

Term 2 - Week 4

Friday 15 August 2025

A Message from the Principal

With formal parent teacher interviews in Week 2 then Public Education Week celebrations last week - it has been a busy start to Term 3. It truly was a joyous occasion having our entire school seated on the outdoor amphitheatre, with families in attendance, at our Performing Arts Showcase on Open Day. Our dancers, musicians and singers were incredible, showcasing their talent and skill which is a direct result of hours of practice, determination and focus on achieving their best.

Public Education Week is a time when we celebrate the opportunities that public schools offer to all students. At our school we have high expectations for learning, we nurture talent and foster potential. We believe in our students and keep them at the centre of all that we do. I am immensely proud of our school - the students, teachers and non-teaching staff who work alongside our parents and carers to ensure that our students flourish. We hope that you enjoyed visiting your child's classroom to witness first-hand their engagement in learning.

As is often the case at the start of Semester 2, we have new staff who have joined the Sherwood family. We welcome back Miss Millgate from maternity leave. She is sharing the teaching of Class 5/6G with Mrs Beatriz for the remainder of the year. We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Donnelly and Miss Fratzia to our RFF team, Mr Ruxton is a new SLSO who will be working with students who receive integration funding to support their learning, and Mr Bartle as our General Assistant.

Mr McConnell will be taking paternity leave from next week as he prepares for the upcoming birth of his child. I would like to thank Mr McConnell for providing his class with a wonderful start to the year - I know he will be greatly missed by his students, and wish him and his partner all the best during this special time as a family. Ms Gartside will be teaching Class 4M during Mr McConnell's time of leave.

I am pleased to share the wonderful news that Mrs McColl delivered a beautiful baby girl, Scarlott, and both Mum and bub are doing well.

Mrs Newland was successful through an expression of interest merit selection process in gaining the position of Relieving Assistant Principal on Stage 3 for Semester 2. Mrs Newland's vast experience, high expectations, exceptional organisational skills and ability to work collaboratively will bring her great success in this leadership position and will ensure the Stage 3 team continue to be well led for the remainder of the year.

At Sherwood Ridge we do not tolerate bullying-type behaviours and explicitly teach our students antibullying lessons. This week is Bullying No Way: National Week of Action and these lessons took priority in our classrooms across the school. If you would like to reiterate these important messages

with your child at home there are resources for parents and carers on the Bullying No Way website at this link - https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/

As we prepare to welcome our 2026 Kindergarten students into Sherwood Ridge, our 'Meet the Family' interviews have begun. Mr Dixon, Assistant Principal leading Kindergarten, and I meet with each enrolled 2026 Kindergarten student and their family in order to understand their interests and needs to ensure they have a smooth start to 'Big School'. This is the third year that we have conducted these interviews and they are incredibly valuable in fostering positive relationships with our new students and their families, connecting them to our school.

Warm regards

Mrs Jody Sullivan

Principal

2026 Enrolments

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT FOR 2026

We are now accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2026. Please contact our enrolment's officer Mrs Gardner on 8824 3333 to enquire or apply online via our School Website at the following link - https://sherwood-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html

SCHOOL TOURS

Do you have a friend or relative who resides in our local area and has a child starting school in 2026? Please encourage them to contact the school for a tour, which is led by the Principal or Deputy Principal. The next SRPS tour date is Thursday 14 August 2025. Please call the school to book on 8824 3333.

School News

DEBATING UPDATE

We had a great term of debating in Term 2. Our Tri-School Debating teams got to visit Samuel Gilbert Public School and hosted 2 debates at our school. Our teams showed great improvement in their debating skills.

Our Premier's Debating Challenge teams hosted Excelsior Public School, Crestwood Public School and Baulkham Hills North Public School in debates. We also had the opportunity to travel to Bella Vista Public School to debate. So far our teams have won 3 out of 6 of their debates and have been improving so fast.

This week the 2 Premier's Debating Challenge teams are heading off for their final debate. One of our Tri-School Debating teams will be heading off to Castle Hill Public School for the next round in their competition. Wish us all luck!

