



The life and times of SHELLHARBOUR ANGLICAN COLLEGE

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Dates for the diary

16 February

Immunisation:

Yr 7 Girls - HPV Dose 1

Yr 7 All - HepB Dose 1

Yr 10 All - DTP

17 February

JS Swimming Carnival

18 February

SS Swimming Carnival

27 February

Sunnies for Sight Day

2 March

P&F AGM 7.30pm

13 March

College Picnic

18 March

Red Cross Doorknock

31 March

Primary Leaders Day

3 April

JS Special Interest Day

7 April

Cross Country

9 April

Gold Assembly 11.00am

Last day Term 1

28 April

Students return Term 2

ANZAC Day Service

From the Head of College

There are some whose expression swings from surprise to sympathy when I confess that I remain enthralled by the drama of a five day cricket test. It's not that I don't enjoy the adrenalin rush of the "blink and you'll miss it" 20-over version of the game, it doesn't tax your understanding of cricket and if you accidentally strolled into a game expecting a rock concert you wouldn't be entirely disappointed.

So I confess, I watched all five days of the Sydney test with a few books to read along the journey. For those of you who may have missed the drama and who may have also missed the pages that were written about it afterwards, can I just assure you that all the intrigue, heroics and unexpected twists and turns that make the five day test the ultimate cricket arena were there to be enjoyed.

I am well aware that some of you would rather have root canal therapy without an anaesthetic than watch a five day test and there will be some who question my loyalty to this form of the game simply because I actually read some books during the course of the test. Diverse opinions are quite easy to come by in a community such as ours.

Which is again what makes the coming year both exciting and challenging.

Our first Year 12 will bring a plethora of "firsts" but I'm also aware of a range of events that will also be new for this community.

We have new students at the College from Kindergarten through to Year 12 and their presence alone brings the excitement of new friendships and the inevitability of new challenges.

We have nine new staff, each of whom come from diverse backgrounds and who bring experiences and expertise that will undoubtedly add to the tapestry of experiences for our community.

And as our community grows, and particularly as we are confronted with economic uncertainties which have not existed for many years, we will undoubtedly face significant challenges both in and out of the classroom.

To those returning to the College, welcome back, it remains a privilege to serve this community and to work alongside you again.

To those new to the community, welcome. I know that there will be much to learn for all of us in the coming months and years and I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.

The learning process continues for us all this year, if learning stops for any of us the inevitable complacency that follows is not worth contemplating. As challenging as that may be, it is also inspiring as we begin another year.

I've already shaken hands with students at our first assembly as I've handed out awards that include a quote from Colossians 3:23 and it's a challenge that confronts us all:

"Whatever you do, work at with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men..."

Have a great year.

Working Bee

Can't see the forest for the weeds...?

Neither can I, but it's there! Last year a veritable forest of around 6500 tube stock was planted at the bottom of the site with the support of an Envirofund grant. While the weeds seem to be doing wonderfully well, many of the plantings are also doing very well. We do have a slight problem however.

Weeds, as always, seem to grow faster than plants and at the moment they are crowding out some of the fruits of many students' labour. Our only option is to get amongst them and weed by hand. It's

one of those many hands make light work scenarios that we will finish very quickly with a few extra hands on deck.

If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated and the details are as follows:

Date: Saturday 28 February 2009

Time: From 8.00am to 10.00am

Followed by breakfast cooked for you in the new community space generously provided with the support of the P&F.

Children are more than welcome to help on the day but we either need students well trained in spotting the difference between weeds and plants or willing to work alongside their Mum or Dad to ensure that we still have the potential of a forest at the end of the morning.

Just to help with catering, if you could email my secretary, Rhonwyn at rmatthews@shellharbourac.nsw.edu.au and let her know if you will be able to attend and if you would like to be included in breakfast. Many thanks.

