



Sheoak Grove Primary School Newsletter

Week 9, Term 2

We've had a big couple of weeks since our last newsletter. As the COVID restrictions are lessening we have been able to welcome more parents back to our school for events. At our last assembly we were able to have three classes and the parents of our host class attend. We were also able to have all of the parents who wanted to come to our Cross Country Carnival attend as we staggered the start times across the day. We're looking forward to school life under Phase 4 of the WA COVID-19 Road Map as we get back to normal.

Reporting to Parents, Semester 1

Semester 1 student reports are available through Connect **today**. As I indicated in our last few 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 week one of next term. The

timetable will be available on Connect during this week.

I want to acknowledge the hard work that our staff have completed to produce the reports under some very different circumstances than usual and Mrs Oliver's work to co-ordinate the reporting process.

In Term Swimming 2020

Swimming lessons were halted due to COVID-19 earlier this year. We were surprised to learn that we could participate in our scheduled program in the early part of next term.

Our program is scheduled for weeks 3 and 4 of Term 3 and will be held at the Secret Harbour State Swim School. We will provide details, including costs, to parents during this week on Connect.

COVID Restrictions

We are now in Phase 4 of the WA COVID-19 Roadmap. We can now go back to normal assemblies with all of our classes back into the Covered Assembly Area and with all interested parents able to attend. Physical distancing requirements will still be maintained for adults.

Drop off and pick up arrangements are now back to where they were pre-COVID. We still ask that we maintain a limit of 5 adults in our classroom at once both before and after school, given the space that is required with students also in the room.

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.

Cross Country Carnival

What a day we had on Friday with our first ever carnival held at Sheoak Grove. Congratulations to all of our students for their fantastic efforts during the day.

Every one of our students finished their different courses. There were some awesome individual efforts during the day, but the most impressive thing was the attitude of everyone who was determined to do their best and completed the challenge of finishing the course. Well done to each and every one of them!

Thank you to the many parents who came along to cheer our students along and support our school. We were able to manage to stay within the COVID restrictions that were necessary on the day easily, and we thank everybody for their co-operation in that.

Thank you to two of our P&C members, Anita Stokes and Vicki Bell for their fantastic help on the finish line all day. Their work was very much appreciated by our staff and students.

Our Faction Captains had their first event to contribute to, and they were absolutely outstanding in their efforts. They provided support for our younger students early in the day by leading them through the course, and then were excellent role models in their efforts and citizenship throughout the day. Well done to all of them for showing wonderful student leadership on the day. Our School Leaders also had a role, as they organized a fundraiser and carried out that

work across the day too. Congratulations to them for their efforts too.

Gold faction won the day in what was a very close competition throughout the whole carnival. Congratulations to everyone in Gold!

Thank you to Mr Pilling for an awesome carnival that ran super-smoothly and was enjoyed by everyone. We also want to thank all of the staff and parents who gave time at the start and end of the day to set up and pack away all of the equipment. Some photos from the day are included in this newsletter.

P&C News

Our P&C has a new President, Secretary and Executive Member. Thank you to Renee Hewitt for taking on the President's role, and to Vicki Bell for combining the roles of secretary for both our P&C and School Board. We also thank Joel Tiffin who has joined our Executive Committee. We look forward to the continuing development of our P&C.

Assembly

Thank you to Room 12 for hosting a wonderful assembly at short notice a fortnight ago. They did a fantastic job! Our Choir will be back to host our assembly this week, and as mentioned earlier we are looking forward to meeting as a whole school in our Covered Assembly Area again.

It has been an interesting first semester at Sheoak Grove! We have come through all of our challenges together and stronger for the experience. We look are looking forward to the rest of the year and the wonderful learning opportunities that are to come!

Craig Stanners
Principal





