FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AUG

Mon 26 – Thu 29  Year 6 Camp
Mon 26  P&C Meeting (7.30-9.30pm - Staff Room)
Thu 29  Bike Education Program
Fri 30  Bike Education Program

SEP

Wed 4  Book Week Performance (New Hall)
Thu 5  Year 2 Excursion to Lone Pine
Fri 6  An evening of Hollywood Glamour (7pm-Indooroopilly Golf Club)
Fri 13  Year 1 Excursion to Planetarium & Botanic Gardens
Fri 13  Year 5 Excursion to Gold Fields of Bahrs Scrub
Fri 13  School Disco (Prep to Yr 3 - 4.00 to 5.30pm) (Yr 4 to 7 – 6.00 to 7.30pm)
Wed 18  Year 7 Taoist Temple and China Town Excursion
Fri 20  String Workshop with Corinda SHS (New Hall)
Fri 20  Final Day Term 3

OCT

Tue 8  Commencement of Term 4
Thu 17  Instrumental Concert Night (New Hall) 6:30pm
Mon 21  Student Free Day
Tue 22  COGS Band Festival (New Hall) 9.00am-1.00pm
Wed 23 – Fri 25  Year 5 Camp
Wed 23 – Wed 30  Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 28  P&C Meeting (7.30-9.30pm - Staff Room)

2013 SCHOOL TERMS

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
Email: gnels5@eq.edu.au

The OptiMinds Teams from Sherwood were wonderful. It was terrific on Sunday to see how enthusiastic the teams were – and their character is reflected in one of our teams being awarded The Spirit of OptiMinds and another achieving Honours! A fantastic effort all around.

Currently we are reviewing our school policies in regards to students using mobile phones. The Behaviour team will look at this issue at their next meeting next Thursday. Please email me if you would like your opinion considered (include ‘Mobile Phone opinion’ in the subject title please).

We are considering some changes to the ‘pick-up’ zone on Sherwood Road. The plan is to lengthen the ‘drop-and-go’ section and regulate the pick-up so that children only get in the car that is at the head of the queue. The aim is to keep the cars at the pick-up moving through and allow the space to be used more efficiently. This plan will be introduced later in Term 4 when the signage has changed. The plan was endorsed at our recent P&C Meeting. Traffic authorities will be visiting the school over the coming weeks and fining people for parking illegally on Sherwood Road. Also I believe parents should use the traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing to get across Sherwood Road – let’s set the example for our children and help keep them safe.

In the coming weeks the 12 schools of BIWSSA (Brisbane Inner West State Schools Association) will be meeting to develop a strategic plan for working together more collegially. I am excited about the opportunities because I see collectively we have a lot of strengths. Our local secondary schools – Corinda High, Indooroopilly High and the Queensland Academy for Science, Mathematics and Technology at Toowong are building great futures for their students and have many exciting programs in place. Many former Sherwood students are excelling at these local high schools. I would like the chance for our parents to know more about these opportunities. We also have a lot to learn from our other high performing collegial schools. Working together to make the best opportunities for our children is a great project! I look forward to keeping you up to date with our collective activities.

Are you reading regularly at home to children who are in our Junior School? I am aware that many parents across Australia are no longer taking the time to read at night to children but it is just so important that I ask you to reconsider! There are so many fantastic children’s books and certainly our librarian, Ms Cross, has a huge knowledge of what would be appropriate if you need some suggestions. Children gain their love of reading, language and ideas from these important foundations.

Building Resiliency – how can you help? Be mindful of how much pressure you are putting on primary aged children to perform! Keep your expectations real and in-line with the capacities of your child – they will not blossom into their best if they are stuck in a pressure cooker. Recognise their best efforts.

You may be aware of recent reports in the news of an outbreak of cases of the E-coli virus after people attended the Brisbane Ekka. There has been one confirmed case at Sherwood SS. Please ensure you keep a close watch on your children if they appear not to be well.

