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Newsletter - Term 2, Week 9

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 25 June

**Cluster Rehearsal in
Sydney for recorder group**

Thursday, 27 June

Peer Support

Friday, 28 June

Reports sent home

Monday, 1 July

**Parent/teacher interviews
all week**

Athletics Carnival

Tuesday, 2 July

**Year 5 excursion to Sydney
Opera House & Art Gallery**

Wednesday, 3 July

**Principal Gold Medal
Winners Luncheon**

**Celebration Day – 'My
House Rules'**

Thursday, 4 July

**Year 6 excursion to Sydney
Opera House & Art Gallery**

Friday, 5 July

**Sausage Sizzle fundraiser
for Camp Quality and
Farewell Assembly for Mr
Mac**

Last day of Term 2

INDIGENOUS ART

On Monday, 17 June 2019, we painted an art piece that represents the Indigenous group of Shellharbour Public School. It took place on the opening doors of the school along Mary Street. The white connecting dots represent the students in our school moving along the stages of primary school, then moving to high school. We then made a pattern using the fingerprints of the Indigenous community. We want people to know straight away who drive past Mary Street, what the art is and why it is there. An Indigenous community member named 'Zac' helped us create the design and informed us that it is a 'Dreamtime' art piece.

It means a lot to us that it shows our school is a welcoming, multicultural community. It is an amazing art piece with the help of Zac and the Indigenous group of 2019 - By Tyson Ingram and Zarah Ingram





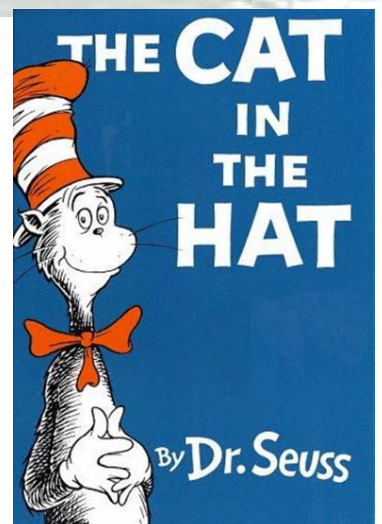
THEODOR GEISEL AND YOUR CHILD'S REPORT



Reports will be sent home Friday, 28 June and interviews will be held between Monday, 1 July and Friday, 5 July. This is the last week of Term 2. Whilst we expect you to be at the mid-year interviews, please organise a time through the Office to speak to your child's teacher anytime you have a concern about their progress. The vast majority of parents will be pleased with their child's results. It will be the simultaneous confirmation of a solid six months of work, and the expectation of further success in the second half of 2018. Others may not be so pleased. Combined with parent/teacher interviews, your child's June report will have identified areas for improvement and possibly greater effort throughout the rest of the year.

I spoke at the assembly this week about learning being incremental. Not many just 'get it' the first time. A trial and error approach is innate in all of us. For this reason the whole notion of sticking at things is important. We now describe this as displaying resilience in learning.

Theodor Geisel was an author and illustrator in the United States in the early 1900's. Both his text and his illustrations were rejected by publishers for many years but he kept trying. After almost thirty years of trying, his first success was called *The Cat in The Hat* but he went on to write and illustrate more than 60 books that have sold well over 600 million copies. Geisel's message is clear. The result isn't important; it is what you do with it.



CONGRATULATIONS REBECCA KENCEVSKI

I can now tell you that Rebecca Kencevski gained permanency at this school through a merit selection process earlier this term. Rebecca is now a permanent staff member at Shellharbour Public School! This is great news for Rebecca and the Shellharbour Public School community. Congratulations Rebecca.



KINDER 2020

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2020. If you plan to send your child to this school in 2020, it is important that we know this as soon as possible. Please call into the school office and get enrolment forms. Alternatively, if you know someone who wants to send their child to this school in 2020, please pass on this message. Potential out of area enrolments should speak to the Principal. The process for enrolling a child in a school, (particularly your first one) can be confusing. If you know someone in this position, please ask them to call the school and we will be only too happy to help.

John MacDonald
Principal

2019 MULTICULTURAL PERSPECTIVES PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

This year four lucky students who go by the names of Bennett Smart, Rose O'Loughlin, Tilly Marshall and Annie King, each representing their year (Years Three, Four, Five and Six), were chosen to compete in the 2019 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition for the Zone Level. This competition was held at Jamberoo Public School where they had to deliver a speech that lasted for either 2 to 3 minutes (Stage 2) or 3 to 4 minutes (Stage 3). As well as this, they had to say an impromptu speech where they had five minutes to prepare a speech that had to last for either for 30 seconds to a minute (Stage 2) or 1 to 1 minute 30 (Stage 3).

"I found this competition fun and exciting, while nerve-wracking and anticipating. It was an amazing experience and was a great opportunity for me to learn about many aspects of multiculturalism." – By Rose O'Loughlin (4M)



PEER SUPPORT NEWS

Two weeks ago the focus was on step 2 of the model, Plan. In Peer Support children learn the need to develop a range of coping strategies and be creative in drawing on these when planning responses. Responses include persevering, seeing the positive side to situations and engaging in activities they enjoy as a distraction for a short time. Encourage your child to talk with you about strategies they could use as difficulties arise.

Library News



Premier's Reading Challenge: I have been delighted to see the amazing results our students are achieving with the 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge - we have had a number of students complete the challenge already and many more so close to their reading goals, so keep on reading and keep on logging those books into your reading register.

