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## NEWSLETTER

## 2016 Term 4 Week 10

### TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Class Party Day

Whole School Award Assembly, 9.30am

Year 6 Farewell, Shellharbour Surf Club

Students last day of school

Dear parents, carers and community members,

### Class Party Days

Tomorrow, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, all classes across the school will celebrate a great year of learning with their end of year class parties. K-2 classes are attending the movies in Shellharbour, Stage 2 is going to Kiama and Stage 3 is going bowling and then down to Shellharbour village.

### Presentation Day Assembly and Reports

Our schools end of year Presentation Assembly will be held this Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. All parents, carers and family members should to be seated by 9.00 in the hall. **There will be reserved seating in the front row for special guests and award presenters.** All other seating is on a first come basis. We look forward to a fantastic morning of celebration and achievement.

Students will receive their Semester 2 reports on Wednesday afternoon.

### 2017 Return to School

Teachers will return to work on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Years 1-6 will begin school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. Classes will be allocated from 9am and parents and carers are welcome to stay until their child's class is known. Kindergarten and new students to our school will be contacted during this week, to give them individual start times/dates.

### Swimming Scheme

Once again of our schools involvement in the Department of Education School Swimming Scheme has been a fabulous success! I have just read and signed 200 certificates that will be handed out with Semester 2 reports, showing the development of our kids in the water. I would like to thank all of our parents and carers who have supported this great program! Although the school subsidised \$14 per student, we believe that this experience (both socially and in the water) was amazing “value for money”. I really look forward to the school swimming carnival in February, where ALL students 8yrs and older will be asked to attend and participate to the best of their ability.

### Parliament 2017

Today, the Front Bench for our school Parliament was announced. Congratulations to the following students: Samara W, Byron H, Kane V, Jemiah W, Sean D, Luke D, Alana McG, Shylow M, Corey M, Victoria C, Danish H, Joshua F, Blake M, Aleksia M, Kirra P. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and leadership of our outgoing Front Bench members. They have been outstanding examples of the types of young leaders our school grows and develops.! You have all done yourselves proud.

### You Can Do It Award Assembly

Congratulations to all our well deserving You Can Do It Award winners. I would like to particularly acknowledge our Gold and Platinum students for their *continued* use of the Five Keys to Success – which is what our teachers are working towards instilling in our students. I would like to make special mention to

Chelsea F, Christina R, Zoe-lee J, Dakota T, Victor C, Bodhi F and Sam S who have become our first Platinum Award recipients.

### **Uniforms 2017**

As you prepare for a new school year, may I remind all parents that **girls school uniforms have changed**. Bike shorts and leggings are no longer acceptable school uniform. Girls may choose to wear either royal blue shorts, a royal blue skort, netball skirt or the new bike pant skort – available at our uniform shop for just \$15 (cheapest you will find!). Our red collared school shirt (with logo) is the preferred attire for the top. Boys should wear royal blue shorts and red collared shirts. All clothing items are available from the canteen, with some versions of pants and shorts available at Big W, Best and Less and KMart.

### **Classroom supplies 2017**

If you are looking to get your child organised for school next year and wondering what is needed, please don't panic. Generally, we ask that students in years 3-6 bring their own stationery including pens, lead pencils, ruler, glue stick, eraser, highlighter, whiteboard marker, coloured pencils, textas and wind up crayons. We do not allow liquid paper or permanent markers at school. In addition to this, individual teachers will send home a supply list early in Term 1 with any special requirements. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 are mostly catered for by the school. This is where your \$25 per student school contribution goes - as well as funding art and craft supplies, paper for photocopying and books for students to write in. NSW public schools are encouraged to ask parents for \$80 per student to purchase the years school supplies, so please support our school as we appreciate that \$25 (\$50 max per family) is a more reasonable request for parents.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday!

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

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### **Book club**

Scholastic Book club has advised that the final Book club order for the year should arrive by the end of next week (last day of term) but is dependent on Australia Post and their delivery schedule at this busy time of year. They apologise if the order does not arrive before the end of the school year.

### **Cartridges for Planet Ark**

Our school now has a recycling facility for all used printing cartridges. The box is located in the office foyer near the black collection box.

### **A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health**

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

### **Lunches**

Lunches are available from the canteen before 9am, Monday to Friday. For \$2.00 you can choose from a jam, honey or vegemite sandwich, a bottle of water and a piece of fruit.

