



Sherwood News

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Parents & Citizens Association
 meets on the last Monday of each month
 at 7.30pm. All parents are welcome

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

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6 November 2014

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOV	
Thu 6	Choral Concert Night (6.00-8.00pm – New Hall)
Wed 12	Instrumental Recruitment Meeting for Parents (Music Room) (6.30-8.00pm)
Fri 14	G20 Summit Public Holiday
Tue 18	ICAS Maths Certificates and Aust. Maths Trust Certificates presented on parade (New Hall – 2.00pm)
Wed 19	Whole of School Photo
Mon 24	P & C Meeting (Staff Room – 7.30-9.30pm)
Tue 25	Spell-a-Thon Prizes presented on parade
Thu 27	Yr 7 Surf Awareness Excursion to Gold Coast
DEC	
Mon 1	Yr 4-7 Einstein Challenge
Wed 3	Awards Day (New Hall – 9.00-11.00am)
Tue 9	Year 6 Graduation (New Hall)
Wed 10	Year 6 Graduation Celebration Excursion
Wed 10	Year 7 Graduation (New Hall)
Fri 12	Final Day Term 4
2014 SCHOOL TERMS	
Term 4: Tue 7 Oct to Fri 12 Dec	

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<http://mailouts.austnews.com.au/subscription/S/sherwood-ss-signup.html>

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dr Greg Nelson

Email: gnels5@eq.edu.au

I am very proud of our wonderful Choirs, Cantori and La Bella Voci. They both received Gold at the Brisbane Choral Festival last weekend. Congratulations to the students and Mrs Starr! I'm really looking forward to the concert this evening – hope to see you there. Having such gorgeous choristers is a blessing in our community.

We have received our most recent Whole-of-School data and I am very pleased with many of the results – great teachers make a great difference. In 2015 we will continue with our work in recent years on Reading (especially comprehension) and Maths. We will also take a special look at Writing and Spelling as focus areas for attention. Building the consistency of teaching practices across each year level is vitally important. To help with this work we have been allocated a Literacy and Numeracy Coach to be shared with Graceville – this is great news and the right person will make a huge difference to building the consistency of best practice we are seeking. Great teachers make the greatest difference and we are working hard to help our teachers use the well-researched best practices we know make the greatest difference.

		2014 (Preliminary)								
		This School					Nation			
	N	LL	Mean	UL	NMS%	U2B%	Mean	NMS%	U2B%	
Reading	70	437	453.4	469	98.6	69.0	418.6	93.6	46.1	
	72	512	532.1	552	94.7	41.3	500.7	92.9	34.4	
	32	553	578.4	604	97.0	51.5	545.8	94.8	28.7	
							580.2	91.8	21.5	
Writing	70	414	424.8	436	98.6	50.7	402.1	93.8	39.1	
	73	465	479.7	495	90.8	17.1	468.2	90.3	15.5	
	33	488	525.7	563	90.9	33.3	511.5	88.5	15.6	
							550.1	81.7	14.8	
Spelling	70	410	426.0	442	98.6	46.5	411.9	92.8	43.6	
	73	488	502.5	517	93.4	38.2	497.7	92.8	33.4	
	33	541	568.3	595	93.9	54.5	545.3	92.5	30.5	
							581.7	89.8	23.5	
Grammar & Punctuation	70	442	463.4	485	97.2	64.8	426.2	93.5	49.7	
	73	529	547.3	566	94.7	55.3	504.1	92.9	36.6	
	33	547	580.8	615	100.0	48.5	543.9	92.7	29.8	
							573.5	89.7	19.5	
Maths	70	425	439.8	455	97.2	63.4	401.8	94.7	36.3	
	72	511	525.8	541	96.0	38.7	487.2	93.3	25.7	
	33	569	590.4	612	100.0	63.6	545.9	95.2	28.5	
							587.8	94.2	24.0	

The table is colour coded with Red and Blue being below the National Mean (none of that for us thankfully). Light green is statistically equal to the Nation and numerically above. Dark Green is our goal, statistically above the Nation. NMS% refers to the percentage of students at Sherwood who are above the National Minimum Standard i.e. almost every child across every strand. U2B% is the percentage of students essentially achieving at a very high level. Some of our results here are exceptional. The results for Reading, Grammar & Punctuation and Maths are excellent. Writing and Spelling are good but we are focused on Great!

Interschool Sport: In 2015 we will continue to participate in Interschool Sport and include both Year 5 and Year 6 students in the Program. I considered other options but made the decision to continue with our current practice because of the strong support by students and parents (and me too!). However, there are a number of issues that we need to be aware of:

- Interschool Sport is expensive: We need a high percentage of families to pay the bus fees to make it viable. Next year we will need to ensure better compliance in this area – we need more parents to pay Sports Fees.
- Game Time: Some of the sports do not allow sufficient game time. For example, although the students first get on the bus at 12:30 on Friday afternoon, the basketballers often only get 20 minutes 'on court play'. I have asked the West Taylor Bridge Sports Association to review 'game time' and look at what is reasonable.
- Time pressures stemming from the Australian Curriculum: You may be unaware of the time pressures on our teachers to cover the Australian Curriculum at present. For teachers across the school this is a significant issue and next year there are more Australian Curriculum areas to implement with the introduction of Economics and Business (Year 5 & 6) as well as Civics and Citizenship (Year 3 to 6).

