Sherwood Grange 50th Celebrations

Last week we celebrated 50 years of learning at Sherwood Grange and we did so in style. The wonderful performance from the whole school, directed by Mrs Chisholm, together with open classrooms, an art show, photo display, cake and BBQ made for a fabulous day. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came along to support the staff and students on this special day.

A very big thank you to our speakers on the day Mrs Chisholm, Mrs Lesiw, Mr James Matthew and to our past student Will Booker. They all spoke really well and gave us an idea of what Sherwood Grange was like many years ago.

School Safety

A reminder to all students / parents that students who are being picked up from school must remain at the school gate with the teachers until their family member arrives. This ensures that students are being supervised by a teacher and in the event the parent / carer is late we are able to see the student and take them to the office. Any child that has not been picked up by 3:05 will return to the office with the teacher to be picked up from there.

Bike / Scooter Safety

Riding a bicycle to school is a useful way for “children” to develop independence and self-reliance. Children need to learn the skills to ride a bike safely within the local traffic situation and act as responsible road users. Sherwood Grange Public School encourages the safe use of bicycle riding to and from school.

Our school has a bicycle / scooter riding policy that MUST be read and signed before riding to school. This can be found on our school’s website.
We appreciate your support in helping to keep your children safe when riding to and from school.

Working with Children Check

As of June 2013 the Department of Education and Communities has updated its Working With Children Policy. The Working with Children Check is an important part of the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ recruitment process to prevent people who pose a risk to the safety, welfare and well-being of children from being employed or engaged in child-related work.

Our school embraces and encourages all parent volunteers whether it be in the classroom, at sporting events or transporting students to and from specific events such as debating or enrichment programs. However, it is now mandatory that ALL parent / carer volunteer helpers complete:

- A Declaration for Volunteers
- Proof of Identity: 100 point check

To assist in this process we ask that any volunteer who has not yet filled in these forms please do so by the 20th August.

We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

School Uniform

I would like to request your support in ensuring that your children wear full school uniform each day. School hats and black shoes are important parts of our uniform. It has been my experience that compliance with school uniform is important in building school spirit and it also has a very positive effect on school culture and behaviour.

Contact Details

Please ensure the school has current information regarding address, phone contact numbers, medical conditions, custody advices etc at all times. It is particularly important that emergency contact numbers are current. If unsure please contact the office to check admission details.

Kindergarten 2015 - Enrolling Now!

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 are now being accepted. Children born between 1st August 2009 and 31st July 2010 are eligible to enrol. Parents wishing to enrol a child for school next year should contact the school office.
Kindergarten Update

Due to the continuous increase of our student population at Sherwood Grange Public School we are limited to the number of Out of Area enrolments we are able to consider. As per our policy we are to enrol students who are in our local catchment area first. When these enrolments have been finalised we can then determine the number of out of area enrolments we can accept.

To assist us in organising the numbers for next year we ask that if you are in our local catchment area you enrol your child for Kindergarten 2015 as soon as possible by collecting an enrolment form from the office. If you are unsure of your local school please contact the office and they will be able to advise you.

Homework help

Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Important – Updating of student records

Our school is in the process of updating our student records. Some families would have received a note yesterday in regards to this matter. In order for the school to receive the appropriate amount of Government funding all details must be accurate and complete. This is particularly regarding parent educational background and current Australian occupation, if employed. Missing or inaccurate information can affect the school’s funding outcome. The information is required for both parents where applicable. The information is confidential and no person is identified.

I am requesting that you fill in or update the information on the forms and return to the office by Friday 15th August. If you need assistance completing the forms, please see Mrs Lillas or myself, we are very happy to help.

