



# Term 4 SPS Newsletter, 2018

## Upper School

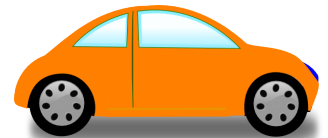
### *Welcome back to term four...*

We are in for another busy term as we finish the 2018 school year. Our swimming lessons have begun and will continue each Wednesday until week 6. While our Year 6 students prepare to leave primary school and embrace their coming years of secondary school, our Year 5 students will soon embark on their final year at Sherbourne, becoming responsible senior students and the role models of our school.

Mrs Amanda Oakley began working with the Year 6 students in the second week of term to prepare their dance routines for graduation. The students will have practice sessions each Monday at 12.20pm for 1 hour. It is important that the students attend school at this vital time as they work to learn the choreography and perfect their performance. Graduation night is **Tuesday 18th December** at Montmorency Secondary College. The following day (**Wednesday 19th**) the Year 6 children will have their 'Celebration Day' at Funfields in Whittlesea. We are already looking forward to this fun day, a celebration of our year together and our time at Sherbourne. There will be a number of emails sent home in the coming weeks via Compass, with information about the Graduation night, practices, costumes or props, assistance with supper and the day at Funfields, so please keep an eye out for these.



Our Integrated Studies units for this term are the continuation of Natural Disasters and Australian History, and Life and Sex Education. Whilst the Year 6 students complete their Passports to Year 7 and graduation preparation, the Year 5 students are completing the Around Australia Car Rally Project. This is a great Humanities unit that explores Australian geography, history, and civics and citizenship. They have already had their 'driver's licence' test and are now working on finding out information about insurance. During the Car Rally, the Grade 5 children will look at changes to Australian towns, cities, populations, environments and tourism over time. Amongst the preparation for graduation is also working on transition to Year 7 through the Passports to Secondary School. These work sample passports will be handed in to their secondary schools when they attend Orientation Day on Tuesday 11th December. Please note, this date may vary for those students moving to a private secondary school. The passports are a fabulous way for the Year 7 teachers to get to know a bit about each student. During these sessions, they will also work through some of the challenges they may encounter during the transition to secondary school. The management of changes during this transition phase of the Grade 6 students' lives will be their key focus of inquiry.



As the children are becoming increasingly independent, it is essential that they understand how to use technology safely and effectively. On **Thursday October 25th**, Leading Constable Tracey Porter will come to the school to talk with the children about safe use of devices, social media, gaming and the internet. **A parent information session is organised for that evening.** It allowed parents to hear about the problems and benefits of technology.

Our whole school transition program will begin on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and will continue for four weeks. During these sessions, the 2019 Year 5 and 6 students will vote for their School Captains, House Captains, Environmental Captains and ICT Captains for 2019. We encourage next year's grade 6s to consider taking on a leadership role in their final year of primary school. The successful candidates for these roles will be announced to the whole school in December during an assembly. Parents will be contacted prior should their child be successful.

The Term 4 Life Education program for the Upper School is titled 'On the Case' about cigarette smoking. It will assist the students to be aware and knowledgeable on how to make safe and healthy choices if they are confronted to smoke or are exposed to smoking. Considerable discussions on peer group pressure and dealing with difficult situations were covered. We participated in the program on 11<sup>th</sup> October and the children received a workbook to complement the session. In Sex Education, there was a parent information session on October 18. Family Planning Victoria, who run these lessons with the children, were at school to share with parents the format of the class sessions and the information that is discussed. The children will then have 3 lessons on October 30, November 13 and November 20.



The Term 4 swimming lesson program has also begun. Each Wednesday we are travelling to Yarra Swim School in Greensborough. Please remind your child to bring all items for swimming each week, as it would be unfortunate for them to miss a lesson and remain at school. Packing an extra snack on a Wednesday is also a good idea, as the children end up very hungry after an hour of swimming. For those children that require Epipens and asthma puffers, please also check that such medication is packed in their bag each Wednesday. A parent helper is required to accompany the group each week – please let your classroom teacher know if you are able to assist.



Congratulations to our athletics competitors who represented our school during division in week 1. A magnificent effort by all and many fantastic results and PBs were acquired. A big congratulations to:

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| - Summer Rowsell        | - Jess Charles  |
| - Amber Hale            | - Lilly Barello |
| - Harley Gilbert-Sumner | - Eden Neave    |

Further congratulations to Summer Rowsell and Harley Gilbert-Sumner for progressing through to the Regional Athletics Competition on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Summer competed in hurdles, winning gold, and

Harley won bronze in the triple jump. Summer will be attending the State Athletics Competition on 29<sup>th</sup> October. We wish Summer all the best and are proud of both Summer and Harley's efforts.

