



# Shellharbour Public School

## NEWSLETTER

Term 3 - Week 5 2019

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## EDUCATION WEEK AND OPEN DAY

This week the school celebrated Education and Book Week with a Book Character Parade, the Archie's at Shellharbour and Open Classrooms. The theme of this year's Book Week celebration was 'Reading is my Secret Power'. Kindergarten to Year 2 students paraded in the COLA and answered questions about their favourite books and book characters. The students had a wonderful time and were so excited to talk about who they had come as and their favourite book. It was fantastic to see all of the effort that parents and community members went to in order to make this such a special event for the students. A huge thank you needs to go out to Mrs Sarah Pike, our current Librarian, for her organisation and hosting of this event and the running of Book Fair.



After the Book Parade, Kinder to Year 2 students went back to their room to show off all of the wonderful learning that has happened in their rooms this year. On display in the rooms was their self-portraits for the 'Archie's at Shellharbour' and a range of art, craft and writing that the students have completed in their rooms. Parents were able to look through their child's books and work from throughout the year. It was amazing to see the improvement in each child from the start of the year. As part of this, the students were able to have a picnic lunch with their parents. Food for the students were all handmade by our wonderful canteen staff. It was a massive effort on their behalf. A huge thank you to Kelley Ryan who collated and counted all of the orders, homemade all of the food for the day and distributed it to the classrooms. This was an enormous job and we thank her for this wonderful effort.





Years 3 to 6 completed a range of STEM activities with the parents as part of their Open Day. Parents were involved with the students in designing and making a range of objects for a specific purpose. In addition, they also displayed the work that they had completed over the year.





## Book Fair

In conjunction with our Open Day, the Library ran the annual Book Fair. During this event, the school sold just under \$4000 worth of books. This means that the school are able to purchase approximately \$800 worth of books that our students are able to enjoy in the library. Thank you for all of your support and we hope that the students enjoy the books that they have bought.

## Regional Awards

At the Gala Awards afternoon, one of very own members of staff took out the Director's Award for significant achievement in the role of School Administrative and Support Staff. Vicki was nominated for her outstanding work, and as part of the submission, this was written:

Beginning her career at Shellharbour Public School as a School Administration Officer (SAO), Vicki Fretus was promoted to School Administration Manager (SAM) in 2008. An exceptional SAM whose influence has extended well beyond this school, in 2017 and 2018 Vicki was co-ordinator of the Southern SAM Network organising professional learning each term for over 20 SAM's. This training included sessions in our Computer Lab where guest speakers provided support in the use of many new computer applications that have accompanied increased funding and responsibility for schools. Further to this, she organised a day trip to Ed Connect and the new premises in Parramatta where SAM's from the Southern Network met EdConnect staff that they had previously only liaised with over the phone. For 15 years, Vicki has organised Christmas celebrations for the SAM Network, personally purchasing a Christmas cake for every SAM who attends these celebrations. Mentoring other SAO's and SAM's has always been a priority for Vicki. The success of this effort is reflected in the number of people in both permanent and temporary positions in other schools who have had their initial training at Shellharbour Public School under Vicki's tutelage. At a school level, Vicki is irreplaceable and is one of the reasons staff want to work here. Enormously popular in the Shellharbour area, Vicki is a powerful advocate for public education. If the system has a 'heart and a soul', it is Vicki Fretus.

As a school, we are so proud of Vicki's achievements and the school would not be the same without her in it. Congratulations Vicki on a well-deserved and earned award.



## Congratulations Maria MacDonald

A huge and heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Maria MacDonald who commenced as Principal of Mt Kembla Public School at the beginning of this term. She will be sadly missed by the staff and students at the school. Although it is a loss for our school, it is an enormous gain for the staff, students and community of Mount Kembla. We would like to wish Maria every success in the future.

# 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.

## Approaching the School

Shellharbour Public School has a wonderful community with caring families. It is an important partnership that we take extremely seriously. It is vitally important for the care and educational needs of each and every child that this relationship is maintained. From time to time parents and other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to:

- discuss the progress or welfare of your own child
- express the concern about actions of other students
- enquire about school policy and practice
- express concern about actions of staff

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere. When discussing matters with all school staff it is important that parents and visitors:

- treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy



- make appointments in advance with the teacher
- follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds and follow any restrictions that may be imposed.

Please Note: No parent should directly approach another person's child.

