



# Shellharbour Public School Newsletter

Monday, 10 February 2020  
Term 1 Week 3

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## SWIMMING CARNIVAL AND YEAR 6 CAMP

Dear parents/carers

Last week I met with almost all of the teachers at Shellharbour Public School to talk about their professional background, their aspirations and why they love working here at Shellharbour. I am looking forward to meeting with those I missed, as well as our support staff, this week. These conversations have given me an invaluable insight into the inner working of our great school. It was so unbelievably refreshing and exciting to talk to so many staff who genuinely love their work environment and, most importantly, love working with the young people in our care.

This week our new Short Message Service for absences will begin. Communication between home and school is vital and when your child is absent from school you have a legal requirement to inform us. In the past, this has been an explanation via handwritten note or email. Our systems are now able to send an automated text when your child is marked absent that will read:

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

Sending a reply to this message with a explanation will satisfy your legal requirement. Explanations will be reviewed and the SMS you sent will be added to your child's class roll. If you know your child will be absent, you can send an explanation to 0439 438 292 before 9am. As with all new systems, we can expect some errors along the way, but we are committed to ensuring this system works accurately to make communication between home and school as efficient as possible.

The first P & C meeting for 2020 will be held this Wednesday at 6.30 pm in the staffroom. If you are new to the school, or yet to attend a P & C meeting, now is a great time to come along. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday, 11 March and will

include a 'Meet the Principal Barbeque' – more details will be published in next week's newsletter but please add these dates to your diary or calendar.

If you would like the 11 March event added to your calendar please scan the QR code to the left.



Community Consultation sessions have been scheduled for the following dates and times.

- Monday, 24 February, 9.00-10.00 am
- Tuesday, 25 February, 6.00-7.00 pm
- Wednesday, 26 February, 1.55-2.55p m

The focus of these sessions is to discuss the big ideas for Shellharbour Public School; to elicit from parents and families what matters most for the education of their child. Please register using the link below or QR Code so we can organise light refreshments and seating: <https://forms.gle/md9Engg5rPxn5evLA>



In preparation for the sessions, can you please begin thinking about what values really underpin our school; safety, resilience, respect, integrity, dedication, responsibility. We would like to select three.

Our Swimming Carnival was a highly successful day with beautiful weather, high student engagement and lots of community involvement. Thank you to our staff for facilitating a great event for our students and a big thank you to Mrs Barrett for her organisation. The Year 6 Leadership Camp was equally successful with great activities prepared and the added excitement of sleeping in tents here at school. Thank you to our staff who organised and slept at school overnight—our students faces may have looked tired and weary on Friday, but the enjoyment shone through.

*Have a great week!*  
**Chris Klein**  
Principal



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 12 Feb	ES1 Parent Information 4.00-4.30 pm
	S1 Parent Information 4.30-5.00 pm
	P & C Meeting 6.30 pm in Staffroom
Thu 13 Feb	S3 Parent Information 4.00-4.30pm
Fri 21 Feb	District Swimming Carnival

# New Messaging System

## 0439 438 292

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

Between 9.30am and 10.00am 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 9.00am 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, or in case of extraordinary circumstances. Please do not send messages unrelated to attendance, as they are not checked regularly throughout the school day.

## No Pets Allowed

### Please leave your pets at home

For a multitude of reasons, please leave your pets at home.

Over the past few days there have been a number of dogs on site before and after school. Please do not bring your dogs into the school grounds at any time. This includes dogs who are leashed or unleashed, but does not include assistance dogs. If you have an assistance dog, please make an appointment with our office to discuss this with me.

From time to time students may negotiate to bring a pet in to meet their class. Please negotiate this with your child's classroom teacher who will arrange an appropriate time and venue, as well as conducting a thorough assessment of risk.



**Uniform Shop**  
**Tuesday 8.25-9.25am**



This week a long sleeve polo shirt order form was uploaded to Skoolbag. If you didn't receive the notification please check the App. All orders must be received by Friday, 28 February 2020.

All other uniform information, including forms can be found online at:

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

Payment via POP is also available on our schools website. If you have any questions, please come and see me on Tuesday mornings.

*Ms Anna Nietner*  
*Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator*

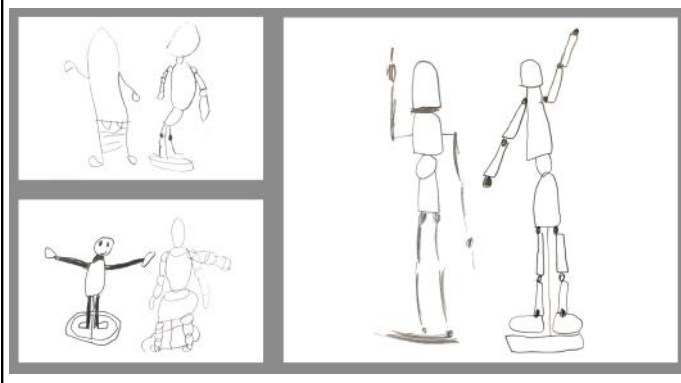
## ART STUDIO NEWS

### Celebrations from the Art Studio

This week in the SPS Art Studio, we explored different ways of making lines as we begin our adventure through the elements of art.

The children loved drawing circles, ovals, rectangles and cylinders all over the desks with removable whiteboard marker. They then turned their attention to how our mannequin, Fred, is also constructed of circles, ovals and cylinders. Looking at the growth of these children from 1K and 2D, in just one week their observation skills show unmistakeable improvement! Wow! Next week we begin our grade-based projects and apply our knowledge of lines to create artworks.

