

Week 7, Term 2

There were grey skies above but bright colours all throughout our school this morning because today was Rainbow Dress Up Day! It was planned by our P&C to celebrate our school's progress through all of the phases of the WA COVID Roadmap. It used the symbol of hope that was so prevalent throughout the world over the last few months as the inspirations of our day. Thanks to our P&C for the idea and the energy behind it and to everyone who got into the spirit of colour and fun throughout the day. We have some photos on the last page of our newsletter.

Reporting to Parents, Semester 1

As I indicated in our last two newsletters, there are some changes to our Reporting to Parents requirements due to the COVID-19 restrictions that we've experienced over terms one and two.

In summary, with the regular attendance of many students being lower over this time, the breadth and depth of the curriculum covered throughout Semester 1 may have been reduced. For this reason, schools are not required to include A to E grades on this year's Semester 1 student reports. At Sheoak Grove we will ensure:

- learning area comments that will focus on student progress
- student effort will be indicated across every learning area
- A general comment will remain as normal.

This is an approach that is consistent with our system requirements and schools across our network.

Our school will offer 1:1 meeting opportunities for parents to discuss student

progress during a week to be arranged early next term.

Student reports to be delivered electronically on **Connect** early in week 10 of this term, giving parents time to contact our staff with any questions you might have before the July school holidays. Please ensure that your Connect details are accurate and working for this purpose.

Student Leaders and Faction Captains

Huge congratulations to all of our students who nominated for our inaugural student leader and faction captain positions last week. This was originally planned for last term, but like many other things, it was delayed through the COVID period. Due to those restrictions still in place last week, nominees did their election speeches through Webex and were streamed into our classrooms on our interactive panels. Each and every nominee was fantastic, delivering their speeches with confidence and honesty.

Further congratulations are due to those students who were honoured by their peers with election into our leadership roles. They are:

Student Leaders:

- **Lily Rasulova**
- **Cooper Herd**
- **Priyal Patal**
- **Kiara Dee Wessels**

Faction Captains:

- **Jayla Nash**
- **Aiden McGuinness**
- **Matilda Nelson**
- **Joshua Simpson**
- **Millie Wallace**
- **Mackenzie Long**
- **Ella McEntee**
- **Linkin Cullen**

We are looking forward to presenting their badges at our next assembly on Friday June 19, and to the wonderful contributions they will make to our school throughout the rest of the year.

Parents and Citizens Association (P&C)

We have some changes happening in our P&C currently. I want to acknowledge and sincerely thank **Adrienne Turner** and **Kelly Upsall** who have both decided to step down from office bearer roles.

Adrienne was our inaugural President and Kelly our first secretary, both nominating at the AGM held at Baldivis Primary School at the end of 2019. Some of the highlights in this time have been establishing our P&C from scratch, building our Executive Team and the beginning of our fundraising efforts including the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. Both ladies have indicated that they will be staying on as members of our P&C to continue to contribute to the establishment of our P&C.

Please keep an eye on the P&C communications over the next couple of weeks that will include details of how you can nominate to fill the vacancies that have been created or just join our P&C as a member.

National Reconciliation Week



Parents would know from our last newsletter that National Reconciliation Week was held between May 27 and June 3. At Sheoak Grove we are lucky to have **Mrs Paine** on our staff who is leading our school through our implementation of the [Aboriginal Curriculum Standard Framework](#) in her Level 3 Classroom Teacher role. During this time Mrs

Paine went to every class to lead lessons and activities to explore the messages of Reconciliation Week. For 2020 that was *In This Together*. All of our students focused on Noongar Boodja (country) and the vital part that country plays in the culture of all First Nations people across Australia. Our students loved the lessons, as you can see from this news from Mr Edge's Year 3/4 class in Room 10:

Mrs. Paine came to visit Room 10 to share a story about her ancestors and discuss and acknowledge National Reconciliation Week. She asked Room 10 what they already knew about this topic and they discussed their prior knowledge. Mrs Paine introduced some new words to Room 10. Kaya meaning hello, Boorda meaning goodbye and Boodja meaning Country.

Mrs. Paine then read the story Welcome to Country to us. She discussed the importance of all the different things that make up the land and how the Aboriginal peoples were connected to their land.

Mrs. Paine shared with us a video of a Noongar welcome to country. She explained how it was welcoming us to the land through their dance, song and art. Room 10 took part in clapping and stamping our feet with the video to connect with the welcome to country.

