Please note that ALL Newsletter articles are to be received in the office by 11am on Wednesdays. You can e-mail your article to newsletter@sherwoodss.eq.edu.au. Late articles will appear in the following week’s Newsletter.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAR
Mon 18 – Fri 22 Year 7 Camp (Moreton Island)
Wed 20 Year 6 Parliament House Excursion
Thu 21 Harmony Day (wear something orange)
Thu 21 Westcent Camp Auditions
Thu 21 Yr 2 Reverse Garbage Workshop (Old Hall)
Mon 25 P&C Meeting (Staff Room – 7.30-9.30pm)
Mon 25 Year 3 Mini Swim Meet (9.30-11.00am)
Wed 27 Yr 4-7 Swimming Carnival
Thu 28 JRFH Jump Off Day
Thu 28 Final Day of Term 1

APR
Mon 15 Commencement of Term 2
Mon 22 Yr 4-7 Cross Country
Wed 24 ANZAC Day Ceremony (9.00-10.00am – New Hall)
Wed 24 Starlab Planetarium for Yr 3 (Old Hall) (9:00 - 2:00)
Thu 25 ANZAC Day
Fri 26 Starlab Planetarium for Yr 5 (New Hall) (9:00 - 3:00)
Mon 29 P&C Meeting (Staff Room – 7.30-9.30pm)

2013 SCHOOL TERMS

Term 1: Tue 29 Jan to Thu 28 Mar
Term 2: Mon 15 Apr to Fri 21 Jun
Term 3: Mon 8 Jul to Fri 20 Sep
Term 4: Tue 8 Oct to Fri 13 Dec

E-NEWSLETTER - To receive our Newsletter via email type the link below in the address bar of your browser.

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Greg Nelson

The P&C Meeting is next Monday evening at 7:30 in the school Staffroom. You are welcome. A strong school requires a strong P&C – please come along and help us to make the wise decisions leading us forward.

Last week I sent an email to each parent (and staff) email address seeking your suggestions for next year when we will have both the Year 6 and Year 7 students celebrating their final year at primary school, and also to invite parents to make suggestions about what our Year 6 Student Leadership Program should look like from 2015 onwards. If you did not receive an email, or missed the one I’m referring to, then you can write down your suggestions and send them along to me at the Office. I am hoping that I receive these suggestions over the next month and they will be considered by our Reference Group in the early part of Term 2.

I feel as though the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence last Friday was very successful. Students were engaged at parade and I also talked with all of the Prep students. I know there were many class meetings to talk about the active role of bystanders to help prevent bullying. Like any community of 600 children there will be times when behaviour needs to improve, and lessons need to be learned. Learning to be responsible social beings is one of the most important tasks of a school. You can help by emphasising that students need to follow the rules, report bullying, and seek help if needed.

I am so proud of the work of our lower school teachers who have been doing a FANTASTIC job teaching reading. The reading achievement of our students in 2013 is really something special. A strong foundation is being established in the early years. As I mentioned in a recent newsletter, we are focussing on 12 micro-skills of comprehension – a focus for every classroom across every grade. Building a focus on understanding (reading comprehension) – an increasingly sophisticated level of understanding as the students get older – is wonderful. Building this professional
knowledge of our teachers is at the centre of our professional
development in 2012 and 2013.

HARMONY DAY

Kelly Alexander

Harmony Day is celebrated around Australia on 21 March each
year. It’s a day when all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity.
It gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each
Australian unique and share what we have in common. This year’s
theme is ‘Many Stories, One Australia’.

The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2013 is that Everyone
Belongs, which means all Australians are a welcome part of our
country, regardless of their background. It’s a time to reflect on
where Australia has come from, recognising the traditional owners
of this land. It's also about community participation, inclusiveness
and respect – celebrating the different cultures that make Australia a
great place to live. During this week, you could talk to others in the
school about the different cultures you know of and the groups that
you belong to. These could be cultural, sporting or musical groups.