### **The Denny Foundation Christmas Hamper Appeal**

The Denny Foundation supports the students and families of our school with weekly donations of food to keep our breakfast program running. They in turn have asked us to help them this Christmas with donations of non-perishable items (tinned, bottled & packet food etc) for their Christmas Hampers which go to very needy families.

If you would like to make a donation, please send it to the office. All items, big or small, will be greatly appreciated by the Denny Foundation and will help to make Christmas a little easier for some needy families.

### **The Denny Foundation Christmas Lunch**

The Denny Foundation invites families to join them for Christmas lunch on December 25 from 10am to 2pm at Warilla/Barrack Point Surf Club. A full Christmas Buffet will be served promptly at 11am. There will be a visit from Santa & Elf and a present for every child under 12 as well as hampers and door prizes. This is a free event organised by The Denny Foundation and it is alcohol free. Please RSVP by December 13 to 4297 2220 to reserve your place as numbers are limited to 150.

### **TAFE Illawarra Shellharbour Tertiary Preparation Course**

This is designed for people who did not complete their HSC and wanting to improve their skills for success in work and/or study. There will be an info screening session held at Shellharbour TAFE on Tuesday 6 December and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 10am- 1pm in Building D, Room DG24, 11 College Avenue, Oak Flats and again on 19 January 3-6pm in Building G, Room GG08. Alternatively call 4295 2105 or email [helen.wood4@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:helen.wood4@tafensw.edu.au)

### **School Holiday Tennis Camp**

Warilla Bowls & Rec Club, Jason Avenue, Warilla

- Tuesday 3rd , Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017
- 9.00am-12 noon
- Games and prizes
- Ball machine
- Special family rates

All enquiries call Brett and Michelle Edwards  
0403 289 974 or 0413 064 298

# DEC-JAN SUMMER

## School Holiday Program



Highlight Event | Tik Tocs Playland

### MONDAY 19 DECEMBER

#### Water Day

Today we are getting wet! Water games and activities galore.

Extras: **Bring swimmers, rash vest, towel, shoes that can get wet.**  
**Lunch provided.**

### TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER

#### Go Karts

Get set... Go! Ride a battery powered Go Kart around the inflatable track to get your driver's license.

Extras: **Daily fee + \$15.**  
**Lunch provided.**  
**Activity starts 11am.**

### WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER

#### PJs, Movies & Christmas Art

Come dressed in your Christmas PJs and watch your favourite Christmas movies on the Fun Club big screen. Christmas arts and crafts too!  
Extras: **Lunch provided.**

### THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER

#### Rollerskating

We'll roll on down to Oak Flats roller dome for some skatin' fun including roller limbo and the card game.

Extras: **Daily fee + \$15.**  
**Lunch provided. Bring socks.**  
**Excursion: 9am-1pm**

### FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER

#### Let It Snow!

Join us for a white Christmas party extraordinaire! We will have snow, bubbles, a jumping castle and lots of festive fun!

Extras: **Daily fee + \$5.**  
**Lunch provided.**

## CHRISTMAS/ NEW YEAR BREAK

### TUESDAY 3 JANUARY

#### Camp Out

It's back! Come and pitch your tents and build your cubbies for a day of camping fun.

Extras: **Lunch provided.**

### WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY

#### Movies + Pizza

Head off to Event Cinemas Shellharbour to watch one of the latest children's movies (G or PG only).

Extras: **Daily fee + \$15.**  
**Movie snacks + pizza lunch provided.**  
**Excursion: 9am-1pm**

### THURSDAY 5 JANUARY

#### Hunger Games

Hunger game battles like never before. Archery training, sword fighting, boxing, hiding, catching, finding, searching and so much more.

Extras: **Daily fee + \$10.**  
**Lunch provided.**  
**Activity runs 1-3pm.**

### FRIDAY 6 JANUARY

#### Water Day

Today we are getting wet! Water games and activities galore.

Extras: **Bring swimmers, rash vest, towel, shoes that can get wet.**  
**Lunch provided.**

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### MONDAY 9 JANUARY

#### Integral Energy Park

Explore, climb, jump and slide! Play some team games and have a picnic lunch with our friends.

Extras: **Daily fee + \$5.**  
**Bring picnic lunch.**  
**Excursion: 11am-2pm**

### TUESDAY 10 JANUARY

#### Bowling

Get your bowling shoes on, we're heading to Shellharbour Bowl for some ten-pin bowling action! Lunch provided at the alley.