Remember, students need to log in to the PRC website to record their reading efforts and can do so at the following link: <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>. Students are to sign in with their DET student log in and add completed books to their reading lists. If you or your children need any assistance getting started, completing reading logs, or understanding the rules please don't hesitate to pop in to the library and have a chat, I'm more than happy to help. Remember, the challenge closes on **Tuesday, 30 August 2019**.



Premier's Spelling Bee: Do you think you have what it takes to be a Spelling Bee Champion? Well, in the coming weeks Stage Two and Stage Three students will be invited to participate in the 2019 Premier's Spelling Bee competition. The PSB is an annual competition that tests the amazing spelling skills of students across NSW. Heats are held at the school during school time and from these heats two students from Stage Two and two from Stage Three will be selected to represent SPS at a regional final in term three (date TBA). If a student wins the regional finals they will compete in the State finals on 8th November.

Words for the competition are provided by Macquarie Dictionary and are divided into several categories. Junior (Stage Two) and senior (Stage Three) students study different word lists. There are wordlists available for students to start practicing from- if you or your children would like the link and password info for the word lists to start practicing please come and see me and I will happily pass them on to you- unfortunately due to copyright issues I am unable to provide this info in this newsletter. So pop in and say hi and grab a slip with the info and get practicing!

Book Week 2019: Book Week is like Librarians Christmas! I am so excited to be a part of this event at SPS this year and I cannot wait to see what our incredible students and their creative families come up with for this year's festivities. The 2019 Book Week Parade will be held on **Wednesday, 7 August 2019**, so there is plenty of time to start selecting your favourite book and planning those costumes. As in previous years, the Book Parade will only be attended by Kinder to Year 2, however students from all grades are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character for the day. More details will follow in the weeks to come.

Book Fair: To coincide with Book Week festivities, a Book Fair will also be held during the week of **Monday, 5 to Friday, 9 August**. Lots of popular books will be available to purchase before and after school and after the Book Week Parade. **Volunteers** to assist with book sales on the Wednesday, 7 August would be most welcome! More details will follow in the weeks leading up to the event.

Library Refurbishment: Work is underway to refurbish and modernise the library space. The refurbishment will be undertaken in two stages with new shelving arriving (hopefully) in the July school holidays. The second phase (scheduled for mid-late term 3) will bring in new desks and chairs, as well as some amazing lounge settings and soft furnishings. The aim of the refurbishment is to create flexible work and play spaces and comfy social settings to ensure maximum enjoyment of the space for children of all ages.

Don't forget to keep up to date with library adventures by following us on instagram @shellharbour_ps_library - **Sarah Pike, Teacher Librarian 2019**

NETBALL NEWS

On Tuesday, 11 June, our school netball team hosted Balarang to compete in Round 2 of the PSSA Netball Knockout under the Graham Tink COLA. With some classes being fortunate enough to spectate and cheer for our school team, the atmosphere under the COLA was electric; it felt like we were at the Commonwealth Games about to win a gold medal! With fabulous attack and defence throughout the centre court by Kalani, Darci and Maddi, right from the first whistle these girls were seen zipping all over the court shutting down Balarang's mid court. Our shooting was on point, as Rebekah, Evie and Imogen were outstanding in the shooting circle. Balarang was helpless against Eve, Ruby and Lucy who absolutely dominated in defence keeping the other team scoreless in the second and third quarters. With the final score of 17-3, we won the game and now advance to the next round! Training hard each lunchtime has really paid off. We feel exceptionally proud of our efforts, the sportsmanship we displayed and the way we worked together as a team. We hope for the best in the next game against another South Coast Public School. We wish to thank Mr MacDonald for purchasing new post pads for the court and for supplying bottled water to both teams on the day, ensuring we all stayed hydrated. We would also like to give a huge shout out to Miss Kencevski and Miss Dodsworth for coaching us. Things don't just happen, people make them happen so we thank these teachers for making this all come together - all of their hard work and organisation behind the scenes did not go unnoticed - Written by Maddi Lewis, Ruby Langlands, Evie Dorahy, Imogen Turner and Lucy Brannigan



PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS

We congratulate the following students who received awards at our Presentation Assembly held on Thursday, 6 June & 20 June 2019:

GOLD MEDALS

Holden Young

Molly James

Bridie Clarke

Libby Drury

BANNERS

Lachlan Mason

William Mason

Arlee Taingahue

PENNANTS

Sienna Munro

Ryda Davies

Holden Young

Delilah Daly

Charlotte Napier

Lara Misiti

Emma Waterson

Lara Ward

Kate Sherriff

Amelia Stojanovski

Emily Cunliffe

William Mason

Arlee Taingahue

Lachlan Mason

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Charlie Lahiff

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Lexie Mustafa

David Yeo

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Kurtis Lome

Nate Clarke

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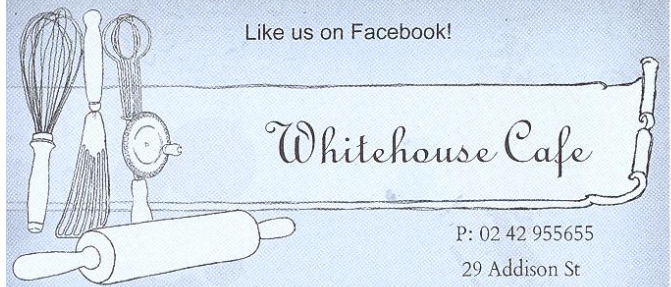
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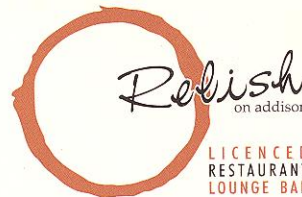
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