Today you can wear your orange clothes to school as this is the
colour for Harmony day as well as for Anti-Bullying Day, or you
could wear your traditional clothing from your own culture.

We would like to thank Corey, Kieran and Keenan Simpson, and
Kylie Atken for providing their time and talents to help make
Harmony Day 2013 at Sherwood State School a happy and exciting
one.

MUSIC NEWS

Rebecca Starr

After a frantic few weeks of rehearsal, some of our instrumental
students have entered themselves in the Westcent Camp auditions
for 2013. Well done to these students for learning the audition piece
and scales and having a go! Next week their performances will be
assessed by the Instrumental teachers involved in the camp and
they will soon find out whether they gained a place in the Honours
Camp or the Intermediate Camp. The camp is a week-long session
of making music with like-minded students from around Brisbane,
finishing with a concert night at Sherwood State School. About 300
students are auditioning for the two camps so the competition for
places is pretty tough! We are proud that we have students who
value this great opportunity to extend their skills. Best of luck to all
these people!

Roxy Schlusser, Leila Burton, Ellen Callaghan, Annalise Woods,
Olivia Taylor, Emilia Kulakova, Susi Rea, Tomas Lott, Malcolm
Scott, Emily Kolo, Ruby Stephenson, Maleesha Abeyesinghe, Zeke
Noller, Claire Pritchard, Luis and Felix Beyrer, Robyn Conradie,
Catriona Rice, and Kate and Lauren Ward.

Next Tuesday (26 March) Cantori will sing one of their songs on
parade. Those students that have been rehearsing with us this term
are dying to show you what they have done so far. If your chorister
has only just joined us and is still learning the music, or is joining us
next term, they don’t need to join us up there just yet as they have
yet to learn the song. Fear not, there will be more opportunities to
sing next term so they won’t miss out on the next performance. All
are welcome to come along to our 9am parade to see how they are going.

SPORTS NEWS

Kathy Morgan

Yr 4-7 Interhouse Carnival – Next Wednesday

The Yr 4-7’s will have their interhouse swimming carnival at our
school pool from 9.30am. All children will participate in their
nominated events. Children are to report to their classrooms as
normal on Wednesday morning and then their class teachers will
bring them over to the pool. Children can wear their house shirts
and this can be put on over their togs between races. Children must
also have hats and sunscreen and bring a water bottle. To reduce
congestion in the change rooms, it is advisable for children, where
possible, to wear their togs to school under their uniform. Please
note that all children who participate will receive house points.
Children in 50m championship finals will receive individual points for
age champion. Good luck to all children for their events.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact Details: Leanne Ross, Director, 3278 1658

Vacation care forms need to be returned by the end of this week on
Friday 22 March and all excursions must be booked by this date.
After this date casual rates will apply to regular days at the service.

Fortnightly Cycle A fees will be charged this Friday 22 March –
Statement of accounts have been emailed. If you have not received
your statements please see Leanne.

A reminder that absences for Before and After School Care must be
initialled by parents on all rolls.

UNIFORM SHOP CONTACT

Juanita Bennett, Uniform Shop Convenor 0488 649 090
OPEN Tuesday & Thursday 8-9am – Wednesday 2.45-3.45pm

TUCKSHOP CONTACT

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (Closed Monday & Tuesday)
Cathie Perkins, 3379 3881

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

David Hass

Thursday week is the big day. The kids can come dressed in red
and wear wacky socks with their shoes. It is important to be
wearing comfortable joggers as they will provide much support for
all of the activities they will be doing during the day.

The kids will need comfortable shoes, water bottle, hat, sunscreen
and an extra piece of fruit. One of the activities is sitting down
relaxing enjoying the taste of some yummy fruit. Please pack some
extra fruit in your child’s lunchbox.

When you have finalised the money that has been raised can you
include the money and the collection sheet in an envelope with your
child’s name and class on the front and hand it to Mr Hass. I would
like to finalise all of the collection by the end of week 1 next term.
That way I can hand everything in to the Heart Foundation and they
can get the reward prizes to me as soon as possible.

