

The Gecko News

Principal's Word



Term Two has started with a flurry of activity, both in and out of classrooms, with staff and students hitting the ground running from day one. It has been a pleasure to see outstanding work samples from across the school being shared by teachers, particularly from our new whole-school 'Talk for Writing' program.

COVID has once again caused interruption to some school operations, however the team at SHHPS have worked really hard to provide a consistent, high-quality educational experience for our students. We also wish to thank families for their cooperation with changing of restrictions and guidelines within the first two weeks, which has really supported the school in its smooth operation.

Events outside of classes such as the P&C Mother's Day stall, running club, and preparation for senior interschool sports, have added to the buzz for the beginning of Term Two. Thank you to everyone involved in providing these experiences for our students.

Sharee Viereck
Acting Principal

Staffing Update

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Mrs Gallash (Year 1, Room 4) and Mrs Luff (library) are on leave this term. Mrs Gibson has taken over in Room 4, with Miss McKell and Mrs Sorgiovanni working in the library.

In addition, we have welcomed the following new staff this term:

Miss Cooper has taken over the performing arts (drama) role for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Enright is teaching Room 9 for the first three weeks of this term, and will be replaced by **Mrs Foukles** in Week Four, for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Moses and Mrs Taylor have commenced as Education Assistants.

I'm sure you will make these new staff feel very welcome.

Kindy Enrolments 2023

Kindergarten enrolments for 2023 have now opened. If you, or someone you know are wanting to enrol for Kindy 2023, please contact our office on 9584 6200 to discuss the enrolment process.



Year 6 Camp

Planning is well underway for the 2022 Year 6 Camp. Our students are headed to Fairbridge Point Peron Camp from Wednesday, 30 November through to Friday, 2 December.

Information was sent out to all Year 6 parents via Compass regarding the camp and the initial deposit of \$50 which is due to be paid by 3 June 2022.

If you require assistance with Compass please contact our office, we are happy to help.



Winter Sport Game 1 SHHPS vs MBC

Our first Winter Sport Game will be held on Friday 13 May (week 3) at Merlin Oval. If your child/ren has been selected to participate in AFL, Netball, Hockey, Soccer or Volleyball, consent and payment are due by Monday 9 May. Details can be found on Compass.



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NAPLAN 2021

National Literacy and Numeracy testing for students in Years 3 and 5 begins in Week 3 on Tuesday, 10 May. All assessments will be completed online except for Year 3 Writing. Students will be tested in the areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Language Conventions (Punctuation and Grammar) and Numeracy.

Kids Against Violence (KAV) Program

The Kids Against Violence (KAV) program, commences this week for our Year 2 students, starting on Friday 6 May and running until the end of week nine. This is part of our protective behaviours curriculum and is run by staff from OVIS.

A note from our Crosswalk Attendant, Wayne

To all the students and parents that have used the school crossing since its inception, I would like to say a very sincere thank you for the pleasure of being associated with such warm and friendly people. The students have been a delight, well behaved and polite; their parents must be proud.

I have been moved on within the Traffic Wardens Unit and will not be attending your crossing anymore. Therefore, I say goodbye, and wish everyone well for the future.



P & C News

P&C Voluntary Contributions

Each year, the school booklist contains a voluntary P&C contribution of \$20, which goes directly toward projects the P&C are working on, to benefit the school. A huge thank you to those families who paid this contribution with their booklist this year.

We encourage those who have not yet paid, to contact the P&C for payment options.

Canteen

Canteen Convenor required

As of last Monday's AGM, we no longer have a Canteen Convenor. This voluntary role is important to our school village. Without a Canteen Convenor, the canteen could potentially close.

So we are reaching out to YOU, to raise your helping hands to keep the canteen alive and kicking. No experience is necessary. If you are interested, please contact the P&C via the canteen or our Facebook page.

Volunteers required

The Canteen is in need of volunteers for Fridays. Do you have a spare 30 minutes to an hour on a Friday? Visit the ladies in the canteen for more information. Any help would be appreciated.

