

The Gecko News

Principal's Word



The last fortnight has been particularly challenging for students and staff, with fluctuating numbers attending classes each day, as COVID cases rise across the community.

The rise in case numbers has also meant that in some instances, we have been unable to source relief staff to cover classes. In these circumstances, we have had to look to other options, such as combining classes of the same year level for the day.

All members of the school community have shown great resolve in the face of such adversity, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognise the resilience demonstrated – from our Kindy students through to our Year 6s, and from our teachers and education assistants, to our office staff, gardener, cleaners and families. The flexibility and understanding of everyone in the SHHPS village has certainly made these difficult times, easier to manage.

Sharee Viereck
Acting Principal

COVID POSITIVE CASES

A reminder that if members of your household tests positive, please advise the school as soon as you can, we are required to record if our students are close contacts. As a close contact your child CAN still attend school as long as they are testing NEGATIVE on a RAT for the 7 day isolation period.

NAPLAN 2021

National Assessment Program: Literacy & Numeracy testing for students in Year 3 and Year 5, commenced on Tuesday, 10 May. With many students absent across the testing period, administration staff have been working hard to ensure they catch-up on these tests when they return to school. To maximise the number of students completing all tests, the governing authority has now extended the testing period until Friday, 27 May 2022.

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.



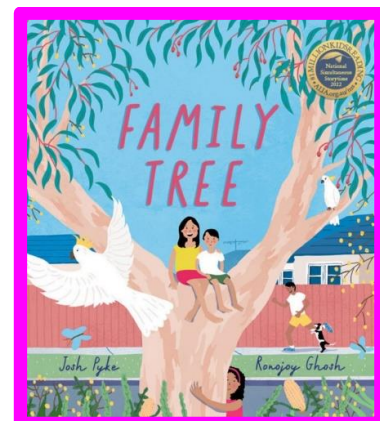
Year 6 Camp

Information was sent out to all Year 6 parents via Compass regarding this year's camp, which runs from Wednesday, 30 November through to Friday, 2 December. Initial deposit of \$50 is due by Friday 3 June 2022.

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

National Simultaneous Storytime

Staff and students are looking forward to participating in the Australian Library and Information Association's National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday, 25 May. This annual event sees students across the country reading the same Australian-written picture book at the same time, on the same day. In 2021, Storytime was shared by almost 2 million participants. This year's story is *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke and Ronjooy Ghosh.



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Winter Sport Game 1 SHHPS vs MBC

Our first game of Winter Sport took place on Friday, 13 May here at SHHPS, against Mandurah Baptist College. A great effort and awesome sportsmanship was shown by all players. Thanks to those students who stepped in for those who were unable to play, and to the coaches, referees and volunteers.

- Mr Dowding

Results:

Sport	SHHPS	MBC
AFL	57	61
Hockey	9	0
Netball A	10	13
Netball B	8	0
Soccer	2	11
Volleyball	3	0



Winter Sport Game 2 SHHPS vs Falcon PS

If your child has been selected to participate in AFL, Netball, Hockey, Soccer, or Volleyball in Game 2 on Friday, 27 May at South Halls Head PS, consent and payment are due by Monday, 23 May. Details can be found on Compass.

Upcoming Inter-School Sports

Mr Dowding has been very busy training and selecting teams for a variety of upcoming inter school sporting events:

Year 3 Five-a-Side Soccer

Thursday, 26 May 2022



Year 5/6 Winter Sports – SHHPS vs Falcon PS

Friday, 27 May 2022

Year 5/6 Girls AFL Cup

Tuesday, 31 May 2022



Permission slips and payment information has been sent via Compass for all students involved.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Join the adventure!

We encourage you to join us in unlocking the wonderful world of reading for your child/ren. By helping them to join the Premier's Reading Challenge. Will they fly above the clouds, dive into the ocean, or jump into a rocket ship?

All students from Kindergarten to Year ten are challenged to read twelve books by 9 September 2022.

You can help your child/ren sign up via the website, choose their own avatar, and log all the books they read over the course of the challenge. Weekly prizes will be awarded to students who log a book that week, with major prizes drawn when the challenge ends.

Books don't have to be in English – children are also encouraged to read books in their first language.

There are extraordinary tourism prizes to be won each week. Sign your children up on the website premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au to begin!



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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

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 or email Groovygecko.shhps@gmail.com for more information. Any help would be appreciated.

Gilbert & Sons' Support Initiative

Peel School Program

Gilbert & Son's Fresh Market Mandurah would like to invite you to become part of our new school loyalty program. The peel school program is designed to assist funding to local schools in the Peel region. Together we can contribute and make a difference.

It is free to register and easy to use, so get on board and nominate your school today!

Every time you shop at Gilbert & Sons, scan your card at the checkout & we will donate 1% of the money you spend to your nominated school.

The schools which are nominated will have no restrictions for what they utilise the funds towards. Whether it be mentoring programs, musical instruments or learning programs your school may need, Gilbert & Sons will take care of all the work for you.

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Containers for Change

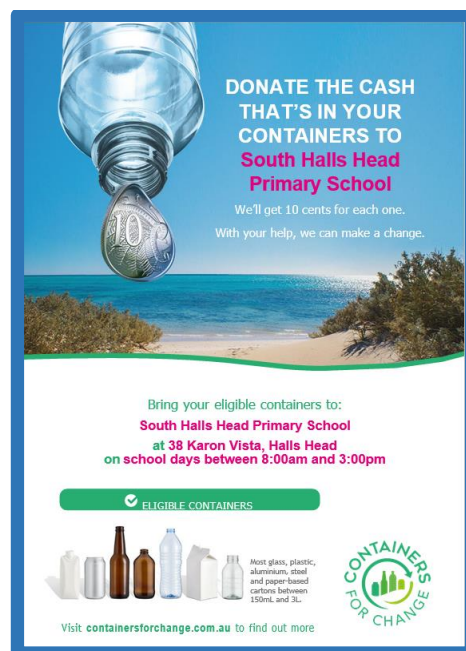
Containers for Change is back, bigger and better than ever at SHHPS!

A small team of enthusiastic staff, students, and parents have worked together to re-energise the school's Containers for Change fundraising efforts.

We understand that there are many families and community members finding it difficult to get their containers to the exchange depot, who would happily donate these to the school rather than recycle or hang onto them.

So from today, you will see new, labelled bins out the front of the library block throughout the school day. We encourage families to drop their donations into these bins during school hours. Local businesses, such as cafes, have also been approached to donate their containers and we hope this will re-invigorate our Containers for Change initiative to boost fundraising at SHHPS.

Funds raised will go directly to the school P&C, to be put toward projects that support teaching, learning and play across the school.



DONATE THE CASH THAT'S IN YOUR CONTAINERS TO South Halls Head Primary School

We'll get 10 cents for each one.
With your help, we can make a change.

Bring your eligible containers to:
South Halls Head Primary School
at 38 Karon Vista, Halls Head
on school days between 8:00am and 3:00pm

ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS

Most glass, plastic, aluminium, steel and paper-based cartons between 150ml and 2L.

Visit containersforchange.com.au to find out more

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