Community Fair

Elsewhere in the Newsletter you will find the first of many items about our first Shellharbour Anglican College Community Fair. It is a significant departure from previous P&F activities and reflects a variety of very significant changes.

The P&F have been invaluable supporters of the clothing pool and canteen and have made significant contributions to the community with the funds raised through these ventures. While we will continue to benefit from the operation of the on site uniform shop and the new canteen, it will not be under the auspices of the P&F.

Which is where the SAC Community Fair comes to the fore. This event will draw students, staff and parents together in an activity that will contribute greatly to

building our sense of community. In addition the event provides a wonderful “service learning” opportunity for our students.

I commend this event to you and encourage you to consider how you may be able to contribute in the lead up and on the day. Student contributions will be organised a little differently between the Junior and Senior Schools. Class and Stage groupings will be the focus in the Junior School while the Senior School will be working in House groups.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support of this endeavour.

Scholarships

If you have a child in Years 6, 8 or 10 I draw your attention to the link on our website for scholarship applications. The examination is held early May and is assessed independently before decisions are made. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about this program.

Siblings

Just a reminder, if you haven't already done so. If you are intending to enrol a sibling into the College in 2010 we will need to know immediately as we will always seek to accommodate siblings first. The enrolment process starts sooner than you think and it will save any distress if we receive your applications before that gets underway. Many thanks to those who have already responded.

Canteen/Library

Neither of these facilities are what you can genuinely call complete or fully operational but it is nonetheless wonderful to see both buildings already in use.

I am grateful to the many people who have contributed to getting both facilities to the point where they can function for now and we look forward to a productive

year in the library and a sustaining year in the canteen.

Uniform

Where do I start? This is one of those instances where we have so much stock on hand and the majority of issues have been, or are close, to being resolved but it does not change the fact that the unresolved issues cause considerable angst.

Can I assure you that Nicky Goodyer is doing the very best she can in less than ideal circumstances and we are doing the best we can to resolve a number of expected and unexpected issues.

For now I am **very grateful** to the families of the College for their genuine efforts to meet all uniform requirements.

Presentation Night Thanks

I have been somewhat overwhelmed by the positive responses to Presentation Night last year. The second time around we were able to resolve some of the previous teething problems of the split ceremonies and discovered a few more to resolve for next year. It is hard to assess but I would estimate that around 1300 people attended the two events and we continue to face interesting times as our community and this event grows. We are particularly grateful to those families with children in both the Junior and Senior schools who found ways of managing the timing of the two events.

We were blessed to have John Chapman with us in 2008 and John was a most engaging and challenging speaker. The best part is that he enjoyed the night as much as we enjoyed having him speak to us. In 2009 we are hoping to have Brian Booth join us. Please be aware of these dates for 2009:

**Classes finish on
Tuesday 8 December 2009**

**Presentation Night is on
Wednesday 9 December 2009**

Many staff work tirelessly to bring Presentation Night together but I particularly want to thank Mr Mark Whitelock and Mr Andrew McPhail for their organisational efforts; Mr Greg Rose for his multitude of responsibilities on the day; Mrs Karen Pember who bore the brunt of the responsibilities for Presentation Night in 2008 and Mrs Brenda Causley and Mrs Chris Combe who helped Karen meet deadlines; Mrs Coullhart for her musical enthusiasm and achievements with the students and Junior School staff for their musical contribution; Mrs McIntyre and Mr Low for their work with students in preparing the PowerPoint presentations.

I would also like to thank the following generous sponsors of the 2008 Awards: Warrigal Blinds, Family Church @ The College, Shellharbour Country Kitchen, David and Sandy Cholson, the Rogers Family, Gary and Nicky Goodyer, the Boyd Family, the Grogan Family, Easts Beach Holiday Park, Kevin and Leslie Young, Robertson Lawyers, Jim and Maureen Boyd, the Neave Family, the Simon Family, the Gallagher Family, Subway Kiama, the Porter Group Pty Limited, the Tancevski Family, the Invernon Family, Angus & Robertson Kiama and John Brennan Hair.