I am going to thank everyone in advance for their support and I
hope some of you can come and enjoy the day as well.
SHERWOOD STATE SCHOOL TENNIS COACHING TERM 2 2013

School Coaching will commence from Tuesday 23rd April (during the second week back after the school holidays). Enrolments close on Friday 19th April 2013. Spare enrolment forms are available from the School Office. To assist us in organising the School Coaching Program could you please submit the forms by the closing date.

Special Offer – All new students in Grades 1 and 2 will receive a free tennis racket when joining for the first time.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Date: Tuesday 9 to Thursday 11 April
Time: 8.30 am – 12.30 pm Each Day
Cost: $120.00
Ages: 5 & Up
Beginners to Advanced.
Clinic held at West Brisbane Tennis, 227 Archerfield Road, Richlands

COACHING AND COMPETITIONS
TOURNAMENTS TROPHIES PRIZES
Enquiries: Phone Jim Joyce - 0417771022 or email jim@westbrisbanetennis.com.au

SHERWOOD SHARKS

CLUB NIGHTS - this Friday night – 22nd March 2013 is our last club night of the season. Come along and enjoy the competition and Astar’s fabulous dinners. Registration opens at 5.30pm. Evening usually finishes at approximately 7.30pm.

Last Friday night’s Club Night went really smoothly, again due to the continuing support of so many wonderful parents who stepped up and helped out with timing, canteen and bbq duties. Last week Geoff Kennedy, Chris Holmes, Ann Scott, Caron Burton, Cath Morehead, Andrew Barton, Libby Straker, Lisa Bellamywells, Steve Peapel, Fran Costello, Yasmin Kennedy, Belinda Sumner, Kate Curwen, Astar Parker, Richard Straker and Helen King, Vanessa Raymond, Janelle McFarlane and Rachael Peapel and Astar Parker gave up their time to support the evening and your children. I apologise if I have forgotten anyone. Please know we genuinely appreciate all your efforts.

Club Championships – The final Sherwood Sharks event is happening this Sunday - 24th of March 2013 commencing at 1pm with warm ups for 130pm start. To confirm your swimmer’s nomination please contacted Janelle McFarlane at scottandjanelle1@bigpond.com. Swimmers 9 years and under will need to swim 25 metres.10 years and over are required to swim 50 metres.

Join Us - Sherwood Sharks Committee

We need you!

If you would like to be a member of our committee, we want you too. We meet only about 6 times a year. Meetings tend to be social gatherings, as we put together meets, Friday night Club nights and squad training. As senior members leave the school, so too do their parents leave the committee. If you have children enjoying the benefits of training at the Shark Tank and want this to continue, please consider joining us. Please contact any committee member to notify them of your interest.

Season Break up date - - 21st April 2013. Everyone welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEBPAGE for all NEWS UPDATES

We recommend you register your details on the webpage at http://sherwoodsharks.com/ This will ensure you get all webpage/Sherwood Sharks newsletters automatically.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bahá’í Education in Sherwood State Schools is open to all students. As you may already know, students at Sherwood State School have the option to attend a Religious Education (R.E.) class. The Bahá’í classes are based on the teachings of Bahá’u’lláh, who is the founder of the Bahá’í Faith. A number of parents have asked about the contents of the Bahá’í Religious Education classes, and this information letter will give you the opportunity to learn more about these classes and to decide if you would like your child to attend.

During Bahá’í spiritual classes students learn to think, reflect and apply spiritual principles to the life of the individual and society. Spiritual principles are based on a strong belief in the nobility of all human beings and that every child is a "mine rich in gems of inestimable value". These "gems" are spiritual qualities or virtues such as unity, kindness, love, justice, truthfulness and service. During class spiritual qualities are explored through memorization of quotes (e.g., "In the garden of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love..."). The students then participate in a range of activities (i.e., prayer, song, story, drama, cooperative games and art) to help them gain an understanding, as well as the opportunity to apply a particular spiritual quality to everyday situations, to contribute to society and to serve humanity, whilst they mingle with each other in utmost love and harmony.

