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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOV
Fri 15  Spell-A-Thon money due back
Fri 22  Medieval Day – Year 6 (New Hall)
Mon 25  P & C Meeting (7.30-9.30pm-Staff Room)
Tue 26  Spell-A-Thon prizes & certificates given on parade
Thu 28  Tuckshop Break-Up

DEC
Mon 2  Interhouse Einstein Challenge
Tue 3  Corinda SHS Orientation Day
Wed 4  Awards Day (New Hall – 9.00am)
Wed 4  Year 3 Japan Day
Thu 5  Year 7 Excursion to Currumbin Alley-Surf Awareness
Mon 9  Christmas Carols (New Hall – 5.00-9.00pm)
Wed 11  Year 7 Graduation
Fri 13  Final Day of School

2013 SCHOOL TERMS
Term 4: Tue 8 Oct to Fri 13 Dec

2014 SCHOOL TERMS
Term 1: Tue 28 Jan to Fri 4 Apr
Term 2: Tue 22 Apr to Fri 27 Jun
Term 3: Mon 14 Jul to Fri 19 Sep
Term 4: Tue 7 Oct to Fri 12 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

Being an active part of Community: One of the wonderful strengths of our school is a strong feeling of community. In 2001 when I first came to Sherwood State School as Principal it was something that stood out remarkably. Right now I am asking you whether this is important for the future? We need people interested in helping on the P&C Executive for 2014, and also to help the Fete Committee with some important work there. These are important and fundamental to the ongoing sense of strong community and the well-being of our school community. Please contact me if you are interested in knowing more – I promise there will be no hard sells but I welcome a genuine and honest conversation. It would be fantastic to know we are carrying on the wonderful traditions of our school into the future – please step forward to offer you interest.

In coming families – limited places available: We are currently finalising our Prep enrolments and also accepting some middle and upper primary enrolments to maximise staffing for 2014. If you know of families who have an interest in moving to our school you might like to let them know now is a good time to contact us. Thank you to families who have contacted the Office to let us know when students are not returning in 2014. This information is so helpful in our forward planning to set classes and assign teachers to classes.

The Sherwood Arrows: The Sherwood Arrows were sensational at the street festival on Friday evening. Those skippers are just SOOOO fit! Thank you Mr Hass and the skipping team for being fantastic ambassadors for our school and the Heart Foundation.

Academic Performance: Last week I attended the Brisbane Metropolitan Principals’ Forum. There was a lot to celebrate for our State schools in Brisbane. The Metropolitan Region far out-performs all other regions of the State and in most areas our schools are out-performing the Nation. The improvement in recent years for our Metropolitan schools has been remarkable. Our student achievement is very strong when compared with the Australian means. Our focus on reading comprehension across every classroom with consistent effective strategies is further strengthening our results. Year 5 particularly scooped this year and the results coming up from the early years are very encouraging. In 2014 our determination is to further embed our reading strategies into everyday teaching at Sherwood, and re-focus our attention to writing and maths. Planning for these new initiatives is well underway.

MUSIC NEWS
Rebecca Starr

Choirs

The year is drawing to a close for the Music Department after another successful performance season. Concerts and competitions are behind us and the choirs have finished rehearsing for the last few weeks of the term. The choirs sang beautifully at their concert night on Wednesday 6 November after a fabulous pair of performances at Musicfest on the weekend. Gold awards for both performances are on display in the music room if anyone forgot to get their photo taken with them on the day. Thanks again to the choir captains, Lachlan Tait and Sofia Bagdonas for being great role models for the younger students. Sofia has been singing with the Sherwood Choirs since she was in Year 3! A truly committed member of our choir. Best of luck to all our Year 7 choristers at their new schools in 2014. We hope you keep finding opportunities to sing and perform in high school.

Monsterband

All band students are now rehearsing on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 in Monsterband. This newly formed group is learning new music for a performance on parade on 26 November. They are also learning how to play the National Anthem and School song together. In band lessons the students are being assessed for their reports.

Superfonia

Sinfonia has added a few extras to their numbers on Tuesday mornings and are working on some new repertoire for their performance on parade on the 19 November at 2:30pm. Make sure you keep practising, the performance will be upon you before you know it! All students are being assessed in their lessons for their reports.
All borrowed instruments will need to be returned the week beginning 2 December. There will be some performances on Awards Day. Students will be nominated for these by the Instrumental Teachers. Some are already working on their performance!