OPTI-MINDS CHALLENGE 2013
Tracey Morgan (Opti-Minds Co-ordinator)

Last Sunday 25 August, Sherwood State School students participated in the Brisbane West Opti-Minds Challenge at Brigidine College.

The Sherwood State School teams all gave stellar performances on the day and they are to be commended for their great commitment, creativity and outstanding team spirit.

Special mention must go to the students of Language Literature Team 1 who were awarded “Honours” for their solution and presentation and to Language Literature Team 5 who received the “Spirit of Opti-Minds” Award for great team work.

Congratulations to these students: Team 1 – Sophia McCreath, Georgia Peapell, Jade Regan Feldman, Kiara Campbell, Millie McFarlane, Elana Partridge and Jade Griffiths.
Team 5 – Finn Casperson, Sophia Bagdonas, Catriona Rice, Rosie Ringelstein, Jessica Allen, Leah Eaves and Tate Burton.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the team facilitators – Mr Brown, Mr Read, Ms Millar, Ms Moon, Ms Van Bael and Ms Fleming for their tireless efforts and dedication in the support of our teams, and to Ms Cross and Ms Gregora for also helping to guide our Sherwood teams in their preparations.

LIBRARY NEWS

Ann Cross

A reminder to all that next Wednesday, 4 September, is the Book Week school performance “Read Across The Universe”. If you haven’t yet paid for your child to attend the performance, please do so before the end of the week. The cost is $6 per student.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact Details: Leanne Ross, Director, 3278 1658

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Juanita Bennett, Uniform Shop Convenor

OPEN Tuesday & Thursday 8.15-9.15am – Wednesday 2.45-3.45pm

If anyone has any second hand uniforms to donate, it would be much appreciated – especially smaller sized tops and bottoms!!

If you have a preppie starting next year (I know it’s hard to believe that I’m suggesting it now!), please remember to make an appointment for uniform fittings in November. You would be surprised how quickly I fill up between now and then. Please contact me for details.

The uniform shop is also in the process of setting up credit card payment for orders. It is NOT available as yet, but I will let you know when it is available. For future reference, new order forms will be available from the school website.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (Closed Monday & Tuesday)

Cathie Perkins, 3379 3881

Due to the deliciousness of the homebake being supplied by our talented team of bakers, demand is currently exceeding supply. If you’ve ever thought about joining the baking team or it’s only just occurring to you, now is the time, you will probably only bake 3 or 4 times this year! Drop into the tuckshop for a volunteer form and we can get you on the roster.

Nervous about ordering at tuckshop? Worried your kids might forget to put the order in or just lose it? Join the 2013 solution and order online at munchylunch.com.au. Free gift to all new members while stocks last!

SHERWOOD SHARKS SWIM CLUB

Sign On

Our formal sign on day for Term 3 and 4 swimming was held on Monday afternoon.

We’d like to say a HUGE thank you to all those parents and children who turned up, waited patiently, filled out forms and demonstrated their wonderful swimming skills for our coaches.

We know the process took a little while but if you have any feedback on how this process can be improved please feel free to email our committee members with your hints and tips, or alternatively bring your expertise to the meeting table and join our committee. All contact details are available at http://sherwoodsharks.com/
If you were unable to attend the sign on you can still sign on by completing the forms which are available on our webpage. For details of available lesson and squad times please email our coordinator at (squads@sherwoodsharks.com).

Pre-season training

It appears as if our pre-season training is quite popular, so if you were contemplating commencing training next week please register as soon as possible.

HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR NIGHT

Tomorrow (Friday) is your LAST day to buy your Hollywood Glamour ticket for Friday 6 September at Indooroopilly Golf Club. We're really pleased with the number of tickets we have sold so it will be a fun and memorable night!

We've got over 20 lucky door prizes and also over 20 silent auction offers, so hopefully there will be a lot of happy winners!!