Lastly and by no means least, I would like to thank the students who contributed on the night in so many ways. Each award presented on the night reflects a year of commitment to a variety of activities and those students are to be congratulated along with those students who made the decision making process a difficulty ... again.

P&F Annual General Meeting

P&F AGM will be held on Monday 2 March 2009 at 7.30pm. A nomination slip can be found at the end of the Newsletter. Please fill in and return the tear-off slip prior to the meeting.

School Certificate (SC) Results 2008

I have presented the SC results in the same manner as they were presented last year and I congratulate the current Year 11 on their wonderful performance in this public examination. Naturally it has come with support of great staff and the encouragement of parents so it's important to acknowledge the team effort.

| Subject | Bands 4-6 School % | Bands 4-6 State % |
|----------------------|--|---|
| English | 100 | 77 |
| Mathematics | 56 | 50 |
| Science | 75 | 65 |
| Australian History | 79 | 50 |
| Australian Geography | 81 | 65 |
| | Highly Competent School % | Highly Competent State % |
| Computing Skills | 86 | 57 |

While all these results are more than encouraging I would also like to congratulate the students and teachers on two subjects in particular. The following table relates to students in the top 2 bands.

| Subject | Bands 5-6 School % | Bands 5-6 State % |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| English | 70 | 39 |
| History | 46 | 22 |

It's also very encouraging to hear of the success of some of those Year 10 students in finding apprenticeships and employment. We wish them well in their new careers.

College Picnic

Please note the following details for the College Picnic:

Place: Shellharbour Surf Life Saving Club

Date: Friday 13 March

Time: 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Supervision: While we are making arrangements for three professional lifeguards to be in attendance and there are also a number of parents who are volunteer lifesavers, the reality is that parents, particularly of small children, will need to be vigilant in the monitoring of their children on the day. This is really what we all do at the beach anyhow!

As mentioned previously we are requesting, for safety and supervision reasons, that students of the College wear their College bathers. This will help resolve some of the concerns from previous years. I know that there will be some avid surfers who would prefer to work on their wetsuit tan but it helps all those responsible for supervision and it is only for one evening.

Thank you to all those parents who have generously offered to help with supervision on the evening.

For those new to the community, this is not a compulsory event but simply an opportunity to meet with families of the College and enjoy a sausage sandwich as only the P&F can create.

There are no organised activities on the night due to the number of people who attend, but feel free to organise beach cricket for 150 if you have that sort of energy on a Friday evening.

Please note that this College activity, with the children in attendance, is an alcohol-free event.

My decision in 2007 to cancel the picnic due to the imminent lightning storm has never ceased to haunt. Thank you to those who keep the memory alive and be assured that I will continue to accept full responsibility should the event not go ahead due to the weather.

Tony Cummings
Head of College

Junior School News

We have begun the academic year very smoothly and I commend all our students on their positive attitude to school. Already we have started our specialist programs, including PE, Italian, Music, Sport and Library. Despite the heat there is plenty of energy in the Junior School!

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Parent Information evenings for Kindergarten last week and all other classes this Tuesday. The class teachers have provided plenty of information for you to know about the programs and requirements for your children.

If you were unable to attend, please contact the class teacher as important handouts were given regarding timetables, subjects and class organisation.

Swimming Carnival Day - A special letter from Mr Duffy, the carnival organiser, is being sent home soon with all the details for Tuesday 17 February. Please make sure you read the information for the Carnival at Oak Flats pool.

This event is for all Year 3 to 6 students and competent swimmers from Year 2 who turn 8 this year.

K-2 Get Wet Day - There is a date change for this event – it is now being held on Wednesday 18 February here at the College. A special letter will be sent home with more details.

Morning assemblies - A short assembly each morning is held at 8.55am when the bell rings. Please make every effort to have your children at school before this time so they can hear important announcements. Parents are welcome to stay and listen from the top section behind the railing.