Recruiting for 2014

We are continuing to sort out offers for the Instrumental Program in 2014. After the first round of offers are released we wait to see what is accepted after which we are sometimes able to make a second round of offers. Please be aware that our Instrumental Program is an extension of the Classroom Music program, and the students are taught in small groups, not individually. For some students the group teaching approach with an instrument is less successful as it requires a great deal of focus and independent work to achieve on the instrument. If your child is struggling with musical concepts and demonstrating musical skills such as keeping a steady beat, being able to sing in tune and maintaining their written work in their books for the Classroom Music program they attend each week, they will find the Instrumental Program even more challenging. If you are interested in one-on-one lessons on an instrument for your child we are always happy to help you find a local private teacher. For more information about private teachers registered in the area, check out www.mtag.org.au and click on the ‘For Students and Parents’ link to search for a private music teacher. You will find them organised by instrument and suburb.

Mrs Starr on Leave

Mrs Starr is on leave for the last 3 weeks of term and will be finishing up on Thursday afternoon 21 November. Woohoo!

BOOK CLUB

Book Club order forms have been sent home. The orders are due back by Friday 22 November.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact Details: Leanne Ross, Director, 3278 1658

Closing dates for the Christmas/New Year break will be from Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January 2014. We will reopen on Monday 6 January, 2014.

Fortnightly statements for this week have been emailed. This Friday 15 November Fortnightly (A) accounts will be charged.

2014 Enrolment packages for next year are available from the Sherwood OHSC office or online at www.sherwoodoshc.com.au.

Please note there will be a fee increase at the beginning of 2014, the changes are outlined in the re-enrolment package. We will also be introducing a phone charge if you do not call to inform that your child will be absent for after school care.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Juanita Bennett, Uniform Shop Convenor
OPEN Tuesday & Thursday 8.15-9.15am – Wednesday 2.45-3.45pm
Email: sssuniformshop@gmail.com

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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

Have you thought about joining the tuckshop team of volunteers? I have a trial place available Wednesday 27 November, we have lost the person in this spot, but it is the last one for the year so no obligation trial available. We really do need somebody on this day, it is not possible to manage without enough volunteers so please drop into the tuckshop or email me if you can help out cathiep@iprimus.com.au.

It is also the time to be thinking about volunteering for next year. A number of our long term volunteers will be moving on next year so there will be places available. Please drop into the tuckshop for a form if you can help out, it's only one day a month, this works out to be 10 or less over the year and very often you are away by lunchtime so only a half day really.
The new summer menu is available on the website, please don't use the old winter one, as some items are no longer available and we will have to substitute with something else. As we are at the mercy of our suppliers sometimes substitutions are unavoidable if we do not receive correct stock etc, naturally we try to avoid this but sometimes it is just not possible and we work with your child to sort out a different option.

**SHERWOOD SHARKS**

**Joint Club Night**

We are thrilled to announce Oxley Swimming Club will host a joint Club Night with the Sherwood Sharks on Friday 22 November.

We will be collecting nominations throughout this week (see Ben and/or Andrew at training) and at our usual Friday night club night this week. Check out the Oxley meet on 22 November on the Meet Manager app for a list of the proposed races: over 15m; 25m & 50m (all strokes), with 100m IM.

Racing should start at 6.30 pm, a canteen will run and we will be using the electronic timing system so it should be a great night!!!

As posted by Oxley, This is a great opportunity for us to all practice our good sportsmanship, race different swimmers and for us parents to practice multi-club meets for carnival days! Hopefully it will generate some awesome PB's for all swimmers! Any questions please come along and ask a committee member.

**Make up lesson**

Due to some of the coach’s having university exams last week, the Nemos and Hammerheads did not have training last Tuesday. This Friday 15 November is the make up session. Come down to the pool and the sessions will run at the usual times: 3.15-4.00 for Hammerheads; 4.00-4.45 for Nemos. Thank you for your understanding.

**Volunteers Wanted**

Next Tuesday the 19th of November 2013 and then again on Tuesday the 26th of November 2013 other schools are using our pool for their carnivals. We run the canteen for these events. We would appreciate any offers of assistance on these two days. Please contact the swim club committee members if you are able to help.

Thank you

It is so lovely to see such an amazing number of parents getting involved on Friday nights. The last few club nights have seen a tremendous group effort and the evenings have run smoothly. Thanks so much.

**Reminders**

**Rubbish**
When you leave the pool area after swim club or training can you please pick up your a large own rubbish.

**Early orders**
We highly recommend that you place your meal orders in advance. Asta does try to predict and order/prepare the correct quantities of meals for the club night but we cannot garuntee to provide your first choice. Best practice is to order on your way in the gate.

