Dear Sherbourne Families,

As the 2017 school year comes to a close it is with mixed feelings that we end the year.

- We say a farewell and an enormous thank you to Mrs Jenny Gildea who has been at Sherbourne for the past 20 years, most recently in the role of Art teacher. The wonderful displays and artwork around our school are testament to the high quality of Jenny’s Creative arts program. Jenny has never ceased to amaze with the creativity and ingenuity she brings to the program and the school displays – we will really miss her expertise, her fun and her care. All the students speak fondly of their time in the Art room. Jenny has truly helped many children discover and explore their creative side and encouraged them to pursue creative artistic pursuits. Moreover Jenny has been a fabulous, well loved and respected member of the teaching team. Thank you Jenny – we wish you all the very best in your well-deserved retirement.

- Thank you to Mrs Raelene Morley who has worked in 4/5T all year. We welcomed Raelene back from retirement in this part time role – to the great benefit of students, staff and our community. We hope to see Raelene in a more casual role in 2017. Many thanks for all you have brought to Sherbourne this year.

- Thank you to Mrs Elisa Cleeve who took over the 1/2A class this term. We really appreciate her hard work, the fun MiniBeast unit the children worked on and all that report writing. Best wishes.

- Thank you to those families who are leaving Sherbourne at the end of the year. Thanks for the role you have played in our community

- Best wishes to our wonderful Year 6s as they move onto secondary school. We were so proud of you at graduation last night.

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Our heartfelt thanks to all the people who have helped in our school community in so many ways throughout the year – may you have a wonderful festive season.

**Student Free Days 2017**
Monday January 30 – 2017 focus and goal setting  
Monday April 24 – the day before ANZAC day – focusing on Writing  
Monday November 6 - the day before Cup Day- Report writing  
Friday December 15 - a week before the end of the 2017 year – planning 2018

**Semester 2 Reports**
The students Semester 2 reports will be available on Compass tomorrow afternoon, Friday December 16 at approximately 3.00pm.  
Students will bring their portfolios home with them today on Monday.

**Final Staff list 2017 Term 1**
Next year in addition to Mrs Anna Lloyd and Helen Anderson we welcome Mr Peter Buszard in the role of PE and Sport teacher on Thursday and Fridays. We will share Peter with Montmorency PS. Peter has been PE teacher at Eltham PS for several years. He is passionate about teaching and particularly loves footy and cricket.

Mrs Karen Paul will continue as second in charge and be released one day a week from her classroom for administrative duties as Leading teacher by Mrs Amanda Oakley who is returning from Family Leave in 2017 working one day a week in 5/6P.

Beth Turner will commence Term 1 as the Art Teacher before her retirement at the start of Term 2.

Janet Hayes will return to Sherbourne in Term 1 until February 12.

**SPS STAFFLIST 2017 Term 1 2017**

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**DET SSSOs** (Student Support Services)

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**Instrumental Music Concert**
On Monday we enjoyed a lovely concert in the Hall where students shared their learning on various music instruments; piano, guitar, chanter and voice.

Congratulations and well done to Megan Reichenbach, Ruby Groves, Ella Vespoli, Sienna Groves, Clare Parfitt, Aiden Zipsin, Jessica Nolan, Ryan Marchbank, Jude Mitchell, Keely Doherty and Lily Rizzetti. Thanks to Sasha and Paula their teachers.

Many of our performers were Year 6 students so there will be many vacancies for keyboard and piano lessons in 2017. Please let me know if you are interested.

**Class Parties**
Next Monday students will not need to bring their lunch, just perhaps a drink as they will have their class parties. Food is provided as part of the annual payment.