Andrew McPhail
Head of Junior School



Chaplain's Chat

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed having the cheerful sounds of your children around the house for the last six weeks. This term in Chapel we are looking at the teachings of Jesus found in the Gospel of Matthew, which is known as the *Sermon on the Mount*. It is a time when Jesus taught on ethical issues to his disciples and many others who had gathered around him. Many of the laws that we have today are based around these teachings of Jesus.

There is a classic scene in Monty Python's *The Life of Brian* which depicted the way that listeners, who had been distracted and were a distance from Jesus, relayed Jesus' teaching by saying "He said, *Blessed are the Cheese makers?*" But the reality today is that people often get distracted or try and understand Jesus from a distance and it is these people who misunderstand his teachings or relay a different message than what Jesus originally said. However, at Chapel, we plan to get back to what Jesus' teaching actually was and how this will impact our lives.

Maybe you are someone who has also misunderstood who Jesus is or have had others try to explain what he has said, but in an unhelpful way. Why not come along to the Family Church that meets on site, here at the College, every Sunday at 9.30am? There are already lots of College families who attend and we can help you get back to the words of Jesus, found in the Bible.

Rev Mal York
College Chaplain

Welcome to Bookclub 2009

For the information of new parents, the College has a bookclub each term. We offer books from Scholastic, which are

age appropriate for your child as well as 'Koorong Kids' which is a Christian bookclub for all ages.

The school receives free books as a result of your purchases, but you are under no obligation to purchase any of the books. Last year the library received over \$800 worth of resources from bookclub.

If you are paying by cheque, please make the cheque payable to the bookclub you are ordering from (please ignore the comment on the Koorong order form and make cheques payable to either 'Koorong' or 'Scholastic' as appropriate).

If you wish to place an order, remove the order form from the brochure and fill in details such as name and class as well as the books you wish to order. Put the order form and money in an envelope clearly marked 'BOOKCLUB' and give it to the class teacher by Friday 20 February.

Karen Mannisto
Bookclub Organiser

Music News ...

Private Tuition

Private Music Tuition begins again today, so if you were enrolled to have piano or guitar lessons last year, you have been automatically enrolled to continue this year. Kathryn Bonetig is teaching piano on Thursdays, Lesley Challender is teaching piano on Fridays and Mark Thornton is set to continue teaching guitar on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We have added a new member to our team this year, Ms Melanie Koeler who will be in to teach violin on Thursdays and Saxophone lessons will be available if there is enough demand.

Please note that drum tuition will not be offered at the College in 2009.

Lessons are charged at \$28.50 per half hour and fees will be payable by the second or third lesson as per the arrangement with your teacher.

Mrs Pember in the front office will be handling the administration for Private Tuition this year. If you are an existing student and would like to change the details of your lesson or if you would like to receive more information about taking up tuition at the College, please contact Mrs Pember at Student Reception.

Music Before School

Our Senior School Cocurricular Music Program is set to resume on Monday 16 February. The following Bands will be on offer this year:

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|-----------|---|----------------|
| Monday | – | Concert Band |
| Tuesday | - | Worship Band |
| Wednesday | - | Jazz Band |
| Thursday | - | Senior Choir |
| Friday | - | Flute Ensemble |

NB - String Ensemble will not be running in Term 1, however the pieces chosen for Concert Band include parts for stringed instruments.

All rehearsals will commence at 8.00am. Please do not drop your child off earlier than this time as supervision is not available.

A meeting will be held for all students interested in joining a band next Tuesday lunchtime in the Music Room (G3).

Junior School Band

This year, Music students in the Junior School will not be participating in a band program due to an absence of compatible instruments. As an exciting change, our more advanced instrumental students will be invited to be part of a recording project here at school. More details will become available in the coming weeks.

I am looking forward to another great year of Music at the College.