**Register**
Some swimmers were very disappointed last week as they forgot to see the registrars and register which events they wished to swim in. Please remind your children to register as soon as possible when you arrive at the pool. Registrations open at 530pm.

**Lost property**
We still have a large amount of underwear in our lost property box. We understand that little people (and some bigger people too) may forget all their items of clothing but could you take the time to look at the lost property box to ensure you retrieve all personal items. In contrast please do not take items that do not belong to your children, particularly goggles. The rightful owner will hopefully claim them.
Date Claimers

Christmas party

The last club night is on 6th December 2013 and so we will be having a little party. Please bring a plate to share. There will be NO meals nor bbq provided but we will be selling off stock from the canteen. The coaches will be running some cool relays. The last night we will be seeking a gold coin donation for entry that will be donated to a charity (yet to be published).

Sign on date

You will need to sign on your swimmers for term 1 2014. Sign on is going to be held pool side on Tuesday 3.15pm 3rd of December 2013. Please see the website www.sherwoodsharks.com

Remember you can pay on line and if you have squad members you do not need to come down to sign on.

Merchandise

We sell our club t-shirts at the canteen. They are $25 or 2 for $40.
We also sell swim caps for $10 and a variety of goggles.

GRADE 3 MUM’S GET-TOGETHER

All Grade three mums welcome to a Friday end of year coffee catch up. Friday 22 November after drop off at “Adrift” (Oxley Road, Chelmer)!

GRADE 6 DINNER

Hi all hope you can join us for an End of Year dinner at 3 Girls Skipping, Graceville for 6pm on Friday 15 November. Please RSVP Maryanne 6C on 0408980833 or Jackie 6/7L on 0402003629.

Hope to see as many as possible.

GRADE 1C PARENT DINNER

Please come along to Cafe Europe on Sherwood Road (opposite Westpac) on Tuesday 26 November at 7.30pm for the final 1C parents dinner. Hope to see you there! Lisa and Bec

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

CORINDA CHRISTIAN KINDERGARTEN Suzanne Angell (current Co-Director at Corinda Christian Kindergarten) is retiring after 40 years of teaching. Past pupils, families, staff and friends are invited to join us for afternoon tea to celebrate Suzanne’s retirement. Please join us to farewell Suzanne on Saturday November 23rd 3pm – 5pm at our kindy – Cnr Clewley St and Oxley Rd, Corinda. RSVP to admin@corindachristiantogether.asn.au We are compiling a book of letters to present Suzanne, if you would like to contribute a letter of best wishes we would appreciate your email admin@corindachristiantogether.asn.au

TARINGA ROVERS In 2014 Taringa Rovers is looking to field u12, u14, u16 BJL teams. Taringa Rovers is holding BJL trails pre and post Christmas. The Taringa Rovers BJL grading is open to players born in 2002 and 2003 for u12’s, 2000 and 2001 for u14’s, 1998 and 1999 for u16’s. The dates for the BJL junior divisional trails are as follows:
• Under 12 (Born in 2002 and 2003) – Tuesday 5:30pm –7:00pm on the 12th, 19th, 26th of November.
• Under 14 (Born in 2000 and 2001) – Thursdays 5:30pm – 7:00pm on the 14th, 22nd, 28th of November.
• Under 16 (Born in 1998 and 1999) – Mondays 5:30pm – 7:00pm on the 11th, 18th, 25th of November.
Post Christmas trail sessions will be by invitation only (based on November trails performance) and will occur in February 2014 (dates to be confirmed). If you wish to attend the Taringa Rovers BJL Trails please send a return Email to juniors@taringarovers.com.au
Sports Holiday Program
16th – 20th December

Sports Holiday Fun
Give your children an active and enjoyable holiday. The very popular December holiday program is back with lots of sports and activities for students of all primary ages.

Years: Prep - Year 7. All abilities welcome
Where: Christ the King Primary School, 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 or E: info@gameonaustralia.com.au

Junior Engineers is coming to Sherwood State School for Term 1, 2014

Our after school courses develop children’s’ mathematical and problem solving skills through software programming.

Students start at an introductory level and progress towards more sophisticated software programming. Give your child a head start and enrol today!

- Students will learn to program in a fun environment
- Small classes of up to 9 students
- Course information provided
- 45 minutes weekly classes
- Registration open for year 3 and above
- Free trial class
- Cost is only $299 per term.

Limited spaces available for Term 1, 2014.

