



Newsletter

Shellharbour Public School

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A Word From The Principal

Dear Parents/Carers

11 December, 2009
Term 4, Week 9



PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Our annual Presentation Day was on **Tuesday, 8 December**. All our winners were very worthy. Special mention to our Dux, **Lily**, our MacKenzie Medal winner, **Tayla** and Sportsperson, **Jai**. Congratulations also to **Kira**, our inaugural winner of the Colin Willetts Award for Reading

Improvement. Colin was one of five generations to come through this school and as a grandparent was also a very enthusiastic supporter of home reading in the lower grades. Unfortunately, Col passed away earlier this year. Col worked tirelessly for Shellharbour City Rotary, and they have provided this perpetual award which will go to the Year 5 student who demonstrates the most improvement in reading based on national tests. *Congratulations to all those students who will receive awards on Tuesday and to every student who can look back on 2009 and say they have done their best!*

LAST VILLAGE MARKET FOR THE YEAR

Our last village market for the year will be held at the school **this Sunday, 13 December 2009** between **9.00 am** and **2.00 pm**. Parents of students in **5M** will be asked to come along and help on the barbecue. As this is the last market for the year, anyone who has helped on the barbecue or in any other capacity at the market this year, is invited to attend our end of year get together at the conclusion of the market. I'd like to acknowledge the contribution that our market committee has once again made to the education of your children. **Jane and Steve Newton, Lena and Nick Kolevski, Wendy Black, Rochelle Wilkes, Belinda and Wayne Lees, Kim Griffiths, David Emr, and Toni Fairweather** have given us enormous amounts of their own time to raise funds for this school. The ongoing contribution from this group of parents is no doubt unique in the public school system and our school would not be the same without it.

LAST DAY FOR THE CANTEEN

The last day that our canteen will be open is **Tuesday, 15 December 2009**. My thanks to **Trish Pousderkos** and **Kim Griffiths** for stepping in to help us out on this day.



SPECIAL TUITION FOR OUR FISHING GROUP

We aim to please at Shellharbour Public School, and Mr Laird's organisation of our senior fishing group is a wonderful example. Last Friday, Mr Laird organised for **Rob Paxevanos**, host of **Fishing Australia** on the WIN network to provide our Year 5 and Year 6 students with some special tips on the piscatorial pursuit. The Shellharbour students can be seen on 'We Love Summer' on WIN TV **this Friday at 7.30 pm**. Next week, **Cadel Evans** will be providing our bike riding group with some pedalling techniques!!

ENTRY AND EXIT OF ADDISON STREET CARPARK

Last week one of our students was struck by a car as he walked with his mother into the car park opposite the Mary Street entrance. If you use this car park, please enter and leave very slowly. There is no designated footpath for our students and the driveway gets very busy around 3.00 pm.

BUILDING TO START SOON

Work on our 6 new classrooms and Infants toilets will commence at the end of the first week in January. This will have major implications for our students and teachers, and (no doubt) there will be unexpected problems, but the resulting facilities will be well worth it.



NETBALL SHIRTS

The Shellharbour LN Carpentry Hammers look great in their new netball shirts that have been provided by **Lorenzo Nizza (father of Harley in 2A)**. While our league and soccer teams have been playing in new shirts for a few years now, our netball teams have been very successful, but less than fashionable. *Our thanks to Lorenzo for his support of Shellharbour Public students!*

PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

Good schools have teachers who constantly put their hand up when extra jobs are being given out. At Shellharbour Public School, we are lucky to have lots of these types of people. This year **Tenae Carroll** has (once again) organised our involvement in the Premier's Sporting Challenge. This state based program meant a lot of work, but has led to increased levels of physical activity in our students. *Thanks Tenae!*

150 NOT OUT!

Thank you for your support of the school in 2009 in such an important year for all of us. There won't be many opportunities for any of us to be associated with an institution that is 150 years old. It was important that we gave the school and the people who came before us, the recognition that they deserved for 150 years of service to the Shellharbour community, while at the same time maintaining the educational standards that our parent community expects and the extra curricula opportunities that our students have come to expect. With your support we have managed to do that. Expect a much more efficient and well organised school in 2010 because I won't be here. (Due to unprecedented demand, I have decided to return to the male modelling industry - no really, it's true!) **Brendan Barr** will be Principal in Semester One and **Rhonda Mosley** in Semester Two. I will be loitering around coffee shops in Addison Street and the University of Canberra.

*Things won are done; joys soul lies in the doing
Troilus and Cressida. Act1, Scene 2*

John MacDonald, Principal

2010 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Please note the date for our 2010 Swimming Carnival—**Monday, 1 February 2010** at **Oak Flats Swimming Pool**—Notes will be sent home the first week back next year—*Kate Prisk, Sport Co-Ordinator*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 11 December

Year 6 to Jamberoo Action Park

Sunday, 13 December

Final Village Market for 2009 from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

Monday, 14 December

School Reports sent home

Tuesday, 15 December

Last day for Kid's Café (Canteen)

Wednesday, 16 December

Last day for students for 2009

Thursday, 17 December

Last day for teachers for 2009

Friday, 18 December

Last day for office staff for 2009

Thursday, 28 January 2010

First day back for students (except Kinders) to commence Term 1 2010

LIBRARY BOOKS & HOME READERS

As previously requested, we are asking for all library books and home readers to be returned to school ASAP. At last count, we are missing over 1000 books. To encourage students to return these books, no matter how long they have had them, we are running a raffle. Each student will receive a raffle ticket and five prizes will be drawn at the end of term. *Thank you for your co-operation in returning these books ASAP—Tina Barrett, STLA Teacher*

STUDENTS LEAVING SHELLHARBOUR PS

If your child will not be returning to Shellharbour Public School at the beginning of next year, please let us know using the note below so we can try to finalise our class structures for 2010.

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My child/ren _____
in Class/es _____ will not be returning to Shellharbour Public School in 2010.

KID'S CAFÉ ROSTER REMINDER

MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER

Val Moon & Belinda—**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER

Shannon Martin, Trish Pousderkos & Kim Griffiths

WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER

CLOSED FOR CLEANING

YEARS 3 & 4 CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOP

Years 3 & 4 will be holding a Christmas Craft Stall next **Monday, 14 December 2009** at lunchtime to sell the toys and Christmas craft they have made as part of a unit of work, 'Products and Services'. Students in all classes are invited to buy items at the 'shop' on this day. Items are priced from **5 cents** to **\$2.00**. All profits will be donated to a childrens charity of their choice - *Many Thanks, Rhonda Mosley, Assistant Principal*

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

We congratulate the following students who received awards at our Presentation Assembly held today, **Thursday, 10 December 2009:**

GOLD MEDALS

Jemma

BANNERS

Lilly
Elyzia
Jye
Ebony
Kingsley

PENNANTS

Lakaya
Hannah
Brianna
Britney
Katie
Jhi
Jye
Zoe
Isaac
Kingsley
Jemma
Liam
Jessica

Jack
Megan
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Melissa
Liam
Elyssia
Mitchell
Ebony
Lily
Nathan
Kyrh

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