Mrs Rose and Mr Lee, Debating teachers

100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

On Tuesday 29 July, Kindergarten eagerly celebrated their 100th day of school!

The students spent the morning on a treasure hunt around the school for collections of ten and then when they were all found, combined all of the collections to make 100.

Kindy then completed some maths activities demonstrating what collections of 100 look like using sticks, counters, cards, blocks, pegs and even fingers!

The students all looked fantastic dressed up as 100 year olds and added a decorative crown to their costume.

The fun day ended with a disco and the Year 6 buddies also joined in the fun.













Mr Dixon, Assistant Principal

PSSA REPORT

Winter PSSA

Term 2 saw our Winter PSSA season get underway. Our students have shown incredible dedication and talent across a variety of sports. Thank you to all our Winter PSSA coaches for their hard work and dedication!

Finals for Winter PSSA are being held in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 3. We wish our competing teams good luck in their upcoming games.

Summer PSSA

Summer PSSA will be back underway in Week 8 of Term 3 with students competing in Basketball, T-Ball, Softball and Touch Football. Summer PSSA training is due to commence again in Week 8 of Term 3.

Miss Speechley and Miss McCallum, PSSA Coordinators

TENNIS

Sherwood Ridge has been awarded a grant from Sporting Schools to run a tennis program. This is free of charge for every student in our school and a great opportunity for our students to try a new sport or work on their existing skills. Years 4 and 5 have begun their program with all other grades to have a turn soon.

The experienced tennis coaches from Max Tennis, Kenthurst will ensure our students and teachers have the opportunity to learn the basics of tennis by practising skills and participating in game-based activities. So far, the classes have had lots of fun!









Mrs McIntyre, Tennis Coordinator

THE WELLBEING MENTOR PROGRAM

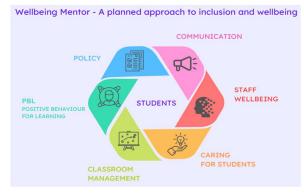
In accordance with our strategic directions and based on our school's unique and innovative Wellbeing Mentor position, the Wellbeing Mentor Program has been designed to enhance the frameworks (PBL and Wellbeing Mentor) collaboratively embedded across Sherwood Ridge Public School. In 2022, Mrs Jody Sullivan supported the development of a unique wellbeing initiative to support staff, students and families of our school.

During this process, Mrs Greer Misela was selected to lead the planning, implementation and resourcing of the initial framework of the Wellbeing Mentor Program, including Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

and SPA Clubs (Supported/Structured Play Areas) which are evident across all areas of the school during play times.

In 2024, Mrs Karen McIntyre joined the team, supporting the running of social skills based activities and programs across our school.

Now in its 4th year of operation, the Wellbeing Mentor Program has continued to be responsive to the diverse needs of the students at Sherwood Ridge Public School by providing targeted support across the vast wellbeing



spectrum while continuing to keep our students at the centre of everything we do.

What is the Wellbeing Mentor Program?

An innovative and uniquely SRPS developed program as a continuation of the SRPS Wellbeing Mentor position, embedding the Wellbeing Mentor Framework and PBL expectations across our school to positively impact student wellbeing outcomes.

Developed through the initiation and implementation of the Wellbeing Mentor Framework, the Wellbeing Mentor Program is a collaborative approach to targeted support and intervention for students and families to support ongoing wellbeing, resilience and teamwork.

What is the aim of the program and how will it benefit my child?

The aim of the Wellbeing Mentor Program is to support students (and their families) in the area of wellbeing. Ranging from social skills interventions; resilience strategies; teaching safe and unsafe behaviours; and general wellbeing check-ins for students, the Wellbeing Mentor Program has been developed using current evidence-informed research and practices to have a positive impact on student learning.

Using data and information from classroom and playground observations, students are selected to participate in weekly/fortnightly sessions which aim to increase social skills, wellbeing strategies and support overall wellbeing of students.

Who is responsible for the Wellbeing Mentor Program?

Mrs Greer Misela and Mrs Karen McIntyre plan targeted lessons using evidence-informed resources to support students identified by classroom teachers. These sessions run during school hours across the term.