Apart from these lessons, the children will also participate in small service projects, which will help them translate what they have learned into concrete acts of service.

While inspired by the principles and ideals of the Bahá’í Faith, Bahá’í Education classes are not classes of religious indoctrination. The moral principles that the teacher seeks to impart on each student are applicable to people of all faiths, and the personal beliefs of the children and their families will be respected at all times. Parents are also welcome to attend during each class.

If you are interested in having your child attend the Bahá’í classes during Sherwood's R.E. time (running from 9.30am to 10.00am on Thursdays in the library), please see contact details below:

Teacher of Bahá’í RE classes: Mrs. Iran Prostamo - Ph: 33753002
Reserve Teacher: Ms Behjat Mojarrabi - Ph: 0435 637715
Email: mailto:bmojarrabi@optusnet.com.au
Info on the Bahá’í faith website: http://www.bahai.org

SHERWOOD STATE SCHOOL FETE

Fete Raffle tickets will be issued soon!! Each family will receive one book, however if you able to sell MULTIPLE books it would be most appreciated!! Please email Huong at huong_miso@hotmail.com to order additional books for the first dispatch in early April.
PARENTS AND CITIZENS

The minutes of the last P&C meeting is now available on the school website. The P&C AGM will be held at 7.30pm in the Staff Room on Monday 25/3/13. Please come along.

YEAR 2 END OF TERM PARTY
Libby Straker, 2A Parent Rep

Where: Ken Fletcher Park (opposite the Tennis Centre at Tennyson)
When: Thursday 28th March at 3.30pm

All Year 2 students, their parents and siblings are invited to attend an end of term party at the playground. Please bring a box or plate of snacks to share. Hope you can come.

BAREFOOT BOWLING SOCIAL EVENT – THIS SUNDAY 24 MARCH

All parents, carers and teachers are invited to a night of barefoot workshops for the school holidays. April 2nd – April 12

BIM BAM BOOM around the world. Please call Iveta Lott (0423 777 042) for more info or to see our website. The P&C AGM will be held at 7.30pm in the Staff Room on Monday 25 March 2013, 6.00pm - 8.00pm; WHERE: Language Centre; Car

YR 7 PARENT & CARER MORNING TEA

All year 7 Parents & Carers are kindly invited to come together for a coffee/morning tea. Cafe Primavera, Oxley Rd, Corinda, Friday 22nd March from 9.15am.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
(For detailed information see the noticeboard at the office)

WORLD’S LARGEST BRA CHAIN RECORD ATTEMPT-BRA’S FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH Time to clean out the lingerie drawer! We would love your unwanted & no longer loved bra’s sitting at the bottom of your drawer! The bra’s will help achieve this record attempt (to be carried out around Ballymore Oval) while donating $1/bra will go to The Cancer Council Qld. The goal is to collect 200,000 bras by 5th October 2013. After the record attempt all bra’s will be donated to those less fortunate here & around the world. Please call Iveta Lott (0423 777 042) for more info or to arrange drop off for bra’s. Thank you for your interest & participation in advance!

BIM BAM BOOM at Graceville is once again offering creative art workshops for the school holidays. April 2nd – April 12th. From Toddler’s Get Messy to our Arty Afternoons for our older children there is something for everyone. Check out our full program on our website www.bimbamboom.com.au or Ph 07 3278 3786 for more details.

