



Shellharbour Public School Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 2

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A GREAT START TO 2020

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to Shellharbour Public School for the 2020 school year. At this stage, we have a total enrolment of 467 students across 18 classes that we formed last week. Walking around the school there is already the steady hum of busy minds and engaged imaginations as our teaching staff deliver high quality programs across the school. We look forward to our 51 Kindergarten students joining us to begin their seven year primary school journey.

At our staff development day last Tuesday we focused on what we want for the young people in our care. Fantastic growth in English and Mathematics is always at the forefront of what we do, however we identified that we want our learners to be engaged, happy, safe and resilient. We also focused our attention on what classroom resources we need to ensure success in developing the whole child and making sure each of our students are known, valued and cared for. These conversations are most powerful when a triangulation of student, family and staff input is achieved. Over the coming weeks community consultation time will be scheduled for these discussions. Dates and times will be published in this newsletter; please come along.

Over the next two weeks, I am looking forward to getting to know our students by visiting their classrooms and spending time with them in the playground. Already I am impressed by their eagerness to learn, good manners and well-developed social skills. It is easy to see why we have such a happy and committed staff; our children are a delight to teach.

I also hope to meet as many parents as possible both in the playground and at upcoming events such as our Year 6 Leadership Camp, Kindergarten's first day, and our Swimming Carnival. This will especially be the case at our first P & C meeting on Wednesday, 12 February at 6.30 pm in the staffroom. I am looking forward to meeting many new community members.

At the end of last year, I was fortunate enough to be invited to the Year 6 Production and it was by far the most entertaining one I have seen in some time. It was incredibly uplifting to see the interactions between students and staff on stage, and the attention to detail in all areas of organisation. A well-deserved thank you to all staff involved, and a huge congratulations to Mrs Dyson for her leadership of such a brilliant performance.

Shellharbour Public School has a well-known, highly regarded reputation across the entire South Coast school community. Excellent growth and achievement in literacy and numeracy, in addition to achievements in extracurricular activities and sporting events are great reasons to celebrate here at school. Shellharbour Public School has had the advantage of quality leadership over a significant number of years. Dr MacDonald built a culture of success based on high expectations of all members of the school community, underpinned by excellent organisation and curriculum knowledge. Over the last six months this tradition has been maintained by Mrs Dawson as Acting Principal. Her attention to detail and commitment to continued school improvement has been outstanding. As the incoming Principal I, like all members of the school community, am especially appreciative of their efforts.

Starting at a new school for the first time is not only exciting for students. This is also very much the case with new staff. I am delighted to be at Shellharbour Public School. There are very few professions more rewarding than working with children, supportive parents and outstanding teachers. I am very much looking forward to a wonderful year.

Chris Klein
Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tue 4 Feb	Kindergarten First Full Day
Wed 5 Feb	Swimming Carnival
Thu 6 Feb	Year 6 Leadership Camp—Day 1 Stage 2 Parent Information 4.00-4.30 pm
Fri 7 Feb	Year 6 Leadership Camp—Day 2 Year 5 Bullying Workshop
Wed 12 Feb	Early Stage 1 Parent Information 4.00-4.30 pm Stage 1 Parent Information 4.30-5.00 pm P & C Meeting 6.30pm in staffroom
Thu 13 Feb	Stage 3 Parent Information 4.00-4.30 pm

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Sports Update



Swimming Carnival: The Swimming Carnival is being held at Oak Flats Swimming Pool on Wednesday, 5 February 2020. Any cancellation will be posted on our Skoolbag App. All students in Years 3-6 are expected to attend and those Year 2 students who are turning 8 years old in 2020.

All other information can be found on the permission note. Please ensure notes and money are returned as soon as possible. Sunscreen and hats are essential.

PSSA Sporting Teams

We are excited to announce that this year we have the following teams registered in the PSSA competition:

- Basketball
- Netball
- Girls Touch Football
- Boys Touch Football
- Rugby League
- Cricket
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Soccer



More details will be published as required about participation in these teams.

Wollongong High School of The Performing Arts

The online audition application is now available for students in Year 6 2020 who wish to audition for Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts, through the WHSPA school website below:

<https://www.millenniumschoools.net.au/whspa/>

Celebrations from the Art Studio

The junior students were just as excited as I was to experience their first visit to Shellharbour Public School's very own Art Studio where they will receive an hour of explicit art instruction every week. As the children wandered around the room exploring the easels and the café style window seating, the only thing bigger than their eyes were their smiles. We began with a quick assessment of the student's current knowledge about art practices, artists and drawing skills so we have a benchmark to measure our growth throughout the year. The children loved drawing Fred, the posable mannequin, as we begin to understand the proportions of the human body. I am looking forward to welcoming our senior students to the Art Studio this week as together we embark on a year-long journey into the world of art.