Last chance to buy your ticket outside the tuckshop from 8.45-9.15am on Friday or outside the entrance on Hall Street from 2.45-3.15pm. Cash or credit accepted - but no IOU's!

Please help us make the event a huge success! Sherwood Social Committee

CLASS 4B GET-TOGETHER

You are invited to a Class 4B Get-together in the Park on Sunday September 8th, from 9:30-11:30 at the Sherwood Arboretum. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea, play equipment, hats, sunscreen etc for a fun play and catch up in the park.

We hope to see you there,

Kylie and Yasmin

Class 4B Parent Reps

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

A reminder when students are required to take medication at school, parents must provide a written request accompanied by written advice from a medical practitioner, with the medication in the original labelled container. This includes all over-the-counter medication, including analgesics, homeopathic or prescribed medications. Medication must be left at the school office not in student’s bags or in classrooms.

FIRST AIDE COURSE

A first aide course will be held on Saturday, 7 September at 9.00am. Please contact Liza Peapell on 0402 585 766 for details on the venue and further information. The cost of the course will be $100 per person which can be paid on the day. An on-line booklet, which is to be completed before attending the course, will be available to collect from the office.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CLINIC

- MON 30TH SEPT TO WED 2ND OCT (Thurs 3rd Oct – spare day for any wet weather)
- 8:30AM – 12:00NOON EACH DAY
- COST $120.00
- AGES 5 & UP
- BEGINNERS TO ADVANCED

CLINIC IS HELD AT WEST BRIS TENNIS CENTRE

COACHING AND COMPETITIONS
TOURNAMENTS AND TROPHIES
ENQUIRIES & ENTRIES PLEASE CONTACT:
JIM JOYCE ON 0417771022
227 Archerfield Rd, Richlands Ph 3375 3644 OR EMAIL ENTRIES TO jim@westbrisbanetennis.com.au

These clinics are often booked out so enrol early to avoid missing out!
MISSING SCOOTER

If anyone has found a pink Razor scooter that was taken from the bike rack’s on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00pm, please contact the office.

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

WORLD’S LONGEST BRA CHAIN ATTEMPT - bras for breast cancer research. I am helping a wonderful friend of mine, Caryn Gorrie to collect 200,00 bra’s for her world’s longest bra chain attempt that will take place on Saturday 5th October. THANK YOU for the many bags of bras that I have already received - Caryn is extremely grateful for your support! It's now time for a spring clean of your drawers & ALL bra donations are most welcome - we still have a way to go! Donating $1/bra will also raise funds that will go directly to The Cancer Council QLD. After the event, all bras will be donated to women less fortunate here in Australia & OS. Please call Iveta Lott to arrange collection, 0423 777 042. Looking forward to receiving many more bras!

SHERWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE is opening on Friday’s from the 30th August between the hours of 9:00am and 1:00pm. We will start a new activity on Fridays called CrArt 9:30am-11:30am. The aim of this group is provide a socially inclusive craft/art space, were participants can bring their own art/craft along to work on, maybe learn a new craft/art skill from another participant. We hope to provide an environment where participants can learn from each other while having a chat and cuppa. Please join us for our Opening Event – guest speaker Jenny Clifford will be demonstrating how to make cards, we will be providing all the materials for this special event so please come along and join us. For more information or to register for this event please call the centre on 3379 6963.

CORINDA PCYC’s SPRING HOLIDAY VACATION CARE PROGRAM out now!! These holidays we have adventures in Brisbane, Ipswich and the Gold Coast, competitions, science experiments, dress up days, a day camp, and days full of information, friendship, fun, frivolity and fantastic food. Our fees are all inclusive, and CCB and CCR approved. Every parent is entitled to the 50% Child Care Rebate and possibly a further means-tested Child Care Benefit. An entire in-service day (from 6:30am -6:00pm) could cost you as little as $4.45 (based on 108% CCB and 50%CCR), this includes all activities, breakfast, morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea. Hurry Bookings close Sept 6!! For your copy of the program or if you would like more information please don’t hesitate to contact Emma on 3379 3379 or corindasac@pcyc.org.au

