



# Newsletter

## Shellharbour Public School

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### A Word From The Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

21 September 2009

Term 3, Week 9

### NAPLAN RESULTS

We received our NAPLAN results late last week and I would like to provide you with some preliminary information on the performance of our Year 3 and Year 5 students. More detailed results will follow early next term and, as usually occurs, will be presented to the first P & C meeting in Term 4. Firstly, our 'value added' results—the improvement between Year 3 and Year 5 were above the state average and above the average performance of our 'like schools' in every area of literacy and mathematics for both grades. This is a wonderful result. Our performance in literacy was very strong, particularly in reading and writing. Both Year 3 and Year 5 students performed below the state average in Mathematics, so, like every school, we have areas that we have to look at. I have always believed that primary schools should focus on maximising student abilities in the areas of literacy and mathematics as these are the 'enabling' subjects - the subjects that enable our students to have a broad range of subject choices in high school. While academic performance in these areas is the only thing that the system measures, we all know that it isn't the only thing that primary schools should provide. What is most pleasing about these results (and our results over many years) is that they have been gained whilst also providing students with wonderful experiences in the Arts (dance, drama, music), technology, camping, science, sport and the list goes on . . . . . *My thanks to the staff members who continue to make these things happen.*



*'Proud Supporters of Shellharbour Public School's 150th Celebration'*

### CAKE DONATIONS

Thanks to the following small businesses who have donated money towards the purchase of cakes and scones for each student during our 150th Birthday Celebrations:

**Jason Kelly Plumbing**

**Martin Oldroyd & Peter Gavin (Killalea Tours)**

**Ray White, Shellharbour Village**

**The Newton Family**

**House and About For Inside and Out (The Field Family)**

Donations are still most welcome.

### 150th EVENING FUNCTION

The response to our evening function has been extraordinary and we look like having over 400 people to help us celebrate the 150th year of this school. People are coming from as far as Perth and Newcastle to be part of this event. We still have a limited number of tickets available for our 150th Dinner at Shellharbour Workers Club to be held on **Saturday, 31 October**. If you have booked a seat, it is now time to pay for your place, as we don't want to turn people away only to find out later that some places were not wanted or paid for. **Tickets should be paid for by Friday, 2 October, which is the last day of this term.**

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### CHESS TEAM

A few weeks ago we started a Chess Club in the library at lunchtimes. **Ranko Stanojlovic** runs this club and tutors the students who attend. Last Thursday, for the first time, we entered the Southern Illawarra District Chess Tournament, and our team of **Jason, James and Bryce** finished in third place. This was a wonderful result for these students, and for the other students in the chess club who have provided them with such important practise. Next year our Chess team will compete in weekly tournaments across the Illawarra. All students are welcome!



### STAGE 3 SCIENCE FAIR

“Which shopping bag is best for the environment?

What is the effect of exercise on the weight of a mouse?

What is the best tasting chocolate?

What colour provides the most voltage to a solar panel?

These questions (and many others) were answered by our Stage 3 students and their answers were on display at last weekends market. This year for the first time, we are entering the University of Wollongong Science Fair and our two best entries, as judged by a panel that included an engineer, **Barry Anderson** (pictured) Head Teacher Science at Warilla High School and two science students

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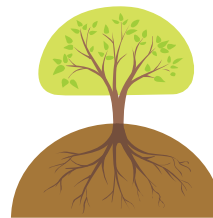
*150th Celebration’*

from the University of Wollongong will go onto compete

against the entries of other schools at the University of Wollongong in a few weeks time. Our students have loved developing their questions, testing their hypotheses and writing up their results whilst learning about the scientific method in the process. My thanks to our Stage 3 teachers, **Kate Prisk, John Good, Maria MacDonald, Belinda Dawson, Tina Barrett and Chris Laird** for providing our students with this experience.



### 150 TREES



As we were turning 150 this year, we thought it was appropriate to plant 150 trees. These were made available through a grant from Shellharbour City Council. Each class participated in this activity and will get the chance to care for their group of trees. Our

Environment Ministry worked in assisting the junior classes with this project.

### SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to **Ashlee** in 5M and **Katelin** in 6P who have been selected in the **Under 12 and Under 13 Girls Illawarra Netball** teams. The girls will now be representing the Illawarra in Newcastle for the New South Wales team try outs—*Good luck Ashlee and Katelin — we wish you every success!*

*John MacDonald, Principal*



### **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**

**PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS**

We congratulate the following students who received awards at our Presentation Assembly held on **Thursday, 17 September 2009:**

**GOLD MEDALS**

Olivia

**BANNERS**

Jak

Chantel

Riley

**PENNANTS**

Teeya  
Caleb  
Riley  
Chantel  
La Toya  
Nina  
Matthew  
Trent  
Bronte  
Olivia  
Isabella

Kylah  
Sophie  
Jade  
Cooper  
Sarah  
Riley  
Jarryd  
Sean  
Zali  
Mikayla

**KID'S CAFÉ ROSTER REMINDER**

**TUESDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER**

Karen Mathews, Kim Burrows & Belinda

**WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER**

Chris Natrass, Debbie Forsyth & Belinda

**THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER**

Melanie Kelly & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER**

Peta White & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER**

Val Moon, Kim McCarthy & Belinda

**TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER**

Pilly & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER**

Ann Olsson & Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER**

Vesna—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

**FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER**

**CLOSED FOR CLEANING—Vesna—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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