Mrs Dyson
Art teacher extraordinaire



School Organisation

We have a rich blend of expert, experienced and beginning staff. The support and guidance that our staff offer each other is exceptional. Our current school organisation is as follows:

Early Stage 1

KS- Susan Munro

KR- Joanne Rowe

K/1M- Kathleen Morris

Assistant Principals: Belinda Dawson and Kerri Docherty

Stage 1

K/1M- Kathleen Morris

1AD- Melissa Allitt & Karen Downes

1K- Rebecca Kencevski

1/2H- Jaime Hickey

2A- Karen Atkins

2D- Belinda Dawson and Samantha Webb

Assistant Principals: Belinda Dawson and Kerri Docherty

Stage 2

3R- Janaya Rose and Sofia Smithers

3T- Megan Taylor

3/4N- Maree Nikitaras

4D- Kate Dodsworth

4T- Cathy Testa

4/5G- Selina Giles

Acting Assistant Principal: Janaya Rose

Stage 3

4/5G- Selina Giles and Lisa Shirlaw

5C- Brendan Carter

5/6B- Tina Barrett

6R- Rhonda Mosley

6DW- Elissa Dorrian & Samantha Webb

Assistant Principals: Rhonda Mosley and Selina Giles

Specialised Staff

Art Program- Jodie Dyson

Learning Support - Kerri Docherty and Lisa Shirlaw

Teacher Librarian - Wendy Harrison

School Counsellor - Michelle McColl (Wed/Thur)

Support Staff

School Administration Manager - Vicki Fretus

School Administration Officers- Nicole Ross, Stacey Nietner & Lucy Janssens

Student Learning Support Officers- Anna Nietner, Deborah Oxborough & Vicki Prior

General Assistant- Hugh Irving

Technical Support Officer- Brent Ferguson

SCHOOL
ZONE

8.00 - 9.30 AM
2.30 - 4.00 PM
SCHOOL
DAYS



Check out our Facebook page: @ShellharbourPS

New Messaging System 0439 438 292

Beginning in Week 3, Shellharbour Public School will begin using a Short Messaging Service (SMS) to notify parents and families when students are marked as absent.

Between 9.30 and 10.00 am each day, our system will send SMS alerts to the primary contact number on our system. We can only send the message to one parent per family. The message will read as follows:

YOUR SON, CHRIS K, WAS MARKED ABSENT FROM SCHOOL 10/02/2020. PLEASE REPLY TO EXPLAIN THIS ABSENCE.

Replying to this text message will replace the handwritten notes, or emails that have always been required by law. The SMS reply will be linked with your child's profile in our roll and your reply will be saved and archived. Mr Klein will oversee the process and assign whether the absence was justified or unjustified. Responses should be clear and concise and only related to the absence identified.

If you know your child will be absent due to illness, you can send an SMS to the number before 9.00 am and it will be added to the class roll and prevent the system from sending an SMS. Messages can be sent to 0439 438 292.

This system is for the exclusive use of attendance. Please do not send messages unrelated to attendance, as they are not checked regularly throughout the school day. If you have any questions please contact the office on 4295 1334.

Bus Pass Application Process

Applications for free school travel in rural and regional NSW will need to be completed online instead of using paper forms.

This makes it easier to apply, as you only need to complete one form that covers all situations, including journeys that involve multiple transport operators.

Who needs to apply:

A new application is only required if the student has never been approved for free school travel before.

However, you need to update students details online if the student:

- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- Is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- Is changing schools
- Is changing address

How to update your details:

If the student has already been approved for school travel and their address, school or name changes you will need to update your details at:

apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updatedetails

P & C Association News!

P & C Meeting: Our first P & C meeting will be held in the staffroom on Wednesday, 12 February at 6.30 pm. We welcome all new and past members, and hope you can come along to join in the discussion and decision making for fundraising and extra school activities. We look forward to seeing you there.

AGM: Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 11 March at 6.30pm in the staffroom. All executive positions will be declared vacant. The roles of President, Vice President x2, secretary and Treasurer will be filled.

