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‘WORKING TOGETHER’

NEWSLETTER

2017 Term 2 Week 5

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 24 th May	P&C meeting, 9am in the office
Friday 9 th June	Stage 3 “Les Miserables” Excursion to WHSPA
Friday 16 th June	KC, K/1M & K/6B Sydney Aquarium Excursion
Monday 26 th June	YCDI Bronze Award Ceremony
Tuesday 27 th June	Parent Teacher meetings 3-6pm
Wednesday 28 th June	School Athletics Carnival

Dear parents, carers and community members,

GONSKI campaigning continues....

Last Friday, I spoke to a committee of State Parliamentarians about the level of support offered to schools to cater for the needs of students with both diagnosed and undiagnosed disabilities or special needs. Our school spends most of its funding on employing additional staff and medical professionals to assist us to help our students learn to the very best of their potential. This area of school funding is currently inadequate, and **I am calling on all parents, carers and community members to send a strong and clear message to all Federal politicians that the 5th and 6th years (disability loading) of Gonski funding must be met, in order for schools to cater to the needs of ALL students in our care.** I would like to thank parent, Rosie Roach for her generous and dedicated support for this important issue.

Tomorrow, the Deputy President of the NSW Teachers Federation Gary Zadkovich will host a meeting for both school and community members outside the school at 11.15am. If you are available to join us, please come along. To assist you to understand what Gonski is and how the proposed Federal Government changes will affect the school, please look at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xyIDiOI7RGI>

If you are unable to come, you could also:

1. Contact State LNP Members to provide support & positive reinforcement. The NSW Government is holding firm and expects the Federal Government to honour the signed agreement.

Gladys Berejiklian (Premier): <https://www.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/contact-the-premier/>

Gareth Ward (Kiama – Parliamentary Secretary for Education): kiama@parliament.nsw.gov.au

2. Get active on social media supporting the campaign.

P&C Meeting

A reminder that the next Parents and Citizens (P&C) meeting is this Wednesday 24th May at 9am. Please come along and share some time learning about our school!

Sarah Rudling
Principal

Kids Helpline
Lake Illawarra Police
Crimestoppers

1800 55 1800
4232 5599
1800 333 000

K Mart Kindness Award Winners

Congratulations to Hayley 5/6P, Alex 1L, Cooper 3/4H and Chloe 3/4H who are this week's K Mart Kindness Award winners. They were selected for their kind deeds. Special congratulations goes to Chloe for also winning the K Mart \$20 voucher. It is great having students demonstrating Kindness on Purpose and having the support of K Mart Shellharbour.

This week in the **You Can Do It!** Program, all students will be learning about the 'Positive Habit of the Mind'

Getting Along

Getting Along means working well with teachers and classmates, resolving disagreements peacefully, following the rules of the classroom and making positive contributions to school, home and the community including protecting the rights of others and looking after the environment.

Thinking First – thinking that when someone treats me badly I need to think about different ways I can react, the consequences of each and the impact of my actions on the other person's feelings.

Some examples of how students can use the Positive Habit of the Mind:- 'Thinking First' include:

- ☐ Listening and not interrupting when someone else is talking
- ☐ Being helpful and cooperating when working in a group
- ☐ Being respectful to parents, teachers, students and community members
- ☐ Following classroom and school rules
- Sharing, taking turns and speaking kind words
- Being polite and always having manners
- ☐ Talking calmly rather than fighting when someone acts unfairly and solving problems peacefully



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Cultural Treasures

SHELLHARBOUR MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Sunday 28 May 2017
Reddall Reserve, Lake Illawarra
10am to 3pm

Multicultural Food

Multicultural Music, Dance
and Performances

Multicultural art and
craft workshops

96.5 WAVE FM

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CITY COUNCIL