Register today at www.jnrengineers.com | twitter @jnrengineers

Contact: Ron: 0478 472 148, jnrengineers@gmail.com
CHRISTMAS & JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART WORSHOPS 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 Christmas holidays. Each day of the Summer school holidays children aged between 3-12 will have the chance to learn a variety of art skills and techniques such as drawing, sculpture, free form clay work, mixed media and painting under the guidance of experienced arts educator Liz Austin-Glen. For more information go to www.facebook.com/CreativeKidsBrisbane or please contact Liz on 0405 641 363 or via email at liz.austinglen@gmail.com.

Creative Kids Brisbane
Art workshops for children aged 3 to 12 years

Christmas Holiday Art Workshops
16th to 20th of December, 2013

Pre-schoolers & Parents
3 - 5 year olds
9am to 10am
($15 per workshop)

Monday 16th
Clay Santas and reindeers

Wednesday 18th
Clay Christmas ornaments

Friday 20th
Christmas paintings

5 - 7 year olds
10:30 to 12:30pm
8 - 12 year olds
1pm to 3pm

Monday 16th: Clay Santas and Christmas trees

Tuesday 17th: Clay jewellery making

Wednesday 18th: Clay Christmas ornaments

Thursday 19th: Printed Christmas cards and wrapping paper

Friday 20th: Christmas paintings

January Holiday Art Workshops
6th to 22nd of January, 2014

Week 1: January 6th - 10th
10:30-11:30 (3-7 year olds)
1-3pm (8-12 year olds)

Monday 6th
Crazy painted clay monsters

Tuesday 7th
Pop Art painted portraits
(Andy Warhol style)

Wednesday 8th
Clay mosaic lizards
(Gaudi style)

Thursday 9th
Cool Collograph print making

Friday 10th
Abstract ink paintings

Week 2: January 13th - 17th
10:30-12:30 (5-7 year olds)
1-3pm (8-12 year olds)

Monday 13th
Styrofoam printed animals

Tuesday 14th
Decorative clay dragons

Wednesday 15th
Abstract ink paintings

Thursday 16th
Clay mosaic lizards
(Gaudi style)

Friday 17th
Cool Collograph print making

Week 3: January 20th - 22nd
10:30-12:30 (5-7 yrs)
1-3pm (8-12 yrs)

Monday 20th
Crazy painted clay monsters

Tuesday 21st
Pop Art painted portraits
(Andy Warhol style)

Wednesday 22nd
Styrofoam printed animals

For enquiries contact Liz on 0405 641 363 or email liz.austinglen@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/CreativeKidsBrisbane

Workshop Fees
$35 per workshop
Early bird special $30 before the 4th of December, 2013
Family/Group discounts also available

Graceville Uniting Church Hall
Cnr Oxley Rd & Verney Rd, Graceville
School Holiday Cricket Clinics

HENSCHELL CRICKET ACADEMY PTY LTD will be conducting Cricket Coaching Clinics during the Summer school holidays. Girls and boys of all standards, 6 to 17, are welcome.

The December "Performance Improver" Clinic will concentrate on building skills whilst having fun and enjoying the game of cricket. The January "Season Preparation" Clinic will concentrate on preparing players for the Post Christmas Club and School cricket seasons.

Non cricketers, looking for something active to do during the school holidays or wanting to learn how to catch and throw properly, are very welcome at these Clinics.

Attendees will be arranged with others of like ability and age, in groups small enough to ensure individual tutelage is provided. A Cricket Australia accredited coach will be allocated to each group for the duration of the Clinic to enable a structured program to be delivered and a comprehensive written report will be provided post Clinic conclusion.

A Senior First Aid Officer will be in attendance in case of illness or injury.

At each Clinic, one lucky player will win a Gabba cricket bat valued up to $175.00 (depending on size) simply by attending!

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

When: Week 1 - Monday 16 to Thursday 19 December 2013 inclusive
     Week 2 - Monday 6 to Thursday 9 January 2014 inclusive

Time: 8:30am to 12:00pm each day

What to wear: White shirt, sunscreen and hat/cap

What to bring: Personal cricket gear (if owned), water, snack, positive attitude

Cost: $199.00 (incl. GST) per Clinic (family rates available)

To book your place at these 4 day Clinics, or for further information, please contact Brett Henschell via email henschel cricket@bigpond.com or by mobile 0458 026 224.
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 Bellinda 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 Bellinda 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 826 486 or

Rhee TaeKwon Do HQ on 1300 132 779.

**Speech Pathology**-Helping Speech, Language and Literacy difficulties

Visiting before and during school Mon and Fri

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 sandrews@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