Mrs L Coulhart
Music Teacher

Can You Help?

Do you have a musical instrument at home that is not being used? We have a number of students keen to learn an instrument and we are seeking donations or long term loans of musical instruments (eg trumpets, saxophones, clarinets, guitars, stringed instruments etc).

If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Coulhart by emailing her at lcoulhart@shellharbourac.nsw.edu.au

Important Upcoming Sport Dates

When considering the following representation in a chosen sport, please be advised that it is at a high standard and your son or daughter will need to be already participating in a representative team or playing in the higher grade competition out of the school.

The NSW CIS and AICES sport calendars are linked to the school website so that you can check the dates of particular sports for the year.

➤ **Shellharbour Anglican College and SASSA dates**

Term 1

Junior School Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 17 February

Senior School Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 18 February

SASSA Surfing
Friday 20 February

SASSA Swimming Carnival
Monday 9 March

SASSA Touch Trials/Gala Day
Wednesday 18 March

Term 2

SAC cross country carnival
Tuesday 7 April

➤ **Sport NSW CIS/AICES Nomination Dates**

Term 1 - Secondary

Tennis Boys/Girls AICES
Friday 6 February

Triathlon All Schools
 Wednesday 18 February
 Hockey Girls – U16 AICES
 Wednesday 4 March
 Diving - CIS
 Friday 6 March
 Rowing – Individual
 Tuesday 17 March
 Sailing – Individual
 Friday 20 March
 Swimming Additional entries
 Friday 20 March
 AFL - CIS
 Tuesday 31 March
 Swimming AICES
 Thursday 2 April (carnival date)
 Golf CIS
 Monday 16 February
 Hockey Boys – U16 CIS
 Friday 27 March (TBC)
 Volleyball Open
 Friday 27 March

➤ **Sport NSW CIS Nomination Dates**
Term 1 - Junior

AFL
 Friday 27 March
 Basketball Boys
 Friday 27 February
 Basketball Girls
 Friday 27 February
 Cricket Boys
 Monday 9 March
 Diving Friday
 20 March
 Football Girls (Soccer)
 Monday 23 March
 Tennis
 Monday 23 February

Mr S Duffy
 PD/H/PE Teacher

Uniform Shop

What a busy place the shop has been! Thank you for your patience and understanding. Sports polo tops arriving at 12.40pm for a 1.00pm opening was “fun”.

A big thank you to Mr Don Traylen for driving to the airport to personally clear

our sports polo tops through customs and also to Dennis and Jordan Makin, Sandy Cholson and Jim and Trixie Sargent for the hours they assisted with unpacking, shelf stocking and serving our many customers.

Please note that the large backpacks are now back in stock (logo flap will arrive in approximately 3 weeks).

Sports caps, belts, Junior boys’ ties and blazers – we are still waiting for the order.

Please note commencing Tuesday 10 February **NEW OPENING TIMES** until further notice are:

Tuesday 12.00 noon – 4.00pm
Thursday 12.00 noon – 4.00pm

For uniform shop enquiries or to make an appointment for a complete fit out, I can be contacted Monday – Friday 9.00am–5.00pm on **0403 431 211** (this is a new number).

“Pre-loved” items are always required but we no longer accept jersey sports shorts and polo tops, junior and senior grey shorts (unless by Midford).

Did you deposit some stock during the busy opening times? Some items have labels missing and I don’t know whose items we have received so if you did leave several boys’ shirts please advise your name and contact details.

Nicky Goodyer
 Uniform Shop Coordinator
 Phone: 0403 431 211
 Email: uniform@shellharbourac.nsw.edu.au

New Canteen – “SAC Snack Shack”

Hello to all students, parents and staff - **The SAC Snack Shack** had a great first day of trading last Monday with lots of smiling faces at the canteen windows and it was great to see all the kids back into the school thing.

We have attempted to accommodate all levels with the menu and are more than willing to take on board any suggestions for Term 2.

