Throughout the term, staff at Sherwood Grange PS have continued their development in Focus on Reading. Focus on Reading is an intensive professional learning program for teachers to support the explicit teaching of the key aspects of reading in the middle and upper primary years, namely comprehension, vocabulary and reading text fluency. The program draws from a sound research base that justifies the need for these key aspects to be at the forefront of literacy teaching and learning in the middle years.

The program emphasises the importance and use of:
- rich texts, particularly subject-based texts, multi-modal texts and the types of texts that interest and motivate learners in the middle years
- rich talk of the kind that encourages them to ‘show their thinking’ through talk
- ‘deliberate’ teaching that begins with insightful assessment; involves planning for explicit instruction based on students’ needs; supports and scaffolds students through modelled, guided and independent teaching; provides clear and purposeful feedback and constant opportunities for student reflection.

As a result, the school is encouraging students to simply ‘read more’. I have listed some strategies that parents / carers might find helpful when reading with their children at home.

1. Be yourself and involve your child in everyday conversations from an early age.
2. Read aloud to your child. It will help your child to learn the language of books and encourage the enjoyment of books and reading.
3. Talk about books together – make reading a shared, enjoyable activity.
4. See that there is a range of reading material for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction.
5. Read to your child in your first language – research shows that using your first language will help your child when he or she learns to read English.
6. Try not to let television intrude on reading time – set aside some uninterrupted time to read with your child.
7. Listen to your child read every day, even if only for a short time.
8. Give books as treats and presents.
9. Discuss the meanings of stories and words.
10. Join your local library. Borrow books for yourself as well as your child.

More tips at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au)

Mr Shearer

Kindergarten 2015 – Enrolling Now!

We have started to accept applications for enrolment at Sherwood Grange PS in 2015. If you have or know of a child that will begin their schooling next year, please contact the office for an enrolment form.
## Upcoming Events - Term 3

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## Walk Safely to School Day

On the 23rd of May, Sherwood Grange Public School celebrated Walk Safely to School Day by promoting physical activity among children as they travel safely to and from school.

For children, regular moderate or vigorous physical activity can:

- Reduce depression and anxiety
- Build self-confidence and self-esteem
- Combat chronic disease
- Help manage weight and prevent obesity
- Strengthen the heart and lungs
- Build and maintain healthy bones, muscles and joints, and
- Promote better sleep patterns.

Below are some tips to keep your child safe as they walk to school.

### Hold hands

- Children need to be actively supervised in and around traffic. Hold hands with your child when crossing the road until they are at least 10 years old.
- If your hands are full, make sure your child holds on to a trolley or pram, your bag, or even your arm or sleeve.

### Set a good example

- Children are always watching - they want to be grown up and be just like older children and adults. Make sure you always set a good example for your child around traffic.

### Talk with children about traffic and road safety

- As you are walking, talk with your child about why you are stopping, what you are looking at and listening for. Explain to your child where it is safer to cross the road and why.

**Remember! Active kids are healthy kids!**

*Miss Fares*
Western Sydney Wanderers Visit
Tuesday 17th June 2014

Today we got the experience to meet the coaches of the Wanderers. We got to learn very interesting skills about soccer from James and Woody. We had fun playing a game of soccer and we played it in harmony and with resilience. We had fun practising heading the ball, passing the ball, throw-ins and shooting for goal. We had fun watching Woody teach us tricks such as roll over and step over. Thanks for coming to our school and showing us soccer skills. It was fun having a group photo and singing the Wanderers’ chant.

From Class 2M

Today the Wanderers came to Sherwood Grange. We felt lucky and excited to learn to play soccer from skilful coaches. We liked how Mr Woody taught us how to play soccer. We learnt tricks like doing ‘a header’ with the ball. We enjoyed how Mr James taught us how to kick a goal. We learnt to play in harmony and we had fun. “Who do we sing for?” “We sing for Wanderers.” “2/1S sings for the Wanderers!”

From Class 2/1S

School Athletics Carnival
The Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 22nd July is going to be a great day for all of the students at Sherwood Grange to be active and have lots of fun. Come and support your team and compete in races to earn your house points. The canteen will be open on the day and will sell donuts, lollies, sausage sizzles and cool drinks. Parents are welcome to come to cheer for their children and friends.
Good luck to each of the teams! We hope you all go well and earn many points for your houses.
From your house captains:
Asha and Bailey (Sherwood), Claudia and Conor (Woodpark), Lara and Abdullah (Bruce), Hannah and Nathan (Kenyons)

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition
On Monday the 16th June 2014 we went to Guildford Public School for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. The topics we spoke about for our prepared speeches were ‘Harmony Day’ and ‘My Overseas Connections’. The topics for the impromptus speeches were ‘Changes’ (Stage 2) and ‘Bigger is Better’ for Ryan and Kalliope (Stage 3).
From the minute we walked onto the stage we felt nervous and scared, but we tried our best and were very proud of each other.