The school will deal with issues between students as part of the school's Discipline and Wellbeing Policy. In very rare cases, where people wishing to express concerns, do so in an aggressive, threatening or violent manner, the Principal (or nominee) has the legal authority under the 'Inclosed Lands Protection Act' to prevent entry onto school property.

## 100 Days of School



On Friday, 26 July, Kindergarten celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> day at school. To mark this celebration, students dressed as if they were 100 years old. Students did a range of activities which marked this special milestone. This included games, writing and mathematical concepts around the number 100. They also needed to create a collection or artwork which incorporated 100 things. A special thank you to the Kindergarten teachers for getting into the spirit of the day. We would like to thank the parents of our Kindergarten students for the wonderful effort that they went to in preparing the students. The students had an absolutely magnificent day and it will be something that they will remember for a long time.



## Stage 3 – Canberra and Snow Excursion

To start off our terrific camp, Stage Three arrived at the school at 6:30 am for a departure of 7:15 am. During the four hours on the buses, we watched some movies and looked at the scenery, including the giant wind turbines. Then we arrived in Canberra.

Our first stop during our time in Canberra was Questacon where we explored the centre for three hours. There was an earthquake room where you could build a structure and see if it could survive, there was a slide that dropped down 5 metres, a robot that made art and a moon room that you could relax in. These were only a few of the amazing things we did there.



Next stop in Canberra with Mr Jeff (the bus driver) was Parliament House. Here we learnt about the Senate and the House of Representatives. The House of Representatives was coloured green which is typical of the Australian eucalypt landscape. The Senate chamber matches the colour scheme of the House of Lords in England. It is decorated in **red**, but softened to tints of pink ochre, suggesting the earth and the colours of the outback.

After our tour, we hopped back onto the bus and drove to The Station (our accommodation) where we had a buffet for dinner and a delicious display of dessert. Then, we got ready for lights out at 10:00 pm.

After a good night's sleep we woke up at 6:00 am and ate a buffet breakfast. After getting rugged up in warm clothing, we caught the bus for 20

minutes to the Perisher Snow Hire Shop where we got ready for the snow. We then jumped onto the ski tube and parted into two groups: Skiers and snowboarders in one group and the snow tubers in the other.

The skiers and snowboarders went to lessons first. After their lesson they split up into groups with parents to ski/snowboard the mountains. Next they then ate lunch at the 'Epic Food Restaurant'. After lunch they caught the ski tube back to the 'Perisher Ski Hire Shop'. While the skiers and snowboarders were doing those things, the tubers were busy having fun playing in the snow, building snowmen and riding the ski chair lift admiring the amazing view of Perisher.

After eating lunch they caught the ski tube back to the Snow Hire Shop to return the gear. We then ate afternoon tea before getting ready for the long seven hour bus trip home. We stopped on the way for toilet stops and dinner at Goulburn McDonalds. Finally, we arrived home at approximately 9:30 pm. We all had a brilliant time and will remember it forever.





Thank you to all the teachers and parents that came on camp for making it such a fun time. A special thanks to one teacher who made it all happen: Mrs Dyson.



## Southern Stars 2019

After almost a year of preparation and many months of rehearsals, Southern Stars 2019 **COME ALIVE** is in the final and most exciting week – show week!

Over 3000 public school students from the Illawarra and Southern NSW, including Shellharbour Public School, will perform in Southern Stars 2019 **COME ALIVE**, displaying their many and varied talents in music, dance, drama and even circus, at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 23 (10am and 7.30pm) and Saturday August 24 (2pm and 7.30pm).



**COME ALIVE** is a two hour professional and high quality arena style show which has something for everyone. This is not your typical school production! Be there to witness the cast of thousands come alive in front of your eyes. From opera to rock, and ballet to hip-hop – this show has it all.

You can visit our **Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular** Facebook page and take a look at the finale videos from past years to get an idea of the scale of the show.

It doesn't matter if you know anyone performing or not, it is worth taking your friends and family members to see one of the best variety entertainment shows in the country. The matinee show on Saturday in particular is ideal for families.

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, they are still available through Ticketmaster, but be quick!  
[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

## Assembly Award Winners

This week's Assembly Award winners include:

Banners		
Zac Stambulka Milli Benson		
Pennants		
William Zingel Bailey Bedford Sofia Dragovic Bryce Lowe Nash Young	Tane Manukonga Zac Stambulka Ava Dragovic Isabella Merritt Jai Blowes	Jaelan Hegedus Milli Benson Tilly Marshall Hannah Marshall Sophie Taylor

Congratulations to all of these award winners. Your hard work and dedication has allowed you to achieve these awards. These awards were presented at the assembly on Thursday, 15 August 2019.

## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
<b>20 August</b>	Warilla High School – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round CAP Testing
<b>21, 22 August</b>	Southern Stars Rehearsal
<b>23 August</b>	Southern Stars Matinee/Night Performances
<b>Mondays Term 3</b>	Stage 3 African Drumming Lessons
<b>29 August</b>	Father's Day Stall
<b>3 September</b>	Year 6 – VALID Assessment
<b>3 September</b>	K-2 Shoe lace tying with Athlete's Foot
<b>4 September</b>	Connecting Preschool Professional Development



## P & C Meeting

Thank you to the members of the P & C that attended the last meeting for making me feel so welcome. The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11 September 2019 starting at 6.30 pm in the staffroom. All welcome to attend!



***Mrs Belinda Dawson***

***Relieving Principal***

## Learning Labs

The University of Wollongong has invited your students to LITTLE AND EARLY LEARNING LABS, an academic enrichment holiday program. We are targeting students from Year 1 to 6 during 2019, who are passionate, self-motivated and curious learners.

**Dates:** Little Learning Labs (Years 1 and 2): 30 September - 2 October 2019

Early Learning Labs (Years 3 to 6): 2 – 4 October 2019

**Venue:** University of Wollongong (Wollongong campus only)

**Applications close:** 21 August 2019



### **LITTLE LEARNING LABS**

**(FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2019)**

**WHEN:** 30 September and 1 October, 2019

**WHERE:** University of Wollongong

**TIME:** 9:00am - 2:00pm

**FEE:** \$160

### **LITTLE MINI-LABS**

**(FOR YEARS 1 & 2 DURING 2019)**

**WHEN:** 2 October, 2019

**TIME:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

**FEE:** \$85

Location and times are the same as above

### **EARLY LEARNING LABS**

**(FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2019)**

**WHEN:** 3 and 4 October, 2019

**WHERE:** University of Wollongong

**TIME:** 9:00am - 3:30pm

**FEE:** \$170

### **EARLY MINI-LABS**

**(FOR YEARS 3 TO 6 DURING 2019)**

**WHEN:** 2 October, 2019

**FEE:** \$90

Location and times are the same as above



## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Little and Early Learning Labs is an enrichment program designed for students who are excelling in their area of interest within their year group, and are seeking a challenging and fun experience during the school holidays.

All workshops are held over one (mini-labs) or two days, and are presented by teachers with specialist training or a specific interest in gifted education. There will be sponsorship places available for some participants- please see more details on how to apply for these places on the website.

## **WORKSHOPS ON OFFER- FULL LIST & WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS ONLINE**

Learning Labs workshops cover a range of diverse and innovative disciplines that are designed to challenge and stimulate the interest of self-motivated and curious learners. Here are **some examples of what's coming up** in October:



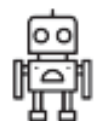
### **What Happens When**

In this workshop we'll do the science experiments you wouldn't get to do in the classroom. Things will fizz, pop, smoke and explode in our quest to find what happens when...



### **Clay Cafe**

Come join us at Clay Cafe where you get to develop your clay sculpting skills whilst creating any food (made completely out of air-dry clay!) your tastebuds desire. Warning: You may leave this workshop with an increased appetite!



### **The Droid Building School**

This is your opportunity to learn to communicate with robots and teach them to develop tasks, learn to assemble, program and use sensors. Nobody knows but maybe you are the next Tony Stark or a Jedi droid builder.



### **EV3 Robotics**

Bring the fascinating world of robotics alive with Lego Mindstorms EV2. We'll go through the process of assembling sturdy robots that you can modify or customise and then work with your partner to problem solve your way through a number of challenges before we prepare our robots for the grand finale - a Sumo battle!

A full list of the available workshops to choose from will be posted on the website in July 2019 when applications open. Please note that the program books up quite quickly, so ensure you submit your application as early as possible.

## **APPLICATION & CONTACT DETAILS**

For more detailed workshop descriptions, how to apply, FAQ's, and the online application form, please go to: [uow.info/learninglabs](http://uow.info/learninglabs)

For all other enquiries, please contact the Learning Labs team via:

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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2019**



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