Who accesses this program?

Any student at Sherwood Ridge Public School can access this program. In consultation with the Wellbeing Mentors (Mrs Misela and Mrs McIntyre), classroom teachers discuss needs and goals for their students. Groups are formed based on collective needs and teaching and learning experiences are planned and implemented.

Who is currently being supported in 2025?

Since term 1, the Wellbeing Mentor Program has supported students from Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3 through weekly/fortnightly sessions between 5-10 sessions per group.

Early Stage 1 - group in planning stage for late Term 3 start.

Stage 1 - 3 groups
Stage 2 - 3 groups
Stage 3 - 2 groups

In addition to these targeted intervention groups, all students at Sherwood Ridge have access to our SPA Clubs which target inclusion, social skill development and offer leadership opportunities in all areas.

Who can I talk to about this program?

Contact the school on (02) 88243333 or via email on Sherwood-p.School@det.nsw.edu.au or speak with your child's classroom teacher or Mrs Greer Misela or Mrs Karen McIntyre.

We thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Misela, Assistant Principal

Student Achievements

SPORTING SUCCESS

Well done to Daisy Z from 6I who represented the Under 12's Girls New South Wales (NSW) Basketball Team at the School Sport Australian National Championships on the Gold Coast. The team finished in 3rd Place earning a Bronze Medal, which was the first medal that NSW had won in 15 years!





Outstanding effort to Luke from 5A who represented the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Spiders in the Basketball NSW WJL Metro U12 Boys Division 1—a highly competitive basketball league—and proudly helped his team secure 2nd place for the season.Luke ranked among the Top 3 scorers across the entire Division 1 season, a testament to his hard work, determination, and love for the game.

Congratulations to Andy C from 5L who competed at the NSW Primary Inter-School Badminton Championships and finished in 3rd Place.



Well done to Addison from 3B who competed at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Championship last week. A great effort competing against children from all over NSW.

Miss Speechley and Miss McCallum, PSSA Coordinators

Extracurricular Activities

KIDS GIVING BACK COOK4GOOD MEGA VOLUNTEER-A-THON

We are excited to invite your school community to the Kids Giving Back Cook4Good Mega Volunteer-A-Thon on 17 August!

Who We Are:

Kids Giving Back is Australia's leading volunteer organisation for kids and families (ages 5–18), offering hands-on programs - like cooking meals or packing care kits - that foster empathy, resilience, and

leadership. Since 2012, over **72 000 young volunteers** have created more than **340 000 meals and care packages** in partnership with 100+ charities. By participating, kids not only help vulnerable communities - they also build a lifelong generosity and civic-minded spirit.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, 17 August 2025

Time: 9:00am – 12:00 pm or 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Location: Kids Giving Back Hub Level 1, 220-232 Oxford St Paddington

To sign up visit https://kids-giving-back-mega-volunteer-athon.raiselysite.com/

We would be thrilled to have your school be a part of this special day. Perhaps you might consider forming a school team to help us achieve our ambitious goal of making **over 2,500 nutritious meals for vulnerable communities.**

The Mega Volunteer-A-Thon is more than just an event - it's a celebration of community, fun and giving back. Kids, families and school teams can look forward to 3 hours filled with engaging activities, exciting prizes and the rewarding experience of contributing to a cause that makes a real difference.

A flyer will be sent home on School Bytes with additional details about signing your child up for this program.

Important Information

SNAP SEND SOLVE

Being a community legend has never been easier!

Spotted an issue in your community like graffiti, illegal parking, dumped rubbish, trip hazards or abandoned trolleys? Time to get Snapping!

Snap Send Solve is the free app that simplifies the reporting of community issues across Australia and New Zealand.

We've made reporting quick and easy, which means when you see an issue while you're out, you can let the responsible authority know with only a few taps. Become a community legend and download Snap Send Solve today.

Snap Send Solve works on both iOS and Android devices and is available to download for free on both the App Store and Google Play.

Note that some older versions of iOS and Android are not supported.

You can also submit reports via the Snap Send Solve reporting website, at the link below.

