



Newsletter

Shellharbour Public School

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A Word From The Principal
Dear Parents/Carers

22 March 2010
Term 1, Week 9

P & C AGM

The AGM once again voted in an excellent set of candidates to continue the leadership of our P & C. They are:

- **President: Andrew Freeman**
- **Vice President: Jane Newton**
- **Junior Vice President: Wendy Black**
- **Treasurer: Nick Kolevski**
- **Secretary: Lynne Dallas**

I am sure that under this committee's skills our school can only benefit. Welcome to new members, **Wendy Black** and **Lynne Dallas**, it is wonderful to see new personnel learning the ropes from established members. *Thanks also to Heather Woods for her distinguished time as Secretary and also to John Smith for his excellent support in the Junior Vice President position.*

SCHOOL MARKETS IN HOLIDAYS

Our next school markets are on **Sunday, 11 April**, the middle weekend of the school holidays. We would like any **parents of Year 3 students** to volunteer some time helping on the **BBQ**. This is the major fundraising part of the markets and money raised goes to buying resources for Shellharbour Public School students. Help can be given either in serving at the counter or actual cooking. Please fill out and return to school the form below if you can assist.

Shellharbour Village Market BBQ

I am available to help with the BBQ at the Shellharbour Village Market on Sunday, 11 April 2010.

Name: _____ (please print)

Contact No: _____

Times available: _____

SOUTH COAST PERFORMING ENSEMBLE

A reminder that this performance is on **next Monday, 29 March** starting at **11.30 am** in the school assembly hall. The cost of attending is **\$3 per child** or **\$6 per family**. All proceeds go towards funding the Performing Ensemble's costs. A number of parents have indicated their interest in also attending, please fill in the form below if you intend to come.

Parent Attendance Form—South Coast Performing Ensemble

We would like to attend "The South Coast Performing Ensemble" on **Monday, 29 March** at **11.30 am** in the school hall:

I enclose the sum of **\$3.00**; being the cost of the performance

Parents (number attending): _____

SCRIPTURE EASTER SERVICE

Our wonderful Anglican Scripture teachers are conducting an Easter Scripture service on **Tuesday, 30 March**. There will be one for Kinder to Year 2 and another for Years 3 to 6. Most students will be attending.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Last day of school this term is **Thursday, 1 April**, and students return on **Tuesday, 20 April**.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

This day was a **MASSIVE** success! Maybe the luck of the Irish had something to do with it, but as I arrived at school last Wednesday it was a delightful sight to see so many children riding safely to school in groups or with their parents. Such a positive response from our school families was greatly appreciated by the teachers and students. A little mischievous elf even whispered in my ear that he would love to ride more often.

Just as successful was the Year 6 end of year Farewell Gift to the school fundraiser. A school full of green children was a pleasant change to our usual sea of blue. I wonder what we would have looked like from above? Some of the children had colourful thoughts on this matter. With the **\$422.00** raised, I am sure the Year 6 students will be able to purchase a wonderful parting gift that will allow them to be remembered for years to come.

Thanks to Mrs Prisk for her organisation of this enjoyable event! Photos are available on the school website or by clicking on this link: [SPS Ride to School Day](#) if you receive an electronic version of the newsletter.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

I never cease to be astounded by the clever entries that are created each time we hold an Eggstravaganza! Some keen students (and parent assistants) have already bought in entries. To remind those still in the 'creative phase' the categories are:

- Favourite Sports Star
- Favourite Movie Star
- Favourite TV Representative
- Favourite Celebrity

Ideas like F.A. **Eggcup**; Maria **Eggapova**; Harry **Pegger** and the Philosopher's **Egg**; **Egg** story; Alice in **Weggerland**; Clint **Eggwood**; Miley **Eggrus**; The **Weggles**, Kylie **Minoegg**, Delta **Eggsrtom** have been suggested, however entries so far have had far better ideas!

Entries should be bought to school **on Friday, 26 March** and taken straight to the Assembly Hall. Entry forms are available at the school office. The entry fee is **50 cents per category** (some students prepare more than 1 entry!) and the money raised will support a charity that employs teachers to work in schools along the Kokoda Track.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY THIS THURSDAY

This **Thursday, 25 March** our school assembly will feature the wonderful 5/6M performing their class item. Assembly starts at **2.00 pm** and all parents are welcome!

Brendan Barr, Acting Principal

YEAR 3 BUS PASS APPLICATIONS

Please note that if your child was in Year 2 last year and had a bus pass, a new application needs to be made when going into Year 3. If you have not already done so, and your child requires a bus pass, please call into the school office and pick up an application form at your convenience—*Thank you, Office*

REMINDER: LONG SLEEVED POLO SHIRT ORDERS

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: \$ _____

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

REMINDER: 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*

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Just a reminder to parents when sending in money for Book Club orders, that the Book Club ladies do not have the time to count 5 and 10 cent pieces sent in by parents for orders. Please ensure money is changed into notes before sending in with your order—*Thank you, Book Club Co-Ordinators*

MERIT AWARD SYSTEM

For new and existing parents who are unsure how our merit award system works, please read below:

