



Newsletter

Shellharbour Public School

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A Word From The Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

8 March 2010

Term 1, Week 7

CLEAN UP LITTLE PARK

What a superb effort Shellharbour Public School once again put into cleaning up Little Park on Sunday! Over 50 enthusiastic students and parents turned up on a beautiful sunny morning. We were pleasantly surprised to find less rubbish than was expected in the park area, perhaps last year's clean up cleared most of the long term rubbish from that area. We all fanned out along the rocks and the rubbish bags suddenly began to bulge! Car parts, drink bottles, cups, fishing line, straws, plastic bags, drink cans and even a car tyre were retrieved from many a hiding place amongst the rocks. **Jake** came close to getting a job as a miner when he disappeared down a hole between some rocks and emerged with a treasure trove of rubbish. An hour and a half of hard work resulted in a large number of bags being filled. My sincerest thanks to all parents and students who gave their time to this worthy cause, it makes our world a better place. Pictures taken on the day can be viewed on the school website or by clicking on this link, if you receive the email version of the newsletter: [Clean Up Little Park 2010](#)



PS email the school on:
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to get the email version of the newsletter!

SOUTH COAST PERFORMING ENSEMBLE



This group of talented students from our high schools is going to perform at our school on **Monday, 29 March at 11.30 am**. These students will perform dances, sing solos give group performances and the band will present a fantastic variety of music. Their last show here was dazzling, all students at our school thought they were fantastic! More importantly, watching their peers of only a few years seniority, performing with such accomplishment can often formulate ideas in young minds about some courses that they may pursue in high school. I highly recommend this show. The cost of attending is **\$3 per child** or **\$6 per family**. All proceeds go towards funding the Performing Ensemble's costs. Parents are welcome to attend as well. A note will be sent home shortly.

FIRST PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY



Our first assembly of the year saw **KD** brilliantly performing a poetic version of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.' They looked like seasoned performers rather than the raw recruits they actually were! Congratulations to **Mrs Dawson** and **KD** on such a wonderful start to the year, other classes now know that they will have to raise the bar to match **KD's** abilities! We look forward to **6M** performing a Shakespearian play this coming Thursday. This assembly saw us also singing both verses of the national anthem at the finish, well done teachers for getting this ready.

NAPLAN Dates

The National Assessment Program for Literacy And Numeracy tests are on:

Tuesday, 11 May

Wednesday, 12 May

Thursday, 13 May

Students in Years 3 and 5 are expected to complete these tests, please ensure that these dates are reserved on your home calendar. An information page is attached to this newsletter.

ICAS (FORMERLY UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES) COMPETITIONS

If you would like your child to be part of these annual tests, please ensure that you have returned the note that was sent home and money to the school **before the end of term (Thursday, 1 April)**. Tests start early in Term Two and the school does not receive any extra test booklets, so late applications cannot be accepted.

NEW KINDER & STAGE 1 READERS

Kindergarten readers were excited to start their first newly purchased readers last week. They are part of the \$10,000 that the school is investing in this valuable educational asset. Students will be taking some of these books home for reading, **it is vital that these books are read by childrens and returned to school.**

CSIRO VISIT



Students in Kinder to Year 4 attended this wonderful science demonstration on Wednesday, with students being mesmerised by stunning experiments that had their brains employing many analytical skills trying to predict results and interpret results. Years 5 & 6 are looking forward to their turn—'Lego Robotics' on 27 April.

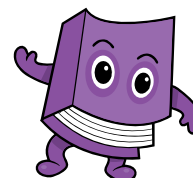
CYBERBULLYING WEBSITE

The Department of Education and Training hosted a Cyber bullying forum late last year, bringing together national experts on the subject. If you would like to know more about cyber bullying and what can be done about it, or if you'd like to contribute your opinion or experience to the online blog, you'll find it at: www.cyberbullyingforum.org

GET INVOLVED

Research shows the more parents are involved in their child's schooling, the better the outcomes for their children. If you have the time to be more involved in your child's school, and would like to know more about how you make this work – from helping in the school canteen to Maths and English homework – the latest issue of *School Parents Ezine* contains a great vodcast in several community languages to help you make the first step: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE OPSM BONUS



The 2010 Premier's Reading Challenge has kicked off again and to ensure your child's eye health is up to the mark, challenge partner, OPSM, is running a eye health campaign to donate books to the school library. For every eyesight test booked in at OPSM **until 1 April**, OPSM will donate **\$5.00** worth of books to your child's school library. Eyesight tests are covered by Medicare, so there is no cost to you. For more information go to: www.opsm.com.au/prc and for the latest on this year's Premier's Reading Challenge, go to: <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Brendan Barr, Acting Principal

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:

150th Commemorative Book—\$15.00

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!

BOOK CLUB NEWS



Please note that the current Book Club issue **closes on Thursday, 11 March 2010**. Please ensure all book club orders are sent in by this date, no late orders will be accepted. All orders should be sent in an envelope from home correctly filled out with your child’s name and class and the correct amount enclosed, no change will be given—*Thank you, Book Club Co-Ordinators*

LONG SLEEVED POLO SHIRTS

We are now taking orders for long sleeved polo shirts (the same as the short sleeved polo but with long sleeves for winter). The cost of this shirt is **\$19.00**. If you are interested in ordering, please fill in the order form below and return with full payment to the school office **by Wednesday, 31 March 2010**.

***PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL BE SENDING IN ONE ORDER ONLY, SO IF YOUR ORDER IS NOT IN BY WEDNESDAY 31 March 2010, YOU WILL UNFORTUNATELY MISS OUT!**

SHELLHARBOUR PUBLIC SCHOOL—ORDER FORM FOR LONG SLEEVED POLO SHIRT

Child’s name & class: _____

Class _____

Quantity

Size(s): _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

We congratulate the following students who received awards at our Presentation Assembly held today, **Thursday, 25 February 2010**:

GOLD MEDALS

Isabella

BANNERS

Dilara

PENNANTS

Cameron
Brittany
Christina
Dilara
Max
Maddison
Isabella

Osca
LaToya
Dylan
Sophie
Tahlea
Emma

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

All parents please note that the new grey school shorts are now in stock at a price of \$20.00 —*Thank you, Anna Nietner, Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator*

KID’S CAFÉ ROSTER REMINDER

TUESDAY, 9 MARCH

Shannon Martin & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH

Melinda Ryan & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

THURSDAY, 11 MARCH

Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

FRIDAY, 12 MARCH

Peita White & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

MONDAY, 15 MARCH

Kim McCarthy & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

TUESDAY, 16 MARCH

Pilly & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

WEDNESDAY, 17 MARCH

Chris Natrass & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

THURSDAY, 18 MARCH

Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

FRIDAY, 19 MARCH

Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

MONDAY, 22 MARCH

Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

COMMUNITY NEWS