By Tanya and Elianna
Congratulations to Elianna for winning the Junior section. She will be representing not only our school but the six other schools in our zone at the Regional Final.

Mrs Bisignani

Road Safety
For the safety of our children, please do not stop or park your car on or near the pedestrian crossing and observe all safety and no stopping signs.
For more details on road safety go to www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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Zone Cross Country
On Tuesday 20th May Sherwood Grange sent 29 students to represent our school at the Zone Cross Country. All the students tried their best and represented our school with great pride, courage and enthusiasm. Three girls were successful in qualifying for the Regional Cross Country (featured below).

Regional Cross Country
On Wednesday 11th June, Isabella, Nicola and Alyssa represented our Zone at the Regional Cross Country. Isabella and Nicola competed in the 8/9 year old girls’ race and Alyssa competed in the 10 year old girls’ race. We are very proud of each of the girls and they did very well on the day.

Rugby League Knock Out
Recently, our Rugby League team participated in a Parramatta Knock Out. The boys played their hardest, and although we didn’t proceed through to the next round we all had a wonderful day. The boys were wonderfully behaved and showed great sportsmanship.

NRL Program - Term 3
Next term we have organised the Eels NRL Development Staff to run a few non-contact Rugby League sessions at school. They will be teaching all students fundamental skills that can be used not only in Rugby League but other sports too. Rugby League is an engaging sport and a sport for everyone, over the 5 weeks students will learn to work together as a team and learn how to play the game of Rugby League through non-competitive skills and activities. On the 5th week students will be playing in an intra-school gala day.
Online Safety Tips

Worried about your child’s safety online? Here are some guidelines that can help you:

- Put the computer in a central area of the home, not in a bedroom
- Be reasonable and try and set reasonable expectations
- Be open with your child and encourage them to come to you if they encounter a problem online - cultivate trust and communication because no rules, laws or filtering software can replace you as their first line of defence
- Talk with your child about how they use the internet. Make sure they understand basic safety guidelines. These include protecting privacy (including passwords), never posting personal information, never meeting people they only know online and not posting inappropriate or potentially embarrassing photos
- Try and get your kids to share their blogs or online profiles with you, but be aware that they can have multiple accounts on multiple services

Getting to School on Time

Do all this the night before and mornings will be much less frantic:

- Put all the non-perishable food in the lunchboxes, then you just have to add drinks and sandwiches in the morning
- Make sure drink bottles are clean
- Get your child’s uniform ironed and ready for the next day
- Make sure all school bags are packed and ready
- Check shoes are in a place you can easily find the next morning
- Check calendar for what might be needed following day: swimming, music lessons, PE etc
- Make sure you’ve signed any forms/notes etc
- Check any homework has been done and is in the bag ready to go to school.

School Bell Times

- 8.25am - Teacher on Duty
- 8.55am - Morning Assembly (School Starts)
- 11.00am - Recess
- 1.00pm - Lunch
- 2.55pm - Home Time
School Holidays

Activities – Want to do something more exciting than watching television or playing on the internet these holidays?

Why not try:

- getting involved in a local or backyard sport
- drawing and painting
- playing a board game or musical instrument

Library News

Congratulations to the students who have completed the Premiers Reading Challenge already. Remember that you have until August 30th to read your books and get your reading card in to me. If you still have any library books at home, try to remember to return them before the holidays. If you can’t return the books, put them in your school bag ready to return in term 3. Next term is a busy one in the library with Book Week celebrations and the Book Fair. I look forward to all the fun we will have. Remember, a reader is a learner!

Mrs Parnis Teacher Librarian

Our Space Night

[Images of children at a space night event]
P & C News

Skateboard Raffle
Thank you very much to the Szann family for donating the awesome skateboard and other prizes. Congratulations to Taasha! We hope you enjoy your prize and a big thanks to all the children who purchased tickets.

Uniform Shop
At the beginning of Term 3 payments can only be made by cash or cheque. Credit card facilities are no longer available. If paying by cheque please make it payable to Sherwood Grange P & C.

Payments to the P & C
The P & C cannot accept any payments through the school’s online payment system. Please ensure that payments are still made through the Blue Box, with exact money, as we are not able to give change.

Athletics Carnival
We will be running a sausage sizzle and full canteen at the Athletics Carnival so please ask mum or dad for some coins to buy lunch and some treats. There will also be donuts available in house colours, which will be sold by Year 6. If any parent/carer can spare some time on the day of the Athletics Carnival it would be a great help. As there are parents who wish to cheer on their own children it would be great if we could have some extra hands during the day and especially at lunch and recess when it’s very busy. Please come to the canteen on the day if you can help out.

Coin Line
In Term 3 the P & C are going to hold our annual Coin Line! There are prizes for the class with the longest line lengths and for the classes with the most money raised. Please try to start collecting any spare coins over the holidays to use in the coin line (date to be advised).

Mrs Williams