We have had a positive response to volunteers and are looking forward to organising something for Term 2. We will inform everyone at a later stage via the Newsletter.

The Canteen will be open from 8.30am on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. Senior School students can drop their lunch orders into the Canteen on their way to class. Each Junior School classroom will have a 'lunch order bag' for students to put their lunch orders in. This bag will then be taken to the canteen.

Thanks again for all your support.

Karin, Maria and Trish
(SAC Snack Shack Team)



Mrs Trish Young with some happy customers who gave the new Canteen the 'thumbs up'



Mrs Maria Waldie ready to serve a long line of hungry looking Junior School students



This column is continuing in 2009 and will focus on giving parents and students the latest dates and information in careers. There will be an "Events On" section that will give details of career expos, university open days and vocational education workshops and a "FYI" (For Your Information) section which will contain information about careers, scholarships and other opportunities available to students in the College.

EVENTS ON...

**Illawarra Credit Union
Careers Expo 2009
12-13 May 2009**

The College will be organising for all of Year 10 to visit this Expo. More details with a permission note will come home closer to the date.

FYI.....

Some posters are up in the COLA area about **2009 Defence Technical Scholarships**. Applications for the Scholarships need to be in by Friday 13 February. It is open to both Year 11 and 12 students. Further information can be found at the following website, www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS

Mrs S Boye

P&F NEWS ...

**Shellharbour Anglican College
Community Fair 2009**

This year I am happy to announce that the College will be holding its first Community Fair! The Fair will be held at the College in September.

At this time I would like to invite any parents of the College to join the "Fair Committee" to help in the organisation of this exciting event. The commitment would be for the nine months leading up to the event with regular meetings taking place. If you would like to be involved and have the time, please email Jo Invernon at jinverno@bigpond.net.au as soon as possible.

I would also like to call on families within the College community who would like to make donations of prizes and/or services. Amusement rides, Jumping Castles, Face Painting, Tattooing, Baking, Ice Cream, Fairy Floss, Show Bags etc would all be fantastic.

Students, staff and parents will all be working together to make this a wonderful community event. Many thanks.

Jo Invernon
P&F Fundraising Coordinator

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Tax Refund

The following is an extract from a recent media release which may be worthwhile keeping in mind at tax time.

"The Education Tax Refund will provide some much needed relief to help families meet costs, with refunds of up to

- \$375 per primary school student and
- \$750 per secondary school student

All families with school children who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A will be eligible for the Education Tax Refund, which will be paid to families from 1 July this year.

By keeping their receipts, eligible families will be able to claim a 50% refund every year for key

education expenses up the previously mentioned amounts."

For more information, please contact the Australian Tax Office

School Based Immunisation Program

The NSW Health School based Immunisation Program will again be conducted in NSW high schools across the State in 2009.

Hepatitis B and Varicella (chicken pox) vaccines will be offered in a catch-up program for all Year 7 students who may not have received at least 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine in childhood, or had chicken pox disease.

The National Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Program will also be conducted simultaneously with the Hep B/Varicella program in 2009. All Year 7 girls will be offered a 3 dose course of HPV vaccine over a six month period. Girls in Years 8, 9 & 10 who did not receive dose 3 of HPV in 2008 will be offered an opportunity to complete the course in the first clinic for the year. Incomplete 2008 consent forms will be brought to the school with the nurses, but it is the responsibility of the individual student to attend the clinic. Every effort will be made to find those students on the day.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is the name given to a group of viruses that cause cervical cancers and genital warts. HPV infection is usually transmitted through contact with infected skin or mucosal surfaces, primarily through sexual contact.

The vaccine used in the program protects against two particular types of HPV, which are responsible for causing up to 70 to 80 percent of cervical cancers (cancer of the cervix) in Australia.