4 Merit Certificates = 1 Pennant

4 Pennants = 1 Banner

1 Banner & another 4 Pennants = 1 Gold Medal

10 signatures on a Virtues Card = 1 Merit Certificate

1 Sports Award (eg Swimming or Athletics Carnival,

1st, 2nd or 3rd place) = 2 Signatures on a Virtues Card

25 nights reading/25 entries in Reading Logs = 1/4 Merit Reading Award

4 x 1/4 Merit Reading Awards = 1 Merit Certificate

SPS Merit Certificate folders are available at the school office for **\$4.40**, Inserts are **20 cents each**.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE

Accompanying this newsletter is an envelope for the annual Stewart House Donation Drive for 2010. We hope all families will support this drive as Stewart House is the

major charity which our school supports. Don't forget to put your name, address, phone number and school name on the envelope containing your **GOLD COIN (\$1.00 or \$2.00)** donation as there is a great family holiday worth \$4,000 to be won!! ***This drive closes on Wednesday, 26 May 2010.***

SPORT NEWS

Tongarra District Teams: A huge congratulations to **Dylan** and **Nicole** for being selected in the Tongarra District boys and girls Soccer teams. Congratulations as well to **Zoe, Zoe, Ashlee & Kira** who made the Tongarra Representative netball team. ***We wish you all the best at the Regional trials!***

Regional Swimming Carnival: Through reliable sources I have been informed that our 9 swimmers had a fantastic day with some personal best times being recorded. While none of our swimmers gained a place on the Regional team, as always the children from Shellharbour Public School conducted themselves in a manner that brought nothing but credit to themselves, their families, our school and our District. ***Congratulations on your fantastic achievements!***

PSSA State Cricket Knockout: Last week our Year 6 boys played in our school's Under 12's Cricket team against Shell Cove Public School in the PSSA State Knockout Competition. **We went** in to bat, **Jarvis** scored 30 and was close to being retired, **Ben** scored 21 and **Jye, Jarryd** and **Luke** chipped in for extra runs. When we went to bowl, **Jarryd** opened with **Chris**, who took 2 wickets, **Dylan** took 1 wicket and **Jhi** took 2 wickets. Adam Johnson got a wicket for the first time! **Ben** got two sensational 2 wickets to close the game, with a massive win by 65 runs! - ***By Dylan***

Rugby League: On Thursday, 18 March, Mrs Barrett and myself took seven (7) teams to the 'Rod Wishart/Paul McGregor' Shield Day at Croom Road, Albion Park. This is far more teams than any other school and it was great to see the boys and girls out on the field having a run around.

The teams played well and in the true spirit of the day, everyone had fun! ***A special thanks to the parents who helped with transport, to those who helped coach the teams and to those who helped wash the jerseys!***

LIBRARY NEWS

Spot the Difference!: Please come and visit the library to see the fabulous "new" seats. Last week, **Heather Woods, Kim Griffiths** and Kim's father, **Gabriele D'Amico** spent the day re-covering our library boxes to make smart new seats for our students to use while in the library. They are a huge improvement on the old seats which were slowly losing their old covers. We would like to pass on a very **BIG THANK YOU** from all the students to **Heather, Kim** and **Gabriele** for their much appreciated efforts!!

Premier's Reading Challenge: We have made some

changes to our Premier's Reading Challenge efforts this year. All students from Years 3 to 6 are attempting to finish the reading challenge this year. Students are busily borrowing books from the library to complete the challenge **by the end of August**. We are not doing the challenge with students from Kinder to Year 2 as part of the library program this year, as we think it is more important that parents become involved with their children in this age group. If any child in Kinder to Year 2 is interested in completing the reading challenge, just call into the school library and collect a form to record the books necessary to complete the challenge.

Students in Years 3 to 6 **must read 20 books** to complete the challenge and students from Kinder to Year 2 **must read 25 books**. All books in our school library have stickers to identify the books for each year level.



Spot the difference ! There are 7 changes between the top and bottom photos of our new library furniture. I hope you can find them! PS: It's really easy if you get the electronic version of the newsletter!

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

We congratulate the following students who received awards at our Presentation Assembly held today, **Thursday, 11 March 2010:**

BANNERS

Joshua
Bree
Abbey

PENNANTS

Daniel
Dylan
Adam
Molly
Brooke
Caleb
Jessica
Zali

Joshua
Damon
Layla
Phoebe
Chelsea
Abbey
Harley

WEBSITE NEWS

The SPS school website has recently been showing the incorrect calendar when being accessed. It has now been fixed.

Why not check out some of the photos on the 2010 events pages? Plenty to see!

KID'S CAFÉ ROSTER REMINDER

WEDNESDAY, 24 MARCH

Dino Guarnaccia & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

THURSDAY, 25 MARCH

Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

FRIDAY, 26 MARCH

Peita White & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

MONDAY, 29 MARCH

Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

TUESDAY, 30 MARCH

Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

WEDNESDAY, 31 MARCH

Regina Pass, Judi Westra & Belinda

THURSDAY, 1 APRIL

**KID'S CAFÉ CLOSED FOR CLEANING—NO
ORDERS ON THIS DAY (LAST DAY OF TERM)**

COMMUNITY NEWS