Tree Update

Last term we had an arborist come out to check all of the trees on our school property. As a result we are having one tree removed. This tree, which is the large gum tree outside the uniform shop, will be removed on Wednesday 13th August at 7am. Please be aware that on this date the top gate may be closed for safety reasons.
Upcoming Events - Term 3

**Week 5**

Monday 11/8  NRL Program K-6

**Week 6**

**BOOK WEEK**  
Monday 18/8  NRL Program K-6  
Tuesday 19/8  Book Week Parade  
Wednesday 20/8  ‘Litter, Litter Everywhere’ Program  
Thursday 21/8  Zone Field Events Carnival

**Week 7**

Monday 25/8  Zone Track Carnival  
Tuesday 26/8  Father’s Day Stall  
Wednesday 27/8  Opera House Choir Rehearsal  
Elianna H competing at Regional Speaking Competition

**Week 8**

Tuesday 2nd September ‘Our Spectacular’

School Athletics Carnival

On the 22nd of July we had our school athletics carnival. We were fortunate enough to have beautiful weather. The students had a fabulous time participating in many events and activities and earning points for their houses. It was great to see so many parents, carers and relatives supporting their children at the carnival and enjoying the day. Well done to all of our place getters who received their ribbons on Tuesday.

Some students not only received a 1st place ribbon for an event but also broke a school record.

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Thank you to our wonderful P&C for running the canteen and BBQ on the day and to the staff who chipped in to make the day run smoothly.

Good luck to our Sherwood Grange students who will represent the school at the Merrylands/Parramatta Zone Athletics carnivals in weeks 6 and 7.

Christine Shearer

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. (John Dewey)

Keep Smiling 😊

Ms Karen Macphail
I hope everyone enjoyed our 50th birthday celebrations. What a fantastic day looking at old photographs in the library and walking down memory lane!

Third term is always a very busy one in the library.

Book Week will be celebrated in Week 6 with a Book Parade on Tuesday 19th August and a Book Fair from Monday 18th to Thursday 21st August each morning before school. Your child has received a more detailed note about the celebrations and it is also available on the school website in the library section.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is finishing soon so I hope everyone has given me their completed reading card or has entered their books online. Otherwise you will miss out on your certificate this year.

Looking forward to seeing you at school during Book Week!

Mrs Parnis Teacher Librarian
A big thank you to Daniel Parnis of departphotography for taking photos on the day.

P&C News

Athletics Carnival

Thanks to all the wonderful helpers who gave up their time to help run the canteen and sausage sizzle. It was an exhausting day but I’m sure everyone enjoyed all the yummy treats we had to offer.

Father’s Day

We are holding our Father’s Day stall a few weeks earlier this term. It will be held on Tuesday 26th August in the hall. Please remember to bring a plastic bag for your purchases and ask mum for a few dollars to buy a nice gift for Dad or Grandad. Prices start from 50 cents for gift cards and range up to $10. We have lots of great gifts to choose from.

Coin Line

Our major fundraiser for Term 3 will be the annual Coin Line. This is going to be held on the last week of Term 3, Wednesday 17th September. Please ask mum or dad if you can start collecting some spare change and gold or silver coins, maybe offer to do some extra jobs to help raise
some more pocket money. There are two trophies awarded for classes with the longest coin line length, one for K–2 and one for 3–6. There are also two parties for the classes who raise the most money. So please start collecting your coins.

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 and also with exact money as we are not able to give change.

Extra Helpers at the Father’s Day Stall

If any parent/caregiver can spare some time on the morning of the stall it would be a great help. Please let one of the P&C members know if you can help out.

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder the Uniform Shop operates on Friday morning from 8.30am till 9.15am and can only accept cash or cheque for payment. Credit Cards cannot be accepted. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Dates for Term 3

Father’s Day Stall – Tuesday 26th August
P&C Meeting – Tuesday 16th September
Coin Line – Wednesday 17th September

Help care for our environment!

Sherwood Grange is committed to helping the environment. We are encouraging parents / caregivers to use our website to view such things as notes as well as our monthly newsletter.

In our pursuit to save paper we are giving parents the option of opting out in receiving a hard copy of our newsletter. Our newsletter will always be available on our school’s website at:


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