Mrs Dyson – proud Art Teacher!



## SCHOOL ZONE

8 - 9.30 AM  
2.30 - 4 PM  
SCHOOL  
DAYS



**Check out our Facebook page: @ShellharbourPS**



# Sports Update



## Swimming Carnival:

A Shellharbour Public School swimming carnival is the perfect way to start our school year and this year's carnival was nothing short of fantastic. The competition in all age groups was tough and it was wonderful to see so many of our 8 and 9 year old swimmers display the effort required to swim the 50 metres.

Special congratulations goes to our Age Champions who will be announced at the Week Five assembly. The success of the day and the ease with which it ran was made possible due to the help of many parents. A personal thank you to each and every parent who assisted on the day. Your support is greatly appreciated and your contribution ensured that our carnival was a success and the timekeeping end of the pool is always a fun place to be.

The District Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 21 February at Warilla Pool. It is important to note that SPS is now a member of the Mid South PSSA district. Thank you all again

*Mrs Barrett, Sport Co-Ordinator*

# Art Class

## For parents and carers

Monday 24 Feb @ 7.30 pm

Shellharbour Public School has its very own art studio and I couldn't be more excited. My goal, quite simply, is to make the children of our village buzz with artistic excitement! This got me thinking about how I wish I had of had this opportunity when I was at school. And so, here it is - the art lessons you wish you had of had when you were in school. On the last Monday of every month at 7.30 pm, the studio will be open for just us adults as we explore a new medium or form of art. We are going to start things off by taking a peak into the world of abstract art. We are going to get our Pollock on and throw paint followed by a step into the orderly grid lined world of Mondrian. You don't have to be good at art to come along - in fact, it's better if your not! Wear something that won't be ruined if paint splashes on it and I'll see you at 7.30 pm on Monday, 24 February with the paint, the nibbles and the stories behind these artists and what they were trying to accomplish. Let me know if you're coming so I can organise accordingly. Here's to embracing our inner artists!

*Mrs Dyson, Art Teacher*



# Canteen News



We have a brand new menu with a range of new items. Each week we will highlight one of these items. Be sure to check out the menu, available on our Facebook page Shellharbour Public School-Kids Cafe.

## This weeks special

Homemade Chicken Burrito \$4

Add a flavoured milk \$6

*Kelley Ryan, Canteen Supervisor*

## ANAPHYLAXIS

Allergic reactions may vary from itchy eyes and a runny nose to anaphylactic shock that may result in death from circulatory collapse or respiratory failure.

Shellharbour Public School has introduced a number of strategies below for avoiding children's exposure to these triggers, particularly, peanut butter products:

- ➔ Parents are asked not to provide peanut products with school lunches or snacks.
- ➔ Children are asked not to share their food.
- ➔ Students should wash their hands with soap and water at recess and lunch time.
- ➔ Children who bring peanut products to school may be segregated from students who are allergic to peanuts.



## 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 6.30 pm 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 BBO:** Thank you to all of our volunteers who cooked and served, and everyone for supporting our P & C by purchasing a sausage sandwich—much appreciated.

## HEALTHY EATING RESOURCES

The Healthy Kids website has lots of great information for kids, parents and teachers. Here you will find factsheets, recipes and much more.

<https://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/>

**healthykids**  
eat well, get active

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



# Community Notice Board

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

## Minnamurra Rainforest & Carrington Falls February / March Program.

- **Minnamurra Meditation (adults)**

Saturday 15th February 2020

Time: 9:00 -10:30am

Cost: \$20 / adults and children 16 years and older

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (Park entry fees apply)

Bookings required: <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/meditate-in-minnamurra-rainforest>

*The deep tranquillity of a rainforest is the perfect place to get in touch with nature, and with your inner self. Enjoy a guided child free walk through the magical Minnamurra Rainforest, and feel the timeless, calming energy of this ancient habitat. Practicing mindfulness techniques and meditation along the walk you will develop a strong awareness of self in the present moment and with your surrounds. Feel the stress of everyday life disappear and gain strength in observing your emotions come and go with simple breathing techniques which calm your mind and body (Suitable for children over 16 year and adults only).*

- **Waterbugs wonders at Carrington Falls**

Saturday 29th February 2020

Time: 9:30 -11:00am

Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years. Accompanying adults free.

Meet: Carrington Falls picnic area (Thomas' Place picnic area)

Bookings required: <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/waterbug-wonders-at-carrington-falls>

*Did you know that lots of insects start life as a water bug then turn into something else when they come out of the water - like the dragonfly. Come on a fun-filled adventure with us walking through the forest and learn amazing facts about these very important creatures. We will use a dip net to search for waterbugs in the Kangaroo River and see what they look like under a magnifying glass. We will learn where they live, what they eat and what they become when they "grow up". You'll need to wear sensible shoes and clothing. Pack an after-activity change of clothes as you may get wet.*

- **Junior Ranger bush safety - Minnamurra Rainforest**

Saturday 14th March 2020

Time: 10:30 -12:00

Cost: \$12 / child 4 -12 years. Accompanying adults free.

Meet: Minnamurra Rainforest (park entry fees apply)

Bookings required: <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/guided-tours/junior-ranger-bush-survival-minnamurra>

*Do you enjoy exploring the great outdoors? Join in on this junior ranger activity to gain some valuable skills and discover the basics of bush safety and survival. Embark on this adventure along the Rainforest Loop walk, where we will learn, discover and explore our natural environment .*

## 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.

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## 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 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.



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