English and VCOP sessions this term will continue to focus on daily reading, comprehension, grammar and punctuation, spelling and a variety of writing genres. Our writing will focus on persuasive texts, information reports and poetry. The children are expected to continue to read each night and practise their spelling words. We complete a weekly spelling test; Tuesday for 5/6S and Wednesday for 5/6P. They should also be bringing their diary and words to school each day.

In Mathematics, Number activities are currently focusing on prime and composite numbers, division, order of operations and basic algebra. For Measurement and Geometry tasks, we are finishing with telling the time, and beginning volume and capacity. Chance and Data tasks will require the children to collect, interpret and display data in various formats. As a part of their homework, the students should be practising their times tables and completing any set Mathematics tasks.



Please ensure that your child arrives at school daily with all of the tools required for their learning. A number of students need to replace items that are used each day at school, such as glue sticks, rulers, pens, grey lead pencils and rulers. Many diaries have been forgotten lately but it is very important that they are at school each day. The diary is used regularly and is an essential tool for personal organisation, its use is a powerful way of preparing students for the greater independence that will be required of them at secondary college. Students also need to continue to bring a USB to school in order to save their work.

Staff will soon begin working on the formation of the new classes for 2019. If you have any specific requests regarding your child's placement, please make sure this is submitted in writing, directly to Maree Seymour by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you to everyone for your assistance and support this year. Your help with excursions, incursions, camp and sporting activities is invaluable to the school and extremely important in your child's learning. We look forward to your continued support as the year draws to a close.

We are looking forward to an exciting final term!

Karen Paul and Ashleigh Stoner ☺

## Important Dates:



- October 11 - Life Education
- October 17 - Year 5/6 swimming starts (each Wednesday for 5 weeks)
- October 18 - Sex Education Parent Information Night 7-8pm
- October 22 - Whole School Photos
- October 25 - Cyber Safety Parent Session 6.30-7.30pm
- October 26 - School Disco
- October 29 - Japanese Day
- November 6 - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- November 16 - Transition Program starts (4 weeks)
- November 30 - Working Bee
- December 11 - Secondary Orientation Day
- December 13 - School Carols
- December 18 - Year 6 Graduation Rehearsal at Montmorency Secondary College  
Year 6 Graduation at Montmorency Secondary College 5-7.30pm
- December 19 - Year 6 Celebration Day to Funfields
- December 20 - Billy Cart Grand Prix
- December 21 – Last day of term – early dismissal, 1.30pm



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### VISUAL ARTS

The students have started off the term focusing on masks from around the world. They are currently designing and constructing a mask using papier mache. They've had to think about the significant features of the mask and why they're important to that culture. We will look at a range of different artists this term and the children will use this work to inspire their own artwork. A range of media including painting, drawing, construction and use of recycled materials will be used.

The students will be involved in an exciting project focusing on using recycled bottle tops to create permanent new whole school art piece outside the music room later in the term.

We always appreciate donations of craft, construction and recycled materials. If you have anything you think may be useful to our art classes, please bring them down to the Art room (this excludes bottles that contained any chemicals, egg cartons or toilet rolls).

Andrea Allen

### JAPANESE

It has been terrific to see how students are working towards their learning goals in Japanese this term. Reading and writing skills are being developed using the 3 scripts - Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji. Listening, reading, speaking and listening activities will be based around the theme of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. This will include looking at the days of the week, food, expressions and counters. Students will be given the opportunity to collaborate with peers to plan and create songs, posters or games to present and teach others. Knowing the structure of basic sentences in Japanese and recognising some key elements of grammar will continue to be developed. Reading, speaking, listening and writing tasks will be used to demonstrate their understandings. The Japanese class is on Monday this term so please ask your child to talk to you about what they are learning. We will be learning a song to sing at Sherbourne Carols Night.

Andrea Walter

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In term 4 the grade 5/6 children take part in one fifty-minute Physical Education skills lesson on Wednesday morning. On a Friday after lunch, a sport session will run, beginning with Community Sport involving Eltham Cricket Club, Greensborough Hockey Club and Wildcats basketball. This an excellent opportunity to experience sport from sports clubs in our local community. Each child will have a session with each sporting group

ALL Students need runners, their **hat** and water bottle for PE and sport. (Hats Jan –April, Sept-Dec)

In PE this semester we will concentrate on:

Netball skills – throwing, catching, shooting, balance, teamwork and positions on the court

Tennis Skills- hitting, serving and moving on the court.

Rebecca Howitt