



Newsletter

Shellharbour Public School

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A Word From The Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

6 July, 2009

Term 2, Week 11

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL SUCCESS

Last week we heard that five of our students have been successful in gaining entry into Smith's Hill High School for Year 7 in 2010. Congratulations to **Bryce, Emily, Bradley, Lily and Meg. Ashleigh** was also placed on the reserve list. *Congratulations to these students on this wonderful achievement!*

RELISH FUNDRAISER



Our P and C's auction of Tom Laws and Chris Natrass (Relish) was a great success with \$860.00 being raised for the students at this school. This

unique opportunity was only made possible through Tom and Chris making the generous donation of their time, expertise and of course costs associated with the meal. The generosity of our parent community never ceases to amaze me and on behalf of the students, *I would like to thank Tom and Chris for their support!*

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

At this time of the year, excursions, camps and the various sporting activities that we all want our students to enjoy impact on some classes more than others. This has resulted in some classes receiving their reports last week while other classes will receive their reports this week. Parent and teacher interviews will be held during Week 11 of Term 2 and Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3. If the times available to you are all unsuitable, please make an alternative time with your child's teacher.

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Celebration'

THOMAS EDISON AND YOUR CHILD'S REPORT



Thomas Edison invented the incandescent light globe in 1879, fifty years after this school was established. Like most inventors, his eventual success came after years of failure. In fact,

Edison made hundreds of attempts to invent the light bulb before he was eventually successful. When he was asked how it felt to be a scientist of such great stature and to have failed so many times, his reply was instructive:

"I've never failed. I know hundreds of ways how not to make a light bulb. What do you know?"

Edison's message is clear. **The result isn't important, it is what you do with it!** The vast majority of parents will be pleased with their child's results. It will be the simultaneous confirmation of a solid six months of work, and the expectation of further success in the second half of 2009. Others may not be so pleased. Combined with parent/teacher interviews, their June report will identify areas for improvement and possibly greater effort throughout the rest of the year.

CREATIVE ARTS KALEIDOSCOPE AT THE SCHOOL MARKETS



Our next school market is being held on **Sunday, 12 July**, the first Sunday of the holidays. We would like parents from **2A** and **2B** to assist us on the barbecue. As well as the usual stalls, it is your only chance to see our Biannual **Creative Arts Kaleidoscope** which will feature work by all our students. Entry to this display is by gold coin donation and will be well worthwhile. The standard this year is exceptional and includes needlecraft, sculpture, mask making and a few displays never seen before (or likely to be seen again!)

KINDERGARTEN 2010

We are now taking enrolments for Kinder in 2010. *If you, or someone you know would like to enrol their Kinder child in this school next year, they should come and get an enrolment form from the office.*

EXCITING CELEBRATION DAY

On a secret day in the last week of this term, our Special

Events and Promotions Ministry are holding a Celebration Day to congratulate those wonderful students who did not get their name entered in the playground behaviour book ALL TERM! For all our kinder students who will be going, congratulations for getting to Celebration Day! It will be the best yet. We're sure you'll love it! Children will not need to bring anything to participate on this day—*The Ministry for Special Events & Promotions & Mrs Mosley*

LUNCHTIME CHESS LESSONS

It is great to see our Monday and Tuesday Chess sessions so well attended. A range of students from Kinder to Year 6 are in the Library during the second half of lunch to learn how to play this great game from **Ranko Stanojlovic**, with some assistance from some of our senior students.



SCHOOL PLAQUE

Next time you enter the Administration building, you will notice a sandstone plaque commemorating the year the school started operating. The sandstone for this plaque comes from a block of stone that was used to build the original school building which was located on what is now the school car park and was used between 1870 and 1929 when the new school (now the Administration block) was built.

NEW GARDEN

Our recreation of the original school garden is complete thanks to **Josh Check** from **Blue Wave Signs and Fencing**. The original garden was planted in 1868. Our new garden will provide interested students with opportunities to develop positive attitudes and skills in sustainability and independence.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR NATIONAL CAPITAL EXCURSION

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour, they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students!