A *Parent Information Kit* will be sent home to all parents/guardians. It is advisable that all parents/guardians read all the

information provided; complete the consent form and return it to the school if they wish their daughter to be vaccinated. A course of HPV vaccine requires 3 doses to be given over a 4-6 month period and parents/guardians will be asked to consent for the full course.

Parents are requested to record their Medicare Number (including the last digit) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student's health information to the National HPV Vaccination Program Register and the National Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their daughter has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

The reverse side of the Record of Vaccination notes the date of the Next Dose Due. This is to advise parents/guardians when the next vaccination clinic will be conducted. If the student is absent on a clinic date parents/guardians should contact their local Public Health Unit for advice on catch-up vaccination. It is important that all three doses of vaccine are administered for complete protection.

In the event that a student suffers a reaction to the vaccine, parents/guardians should contact their local doctor. Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au (follow the links through the "Immunisation Programs" button on the right hand side of the screen).

Learner Drivers - Free Parents' Workshop

Shellharbour City Council is hosting a free parents' workshop to help with practical advice about supervising learner drivers, completing the Learner Driver Log Book and providing on road driving practice.

The free 2 hour workshop for parents and other supervisors of learner drivers will be held on Monday 23 February 2009 at Shellharbour City Council, Ground Level Function Room (opposite the RTA Motor Registry) at 6.00pm.

Bookings are essential. Please call Jenny Davies on 4221 6124.

Back to School Road Safety Challenge

The Back to School Road Safety Challenge is a joint initiative undertaken by Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Councils, the Roads and Traffic Authority and is held in conjunction with RTA and Police state wide initiatives and are intended to increase ownership, locally. In conjunction with the Back to School Road Safety Challenge, schools are being encouraged to undertake classroom activities, which can be accessed through the 'Move Ahead With Street Sense Program'.

The Back to School Road Safety Challenge in the form of a Colouring Competition is made available through local newspapers during the first 4 weeks of the school year with each week highlighting a different road safety issue. This year the issues highlighted in the illustrations include: supervision to the school entrance, school zone speed limits, using the safety door and always wearing a helmet. Students can complete one each week and are designed to be completed at home as a family activity and returned to the school. All students completing an activity sheet are eligible to win great prizes including a mountain bike and helmet. Additionally in 2009 students can test their skills and road safety knowledge online by clicking on

the link or logging onto www.schoolroadsafetychallenge.com.au.

For more information regarding this campaign or other road safety issues, please don't hesitate to contact Council's Road Safety Officer, Jenny Davies on 4221 6124.

Council's Road Safety Strategic Plan identifies safety around schools as a road user behaviour target.

There are currently 20 Schools in the Shellharbour Local Government Area. Of these 13 are primary schools, 6 are high schools and 4 cater for students in Kindergarten to Year 12. Private schools represent 40% of all schools in Shellharbour. Council actively works with school communities to help identify traffic and road safety issues so that they can be rectified in the most effective and efficient manner.

Police and Council Rangers provide enforcement to ensure optimum safety in school zone areas. Motorists not travelling within the 40km/h speed limit and parking inappropriately are targeted and fined.

As children, in particular aged 10 years and under behave unpredictably near traffic and have not yet developed the skills required to cope with the traffic environment it is important that driver awareness of road safety issues in school zones is increased and the need for parents and carers to be positive role models by providing constant and consistent road safety messages to children.

The key messages for parents/carers about school travel safety are:

- Make sure your child's seat belt is always buckled up before starting the car;
- Make sure your child uses the kerb side door when entering and leaving the car;

- Drop off and pick up children from the same side of the road as the bus stop or school;
- Use a marked or controlled crossing if possible;
- Never call your child across the road to meet you;
- Obey the 40 km/h speed limit in school zones and around school buses;
- Park legally near schools and walk with children to the school gate;
- Children under 10 years require adult supervision especially when crossing roads;
- Always hold the hand of children, especially those under 8 years of age when crossing roads and walking to school (driveways are dangerous places); and
- Check your school's policy on cycling to school. The RTA recommends that no child under 10 years should cycle to school without adult supervision. If your child does cycle then check they're wearing their helmet and know the road rules.

