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## PRINCIPAL'S WORD

Dear Parents,

As term one draws to a close I wanted to share with you some of the photos from the wonderful Swimming Carnival we had with Boronia K-12 College on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March.



What a wonderful day was enjoyed by everyone. After our disappointment when we had to postpone on that rainy and stormy Monday we ended up having a perfect day for our carnival.

There are so many wonderful stories of effort and participation by all the students who attended. There was a lot of trepidation from some non swimmers but they were quick to find out that there was loads of fun for all in the shallow pool. Already we have students talking about next year's carnival. Coming up next is the Athletics Carnival. Once again we will be taking part with Boronia K-12 College and now that we have met them and we had such a great day it is something we are looking forward to immensely.



There were many events and we had a large number of novelty activities for the non swimmers and primary students. One of the most fun and hilarious was the Cork Scramble. Participants had to collect corks, ping pong balls and for extra points, a Lego man. All points were awarded to mentor groups. Every student at this school is in a mentor group and instead of House Groups as most

school have, we have our mentor groups. Each mentor group decided on a colour and it was a very colourful event with all our various colours displayed by the students in the form of pom poms and face paint.

There was a little rain but who noticed? Every student was in the pool enjoying the water. Even the teachers who were not in the pool did not mind the rain shower as it was very hot and muggy.

After the swimming carnival it was back to school and onto the working bee. We had a great turnout and I would like to extend my thanks to those parents who took the time out from their busy days to come and spend some time with us to help clean up around the school. There were teachers and students who stayed around to help and also a couple of ex students who saw the working bee advertised on the website and decided to come and help out. The work had to stop early as we had the most torrential rain but we got a large number of jobs done and out of the way. On the back veranda we had a sausage



### Important Dates

End of term: 30 March school ends 3.10pm

Term two starts: 16 April 9.00am

Sat April 28: Car Boot Sale/ Festival at school

Sat May 19: Working Bee 9am-3pm



sizzle and everyone enjoyed a bite to eat and a chance to catch up. Keep an eye on the website to see when our next working bee is scheduled. Remember the school council has decided to offer a discount on school fees to those who participate in working bees throughout the year.



We have had an extremely busy term. Even though it was very short it always seems that we have to fit just as much work as we do in a 10 week term. The new staff have now become old hands and we have a great start to the year for our new programs, the year 9 and VCE/VCAL. The VCAL students are working on various grounds projects and have a need for materials such as tools, wood and other items for projects. If you are able to help or have any materials lying around that they can use we would be very grateful.

I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful signs that Tony and Karen Brooks have provided in the car park. If you come to Sherbrooke these days



you will be in no doubt as to what is happening. The signs are very easy to see and with our new logo look very smart.

The school council has approved the erection of a new sign for the street. It will have the facility to show a message and will be very handy for announcing performance nights and working bees and other events on our busy calendar.

Please don't forget to check the website regularly for news and events. The details of term starting dates are always available on the calendar. I always include them in my last newsletter for the term.

**The last day of this term is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March and school starts back for term two on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

Enjoy the pictures! We have many more and if you wish to have a copy please let me know.

Anne Broadribb

**----- Latest Puppy News! -----**

**The guide dog puppy has been named! Hector, a black labrador, will be coming to live at Sherbrooke for the next few months. He will be delivered to Leanne's on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April and his first day of school will Day 1 Term 2. The puppy run is nearly finished thanks to Paul, Leanne and their Mentor Group the Smurfs. Check out the School website over the holidays for the first photos.**

*Our mission:*

*To develop a school community of empathetic and critical thinking citizens with a sense of purpose and an ability to make an effective contribution to the world.*

**From the Primary Unit**

As we are nearing the end of first term, it's time to reflect on all that we have achieved:

The Swimming Carnival was by far the highlight. We all can't wait for next year. The Cork Scramble was a favourite with the Primaries. In class we have spent our Open Ended Maths classes measuring, counting and building. I had never known how many Maths activities could be done with buttons. My grandmother would have loved to see how we used her button collection! Measuring the walkway using informal and formal units was also lots of fun.

Did you know that:

Florence counted 174 of her fairy steps to get from the Design Tech Room to the Library.



Rune and Ezekiel calculated that the Science Room walkway was 97-and-a-half hands long.



Jade, Jaime and Miranda figured out that the seat in the playground was 137 rocks long.



Jade and JD pose for the human angles project

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On the 15th of March this year, Sherbrooke hosted, in combination with Boronia Heights College, our very own Swimming Sports Carnival. A monsoon on the 27th of Feb meant that our first shot at the event had to be postponed, much to the disappointment of the whole school.



With better luck second time around, we were fortunate enough to hold a very special event at the Croydon Memorial pool. The event was extremely well attended and participated in by our Super Sherbie students. We even saw some of the teachers take a dip in the pool.

Each of the mentor groups chose their own colours to represent themselves in. We had green, blue, purple, red and yellow. Some of the banners and colours were very impressive as many teams had gone to great lengths to show their full support of their mentor group.

The day kicked off with a bang. The primaries got involved in a massive way with the corkscramble event in the novelty pool. There was a great wave of excitement that spread across the entire pool, with both schools encouraging the young 'uns as they tried furiously to obtain points for their mentor group.



The excitement did not stop there as our Secondary students shone in the Olympic sized pool. We participated with gusto and quickly began to realise that we were winning most of the events. Our school swam against Boronia Heights and we did this with immense pride.

The main aim of the day was to have fun and to participate but due to a fantastic effort by all of our students, we were able to comfortably beat BHC on points. The final scores were 725 to 530. Well done to all the Sherbies for participating and making the day such a success.

Thank you to all staff members for their input, and to those that swam in the captain's relay at the end of the day. The teachers even had a cheeky win!



The mentor groups also had their own little battle to see who could take home the points. It was fiercely contested but swum in the very best of spirits. The way that our students conducted themselves, the spirit, the sportsmanship was a joy to watch! So to the points: In 4th place with 164 points was RED, in 3rd place on 165 points was GREEN, in equal 2nd position with 188 points was YELLOW and Purple, and in 1st place with 196 points was BLUE. Well done to all teams on a fantastic day.

There was a real sense of school pride and community spirit displayed throughout the day.

See you all next year, as it promises to be bigger and better!

Joel, PE teacher

**What the Primaries said:**

*On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March we went to the Croydon Memorial pool. We went with our Mentor Group. When we got there we had to put our bathers on.*

*Our first Competition was the Cork Scramble our team won. Then I went over to Breast Stroke I came second. After the success, I did Butterfly I came third and then I rushed over to Egg and Spoon after that I had something to eat. Mum made me a Vegemite sandwich. After the grub I Participated in Freestyle I can't believe it! I came first and I competed in under thirteen's I came third then we were allowed to do some free swimming. After that I had a shower, got dressed and hopped on the bus.*



*I hardly spoke on the way back to School. It was still twenty minutes to the end of School so we had some free time. I watched Doobie skate on the ramp.*

*I had a very good time even though that the Blue Mentor Group won I was still proud of myself and I was really tired. **Scott (grade 5)***

*I got two badges in the under 17 races. The other two races were junior races in the pool. In the 17's races I swam backstroke I came second. In freestyle I came third. In the cork scramble I came first and I came second in the egg and spoon race. **Rune. (grade 2)** The noodle race and backstroke were my favourite parts. **Scarlett (prep)***

*I had lots of fun. **Miranda (prep)** I just jumped in the pool and swam really fast. **Shanti (prep)***

*On Thursday my school went to a swimming carnival. I won two times. My favourite activity was the cork scramble. Second favourite was the lilo race. Most of the time I played with my friends. I won the egg and spoon race. I had lots of fun. **Mila (grade 2)***

*On Thursday we went to the swimming carnival. We got to have a free play in the pool, we played football and I got ribbons. **Oscar (grade 1)** My favourite part of the day was the free play. **Florence (prep)***

*On Thursday we went to the swimming carnival. We got to have a free play in the pool, we played football, we bought stuff and competed in swimming races. I like the backstroke. **Jason (grade 1)***

*On Thursday we went to the swimming carnival. Two grade 1's saw a person go crazy we bought stuff. Sherbrooke won! **Krysta (grade 1)***



*In the morning on Thursday we all met in the hall for roll call. Then we got ready to get on the bus to go to the swimming carnival. The whole school was going to the Croydon Memorial Pool to compete against Boronia Heights Secondary Collage.*

*The bus ride was so boring. Finally we got there and got into our swimmers. After that I went to the little pool and waited for my turn of Cork Scramble. Then I did a couple more races. After I tried doing the open noodle relay with Harry and Lili but we came fifth. A while later I got back into my clothes. After that I hung out with Aleana for a while.*

*Then we got on the buses and I sat next to Mia but right before we left Mia got up to sit next to Tyra. When we got back they called out the scores and I came second. **Scarlett (grade 5)***

*On Thursday went to the swimming carnival. I won two ribbons. One third and one first but I competed in five races. **Barnaby (grade 2)***

*On Thursday I went to the Swimming Carnival. I did the Cork Scramble. I was feeling nervous but I still did it. The Cork Scramble was fun. In the Cork Scramble, Oscar was first. He got 10 corks, then all of the girls in Green Team jumped in and got as many corks as we could. We got 31 corks. We got first place. After, we got free time.*

*After free time I did the Lilo Race. I got one of the teachers to help me do the Lilo Race. I went with Oscar. Oscar went and after Oscar went it was my turn. When the race was finished we got a ribbon. It was third place. After the Lilo Race I did the Noodle Race. I was with Jaime. The man blew the whistle. We went as quick as we could but we still lost. This time we came fifth but you didn't get a ribbon for fifth and forth. We had free time again.*

*I didn't put myself into any other races so I was done. I watched for a little bit then it was time so I hopped on the bus and we drove off. We landed at school again and then I went home.*

*I had lots of fun. I was tired when I finished the Cork Scramble. It was my first time at a Swimming Carnival so I felt nervous but I was proud of myself for competing.* **Mirabai (grade 3)**

### Great Vic Bike Ride



**This non-competitive 9-day Ride includes 6 school days and 2 w/ends (incl 1 day getting up there)**

**WHEN:** Friday 23 November – Sunday 2 December 2012

**WHERE:** Lakes Entrance to Cowes, Phillip Island

**WHO:** Any student in Years 6 – 12

**HOW FAR:** Total distance is 591km

**How many can go?** School Groups vary in size from 5 to 90 with average size of 16. Last year we took 8 students and 3 staff.

**Can parent/guardians come too?** Yes, parent/ guardians are encouraged to share this wonderful experience. They can ride (adults about \$840) or volunteer (free!) or both (up to 30% rebate).

**Cost?** Year 6 \$299, Year 7 – 12 \$599 Hopefully with discounts depending on grants and fundraising

A letter with more details was sent home with interested students on March 22 but if you did not get one and want one contact school asap. DD