Welcome to the 2017 school year!

A warm welcome back to all students and their families and a special welcome to all of those new families joining the Sherbourne PS community. We are looking forward to fabulous year ahead in 2017!

Next Monday we will have our first Assembly at 3.00pm in the Hall. At this Assembly, our year 6 leaders will receive their badges. All welcome!

Maree Seymour  Principal

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS
Next Tuesday February 8 we will run our start of Year information evening for parents for each year level of the school. These short half hour sessions allow you to meet your teacher and hear their expectations around your child’s year level and class.

Each session runs strictly for 30 minutes.
6.00 – 6.30pm All Prep parents (Session in Prep classroom)
6.30 – 7.00pm Year 1 and 2 Parents (Session in 2K classroom)
7.00- 7.30pm Year 3 and 4 parents (Session in 3/4H classroom)
7.30 – 8.00pm Year 5 and 6 parents (Session in 5/6P classroom)
Student led Conference where you will meet your child’s teacher in an individual 10 minute session will run in Week 4 from February 20-22

THANK YOU

Many jobs and activities have been undertaken over the school holiday break. The school is looking fabulous!

A big thank you to

- The families who looked after our school chickens and watering. The “girls” seem to have coped with the heat and been very well looked after.
- Janet Hayes, Jane Young and team of helpers who cleaned and repainted the Junior deck – it is looking wonderful!
- Don Haslam who has helped get our school ready in so many ways
- Mel, Elene, Karen and Parents and Friends who provided a lovely welcome morning tea for our new 2017 Prep parents on Tuesday

In addition, our Hall floors have been resurfaced and look fabulous! All in readiness for a fabulous year ahead.
Communication at Sherbourne PS

We encourage you to regularly visit our School website at www.sherbps.vic.edu.au The 2017 Parent Handbook contains a lot of useful information. It also has a very handy school calendar of the year’s events. Your feedback on our website is always welcomed- we want it to be most effective for our community. The School Newsletter is distributed fortnightly via email and also published on the website.

This term it will be distributed on Thursday Feb 2, 16, Thursday March 2, 16, 30
In addition to the school newsletter each school area, P-2 (Junior), 3-4(Middle) and 5-6 (Upper) will prepare a termly Area newsletter.

School assemblies run fortnightly on a Monday afternoon from 3.00-3.30pm. In Term 1 and 4 during Sun Smart season they will be held in the Hall. Families are always welcome to attend.

Junior School Council representatives host the assembly and over the term classes share some of the great work they have done.

This term Assemblies will be held on Monday Feb 6, 20, March 6, 20. There will be short special Assembly on Friday February 10 at 3.15pm on the basketball courts to mark the retirement of two of our teachers, Janet Hayes and Beth Turner. Hope you can join us for that occasion.

More Important News

SCHOOL COUNCIL VACANCIES

The School Council plays an important role in the governance of our school. It is made up of a group of parent representatives and Department of Education representatives. Together we work to make Sherbourne PS an excellent school for all of our students.

School Council meets monthly at the school on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm.

School Council operates the following sub committees:
Finance,
Buildings and Grounds,
Education,
Parents and Friends,
Brand, Publicity and Marketing.

Watch for further information about nominating yourself or others for the upcoming vacancies or contact Maree Seymour through the school office. if you would like to know more.

LUNCH ORDERS
Available Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Orders must be in at office by 9.05am. TERM 1 MENU on COMPASS

Japanese Assistant Teachers KARUTA Program

In 2016 Sherbourne PS hosted two Japanese Teacher assistants, Ayano and Minako.

During their stay, they completed a Karuta project with our Upper School students. Karuta is a Japanese card game. Sherbourne students made Karuta cards which the girls took back to Japan to submit as part of the Karuta project. Ayano recently contacted one of her Sherbourne host families to let them know that at the recent Karuta festival Ayano received a certificate on behalf of the children of Sherbourne. Sherbourne Primary school was given the best creative Karuta award! Well done!
On the second last school day of 2016, December 19, Sherbourne students, staff and many parents and grandparents enjoyed our annual Billy Cart Grand Prix. The weather was perfect and we had an amazing number of tyres, which made for an authentic and safe track. Thanks to Dennis and Hollie Spirovski for their help in getting and returning these tyres from the recycling skip at Bob Jane in Sherbourne Rd. Thanks to Don Haslam and Daniel Sowden plus lots of grade 6s for help with the set up from 8 am.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS—FLYNN ZIPSIN & THOMAS STEVENS for the 2nd year in a row and amazingly the 8th time the Zipsin family name has been on the trophy. Dylan Zipsin was in attendance and presented the trophy. Well done to all our participants who enjoyed racing:

PARENT PAYMENTS

Thanks to all families who successfully organized their child or children’s stationery for the return to school. If you have not yet brought in all items please do so as soon as you are able.

Explanation of Parent Payment

The booklist from OfficeMax listed the stationery components of the Essential Educational items. In addition there was an Essential Educational items charge of $195 at the end of the stationery items. Many families elected to pay this at the same time as their booklist.

Essential Educational items includes consumable items the children will use at school such as items required for all curriculum areas including Art, Science and PE, photos, classroom learning materials, resources and consumables, Digital technology requirements including licences, and computer apps.

Essential Educational items may also be paid during this year. They will appear as a charge for those families who did not pay this through the booklist.