**NOVEMBER /DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE**

- Carols on the Oval 2016, a wonderful community evening. Thank you to all of those who attended and those who assisted with set up and pack up
- The beautiful SPS year 3-6 Choir performance at Greensborough Plaza last Friday
- Year 6 Orientation Day at their respective secondary schools
- A very special and enjoyable Year 6 Graduation last night
- Fabulous inquiry units throughout the school which highly engaged the students and developed their questioning, critical thinking and research skills as well as their curiosity. Inquiry unit – Change focussing on Minibeasts in Junior School, The beach environment in Middle school and aboriginal studies in the Upper school.
- A very successful community sports Years 3-6 program
- Hooptime basketball at state championship level.
- A very informative 2017 Prep Information evening
- A well attended and very grateful Helpers Morning tea
- The Junior school enjoyed a marvellous excursion to the Museum and IMAX cinema

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2016**

Amongst the memorable highlights of 2016 I would include

- A team of Year 5 and 6 dancers represented our school in the state School Spectacular at Hisense arena.
- We entered 3 TOM teams, one each in the Language Literature, Engineering maths and Social science divisions. Two teams earned at Honours at regional level the Social Science team won at regional level and performed admirably at state level.
- We fostered and encouraged curiosity, critical and creative thinking skills through our school wide Inquiry units of Change, Belonging, and the Olympics.
- We held a school wide expo morning to celebrate our learning.
- The Thinking Carnival at Montmorency SC for Year 3-6 was a wonderful day of collaborative learning, problem solving and creative and critical thinking.
- The junior school held a very successful Grandparents and Friends day where we learned about the countries of our family's heritage.
- We successfully introduced the bank of ipads to the school enabling the students to augment their learning skills as well as ours.
- Very enthusiastic participation and enjoyment of Swim carnival 3-6, Athletics Carnival 3-6. School Cross Country P-6, Tabloid Carnival P-2 and Interschool Sport.
- Our school environment is looking fabulous, greatly enhanced by work completed at Working bees and the addition of our generously donated and erected goal posts!
• The very well attended and enjoyed Trivia Night.
• Successful camps held at Portsea (5/6), Phillip Island (3/4) and Lake Dewar (1/2), whilst FM enjoyed their Prep breakfast at school.
• Japanese visiting teachers and festival day.
• Successful book fair.
• New TVs /Apple TV connections for all classrooms/programs.
• Many fun learning experiences enabling much learning growth! To name a few….

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

I would like to acknowledge:

• the enthusiastic hardworking team of staff we have at Sherbourne, their dedication and commitment to our Sherbourne students and the amazing support they have given me in my role.
• the work and support of School Council and the various sub committees all working hard for our students and community
• our School Council President Damian Jardine in what proved to be a year requiring an enormous time commitment. Damian has very generously given of his time for the school in this role of responsibility and we thank him for that.
• our Junior School Council for their terrific ideas and fundraising projects
• the wonderful students and families of Sherbourne – it is such a privilege to work with this community – staff, students and families.

School Office Opening days & times, Teachers & Students commencing - January 2017
The school office will be open on the following days and times prior to students commencing in 2017.
Monday January 23 – Wednesday January 25 – 9.00 - 4.00pm School Office open
Thursday 26th January - Australia Day Holiday
Friday 27th January – Office Closed
Monday 30th January - Office open, Student Free Day
Tuesday 31st January - Students commence.

End of Term & Assembly
Term four concludes on Tuesday December 20 with a dismissal at 1.30pm. The final whole school Assembly for 2016 will be held at 1.15 pm on the basketball court. All welcome.
The After Care Program will operate from 1.30pm – 6.00pm on Tuesday December 20.

I wish everyone in the Sherbourne Community all the best for the festive season and look forward to seeing all the families returning or commencing at Sherbourne in 2016.

Maree Seymour
Principal

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

• **STUDENT FREE DAY FRIDAY DECEMBER 16 – students are not required at school on this day.**

• **End Term 4 2016 Tuesday December 20 1.30pm Dismissal**

• **2017 School start – Tuesday January 31 2017**
Dear Parents,

Please ensure all medical forms that were sent home for anaphylaxis, allergy and asthma are returned to school by the end of term 4 or prior to the commencement of term 1, 2017 to enable appropriate information to be ready for student start date of Tuesday January 31. Forms for the above mentioned conditions require updating on a yearly basis and require a medical practitioner’s signature. It is vital that any other medical conditions a student may have or medication being taken is recorded on file in case of a medical situation arising during the school day. Special medical condition forms can be collected from the office.