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to work as a Zoo Keeper? Well, wonder no more because the school holidays are back, and so is Australia Zoo’s holiday program, Zoo Keeper For a Day: Khaki Discovery! If you are aged between seven and eleven you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands-on action with some of our gorgeous animals. Children aged twelve to fourteen can step it up a notch with Zoo Keeper for a Day: Khaki Extreme. It's a day you won't forget! Places are booking out fast so call 07 5436 2025 to make a reserve your spot. Places are filling up fast so call 07 5436 2025 to make a reserve your spot. Ages: 7 - 11 years or 12-15 years Price: $85 Includes: Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap and water bottle, lunch, photo with one of our animals Duration: 5 hours Location: Australia Zoo Dates: 21 September to 6 October 2013. Further details are available at www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day

THE STAVERTON SERIES PRESENTS
an information evening on “PREPARING FOR PREP”
Presented by Maree Hass, Deputy Principal Graceville State School
When: Wednesday 18th September 2013 from 7-8.00pm
Where: Staverton Kindergarten 43 Twickenham St Chelmer
RSVP: www.staverton.com.au
Free Event
with Coffee/Tea from 6.45pm

Enrol now at Staverton Kindergarten for 2014. Places are available for children born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010. Staverton runs a Kindergarten approved program and is rated as Exceeding National Standards. For further information P:  (07) 3379 1511; W: www.staverton.com.au E: admin@staverton.com.au
The floods of 2011 may have subsided, but you may be aware of some children who are still affected by the floods.

The floods may have left an emotional impact which can be difficult for some to understand.

Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre was recently successful in securing a small grant to support the wellbeing of Sherwood Community members of which, children are a significant part of the community.

This Creative Arts Program seeks to provide a focused therapeutic group for children who may still be affected by the floods.

Sessions will draw on the beneficial effects of rhythm, touch, storytelling, visual and tactile stimulation through the medium of creative arts in an effort to help children express their feelings and sort through the many issues associated with the flood traumas.

The ultimate aim of the group is to give children the skills and resources to cope with their feelings.

The group will run over the school holidays.

Four two-hour sessions will run over the school holidays on Monday and Wednesday each week from 10:00 am – 12:00 midday.

The group participants will be determined on the highest needs basis. For example, if you notice that a group of Grade 1 – Grade 3 children have a greater number and need for such a group, then the group will cater to this age group.

Bookings are essential and a pre-group interview will be conducted with each participant and parent/carer prior to group commencement.

The group will be facilitated by a qualified and experienced child and family counsellor and group facilitator, Clare Sillence.

Please contact Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre to express your interest in the group or email Clare: claresillencecounselling@gmail.com

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Children’s Group using the Creative Arts

Finding ways to cope with feelings leftover from the floods

Four FREE sessions run over the school holidays

Learn skills & resources

Develop & build resilience

Safe & non-threatening

Experienced children’s therapist

Contact Clare for more information: 0403 848 398
clare.sillence.counselling@gmail.com

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AS SPACES ARE LIMITED
SPRING BIRD WALK

The Friends of Sherwood Arboretum Association (FOSA) invites parents and students to “step into Spring” with a bird walk in the Sherwood Arboretum this September.

Noted Australian ecologist, Professor Hugh Possingham will be your guide for this walk, starting at 6.30am Sunday 8th September from the Jolimont Street entry and finishing with morning tea overlooking the Brisbane River. The cost of $5 per parent supports the voluntary work of FOSA in the Sherwood Arboretum. To assist with catering, please advise FOSA if you are able to attend by Thursday 5th September by calling (07) 3278 6525 or emailing ilovesherwoodarboretum@gmail.com.

You may be interested to know that 88 years ago this month, 100 students of Sherwood State School led the way with the first community planting of trees in the newly established Arboretum in August 1925. Please see the attached flyer for more information on the bird walk.