I genuinely believe we need students to be fit and healthy to lead happy lives. My hope is that you do too, and that you support an active lifestyle for your child/ren after school and on weekends.

JUST THINK...

Just think...

Ridiculously Random Riddles:



1. How many months have 28 days?
2. Name four days of the week that start with the letter "t"?
3. Two mothers and two daughters went out to eat, everyone ate one burger, yet only three burgers were eaten in all. How is this possible?
4. A man was outside taking a walk, when it started to rain. The man didn't have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes got soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?

Week 4 ANSWERS

A cowboy rides into town on Friday, stays for three days, then leaves on Friday. How did he do it? His horse was named Friday.

What 5-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? Short

How many times can you subtract the number two from the number fifty? Once. After that you are subtracting from 48!

What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries? A towel.



Weeks 5-6: BRAIN BUSTERS - ASK your TEACHER for the task sheet!

Complete the challenges wearing your GREEN hat - get the whole family involved!

When you are done please remember to post them into the Mail Box so we can all share in your creativity and lateral thinking!

Brain Strain Family FUN - *Time to Eat*

Directions: Try this at home with your family!!

Every answer has to be the name of some kind of food.

You may not use the same answer twice.

POST your responses into the **THINK TANK** in the office!



Name one thing you can eat that...

1	is square	13	has many seeds
2	is shaped like a ball	14	is a seed
3	is shaped like a coin	15	comes in many small pieces
4	has to be peeled	16	is hard before it is cooked and soft after it is cooked
5	you eat every day	17	is soft before it is cooked and hard (mostly) after it is cooked
6	you never eat by itself	18	usually comes in a box
7	is one colour on the outside and another colour on the inside	19	usually comes in a bag
8	turns your tongue a colour	20	always comes in a wrapper
9	is shaped like a triangle	21	you couldn't eat with a fork
10	has one hole	22	was made by an insect
11	makes a lot of noise when it is heated	23	always comes in a jar
12	has just one seed	24	is eaten on special occasions

Solve the Rhexus to name a famous movie!

4			
6	2		
9	?	1	
19	10	7	6

Can you work out the missing number?



ROLE M MATHS RESOURCES

Heidi Casperson, HOC

Thank you to everyone that dropped in plastic milk/juice bottle tops. Your help was very much appreciated.

PREP UNIFORMS

If anyone has any spare culottes or shorts suitable for Prep students, could you please pass them onto the Prep teachers as they are desperately short of spare clothes. Thanks for your assistance.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact Details: Leanne Davey, Coordinator, 3278 1658

Fortnightly statements for this week have been emailed. This Friday 7th November - Fortnightly (B) accounts will be charged. Term accounts will also have fees deducted this Friday unless otherwise arranged with the OSHC Coordinator.

Outside School Hours Care will not be open for the G20 public holiday on Friday 14th November.

2015 Enrolment packages and booking forms are now available from the Sherwood OHSC office or online at www.sherwoodoshc.com.au. Enrolments are now open to all students attending Sherwood State School in 2015 and places will be filled according to the date the enrolment form was received. Please email us at sherwoodoshc@gmail.com if you would like to make further enquiries or need more information.

For those planning ahead, we would like to inform you that we will be open for Vacation Care but will be closed for two weeks during this period from Monday 22nd December 2014 – Friday 2nd January 2015. We will reopen on Monday 5th January 2015. The Summer Vacation Care Program will be released early next week and permanent bookings will be received until Friday 5th December. After this date, bookings will be charged at the casual rate.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Asta Parker, Uniform Shop Convenor

OPEN: Monday 8am-9am; Wednesday 2.45pm-3.45pm; Friday 2.45pm-3.45pm

Email: sssuniformshop@gmail.com

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (Closed Monday & Tuesday)

Cathie Perkins, 3379 3881

SHERWOOD SHARKS

Club Night

This Friday night, 7 November 2014 is Sherwood Sharks Club night sadly will not be themed. Last Friday we embraced Halloween. Asta, our magical canteen convener outdid herself, serving Ghoulish Goulash, Wicked witch cheesy wands and other scary treats. Many parents donated lollies and Asta quickly spun them into lolly bags that every child delightfully received. Many children and a handful of parents contrived cute Halloween costumes and made the evening fun. Coach Kendal and Coach Andrew also put in a mighty effort and arranged fun games and events for the kids with extra prizes given out. The atmosphere was certainly 'carnival'. Although we were down on numbers, the evening was a huge success. Special thanks again to Asta, Ben and Andrew. We couldn't do it without you. So back to this Friday night, come early, 5ish to register and order Asta's delicious food delights and fire up the barbeque. Catch up with Graham who will be seeking out volunteers for timing and barbeque duties.

