Dear Parents,

Welcome to our last newsletter for the year. And what a positive year it has been for Sherbrooke students, families and staff. Our Performance Nights are still going strong; we have held Athletics Carnivals and the Adidas Sports fun-raiser; we had a considerable number of Year 12 graduates, including one, Caleb, who had been right through the school since Prep; and in the last couple of weeks alone, we waved students off on both the Great Vic Bike Ride and the whole-school Allambee Camp. There have been drama performances and tree plantings, snail painting and our Round-TABLEs, where students celebrated their learning with their families. And these are just a few of the highlights, so we would like to say thank you and well done to everyone, staff, students and families, for all your hard work and commitment to the school during 2014.

And this hard work is reflected in a growing awareness within the wider community about what a great school we are. Our enrolments have grown steadily throughout the last few months and we look forward to welcoming even more families next year. The Dandenong Ranges Secondary Schools Showcase was a big success in generating interest in what we do here at Sherbrooke, as was our school Open Day, which was very well-attended. But word of mouth has always been key to the school's visibility in the community, so please continue to let friends and family know that there is another education option on the mountain!

As we enter our 30th anniversary year in 2015, we once again have a stable teaching staff with a sense of direction. Our Priority Review, scheduled for Term 1, will give us support to continue what we are doing in the years ahead, and we look forward to some fresh ideas too.

Our school year finishes this Thursday (December 18th) at 2.30pm. We would like to wish all of our students and their families a safe and happy summer break and look forward to seeing everyone back at Morning Meeting on Friday January 30th at 9am.

Best regards,

Sue Holmes, Acting Principal

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School Council Positions 2015

The important work of School Council, supporting and governing the operating of the school, could not happen without the help of parents and community members. There will be vacancies for both in 2015, so if you or someone you know may be interested in joining Council, please consider standing for a position. More information will be available early in Term 1, but contact council member Rose on 0407 819 961 if you’d like to know more. Thanks.
Community Notices

Stay safe on the roads this Summer

The Christmas period is a high risk time on our roads. Following these safety tips is one way you can help to keep you and your family safe during the upcoming summer holidays:

- Check and service your car
- Plan and map your trip, including rest stops at least every 2 hours
- Get a good night’s sleep before leaving
- Don’t drink any alcohol before or during your trip
- Check all luggage is secure
- Be aware of the speed limit and stick to it
- Keep children occupied with travel games and activities
- Provide an age appropriate and approved child restraint for children under the age of 7
- Check on VicRoads website for information about road closures and fire warnings just before leaving.

For more information go to:

www.tac.vic.gov.au
www.vicroads.vic.gov.au
www.racy.com.au

or call the Yarra Ranges Council Emergency and Community Safety team on 1300 368 333.

Keep a first aid kit, torch and spare batteries, 2L bottle of water, small tool kit, jumper leads, rope, tyre pump and pressure gauge and a wooden blanket in the car at all times. Find more information on the CFA website here.


Act Now!

This summer, maintain your property before going on holidays to reduce fire risk

Don’t risk a $1,476 fine from excess grass, sticks and bark on your property.

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