Come on, let’s do it ... let’s
STEP INTO SPRING!
6:30 am Sunday 8 September

Enjoy a refreshing spring walk and morning tea by the river!

Join leading Australian ecologist and life-long birdwatcher, Professor Hugh Possingham at the Jolimont Street entry at 6.30 am Sunday 8 September 2013 and discover why the Sherwood Arboretum is the perfect place to start your Spring! The Friends of Sherwood Arboretum Association (FOSA) invites you to meet our amazing bird life and enjoy morning tea overlooking the towering eucalyptus trees on the banks of the Brisbane River.

To assist with catering, please RSVP by Thursday 5 September 2013 by emailing FOSA at ilovesherwoodarboretum@gmail.com or calling (07) 3278 6525. Our walk ends about 7.50 am.

The cost of $5.00 per parent supports the voluntary work of FOSA, established over 15 years ago to help ensure the heritage-listed Sherwood Arboretum has a bright future.


Image of Royal Spoonbills courtesy of Elizabeth Ferguson.
Sports Holiday Program

23rd – 27th September

Game On Holiday Fun

Game On Australia’s September holiday program will include lots of great sports, games and activities to provide students with an active, social and enjoyable holiday.

Years: Prep - Year 7 - All abilities welcome

Where: Christ the King Primary School and Graceville Park, Graceville.

Times: Activities from 9:00am-3:00pm

Operators: Game On is organised and run by qualified HPE teachers and coaches

**Early Bird Specials apply so be sure to book quickly.**

For full details and to register online, visit: [www.gameonaustralia.com.au](http://www.gameonaustralia.com.au) or E: info@gameonaustralia.com.au

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORKSHOPS AT GRACEVILLE UNITING CHURCH HALL

Creative Kids Brisbane has inspiring, educational, fun, skill based children’s art workshops for all levels of creativity on offer at the Uniting Church Hall on Oxley Road in Graceville these September holidays. Each day of the June/July school holidays children aged between 3-12 will have the chance to learn a variety of art skills and techniques such as portrait drawing, sculpture, free form clay work, mixed media and photo processing skills under the guidance of experienced arts educator Liz Austin-Glen. For more information go to [www.facebook.com/CreativeKidsBrisbane](http://www.facebook.com/CreativeKidsBrisbane) or please contact Liz on 0405 641 363 or via email at liz.austinglen@gmail.com.
Hockey Qld Coaching Camp

September School Holidays

The Coaching camp is for boys and girls aged 10, 11 & 12 and will be run by qualified Hockey Qld Staff, based around learning new skills and having fun.

Where: Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre

When: 24, 25 and 26 September 2013 (Tues & Wed Live In)

Clinic includes: 4 x 1hr 30 mins Hockey session. 4 x 1hr 30 mins recreational activities, Mini Olympics

2 camp shirts, posters, hat, water bottle

Cost: $ 250 (includes all meals and accommodation)

Contact: Daryl Francey  3399 6577 Mob: 0424 012466

Download registration form: www.hockeyqld.com.au

School Holiday Cricket Clinics

Boys and girls of all standards are welcome to attend Holiday Cricket Clinics conducted by Henschell Cricket Academy Pty Ltd.

These Clinics concentrate on skills and activities for the beginner to the representative player whilst having fun.

Where: Fig Tree Pocket State School, Cubberla Street, Fig Tree Pocket

When: Week 1 – Monday 23 September 2013 to Thursday 26 September 2013 inclusive (4 days) or Week 2 – Monday 30 September 2013 to Thursday 3 October 2013 inclusive (4 days)

Times:  8:30am to 12:00pm daily

Cost:  $199.00 (Incl. GST)

Contact: email – henschellcricket@bigpond.com or phone – Brett Henschell 0458 026 224
Young Athletes 4 Life programme seeks to introduce children in grades 4-6 to Athletics while keeping it fun, team based and fitting the sport of Athletics to the children.

