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Newsletter - Term 1, Week 10

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Upcoming Events

Friday, 5 April

**Kinder Parents' 2019 -
'Meet & Greet Morning
Tea' in school hall at
9.00 am'**

Monday, 8 April

**Mid south PSSA
Legends Shield Day at
Myimbarr Oval,
Flinders from 10.00 am
till 2.30 pm**

Wednesday, 10 April

**Easter Hat parade
under Graham Tink
COLA at 9.15 am**

**Eddie Woo visit from
10.00-11.30 am in
school hall**

Friday, 12 April

**ANZAC Day Ceremony
in school hall at 11.40
am**

Last day of Term 1



MATHLETICS

We have used Mathletics at this school since 2009. It is a very important part of each child's Maths program. Whilst it is designed to be done as part of homework, we consider it so important we have the Computer Room open at lunchtimes to allow students who can't access a computer at home to be able to complete Mathletics at lunchtime. Overwhelmingly our students enjoy Mathletics because it can be tailored to suit each individual child so is therefore appropriately challenging and set at the point of need. Parents enjoy using it because it provides Maths questions in a context which is relevant and enjoyable and also provides support if a child gets an answer incorrect. Unfortunately some children are not using it as much as we would like. We are giving Mathletics a renewed push prior to the holidays when we expect the kids will have time to get stuck into it. If your child doesn't have their Mathletics log in details, please contact your child's teacher. Then, during the Easter holidays, if you hear your child say something like ...

"I've got nothing to do"

you could do much worse than point them in the direction of the computer and put them on the Mathletics site. Even if they have finished work set by their teacher, there are other challenges they can complete. If you haven't got a computer, take them to the library and do the same.



ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

As ANZAC Day falls during the school holidays, our ANZAC Day ceremony will be held next Friday, 12 April, starting at 11.40 am in the school hall. Special guests from Warilla RSL Sub-Branch will join us and give an address to the students. It will be a time for us to remember the brave men and women who fought in wars. It is also a time for us to emphasise the importance of peace and of learning from our past. We are asking parents to send in flowers made up

into bunches or posies to be placed on our commemorative stand during the service. These can be brought in on the Friday morning and taken down to the school hall where buckets will be available. Members of the Special Events Ministry will be on hand to receive them from you. After the ceremony, the flowers will be taken to the local cenotaph by senior students and a teacher. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend our ceremony.

Rose-Anne Riddington will spend Sunday lining the walls of our school hall with historical information on the activity of the ANZACS. Our students will be walked through this information by selected Year 6 students prior to the ceremony. Parents are welcome to walk through this information at the conclusion of our ceremony on Friday.

On ANZAC Day itself, I will be with four of our school leaders at the Addison Street Cenotaph at 6.00 am and later at the Shellharbour City Memorial at Shellharbour City Centre at 7.35 am. The ANZAC Day service in Addison Street is growing every year. At 6.00 am, people gather near the Roo Theatre in Addison Street, next to the only cenotaph in the Shellharbour area. The cenotaph contains many surnames which still appear on our class rolls. Among these names is also the son of the Principal of this school between 1902 and 1929, Frederick Chopin. It would be great to see as many Shellharbour Public School students as possible in school uniform at the Addison Street service.



Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Opportunity classes cater for academically gifted and talented students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 31 July 2019**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2020, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **Tuesday 30 April 2019** at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

The application website opens on **Tuesday 30 April 2019** and closes on **Friday 17 May 2019**. You must apply by the due date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after **30 April 2019**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Remember: The tear-off strip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below by next Friday.

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE:

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Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2020

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for opportunity class placement in 2020. Yes ☐ No ☐

I understand that I need to register and then apply through the department's website. Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, either:

I have internet access and will be applying online ☐

OR

I do not have internet access and will use the public library to complete the application

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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Shauna Stephenson and Alyce Micallef hard at work.

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Saturday, 23 March was Round One of our two round 'Election Day Sausage Sizzle Extravaganza for 2019'. Our sausages came from Tim Ball from Superior Meats on Addison, your local butcher in Addison Street. To say that these were the best sausages we had ever tasted would be a massive understatement. Tim's sausages are the best, even recommended by non-sausage eaters! Great work P & C and great work Tim Ball. See you all at Round Two, on a Saturday in May!!

DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS



Not even this handsome beast is allowed at school! It is unlawful for dogs (Companion Animal Act 1998), leashed or unleashed, to be on school grounds unless they are assistance dogs, security patrol dogs or police dogs. The Companion Animals Act 1998 prohibits dogs on school grounds, except where the Principal grants permission (ie the abovementioned cases) – thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

John MacDonald, Principal

NEXT P & C MEETING

The next P & C meeting will be held next Wednesday, 10 April, starting at 6.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome to attend! We hope to have Kyle Jacobs available to provide a quick rundown of the school's technology program. (An impending addition to the Jacobs family may prohibit his involvement).



PEER SUPPORT – WEEK 1

Our whole school has started Peer Support sessions. Out students will be participating in a new module, Moving Forward, which focuses on resilience. The experiences in the module help students to identify their qualities and strengths, develop skills, respond with a range of strategies and seek support when faced with challenges. In this session, the children will establish connections with the other members of their group and develop their group agreement to enable them to work well together. The students will discuss an example of a challenging situation and some resilient and non-resilient responses. You might like to discuss with your child what they can do to help them take an active role in Peer Support.

PEER SUPPORT – WEEK 2

This week in Peer Support students will have an opportunity to discuss their personal qualities and strengths. The students will identify their qualities and acknowledge how they contribute to their achievements. Through activities students recognise they used their strengths to achieve success and can be encouraged to approach future activities optimistically. Ask your child to describe their own qualities and strengths so you can recognise and acknowledge these.

SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to both Maddison Lewis and Imogen Turner who travelled to Kiama on Thursday, 21 March to trial for the Tongarra District Netball team, along with 25 other girls from schools within our area. Both girls played beautifully, making it an extremely difficult decision for the selectors to choose a team of just 10 players. While Imogen did not make it into the Tongarra team, she played superbly in Centre, Wing Attack and Goal Attack. A huge congratulations to Maddison who was selected in the team to represent the Tongarra District in a Round Robin Tournament in the Shoalhaven on 2 April – Good luck for the upcoming games Maddison!!

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM



To the left is a picture of what should be worn by the students at this school as their winter school uniform, all of which can be purchased from our Uniform Shop on a Tuesday morning from 8.25-9.25 am – the trackpants can be worn with a either a short or long sleeve polo shirt, accompanied by our school polar fleece jacket – Boys can also wear long grey pants if they prefer. Please note that yoga pants and leggings are not part of our uniform and should not be worn. Thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE/CLOTHING APPEAL 2019

Recently we sent home a Stewart House Donation Drive 2019 envelope & clothing appeal bag – this envelope with your donation of \$2.00 or more needs to be returned to school by Friday, 24 May to be eligible for the draw on Friday, 31 May for the chance to win a \$4,000 family holiday to a destination of your choice – the clothing appeal bag needs to be returned to school by Monday, 29 April as bags will be collected from our school on Tuesday, 30 April (no bags will be accepted at school from this date) - If you require any further envelopes or bags, please call into the school office - please support this worthwhile charity which is the major and only charity supported by the NSW Department of Education.

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

We congratulate the following students who received awards at our Presentation Assembly held on Thursday, 28 March 2019:

GOLD MEDALS

Darci Cooper

BANNERS

Brydee Miller

PENNANTS

Oliver Larkin

Edward Webb

Leyla Yuksel

Nate Murray

Harley Ingram

Ava Dragovic

Freddie Carr

Tara Elliott

Milli Benson

Lara Sandelin

Ella Wheatly

Zac Stambulka

Chase Allbury

Zachary Morris

Darci Cooper

Brydee Miller

Archer Rowan

P & C UPDATE

YOUR FORTNIGHTLY UPDATE ON P&C EVENTS AND MATTERS

Kindergarten parents' Meet & Greet



The P & C will be hosting a Kindergarten parents' Meet & Greet Morning Tea in the school hall on **Friday, 5 April 2019** commencing at 9.00 am. Invitations have been sent home with kindergarten children. We hope to see you there!

Easter Raffle



To coincide with the school's Easter Hat parade on Wednesday, 10 April the P & C will be holding an Easter Raffle. If you would like to purchase tickets to win 1 of 3 beautiful Easter themed hampers, please send money with your child on the day. **Tickets are \$2.00 each and will be sold at school on 10 April only near the COLA area**—Good luck and thanks in advance for your support!

Election Day BBQ



We were able to raise \$292.00 this year at the Election Day BBQ on 23 March. Thank you to all of our volunteer helpers, and to everyone who came by to grab a sausage sizzle and support the P & C!

Mother's Day Stall



You should have received a note detailing the wonderful Mother's Day gifts available for purchase this year. If not, please let us know via shellharbour_pandc@hotmail.com - This year gifts will be available via **pre-order only**. Orders are due back on 12 April with cash payment. Gifts will be sent home with students on 10 May.

"Mum's Night Out" at Greater Union



We will be hosting a "Mum's Night Out" private screening at Greater Union Cinemas on **Friday, 17 May** to see new-release comedy, 'The Hustle', starring Rebel Wilson & Anne Hathaway.

Tickets will be \$20.00 each; this includes your movie ticket & tickets for our lucky door prize raffle. Food & drinks can be purchased separately at the candy bar.

So gather up your family, colleagues and friends and bring them along for a great night out! All money raised goes back into our wonderful school! If you would like to attend, tickets are on sale at the school office. Event info and updates will be provided on the school community Facebook page and via this newsletter.



New Members Welcome!

Would you like to get involved with SPS P & C in 2019? Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 10 April in the staffroom commencing 6:30 pm.

Not able to attend our meetings? Maybe you have a skill we could utilise (eg; graphic design, marketing experience, event organisation, etc) - if so, and you are able to donate your time to assist, please let us know via shellharbour_pandc@hotmail.com

Upcoming & Important Dates

Kindergarten parents' Meet & Greet'	Friday, 5 April
Easter Raffle	Wednesday, 10 April
P & C meeting	Wednesday, 10 April
Mother's Day gift pre-orders due	Friday, 12 April
Mother's Day gift collection	Friday, 10 May
P & meeting	Wednesday, 15 May
"Mum's Night out" at Greater Union	Friday, 17 May
Queen Street Bakery Pie Drive	Tuesday, 4 June
P & C meeting	Wednesday, 19 June



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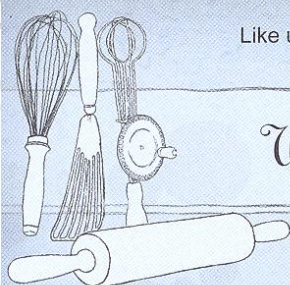


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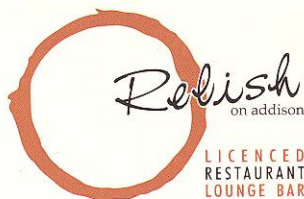
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