) are welcome to come and be part of this wonderful group.

SCHOOL MARKETS

Our first markets of the year are to be held **this Sunday 14 February, from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm**. The romantic male will surely take the chance to offer to take their loved one out for a delightful breakfast, and what better way to do it than with a delicious bacon and egg roll and coffee at the markets! This will surely earn brownie points for the rest of the year!!

There are great bargains to be had with plenty of stalls and all proceeds raised go towards purchasing resources for students at Shellharbour Public School.

Volunteers are always welcome, especially parents who have newly enrolled children in Kindergarten or any other grade. More information can be obtained from **Rochelle Wilkes** on **0400 412 963**.

CANTEEN HELPERS

Our canteen provides a wonderful service to our school, it provides a healthy choice of foods for students and teaches students early maths skills in using and handling money when purchasing over the counter.

Any parents who can help on the canteen roster, please contact the school and we will arrange a meeting with canteen staff.

PARKING

Parents are reminded of the importance of parking with safety around the school. Please do not park in areas where your car will block the line of sight of children at

pedestrian crossings. The school parking zones are well signposted, common sense is also paramount in selecting a position.

Parents parking in the staff car park during school time should be avoided as should walking through the car park with your children. We would appreciate your co-operation with these vital safety measures.

NUT AND PEANUT BUTTER PRODUCTS

NOT TO BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction to allergens such as nut and fish products or bee stings. Unless treated immediately with an EpiPen, Anaphylaxis can result in death. More and more children with this medical condition are being identified across the state. At Shellharbour PS we have seven children with this condition. As a consequence, all these food products are banned from the canteen as even the slightest contact can set off an allergic reaction.

To help us do everything we can to help these children, we ask all parents not to send in foods containing nut or fish products. This is especially the case with nut products such as peanut butter, nutella, and various food bars. The vast majority of parents are very supportive in this endeavour and their compassion is appreciated.

WOLLONGONG HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS

Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts caters for students with particular skills or expertise in the Performing Arts or Visual Arts. If your child is in Year 6 and you are considering entry to this school in 2011, please call into the school office for an application form. These forms must be handed into Wollongong High School **by Wednesday, 10 March**.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Notes and envelopes will be sent home shortly regarding our school photos, which will be taken on **Wednesday, 24 February**. We will be having our whole school photo taken on a different day, which will be **Tuesday, 16 February at 2.00 pm**. Please ensure your child is in full summer school uniform on both these days, including **black school shoes**.

Brendan Barr, Acting Principal

STUDENT BANKING

Bendigo Bank Shellharbour is again offering weekly student banking services. Student **Piggy Books** can be opened at the branch. A birth certificate will be required and 100 points identification for parents if they wish to sign on the account. Bank books will need to be taken to the school office each **Thursday morning before 9.30 am**. These will be collected and processed by bank staff and

then returned to students the same day.

SCHOOL HATS & NEW SCHOOL SHORTS

Parents please note our school caps and sport shorts are now in stock. Our new grey school shorts for boys should be delivered by the 16 February 2010—We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but unfortunately it has been beyond our control.

150TH MEMORABILIA

We still have a small amount of 150th memorabilia left over from last year's celebrations which we are now selling at greatly reduced prices. If you would like to purchase any of the memorabilia, please call into the school office. Details of prices are set out below:

- Drink Bottles—\$2.00**
- Wine Glasses—\$3.00**
- Pens—\$2.00**
- Mugs—\$3.00**
- Tea Towels—\$5.00**
- SPS Stickers—40 cents**

Hurry and get in early to avoid disappointment!

KID'S CAFÉ ROSTER REMINDER

TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY

Shannon Martin & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY

Melinda Ryan & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

THURSDAY, 11 FEBRUARY

Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

FRIDAY, 12 FEBRUARY

Peita White & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

MONDAY, 15 FEBRUARY

Kim McCarthy & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY

Pilly & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY

Chris Nattrass & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY

Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY

Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

TUESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

Karen Mathews, Kim Burrows & Belinda

TENNIS LESSONS

Tennis lessons will begin again tomorrow, **Tuesday, 9 February 2010** for any interested students. The lessons will be run by Brett and Michelle Edwards on a Tuesday during lunch at a cost of **\$6.00** per lesson. Students do not need to have their own tennis racquets, but need to wear appropriate shoes.

All students participating will meet Mr Brett Edwards at the front office as soon as the lunch bell goes and will walk to the St Paul's Anglican Church tennis courts in Wentworth Street, Shellharbour. All students will return to

school in time to continue lessons at the end of lunch.

If you would like your child to participate in the above tennis lessons, please complete and return the permission note below **by Tuesday, 9 February 2010**. If possible, it would be preferable if the tennis lessons could be paid for in advance which would mean a fee of **\$48.00** would be payable by next Tuesday.

Shellharbour Public School—Permission Note for tennis lessons held by Brett & Michelle Edwards

I hereby give permission for my child/ren _____ in

Class/es _____ to participate in tennis lessons every Tuesday lunchtime at a cost of \$6.00 per week. I understand my child will be escorted to and from the tennis courts at St Paul's Anglican Church in Wentworth Street, Shellharbour by Mr Brett Edwards.

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____

Date: _____

COMMUNITY NEWS



**SHELLHARBOUR
VILLAGE MARKETS**

Operated by
Shellharbour Public School P & C

**School Grounds, Shellharbour Public School
Mary Street, Shellharbour
0400 412 963
2nd Sunday of Each Month**