INDOOROOPILLY STATE HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 8 SPECIAL PROGRAMS EVENING Come along and receive in-depth information about our innovative Year 8 programs – Maths and Engineering Acceleration, Spanish Immersion, Chinese Acceleration and Arts XLR8. Talk with current students and parents about their experiences. WHEN: Monday 25 March 2013, 6.00pm - 8.00pm; WHERE: Language Centre; Car parking available at Ward Street entrance Indooroopilly State High School, Ward St, Indooroopilly. Telephone: 3327 8333; Web: www.indooroohs.eq.edu.au Please note the change of time from previous advertisements.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL Interested in improving your public speaking skills? How about touching up on your leadership techniques? Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. Chelmer Toastmasters can provide you with this and a whole lot more. Where: Sherwood AFL Club, Chelmer St East, Chelmer; When: 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Guests are very welcome. Contact: Phillip 0418 738 213; Andrew 0424 240 942

RANGERS NETBALL CLUB is looking for players in the 7-8 years and 11 years age groups. If you are interested in joining an existing netball team please email rangersnetballclub@yahoo.com.au. Visit our website for more details: www.rangersnetballclub.com

BRISBANE YOUTH THEATRE PADDINGTON DRAMA CLASSES Book now for Term 2 Classes! Explore infinite possibilities through role playing Express your unique creativity. Enact and perform for peers and family. Our focus is on self-esteem, joy and growth through drama skills. We leverage kid’s expansive imagination and give it space to work out! Children learn to think on their feet, relax in front of a group and have fun in performance. Small classes for optimal learning.

PLAY BEAUTIFUL FOOTBALL ACADEMY 3 Day Soccer Camp: $35 DISCOUNT Your child is invited to learn new skills through the one of a kind Play Beautiful Holiday Camp, presented in fun video game style levels, allowing children to ‘unlock’ 50 new skills. Parents are welcome to choose their preference for Week 1 or Week 2 and then for each friend they invite, receive a $35 discount for both the new player and the registered player. Your child plays with their friends and you get money off, a win win for everyone! Places at each camp are strictly limited so sign up for this great school holiday activity now by visiting the website: AGES: 6-12 year old boys and girls; DATES: Week 1: (Tue-Thu) 2-5th April 2013. Week 2: (Mon-Wed)8-12th April 2013; TIME: 9.30am each day; PRICE: $219 (3 Day Camp); PLACE: Play Beautiful Stadium, Toowong 4066 SIGN UP: www.playbeautifulfootball.com.au

EASTER AT THE MARKETS Brisbane Market Place, Sherwood Road, Rocklea. Wednesday 27 March 3.00pm-7.30pm. Free event for kids – Easter Arts and Crafts Activities.

AVAILABLE AT SHERWOOD SCHOOL

Listed below are a number of extra curricula activities available to our school community both before and after school. Please contact directly.

After School Care- Telephone 3278 1658 (Hall)
Art Classes for Children
(Room 68 – Prep Building) Mon/Wed/Thu 3.15pm-4.15pm
Telephone Kim Woolley 3379 6585
Beginner Guitar Lessons – (Music Rooms)
Thursdays 4-6pm
Telephone Audrey on 0432 574 155
Ceramics Sculpting 3D Design (Room 15)
Thursdays 3.00-3.45pm
Telephone Hugo Vesara on 3715 6069 or Mobile 0401 911 475
FUTSAL – Mon to Sat - various times – (Multipurpose Hall)
Telephone Felipe Amorim on 0410 301 981
Go Sports (Oval) – Soccer & Cricket
Fridays 8am to 8.40am
Telephone Greg Martin on 0417 614 509
Jim Joyce Tennis Coaching (Tennis Courts)
Before and after school lessons
Telephone 3375 3644 or Mobile 0417 771 022
Keyboardkidz - Piano and Keyboard Tuition
Music Room New Hall Fridays 3.00pm-5.00pm
Telephone Malcolm on 3849 5954
Latin X [Latin Dancing] (Sherwood SS Hall)
Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm
Telephone Veronika Smith 0417 002 925
RHEE TaeKwon-Do (Sherwood SS Hall)
Wednesdays and Fridays 6.30pm-7.30pm
Branch Instructor Michelle Martin 0400 826 488 or Rhee TaeKwon Do HQ on 1300 132 779.
Shotokan Karate (Sherwood SS Hall)
Monday and Thursday 6.30 – 8.30pm

Tennis Court Hire
Contact Caitlin Simonson Ph: 3379 9559 or 0417 544 423