This initiative is run by The Brisbane Sprint Stable in partnership with Corinda State High School and will take place at the main oval at the rear of the school.

Only 25 places available!

**What’s it all about?**

**FUN Athletics @ Corinda!**

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**Venue:** Corinda State High School (oval at the rear of the school).

**Address:** 46 Pratten Street, Corinda.

**Dates:** Thursdays, August 22 and 29, September 5 and 12.

**Time:** 3.30 – 4.30 pm.

**Cost:** $10.00 per session.

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**TO REGISTER:**

**CALL**

0450 304 361
ALSO 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 (Old Hall)

**Art Classes for Children & Adults**
- (Room 68 – Prep Building)
  - Mon/Wed/Thu 3.15pm-4.15pm
  - Telephone Kim Woolley 3379 6585

**Beginner Guitar Lessons**
- (Music Rooms)
  - Mon/Wed/Thu 3-5pm
  - Telephone Audrey on 0432 574 155

**Ceramics Sculpting 3D Design**
- (Room 15)
  - Wednesday 3.00-3.45pm
  - Telephone Hugo Vesara on 3715 6069 or Mobile 0401 911 475

**DDJ Performing Arts**
- Dance/Drama/Music (Music Room)
  - Tues/Wed/Thu 3.15-4.30pm
  - Telephone Katrina 1300 335 335

**Fitness & Dance (FAD)**
- Cheerleading & Dance (New Hall)
  - Wed 3.30-7pm
  - Telephone Belinda 32736367

**Futsal Jnr Academy**
- (New Hall)
  - Days to be advised
  - Telephone Felipe Amorim on 0410 301 981

**Go Sports**
- (Oval) – Soccer & Netball
  - Fridays 7.45am to 8.45am
  - Telephone Greg Martin on 0417 614 509

**iChinese**
- Mandarin Chinese Lessons
  - Tue 3.15-4.15 (Rm 15) & Wed 3.15-4.15 (Music Room)
  - Telephone Belinda or Ruby 0402 367 332

**Jim Joyce Tennis Coaching**
- (Tennis Courts)
  - Before and after school lessons
  - Telephone 3375 3644 or Mobile 0417 771 022

**Keyboardkidz**
- Contemporary Piano Tuition (Music Room)
  - Fridays 3-5pm
  - Telephone Malcolm on 3849 5954

**Korean Language School**
- (Old Hall)
  - Saturdays 9-1pm
  - Telephone Joung 0431 177706

**Latin X**
- Latin Dancing (Old Hall)
  - Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm
  - Telephone Veronika Smith 0417 002 925

**Personal Training - Spectrum PT**
- (Oval & Under New Hall)
  - Mon & Thu 6.30-7.30pm, Sat 7.30-8.30am & 9-10am
  - Telephone Karen 0406 406 242

**Play Beautiful Football Academy**
- (Oval)
  - Wed 3.15-4.15pm
  - Telephone Sam 0425 908 308

**RHEE TaeKwon-Do**
- (Old Hall)
  - Wednesdays and Fridays 6.30pm-7.30pm
  - Telephone Michelle Martin 0400 826 488 or Rhee TaeKwon Do HQ on 1300 132 779.

**Speech Pathology**
- Helping Speech, Language and Literacy difficulties
  - Visiting before and during school Wed and Thu
  - Telephone Keirra Middleton 0425 860 310

**Traditional Shotokan Karate**
- (Old Hall)
  - Monday and Thursday 6.30-8.30pm
  - Telephone Sensei Steve 0417007012 www.tskfa.com.au or email sandrew@tskfa.com.au

**Tennis Court Hire**
- Contact Caitlin Simonson Ph: 3379 9559 or 0417 544 423
Violin Tuition (Music Room)
Tue/Wed 3pm & Thu 7.15am
Telephone Liz Young 0417 922 508