Essential Student Learning Items are those items, activities or services that are essential to support student learning of the standard curriculum. These are items that the school considers essential for all students and which students take possession of. Parents may choose to provide the items themselves or buy the items from the school where practical and appropriate.

Optional Items are those items, activities or services that are offered in addition to or support instruction in the standard curriculum program. These are provided on a user-pays basis so that if parents choose to access them for students, they are required to pay for them.

Voluntary Financial Contributions Parents can be invited to make a donation to the school for a general or specific purpose, e.g. school grounds projects, library fund or for new equipment.

TERM PLANNERS

Next week all families will receive a Term Planner which will list the term 1 activities and charges for those excursions and special activities.

Each term families will receive this listing which will include activities like swimming, interschool sport for Year 4-6 students, camps, guest visitors or programs and other incursions.

BACK TO SCHOOL REMINDERS

- Students will need to remember to bring a drink bottle for water daily throughout the year.
- We are a nut free school so students should not bring peanut butter or Nutella or any products containing nuts please.
- Please ensure we have up to date contact details for your family as well as up to date advice about your child and any medical conditions or medications required so you can relax and trust that we can look after their needs effectively whilst they are in our care.
• **Sunscreen** is available in all classrooms. If you would rather provide your own please make sure it is in your child’s bag with them every day.

• A Sherbourne PS **Sun Smart hat** must be worn every day for recess, lunch and outside activities. Please make sure it is clearly named and at school every day from September 1 to May 1, the Sun Smart period. Sherbourne PS is accredited as a Sun Smart school.

• Monday and Wednesday are our preferred days for payments to school, when we have 2 people in the office but we understand this is not always possible. Our BPay facility means most payments can be made directly to the school.

• Please make sure all items of uniform and belongings are **clearly named** so we can re-acquaint any errant items during the term. All school lost property is located in boxes in the Junior building outside the Prep and prep/1 classrooms.

THANK YOU!

### SUMMER INTERSCHOOL SPORT Year 4-6

**PLEASE APPROVE YOUR PERMISSION ON COMPASS FOR SUMMER INTERSCHOOL SPORT 2017**

The first round is Sherbourne v Holy Trinity at home on Friday morning February 10. Basketball, volleyball and bat tennis at Sherbourne. Cricket at Sims Rd oval and Softball at Blair. Tomorrow will be skills practice at school.

### SPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL Gr 3-6 Diamond Creek Pool Wed Feb 8

**PLEASE APPROVE YOUR PERMISSION ON COMPASS FOR THE SHERBOURNE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2017**

On Tuesday, children brought home their event selection sheet that was completed at the end of 2016. Also attached was the Swimming Carnival Program and replies to Parent Helpers returned to me.

We are in need of 3 more helpers please.

The Montmorency District Swimming Carnival is on Wednesday February 22 at Northcote Outdoor Pool 10am – 1pm.

### SPORTING SCHOOLS FREE HOTSHOTS TENNIS TERM 1

Sherbourne Primary School has been fortunate to again receive funding to provide sports programs to our community in Term 1 2017. Sporting Schools provides school based sports participation at no cost to families. Term 2 we will hopefully be able to offer ‘Net Set Go’ if we receive funding.

In Term 1 we will be offering tennis before school on Wednesdays from week 3 for four weeks. There is a maximum of 25 students and enrolment is a commitment to attend ALL SESSIONS please, unless your child is sick. Wednesdays February 15 & 22 and March 1 & 8.

**YOU CAN ENROL AT THE OFFICE FROM 8.30 am on Monday February 6.**

### REBEL SEASONS PASS - CREDITS FOR SHERBOURNE

Thank you to all the families who purchased sporting gear at Rebel over the holidays and names Sherbourne for your 5% of sale credits. We have $400 of credits to use on equipment for Sherbourne at Rebel. New families will receive a brochure explain the Rebel Seasons Pass loyalty card.
A huge thank you to all the families who cared for our chickens during the summer school holidays. This involved letting them out each morning and spreading poultry seed mix in their yard. Also checking water supplies in their house and yard and checking the poultry pellet feed container. Our helpers also kept our sunflowers, corn and new natives watered. The corn is amazing again and there will be some for sale at the office over the next few weeks! The sunflowers are a bit slower this year as we put them in at the end of November with the 2017 Prep students and their Grade 6 buddies. A big round of applause to the following families: Dimmack, Whyte, Williams, Stewart, Marett, Young, Jardine and Winton.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Twilight Tour
Thursday, 9 February
4.45pm-7.00pm
Last tour leaves at 6.15pm
Principal’s address at 4.45pm, 6.00pm and 7.00pm
REGISTER AT WWW.CLC.VIC.EDU.AU/TOURS
19 Diamond Street Eltham Victoria 3095
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Drum Ensembles & Guitar Lessons
On School Campus!

Instrumental Music Programs – On School Campus!

- Please ENROL NOW! via PMI’s website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once a week on school campus – typically during the school day

Drum Ensembles
- $8.95 per child per ensemble (15-25 students for 30-45 minutes during recess / lunch)
- Exciting drum program starting with “bucket drums” – a loud ensemble that builds rhythm, requires teamwork and sounds incredible!
- PMI teachers supply percussion instruments for ensembles

Guitar Lessons
- $15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-6 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available ($32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- Students bring their own guitars to lessons
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP