



Sheoak Grove Primary School

Interim Newsletter

This is an interim newsletter to focus on two topics only. Our next proper newsletter will be published on Friday, February 21.

Official Opening

The Hon. Mark McGowan, Premier of Western Australia will officially open our school this Friday, February 21. The Hon. Sue Ellery, Education Minister will also be in attendance along with other dignitaries and invited guests. The ceremony will begin at 10:15 am.

All of our Pre-Primary to Year 6 students will attend the ceremony.

All of our families are invited to attend this event. It will run for 30 minutes and culminate in the Premier and Minister being invited to tour our school at 10:45am.

Families attending the event are welcome to park in all of our parent car parks. We ask that everyone be seated to start the event at 10:15. We very much hope that you can join us.

New Class & School Restructure

As explained in our initial newsletter, our school population has quickly grown to see the need for a new class to be introduced.

As you would have read, when we re-opened our school office on January 22 we had a school structure that had the lowest class sizes we could in order to accommodate our expected initial growth. However, the rate of that growth that we've experienced has not been sustainable and we already have classes at and over the recommended class sizes.

Now that our semester census is complete and our initial enrolments have slowed we have an accurate indication of our population, and therefore our budgets, and we can begin the process of identifying our next staff member and creating our new class. This will have several benefits for our school. These include:

- dropping our class sizes significantly to the levels we began the year at; and
- being best placed to accommodate our enrolment growth across the 2020 school year.

This is likely to affect most of our classes from years 1 – 6. Our staff will be working on the student movement over the next week and parents will be notified of these as soon as it is possible. Student movement into new classes will be managed carefully and arrangements made for student transition. This may take a couple of weeks as we will not be moving until our new teacher is appointed and arrangements are made for that person to leave their current school.

Craig Stanners
Principal

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