Term Two has been very hectic. Not only does it conclude a reporting period, but events like the **Creative Arts Kaleidoscope** have been necessarily moved forward to allow for 150th Birthday preparations in Term 3. Staff at this school continue to increase the pressure they put on themselves to provide special experiences for your kids. *I would like to thank the staff for their massive effort in Term 2 and thank the students of this school whose enthusiasm for learning and appreciation make it all worthwhile.*

*School will resume for all students on Tuesday, 28 July—
Have a safe, relaxing, happy holidays!!*

John MacDonald, Principal

SPORT NEWS from Mrs Prisk

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY: Racing at this level of the competition is always a tough job, but once again the children from our school who represented the Tongarra District did a fantastic job. A huge congratulations goes to **Shenay—14th, Georgia—10th, Jake—12th, Troy—12th and Jye—7th.** *Your effort, determination and sportsmanship was second to none!*

NETBALL GIRLS SHOOT AND SCORE: Congratulations to both **Georgia** and **Ashlee** who have gained selection in the Illawarra District Netball Talent Squad. We have no doubt that you will both have a 'ball' at training and will prove to be great additions to this team. *We wish you every success!*

SPS AWARD SYSTEM

For all new parents and as a reminder to other parents, our award system works as follows:

- 1 fully signed virtues card is equal to 1 Merit Certificate**
- 4 reading awards (100 nights of home reading) is equal to 1 Merit Certificate**
- 1 sports award is worth 2 signatures on a virtues card**
- 4 merit certificates = 1 Pennant**
- 4 pennants = 1 Banner**
- 1 Banner and another 4 Pennants = 1 Gold Medal**

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PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

We congratulate the following students who received

An advertisement for the IMB Zoo Account. It features a cartoon zebra character on the left. The text reads: "ZOO You're NEVER too young to start getting what you want!" Below this, it says: "The IMB Zoo Account is a fun, interactive 'at call' account that encourages kids to save by rewarding them for their efforts. The IMB Zoo Account offers:" followed by a list of benefits: "✓ BONUS Interest*", "✓ NO Account keeping fees", "✓ COOL IMB passbook", and "✓ FREE Money box". The IMB logo is on the right with the tagline "Better Value Banking". At the bottom, it says: "Call in to IMB Shellharbour, Shop 46, Stockland Shellharbour or call 4297 3400".

*Conditions apply. Available in NSW & ACT only. Consider the PDS available from IMB, before making a decision about this product. IMB ABN 92 087 681 974 AFSL 237 391

awards at our Presentation Assembly held on **Thursday, 2 July 2009:**

BANNERS

Laura
Daniel
Emma

PENNANTS

Morgan	Liam
Daniel	Corey
John	Tylah-Jane
Shenay	Marnie
Jemma	Luke
Jessi	Laura
Jye	Emma
Mitchell	Ebony
Kori	Ellen
Kristen	Brooke

KID'S CAFÉ NEWS

Pizza Meal Deal Day on 1 July was **AMAZING!** We had 318 orders and everything went exceptionally well. Thanks to our great helpers: *Kylie Hillcoat, Kim Griffiths, Judi Westra, Regina Pass, Ranko Stanojlovic* and *Nebojsa Stanojlovic!*

Winner of our monthly draw to enjoy delicious coffee & cookie at **Bobby's Gourmet Burgers** for month of May is **Debbie Forsyth** and for month of June is **Emma McIlquham**—ENJOY LADIES!!

REMINDER: Kid's Cafe will be closed for cleaning on **Friday, 10 July (last day of term) - NO RECESS/ LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN ON THIS DAY!**

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Thank you to all those who helped this term and all who have supported us—Have a great break! Belinda and Vesna, Canteen Supervisors



KID'S CAFÉ ROSTER REMINDER

TUESDAY, 7 JULY

Pilly & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY

Chris Natrass, Trish Pousderkos & Belinda

THURSDAY, 9 JULY

Kylie Hillcoat from 11.00 am & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

FRIDAY, 10 JULY

CLOSED FOR CLEANING

TUESDAY, 28 JULY

Karen Mathews, Kim Burrows & Belinda

WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY

Chris Natrass, Debbie Forsyth & Belinda

THURSDAY, 30 JULY

Melanie Kelly & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

FRIDAY, 31 JULY

Peta White & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ireland's Drum Tuition: Chris Ireland—Tutor/
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'Barrack Heights Ethanol Fuels—Proud Supporters of Shellharbour Public School's 150th Celebrations'



