



Newsletter

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A Word From The Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

22 June, 2009

Term 2, Week 9

ICE SKATING IN CANBERRA IN JUNE? WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

They left in the rain and arrived back in drizzle, but had some good weather and a great time in between. Our Stage 3 students spent two memorable days in Canberra visiting (amongst other places) Questacon, Parliament House and the War Memorial. They got to see and hear Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott perform in the Parliament and also got to do some performing of their own at the local ice skating rink. (No prizes for guessing their favourite from those two). From all reports our students all behaved brilliantly too. As a school, we have come to assume that these overnight experiences will just happen each year. The reality is that in many schools they no longer occur for a variety of reasons. *My thanks to the teachers Chris Laird, Kate Prisk, Belinda Dawson, Maria MacDonald and John Good for providing these experiences for Shellharbour students!*

CHESS GROUP

We are pleased to be able to inform you that we have started a lunchtime Chess Club. This is being lead by **Ranko Stanojlovic**, husband of our Canteen Supervisor, Vesna. The group will be meeting in the Library with Ranko and our Librarian, **Mrs Cooper** second half of lunch each Monday. As there is a great deal of interest in this group, we may even be extending it to Tuesday.



'Barrack Heights Ethanol Fuels—Proud Supporter of Shellharbour Public School's 150th Celebrations'

CHICKEN POX

For your information, I have attached an information sheet on Chicken Pox. At the moment, there are a number of students from this school with Chicken Pox. Please check your children and follow the appropriate medical advice to limit the spread of Chicken Pox at this school.



2/3T STAR PERFORMERS

Fleur has been writing a highly entertaining diary about the week in the life of her favourite animal that has had the whole class in hysterics. **Riley** has been trying very hard to improve his spelling and has made huge improvements in his knowledge of sounds. **Amy** is making insightful comments during our work on the First Fleet and Aboriginal Australia. Overall, 2/3T have been very enthusiastic, motivated workers who always try their best.

150TH DANCE COSTUME SEWING BEE

This **Saturday, 27 June** between **1.00** and **4.00 pm**, **Sofia Bracco** will be holding our first sewing bee. We require any parents who can sew to bring their sewing machines and overlockers (unfortunately I know the difference between those two) to the hall to help us make the dance costumes we haven't been able to buy. Tea/coffee/biscuits will be provided. By pure coincidence, on the same day, **Herb Cordes** (our former General Assistant) and I will be putting in place into the front of the school, a plaque commemorating the history of the school. This plaque is made from sandstone from the original school building!



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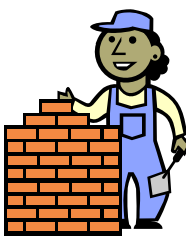
150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION EVENING

Please note that if you have already purchased a ticket for our 150th Birthday Celebration Evening, the starting time has changed from 6.30 pm to **6.00 pm**. Our school's student dance troupe will be performing their item at 6.30 pm.



P & C TRIVIA NIGHT

Our annual Trivia Night will be held at Relish at the Links on **Friday, 31 July**. This is the first Friday of Term 3. Further details will be provided in the next newsletter, but please put this date in your diary of 'must attend' social events. My thanks to Andrew and Tracey Freeman for their organisation of (yet another) social and fundraising event.



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S BUILDING PROGRAM

You can't have missed the news, that the Federal Government is spending a lot of money on school maintenance and renovation as part of its economic stimulus package. Every primary school in the country will have major building programs taking place. For the last two weeks, our Infants block has been painted. This has been inconvenient to the teachers and students involved, but unavoidable. My thanks to the Kinder and Year One teachers and students who have maintained normal classroom routines during this period of time. I'm sure you will agree that the results are well worth it. Later this year, we will also be provided with new COLA's covered walkways and six new buildings. Again, we will have to endure some inconvenience. I know that when our students are enjoying their new facilities, this inconvenience will have been deemed well worth it.

KID'S CAFÉ ROSTER REMINDER

TUESDAY, 23 JUNE

Lindy James, Shannon Martin & Belinda

WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE

Chris Natrass, Debbie Forsyth & Belinda

THURSDAY, 25 JUNE

Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

FRIDAY, 26 JUNE

Libby McIlquham & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

LOST AT CAMP IN CANBERRA

A green hooded jumper and an orange hooded jumper together with a denim 'Pumpkin Patch' jacket with fur inside. If your child has accidentally picked up any of these items with their luggage at camp, please return to the school office as soon as convenient.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

We congratulate the following students who received awards at our Presentation Assembly held on **Thursday, 18 June 2009**:

GOLD MEDALS

Tyler
Bailey

BANNERS

Ashlee

PENNANTS

Tyler
Joshua
Sheridan
Shayden

Ashlee
Jesse
Bailey



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