Janis Newman

S.E. DEPARTMENT

SHERBOURNE BILLY CART GRAND PRIX Monday December 21, 2016

The annual Sherbourne Billy Cart Grand Prix is next week. Entry forms are in this newsletter and also available at the office. Both the driver and co-driver need to give Janet Hayes a signed permission note to take part and all participants must wear safety gear outlined on the entry form. Students entering need their own billy cart for the pair of entrants. There will be a coned off area for them to be parked before school on the day, near the music windows on the hard court. Students who do not take part enjoy watching this entertaining event. The reigning champions are Flynn Zipsin and Thomas Stevens. Will the bragging rights remain with the Zipsin family for another year? To make the event more authentic and to provide a defined track around the hardcourts we use used tyres that are collected from Tyres Bob Jane T Mart in Sherbourne Road Eltham. Thanks to Hollie Spirovski for organising the tyre pick up and return.
SHERBOURNE SWIMMING CARNIVAL February 8, 2017

Event Selection
Students in grades 3-6 in 2017 have brought home their swimming carnival event selection sheet. The Sherbourne Swimming Carnival is very early in Term 1 and as I work part time it is my 4th day back at school and my 3rd last day at Sherbourne before retiring. In order to organise the swimming carnival before the end of this term I need the event selection sheet returned ASAP. There is flexibility for some event choices to be changed on the day but having some data to input I can print the event recording sheets and we can add and cross out on these as required.

Permission on Compass will occur at the beginning of Term 1 2017 and the Swimming Carnival Program and your child’s event selection sheet will be returned in Week 1 2017. There is also a parent helper form if you know in advance that you can help with this event. Thanks so much for the helper forms I have received, however we do need more helpers please.

PE & SPORT DATES FOR YOUR 2017 DIARY
February 8 - Sherbourne Swimming Carnival
February 22 - Montmorency District Swimming Carnival
February 10 - Interschool Sport Round 1 for grades 4-6
March 30 - Sherbourne Cross Country Run
May 17 - Montmorency District Cross Country Run
August 4 - Sherbourne 1500m event, 4pm
August 16 - Junior Tabloid Sports Morning
August 17 - Sherbourne Athletics Carnival
August 25 - District 1500m event, 4pm
September 5 - Montmorency District Athletics Carnival

BUILDING & GROUNDS

SAVE THE DATE: Term 1 Working Bee is Sunday March 5, 2017

CHICKEN ROSTER SUMMER HOLIDAY
We are asking for volunteers to look after our chicken ‘girls’ in the long holiday period as well as water the sunflowers and corn in the veggie garden and a few new native plants in the grounds. We hope to get enough volunteers so families have about 4 days. We will be trialling a Key Lock Safe as used by estate agents so we don’t have to give out so many keys. Please check your plans for the holidays and reply using the form or email Jane Young directly jane.young3@gmail.au. Jane has also set up a Sherbourne Chicken email which you can use: sherbourne_chickens@yahoo.com
COMMUNITY NOTICES

I Just Want to Dance!

Classes available from 2 years to Adult

Enrol before 1st January to receive $50 off
Term 1 2017
*Conditions Apply

Classes in Classical Ballet (Cecchetti Method), Contemporary, Lyrical, Jazz, Dance Acrobatics, Stretch and Strengthen, Dance Extension, Tricks, Leaps and Turns, Performance Group, Student Teacher Training and Pre School Program.

VCASDancers.com
Phone 1800 812 314

Get your Christmas Tree from Greensborough Scouts

Support 1st/2nd Greensborough Scouts Group this Christmas and buy your tree from our handy Roveros.

$50-80 for small-large trees

For sale at the Scout Hall (Willinda Park, Beatrice St, Greensborough)
Saturdays & Sundays throughout December 9:30am-4:30pm
and at the Grain Store (133 Para Rd, Greensborough 10th & 11th Dec only)

trees@greensboroughscouts.org

Tech-E Kids
School Holiday Program

Developing you for the future

- 5 full days of fun, creativity and learning through exploring
- Learn to publish digital content online by creating a real-world website
- For Students 8 years and older

Group 1: January 9 - 13th, 2017
Group 2: January 16 - 20th, 2017

Fees: $375
Time: 9:00a-4:30p
Class: 15 students per group

For more information: Call 04 1013 3124 or read more online