Swimming Carnival BBQ: we just can't resist a BBQ! Sausage sandwiches, drinks and chips will be available to purchase on Wednesday, 5 February at Oak Flats Swimming Pool during the school Swimming Carnival. Please support the P & C by making a purchase on the day - Cash sales only. Good luck to all our swimmers!

Jess Crouch
P&C President



Canteen News

New Menu Published!

Our SPS Kid's Café 2020 Price List has now been published. You can find it, and lots of other great announcements on our Facebook page:

@ShellharbourPublicSchool-Kids Café Page

Community Notice Board

The information presented in "Community Notices" is not necessarily the views of Shellharbour Public School



**THE FLAME
TREE PROJECT**
Illawarra in Song



2020 Program Auditions Students in Years 3-8

The Flame Tree Project is a high quality choral program for young singers in the Illawarra.

In 2020, we are delighted to share the Dreaming story 'OOLA BOOLA WOO' – THE STORY OF FIVE ISLANDS. Four outstanding Australian composers have been commissioned to produce 7 original compositions.

The cost of this unique program is \$135. The Flame Tree Project is a provider of the NSW Government's 'Creative Kids Program' and a \$100 voucher can be claimed against this cost. We also have subsidised places available courtesy of the generous support the IMB Community Foundation.

Auditions: Confirmed upon application
Workshop Dates: Sat/Sun 22 & 23 Feb and Sat/Sun 21 & 22 March 2020
Performance: 22 March 2020

Places are limited and applications will close once the program is full. The Application Form can be found on our Facebook page. For further information please email steve@flametreeproject.com or phone 0437 885731.



OOLA BOOLA WOO
The Story of Five Islands



Flame Tree Community Partners:



School Website: <https://shellharb-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Return Slip

Our school newsletter will be published each week on a Monday. The first four editions will be printed and sent home to all families with the eldest child. After this time, the newsletter will only be printed for those families who have elected to receive a paper copy.

The newsletter will also be uploaded to our SkoolBag App, the school website and our Facebook page. We are doing our best to minimise the paper usage across the school.

If you would like to have a paper copy sent home, please scan the QR code to the right with your smart phone and complete the questionnaire. In most cases, your smart phone will detect the QR code simply by opening your camera and focusing on it.



Online Payments

Voluntary contributions, excursions, camps and other fees can all be paid online

Log onto the school site at:

<https://shellharb-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Click on 'Make a Payment' and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.



Student Parliament 2020

In 2005, the Shellharbour Public School Student Parliament started when a small handful of curious Year Six students, with the support of Rhonda Mosley, volunteered to join Six Ministries. The formation of this parliament acknowledged how the school community values the importance of student leadership and the opportunity to make a significant contribution to the culture of this school.

By becoming a member of our Student Parliament, students will learn that with the excitement and privilege of being selected to a ministry and the development of leadership skills, comes considerable responsibility. A responsibility to conduct themselves with dignity and maturity as a role model for other students, to recognise the need for change and to make active and informed decisions.

These children will also acquire the skills and values necessary for informed and active participation in life after Shellharbour Public School. Through developing decision-making skills and increasing their abilities to accept responsibility, students have a voice in our school and the opportunity to make a real difference in our community. As well, it gives students an opportunity to acquire the sort of communication, planning and organisational skills which will be of benefit to them in their future lives.

Congratulations to the following students who are now members of our 2020 Student Parliament:!

	Ministry for Community Service	Ministry for Our Environment	Ministry for Special Events	Ministry for Sport
Minister	Kalani Davies	Mathilde Marshall	Samual Nicol	Samuel Palermo
Deputy Minister	Zoe Dunning	Elinore Dunningham	Ella Gibbons	Max Linton
Ministry Members	Hannah Marshall	Jett Hockey	Bree Sinclair	Blake Rhind
	Lara Misiti	Luke Taylor	Abigail Robson	Milla Kane
	Thomas Baltoski	Joel Dawson	Kalem Hawke	Jack Foley
	London Carey	Sianna-Rose Thompson	Mia Hutchinson	Makena Simpson
	Tommi Camilleri	Bryce Lowe	Ike Matthesius	Drew Girard
	Joseph Barter	Darci Cooper	Deakin Ingram	Stevie Olds

Technology Team: Bridie Clarke, Summer-Rae Linigen, Kaelyn Wheatley, Kayla Speers, Blake Bonfield, Ethan Kirchberg, Max Buhac, Jarrod Martin

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