Extras: **Daily fee + \$15.**  
**Lunch provided.**  
**Excursion: 10am-1pm**

### WEDNESDAY 11 JANUARY

#### Luau!

Come dressed in your favourite Hawaiian clothes. Big Fat Smile musician Shabnam will teach us to play ukeleles and limbo!

Extras: **Lunch provided.**

### THURSDAY 12 JANUARY

#### Water Day

Today we are getting wet! Water games and activities galore.

Extras: **Bring swimmers, rash vest, towel, shoes that can get wet.**  
**Lunch provided.**

### FRIDAY 13 JANUARY

#### Things That Make You Go Eww!

If it's creepy and it's kooky, mysterious and spooky, or altogether ooky it's showing up today!

Extras: **Lunch provided.**

### MONDAY 16 JANUARY

#### Reverse Garbage

Today is about the creative reuse and re-purposing of recycled materials, all in the name of sustainable art! This afternoon we'll have a visit from Big Fat Smile musician Penny.

Extras: **Lunch provided.**

### TUESDAY 17 JANUARY

#### China Calling

We will explore and celebrate the culture of China through traditional creative arts, food and don't forget Kung Fu and Tai Chi!

Extras: **Lunch provided.**

### WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY

#### Botanic Gardens

Travel to Wollongong to walk through the botanic gardens, enjoy a picnic lunch and play in the park.

Extras: **Daily fee + \$5.**  
**Bring picnic lunch.**  
**Excursion: 11am-2pm**

### THURSDAY 19 JANUARY

#### Tie Dye

Add a touch of colour to your life! Join us for a tie dyeing workshop - all items supplied!

Extras: **Daily fee + \$20.**  
**Lunch provided.**

### FRIDAY 20 JANUARY

#### Wanted - Whiz Kids!

Form a team with your friends and challenge each other in trivia, brain benders, scavenger hunts and more!

Extras: **Lunch provided.**

### MONDAY 23 JANUARY

#### Blackbutt Reserve

Today we will head up to Blackbutt Reserve where we will enjoy a picnic lunch and play in the park.

Extras: **Daily fee + \$5.**  
**Bring picnic lunch.**  
**Excursion: 11am-2pm**

### TUESDAY 24 JANUARY

#### Water Day

Today we are getting wet! Water games and activities galore.

Extras: **Bring swimmers, rash vest, towel, shoes that can get wet.**  
**Lunch provided.**

### WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY

#### Aussie Aussie Aussie! Oi Oi Oi!

Join us for a sausage sanga and some lamingtons as we celebrate Australia Day. Traditional games, craft and special FX makeup too!

Extras: **Lunch provided.**

### THURSDAY 26 JANUARY

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY



### FRIDAY 27 JANUARY

#### Tik Tocs Playland

Jump, tumble, swing and slide in the three level climbing gym and massive indoor slides. Try the teacup ride, laser skirmish and rock climbing wall.

