

We've had another busy fortnight here at Sheoak Grove. Our first carnival was held this week and our first incursion is coming up this month, so there is certainly plenty on our agenda at the moment!

## Faction Swimming Carnival

On Thursday March 5, we held our inaugural Faction Swimming Carnival at Rockingham Aquatic Centre. We must say a **huge** thank you to everyone at Baldivis Primary School for fitting us in amongst their races. 28 students joined Mr Pilling and Mrs Nash and we went for it! Every student scored points for their faction and had a fantastic day. It was wonderful to see so many families and friends supporting our school.

The final totals were:

Green 135  
Orange 95  
Purple 84  
Gold 43

Congratulations also to our individual champions and runners-up:

Year	Place	Name	Faction	Points
4 Girls	Champion	Mia R	Green	30 pts
	Runner Up	Ariena G	Orange	18 pts
4 Boys	Champion	Jackson C	Orange	30 pts
	Runner Up	Oliver C	Purple	18 pts
5 Girls	Champion	Shontae M	Green	26 pts
	Runner Up	Jayla N	Green	18 pts
5 Boys	Champion	Kyan H	Purple	30 pts
	Runner Up			
6 Girls	Champion	Millie W	Green	30 pts
	Runner Up	Lilly R	Gold	18 pts
6 Boys	Champion	Trey L	Green	26 pts
	Runner Up	Jai A	Orange	20 pts

These winners will be announced at our next assembly on Friday March 13.

We would like to thank Mr Pilling for all of his organization, Mrs Nash for her work with our students on the day and Mrs Sami

McEntee for volunteering to do all of our recording at the carnival.

Well done everyone!



**Top:** Our competitors before our Faction Swimming Carnival  
**Below:** Some of our medal winners and Green Faction representatives



## Our New Class Structure

As discussed in our previous three newsletters, we have experienced a great increase in our student enrolments in the early part of our first year. This has made it absolutely necessary to create an additional class and redistribute our current classes to make space across our school. We simply cannot maintain our current

structure with classes already over the recommended class sizes.

By doing this we:

- drop our class sizes significantly across our school
- create the maximum number of places for students enrolling into Sheoak Grove over the course of 2020

While this does not absolutely guarantee there will be no further re-organisation of our school, it does make any further disruption very unlikely. Given we continue to enrol on average 3-4 new students per week, and peak times for new enrolments are expected at the start of each term, there is some unpredictability in forecasting how many students we enrol and in what year levels they enrol into.

This will see some students from Year 2 to Year 5 move classes in order to create this space. Parents of students who will be moving will receive notification next week. We understand that there will be some disappointment for our students and to assist with that we plan to hold a small transition process for students on Friday March 13. The difficulty we have with this timing is the availability of our newly appointed teacher who of course is currently teaching at another school. We are currently negotiating with that school to agree on a start date, but it is likely to be Wednesday March 18.

## Parent Communication



Parents will receive their 'p number' in order to log into Connect today. You should have already received information about how to download the app and log into Connect. Please don't forget that you can log in using any web enabled device, and that the PC site is very good too.

Classes will be introduced over the next week or so. Please turn your notifications on for Connect and keep checking in for information about our school.

Currently there is some information stored on Connect, including our calendar. If you'd like more information about Connect and how it will be used, please have a look at the videos available on the site.

## Before School Arrangements

Please remember that our classrooms are not open until 8:30 am. We ask all students and families who arrive at school before that time to come to our Covered Assembly Area to meet and play some games together. Supervised areas include 'Tamworth Square', the grassed quadrangle behind our library, the primary playground and our basketball courts.

Parents are encouraged to join in and enjoy an important daily transition time for our students.

It is an important time in the morning, and really helps to build a fun routine for our students to set up an enjoyable and engaging school day.

## Upcoming Events

### *P&C Bunnings Sausage Sizzle*

Please support our P&C on Sunday March 8 as they host the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle at the Baldivis shop. If you haven't been able to volunteer, at least please feel free to come along and buy a sausage or two! If you can volunteer, please search for our P&C on Facebook and let them know. We hope to see you on Sunday at Bunnings.

## **Life Education Van**

The Life Ed Van will be visiting Sheoak Grove this Term. On March 19 and 20 our students will be engaging in their programs across the school. This is an educational incursion and a note including cost details was sent home last Tuesday.

## **Harmony Day Picnic**

Please keep an eye out for details around our inaugural Harmony Day Picnic. This will be available through Connect very soon!

## **Assemblies**

Our first assembly will be next Friday, March 13!

While we don't have a class hosting our first assembly, we will be presenting merit awards along with our medals from this week's Faction Swimming Carnival. We will also be inviting a couple of people along to say thank you for their help with our crossing guard application. We hope you can join us!

## **School Board**

Our School Board had their inaugural meeting this week. Once our Board Chair and Secretary are elected we will announce both positions and let you know where you can access meeting agendas and minutes.

You can find out more about our School Board on our website.

## **Judo Exhibition**

As mentioned in our last newsletter, a local Judo club will hold a free demonstration after school at our school. The date for this

has changed, and it will now be on Tuesday March 24 in our Covered Assembly Area.

This is in order to promote their sport and club in our community. If it is a successful afternoon, they will hold some introductory judo classes for students at our school. Please keep an eye out for details in the lead up to that event.

## **Jackson T's Off!**

Jackson Clifford, one of our awesome Year 4 students in Room 12 has recently represented Rockingham in the State Championships that were held at Langley Park. Jackson's team came away with 4 wins and placed second in their division.

Super job Jackson, congratulations!



If you know of one of our students doing great things outside of school, please let us know!

*I hope we see you soon at Sheoak Grove for one of our events.*

Craig Stanners  
Principal