The key messages for drivers about school travel safety are:

- Obey the 40 km/h speed limit in school zones and around school buses;
- Remember that all school zones in NSW require speeds of less than 40km/h and now operate 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm;
- Park legally near schools; and
- Slow down in areas where there are children walking, cycling or playing because they may behave unpredictably.

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA)

In order to increase the safety of children travelling to and from school, the RTA School Safety campaign focuses on two key areas:

- Parent/carer supervision of children travelling to or from school; and

- Driver behaviour, particularly in regard to obeying speed limits.

The campaign activity supports the curriculum based road safety education delivered by schools.

For more information on school road safety contact Councils Road Safety Officer on 4221 6124 or visit the [RTA](#) website.

Kiama Downs Netball Club

Catering for players any age and level of play – Registration Day – Saturday 14 February 2009 from 10.00am-2.00pm at Minnamurra Progress Hall, Charles Avenue, Minnamurra.

All new players are most welcome and must provide proof of age if under 18 years.

For further information call Josephine on 42375992 or Ros on 42376690.

Stingrays Shellharbour Junior Rugby League Club Registrations

Saturday 14 February at Rebel Sport Shellharbour between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

This year all players who register between the ages of 5 to 16 will get socks and shorts – all for the one off registration fee of \$75. All new players must have **original** birth certificate, two passport size photographs and Medicare card.

Please call Paul Mc Laurin (Registrar) on 0402437485 for further information.

A.P.R. Physical Culture and Dance Club

A non profit dance club, affordable classes, no expensive costumes, age appropriate Registration and classes commence Monday 9 February 2009 at Shell Cove Public School.

Preschoolers 3.30pm

5-8yrs 4pm

9-12yrs 5pm

Come along and try for free. For further enquiries contact Joann 42564840 or Sue 42566706

Shellharbour Swans Junior Australian Football Club

Would you like to play Junior AFL football in 2009?

- It's great fun, safe and friendly
- Make new friends while learning all about AFL
- Join in one of Illawarra's most rapidly growing junior sports
- Qualified coaching
- Kids, boys and girls from 4yrs up to 17years are welcome to play.
- Auskick (4 years–9 years of age) will each receive a "NAB AFL Auskick Pack"
- Parents are encouraged to get involved as a coach, umpire or committee member or just a general helper.
- Registration Dates: 7 & 14 February at Jock Brown Oval, Gipps corner Barrack Heights. 9.00am to 1.00pm.
- New players receive a family pass to a Sydney Swans game

Please call John on 0410 628 974 or email twobobau@yahoo.com for more information.

Kiama Swimming Club

Pointscore returns this Friday, 6 February from 6.30pm at Kiama Leisure Centre Pool. We welcome anyone interested in swimming to come along for a trial. The club caters for all ages and abilities. For more information please call Barb on 0409 969044.

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P&F Nomination Form

I nominate

for the position of

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Signed

Seconded by

Signature of **nominee**

All nominees should be financial members by 2 March meeting of the P&F. The \$5 membership fee can be paid prior to the meeting at the front office or at the 2 March meeting.

Family Church @ The College

Have you heard? Do you know? There is a church that meets at Shellharbour Anglican College!



We are a **family church** at the College for families & friends of the College and surrounding communities.

We also spend time **talking** with each other about what we have heard over a **cuppa**.

Please join an already growing number of College families at 9:30am on Sunday as we spend time learning about **Jesus** through reading the **bible**, **prayer** and hearing the word of God taught.

Family Church offers:
Crèche (0yrs–3yrs)
Kids' Church (4yr–Yr2)
Snr Kids' Church (Yr3-Yr5)
Kebabs (Yr6-Yr9)



For more information please **contact** Rev Mal York on 42957905 or the church office 42977419.

We look forward to you joining us.