Skills Clinic

This week's skills session on Friday afternoon is BREASTSTROKE and BUTTERFLY. Please let coach Kendall know if your swimmer plans to attend so that he can plan for the training.

Fees

All fees were due prior to training commencing at the beginning of term. There are still a number of families that have not paid their fees. Please contact the treasurer asap. Our fees policies and payment methods are all clearly set out on our website at www.sherwoodsharks.com

Volunteers

We have been thrilled with the number of volunteers assisting with Friday Night Club night roles. This has made the evenings progress quickly and enjoyably for all. Graham will be again wondering around at the beginning of the evening asking for people to nominate. We are most grateful as such great efforts make the evenings fun and easy.

2R CLASS BREAK-UP

Hello all year 2R families,

The end of the year is nearly upon us and it's time to organize a final catch up for our class.

Where: Dunlop Pool , Oxley road.

When: 28th November Friday, straight after school

What to bring: a plate of afternoon tea to share

Please bring your other children to join in the fun.

Nina and Wendy

HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT!!!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

(For detailed information see the noticeboard at the office)

CROSS-CULTURAL PARENTING PROGRAM Do you have a child between 2 and 10 years old? If "Yes", share your parenting experiences. Researchers at the University of Queensland invite you to participate in a cross-cultural parenting study involving parents residing in Australia and Indonesia. Share your parenting experiences by completing an online survey at the website: <http://psy.uq.edu.au/par> For further information, please check the website or contact Agnes Sumargi at (07) 33656207, e-mail: agnes.sumargi@uqconnect.edu.au.

News from Indooroopilly State High School

Indro's student scientists have recently achieved outstanding competition results, as detailed below. For more student stories or to receive the fortnightly newsletter please go to www.indooroopshs.eq.edu.au.

UNSW ICAS Science and Australian Chemistry Quiz

This year 661 students in Years 8-10 from Indooroopilly SHS participated in the ICAS Science test and were awarded five High Distinction, 26 Distinction, 108 Credit, 60 Merit and 462 Participation Certificates. 51 students from Years 11 and 12 participated in the Australian Chemistry Quiz. In Year 11, ten High Distinction and three Distinction awards were received and in Year 12 there were six High Distinction and two Distinction Certificates awarded.

Awards Ceremony



School Duxes, Clare and Cai

Last week we held our annual Awards Ceremony to recognise the academic achievements of students at Indooroopilly SHS.

The two most prestigious academic awards are the Academic Excellence Award for Dux of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme and The University of Queensland Academic Excellence Award for Dux of the School. The former was awarded to Cai Fong and the latter to Clare Foran. These awards were just reward for the unrelenting focus Cai and Clare have demonstrated across all of their subjects whilst also actively participating in the full life of the school.

Lois O'Reilly
Principal, Indooroopilly State High School



Sports Holiday Program **Monday 15th – Fri 19th December**

Sports Holiday Fun

Game On Australia is offering another 5-day multi-sport holiday program in December. This program will include lots of sports and activities, including daily swimming sessions.

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

School Holiday Cricket Clinics

HENSHELL 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 15 to Thursday 18 December 2014 inclusive
Week 2 - Monday 5 to Thursday 8 January 2015 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 henschellcricket@bigpond.com or by mobile 0458 026 224.





origami dojo

Christmas Workshop



Deck The Halls with lots of Jolly!



What better way to celebrate Christmas than with your own hand made decorations.

Master Folder Jonathan has a new and exciting range of goodies for you to fold.

This year you can deck your tree with unique baubles or give them as very special presents.

The workshops are aimed at 8+ and kids... you can bring your parents

From Beginner to Enthusiast ...
Great fun for everyone.

(you can even make an your very own Angel to top your Christmas tree!)

Only \$35 per session

even less with family discounts...
Parents and carers free...

All materials included!

December 16, 17, & 18th

9:30-11:30 or 1:30-3:30
Graceville Presbyterian Church Hall
12 Bank St Graceville



Bookings: www.origamidojo.org or phone: 3172 7291

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.

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/Tue/Wed/Thu from 3.00pm

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

Computer Junior Engineers (Computer Lab)

Tues 3.30-4.15pm

Telephone Leigh: 0488 411 206

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 3.30-7.30pm

Telephone Belinda 32736367

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)

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

Korean Language School (Old Hall)

Saturdays 9-1pm

Telephone Joung 0431 177706

Personal Training - Spectrum PT (Oval & Under New Hall)

Wednesday 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Telephone Kaz 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

Mon and Fri 8.00-9.00am

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 3pm & Thu 7.15am

Telephone Liz Young 0417 922 508