### **Dear Sherbourne Families**

Welcome to Term 1 2023. Everyone has returned rested and ready for a great year of learning at Sherbourne.

A very big welcome to our new families to the school including those commencing in Prep this year. A big shout out to all our returning families and students.

Over the break our community also shared some very sad news. We extend our deepest sympathies to Amanda Hirst, Annika and Emilija Whyte upon the death of their dad and husband, James Whyte.

James has been well known in the Sherbourne community and has often been actively involved as a parent helper .

Since Term 1 2022 the family have been on an extended stay overseas. They have returned for a short time. It has been lovely that some of our Sherbourne community have been able to catch up and support them upon their recent visit. The girls managed to catch up with some of their Sherbourne friends. This is a very difficult and upsetting situation for both adults and children. Please let us know if your child has been affected so we can help support them.

## **STAFF NEWS 2023**

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Congratulations to Mrs Marcelle Herrick who is currently Acting Principal at Christmas Hills for the start of Term 1.

Congratulations to Mrs Anna Lloyd who successfully applied for a short-term position with the central office Department of Education.

We wish Marcelle and Anna all the very best in their new roles, we know they will be great assets in these roles.

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Prep-2 classes are in the building on the Fernside Avenue side of the school, the GECKO building.

3-6 classes are in the building on the Outlook Crescent side of the school. The GUM TREES building.

Class teachers are preparing Term newsletters including their contact details to distribute next week. All teachers can also be emailed through COMPASS.

### ASSEMBLY NEXT TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7 9.00am -

## STUDENT LEADER BADGE PRESENTATION

There will be a whole school assembly next Tuesday Feb 7 at 9.00am on the basketball court.

Our Year 6 student leaders will be awarded their badges. Families are welcome to attend.

Congratulations to our student leaders for 2023

**School Captains:** Olive Stevens and Lorenzo Webber

**House Captains:** Moneghetti: Mitchell Newcombe

Freeman: Caleb Rodgers
Perkins: Caitlin Tan

Lewis: Bianca De Cesare

## **Environment Captains:**

Scarlett Failla Gemma Sheean Lucas McLachlan Samuel Hormann



# **ICT Captains:**

Banjo Bryant Isabella Jardine Alyssa Tate Sebastian Bibby

## **Wellbeing Captains:**

Zane Lauthier Liam Bichard

SHERBOURNE PS SWIM CARNIVAL Years 3-6 Wednesday February 8

### 9.00AM-1.00PM DIAMOND CREEK OUTDOOR POOL

The aim of this event for all Year 3 – 6 students, is participation, with a variety of events to include and encourage all abilities. There is the opportunity for interested, experienced swimmers to advance to district, regional, division and state level school competitions as well as lots of fun activities in the water for those students developing confidence and water skills. Events include 50 metre freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly, 25metre freestyle and fun or novelty events such as wading, kickboard, egg and spoon and noodle races. Time permitting, there will also be 4 x 25 metre relays. There is something for everyone and lots of fun involved. We want to see maximum participation and maximum fun whilst building our important swimming skills and water confidence and safety.

We will need lots of parents to come and cheer us along and there are plenty of jobs you can help with. Parent helpers please drop your name in at the office.

Parent consent forms have been issued on Compass. Students cannot participate in this activity without parental permission.

IF YOU MAKE THE DECISION YOUR CHILD WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT, PLEASE ADVISE US IN WRITING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND NO LATER THAN MONDAY FEB 6 AS THIS GREATLY IMPACTS ORGANISATION BACK AT SCHOOL AS WELL AS AT THE POOL. THANK YOU!

### DISABILITY PARKING IN OUTLOOK CRESCENT CAR PARK FOR STUDENTS USING WHEELCHAIRS

Please note the newly designated car parking spots in the Outlook Crescent carpark accessible during school hours to those families whose students use wheelchairs at school. We remind families that other than those 2 spaces, this is strictly a staff car parking area, and we appreciate your consideration, respect and support with this.

So much for a mini newsletter! There is so much to communicate at this time of the year– please watch out for regular communication via Compass and our "Real" newsletter next week.

IF you cannot access Compass or experience any difficulties, please contact Cazz in the office, 9434 7142. Cazz is in the office every day this year... YAY!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## NOTICES TO LOOK OUT FOR OVER THE NEXT WEEK:

- Approvals 2023- walking excursions. Sunscreen, Premiers Reading Challenge,
- SPS Student Acceptable use of ICT
- SPS Photography, film and media consent notice.

Also a gentle reminder that if your child requires medication to be administered during school hours a **medication authority form** must be completed by a parent or carer. These forms are available at the office. Please note that this applies to over-the-counter medications other than those covered by a student's health plan.

What a fabulous start to 2023 already - WELL DONE SHERBOURNE STUDENTS, FAMILIES and STAFF. I am super excited to be a part of the wonderful S.P.S. community and look forward to meeting and working in partnership with you all:

LINDA RATCLIFFE - ACTING PRINCIPAL