Extras: **Daily fee + \$30.**  
**Lunch provided.**  
**Excursion: 8am-6pm**

DEC-JAN

School Holiday Program

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**VACATION CARE**

**SHELLHARBOUR**  
DECEMBER-JANUARY  
2016-2017

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Monday 14.12.16	Tuesday 20.12.16	Wednesday 21.12.16	Thursday 22.12.16	Friday 23.12.16
<b>KIDS IN THE KITCHEN? Christmas</b> Lets get cooking! We prepare for Santa's arrival as we make and create some tasty Christmas treats! Craft: Christmas Crafts Sport: Soccer Additional Cost: \$2.00	<b>battleBLAST LASER TAG</b> Bring your A game as you battle your friends in an action packed day of Laser Tag! The ultimate battle awaits. Craft: Paint Splatters Sport: Touch Football Additional Cost: \$1.00	<b>POOL Party</b> We are off to Kama Leisure centre today for some swimming, gymnastics, games and sports! Peak a change of clothes, enclosed shoes, swimmers, rash vest & towel. Craft: Shark Attack Sport: Gymnastics Additional Cost: \$12.00	<b>SURVIVOR</b> Can you outlast the Peak staff and your friends in the ultimate team challenge? Craft: Nature Names Sport: Athletics Additional Cost: NIL	<b>Christmas Party</b> The countdown is on until Christmas! Let's celebrate with everything Christmas today. Cooking, craft, games - we have it all today. Craft: Reindeer Hats Sport: Basketball Additional Cost: NIL
Monday 2.1.17	Tuesday 3.1.17	Wednesday 4.1.17	Thursday 5.1.17	Friday 6.1.17
<b>CLOSED- Public Holiday</b> <b>Merry Christmas and happy new year!</b>	<b>Dance-A-Lot</b> THE KID'S CANCER PROJECT Can you handle the beat? We are having a danceathon to raise money for the Kids Cancer Project. Who will be the ultimate dance champion? Craft: Puffy Paints Sport: Mini Games Additional Cost: NIL	<b>GAME ZONE</b> Its gaming day! BYOD or board game, and put your game face on as you battle your friends and the Peak staff! Craft: Boardgame Fun Sport: Oz Tag Additional Cost: NIL	<b>Big Splash</b> Get splashed in the water gauntlet and water skiing game. Bring along your own water pistol. Don't forget your rash vest, swimmers & towel. Craft: Water Pistol Painting Sport: Basketball Additional Cost: NIL	<b>MOVIE MAGIC</b> We are off to Hoyts to see "Sing!" (9.58 on the day for popcorn meal deal - optional) Craft: Puppet Fun Sport: Tennis Additional Cost: \$10.00
Monday 9.1.17	Tuesday 10.1.17	Wednesday 11.1.17	Thursday 12.1.17	Friday 13.1.17
<b>FLIP OUT</b> Jump, bounce, twist and flip as we go to Flip Out Warzone today! BYOD socks as we jump the day away! Craft: Flippy Frogs Sport: League Tag Additional Cost: \$12.00	<b>PEAK'S BIRTHDAY</b> It's our 7th birthday! Come and celebrate with us as we party the day away with a jumping castle, party games and more. Hip Hop Hokey! Craft: Crazy Crowns Sport: Mini Games Additional Cost: NIL	<b>HOT WHEELS</b> Bring along your bike, scooter or anything with wheels and ride the day away! Don't forget your helmet. Craft: Art by Car Sport: Relay Additional Cost: NIL	<b>SNAKE HUNT</b> Race against your friends in the ultimate scavenger hunt! Can you follow the clues and find the secret items? Craft: Snake Chains Sport: Dodgeball Additional Cost: NIL	<b>IT'S A SCARY NIGHT</b> Its Freaky Friday, 13th! Dress up Halloween style as we make creepy treats and play crazy games. Prizes for best dressed! Craft: Ghostly Ghosts Sport: Dance/ Hip Hop Additional Cost: NIL

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2017

## JANUARY LABS

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### LABS RUNNING IN JANUARY 2017

In the January school holidays, Scientastic Kids will again have on offer a variety of labs, teaching kids robotics and coding, as well as our always popular STEM Fun Day. Award-winning local robotics team, the 'Creepers', will assist in sessions and run demonstrations.

All activities will be held at The DENNY Foundation STEM Academy, and 100% of funds raised will support TDF's 2017 programs for kids with learning difficulties and/or coming from disadvantaged families.



**PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED**

DATES & INFORMATION ONLINE

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# Summer Fun

at Shellharbour City Pools

## Pool Open days

Warilla Pool | Dec 19  
Albion Park Pool | Jan 6  
Oak Flats Pool | Jan 13

## Inflatable dates

Warilla Pool | Dec 10, 28 | Jan 18, 20 | Feb 11 | March 4, 25  
Oak Flats Pool | Dec 17, 23 | Jan 11, 13 | Feb 4, 25, 18  
Albion Park Pool | Dec 3, 21, 30 | Jan 4, 25, 27 | Feb 18 |  
March 11

## Learn to Swim Summer Intensives

Warilla Pool | Commencing Jan 3rd  
Albion Park Pool | Commencing Jan 3rd  
Oak Flats Pool | Commencing Jan 3rd  
Contact the Learn to Swim Coordinator on 0400 563 407  
or [learntoswim@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](mailto:learntoswim@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au)

## Aqua Aerobics

Oak Flats Pool  
Tuesdays 11 am to 12pm  
Thursdays 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
Friday 8 am to 9 am

Albion Park Pool  
Wednesdays 7.00 am to 8.00 am

## Inflatable pool birthday parties

Available at Oak Flats pool  
Contact Jo at Councils works depot on 4221 6202

Albion Park Pool | 4256 3744  
Oak Flats Pool | 4256 1362  
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