Snap Send Solve, the easy way to report local issues.

https://me.snapsendsolve.com/snap



THE SMITH FAMILY – SAVER PLUS







Parents who join Saver Plus in August could receive up to \$500 in matched savings by mid next year—perfect for covering education costs like camps, excursions, laptops, and more.

Bullying No Way National week of action 11-15 August 2025



Bullying No Way National Week of action - 11-15 August

Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.

During this national week of action, Tuesday 12 August, all SRPS students participated in the **Kids Helpline's largest anti-bullying lesson.** Created by qualified Kids Helpline Counsellors, the lesson is curriculum-aligned and provided our students with expert tips, tools and strategies to respond to bullying.

What can we do?

By working collaboratively within our community, we can collectively help reduce bullying. Families play an important role in helping children understand bullying and know how to respond to it. If your child tells you about things at school, or you observe something in public that involves conflict or bullying, take the opportunity to talk about what bullying is. You can learn more about what defines bullying at https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/ or alternatively at Kids Helpline and eSafety's cyberbullying hub

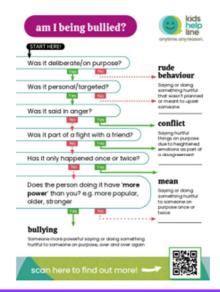
Questions you could ask:

- What do you think bullying is?
- Have you seen it? How did you feel?
- Have you ever felt scared at school because of bullying?
- As well as me, who are the other adults you would talk to when it comes to things like bullying?
- Have you or your friends left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying? Why
 or why not?
- Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you
 do if it happens again?

Remind your child that **bullying is never okay** and discuss how they can respond safely if they experience or witness it. Encourage them to seek help from a trusted adult and keep seeking support if needed. By promoting open communication, we empower children to stand up against bullying and create a safer environment where everyone can feel that they belong.



On behalf of the PDHPE team, Mrs Greer Misela



PRIMARY ETHICS

Ethics classes are weekly discussion-based lessons for students who don't attend Special Religious Education (Scripture).

In these classes, students explore topics such as fairness, honesty, kindness, and making good decisions - among many others. With over 80 different topics, there's always something new to think about and discuss. They learn to listen to others, think carefully about different ideas and reasons, and share their views in a respectful and supportive space.

We're holding a 1-hour **online information session** for anyone interested in finding out more: 6-7 pm, Thursday 4 September 2025. Click here to register and receive your link: https://events.humanitix.com/empower-young-minds-primary-ethics-webinar-sept-2025

In the session, you'll:

- See what an ethics class looks like in action.
- · Have your questions answered
- Hear from current volunteer ethics teachers
- Learn about our free, comprehensive training and support

Ethics classes (officially called *Special Education in Ethics*) can be held at schools when trained volunteers are available. At *Sherwood Ridge Public School*, there are currently 2 volunteer ethics teachers helping to make this possible.

Whether you're simply curious, considering becoming a volunteer, or seeking a deeper understanding of what happens in ethics classes, this session is designed for you.

For more information, please get in touch with Julia at <u>Julia.kosheleva@primaryethics.com.au</u>

Or visit: https://primaryethics.com.au/



School App







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School App - School Bytes (the main source of communication)

- Informational notes across all year groups.
- Push notifications get instant notifications regarding school events and alerts. Make sure that Notifications are turned on.
- School Community Calendar upcoming dates relevant to your child's year level.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is located inside the school hall and is open at the following hours during the school term.

Monday 2:00pm - 3:30pm Wednesday 8:30am - 10:00am

Alternatively, you can shop online at any time with orders being delivered twice a week to your child's classroom.

https://valourschools.com.au/collections/sherwood-ridge-public-school

You can contact the uniform shop on 02 9651 3711 or email srps@valourschools.com.au

Community Noticeboard

ABACUS CLASSES now at SHERWOOD RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL Tuesday: 5:30-7:00 PM

Expressions of Interest – After-School Classes

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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Sherwood Ridge Public School is held on Thursdays from 3:10pm to 4:10pm, starting on 24 July 2025.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad https://www.chesssquad.com/ which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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