We looked at our connection to the land in Perth. In particular, the Swan River and Kings Park. Room 10 then drew something that was related to the land that was important to them on a map of Australia. Room 10 were engaged and loved the experience. Thanks Mrs. Paine!

Below: Mrs Paine working with Mr Edge's fantastic year 3/4 class in Room 10



COVID Restrictions

Thank you to all of our school community for continuing to observe all of the restrictions that we are managing throughout the different phases of the [COVID-19 Coronavirus WA Roadmap](#). Due to our still relatively small school population, we haven't had to place any restrictions on parents coming in or out of our school gates as we don't hit the limit while our parents continue to help us out. Please remember that the relevant current restrictions we need to observe include:

Before School:

- If arriving prior to 8:30, year 1-6 students continue our normal morning routine of gathering in Tamworth Square (grassed

quadrangle in front of our covered assembly area) to play while being supervised by a staff member on duty until the handbell goes.

- If arriving before 8:30, parents of Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students drop them at the classroom. Students will then play in the ECE playground while supervised by a staff member on duty until the handbell goes.
- If arriving between 8:30 and 8:40, students are dropped off at the classroom
- That parents only enter classrooms if it is necessary, or a pre-arranged meeting has been organised. A limit of 5 parents should be inside a classroom at any one time.
- That parents drop students at school, attend to any business that may be necessary and then leave the school so that we maintain our limit of 100 people.

After School:

- For parents of year 1-6 students, that a safe, pre-arranged meeting place away from the classroom door is organised for pick-up purposes if possible.
- If parents need to be at the classroom, then the social distancing restriction of 1 person per 2 square metres is observed
- That parents only enter classrooms if it is necessary, or a pre-arranged meeting has been organised. A limit of 5 parents should be inside a classroom at any one time.
- That parents pick up their children, attend to any business that may be necessary and then leave the school so that we maintain our limit of 100 people.

Unfortunately, in order to maintain the social distancing requirements in our office, the limit of 2 people at a time will remain.

2020 Faction Cross Country Carnival

Now that we are in Phase 3 of the WA COVID Roadmap, we can go ahead with our modified faction cross country carnival. At this stage it is planned for Week 9 of this term, on June 26. Mr Pilling has been putting all of our Pre-Primary to Year 6 students through their paces in preparation for the day during their Physical Education lessons, and they are all progressing the best they can.

There may well still be some restrictions on the number of spectators we are allowed to have on the day, so please keep an eye out for details as we get closer to the day.

2021 Kindy Enrolments

Applications for enrolment into our 2021 Kindy program are now open. Parents can download the application forms from our website [here](#).

Applications will be open until the end of July. If you have any queries about the process, please contact Linda, our School Officer, on 9523 5400.

Children's Crossing on Baldivis Road

We had a successful meeting with the Children's Crossing Unit, the City of Rockingham and other interested parties last week. Our approved crossing will be going across Baldivis Road about 50 metres north of the roundabout at the intersection of Baldivis Road, Nyilla Approach and Tamworth Avenue. At that point there is a footpath already in place on the eastern side of the road, and the City of Rockingham will be doing some minor development of the road at that point to make it as safe as possible.

We really want to thank the Children's Crossing Unit at WA Police, the City of Rockingham, and Mrs Linda Rose, who did the data gathering for our original application, for their support and assistance in this matter.

Assembly

Thank you to our awesome choir who performed in public for the first time at our last assembly. Miss Lee and Mrs Fullard and all of the choir members did a wonderful job in preparing for the assembly and in the performance itself. It's not bad when your first performance is streamed live!

Next week we will present our Student Leaders and Faction Captains with their badges. We have a COVID restriction in place in regard to the number of adults who can attend our next assembly on Friday. Given our school population, everyone is welcome as long as we stay inside that limit. We ask that if we reach 100 adults, parents of students from our performing class and of those receiving merit awards have the opportunity to attend. We have had some really positive feedback about streaming our assemblies, so will continue to do that on Facebook for parents who can't make it in to school and for extended family members.

It has been wonderful to have our parents back through our gates again! Thank you to everyone who supported our Rainbow Dress Up Day today, and a big thankyou to our P&C for organizing it. As you can see from the photos below, there were a lot of smiles! It's important to enjoy these opportunities, especially when they signify the positives that things like coming through the COVID Roadmap represent.

Craig Stanners
Principal



