A word from our Principal

The last school day of Term Two finished with a whole school celebration of the marvellous achievements of our students.

Certificates were awarded for academic achievement, improvement and effort and citizenship awards for those who were involved in extra curricula activities that contributed to the school outside of the classroom.

Attendance was rewarded with small prizes to celebrate those students who attended above 85% of the school term.

Next term I am taking a couple of extra weeks long service leave and travelling overseas. My daughter and I are looking forward to sightseeing and shopping around Europe for four weeks. Jacqui Wiltshire will be Acting Principal during my absence.

The next half of the year will see Sherbrooke Community School working on the Intervention Plan that has been developed from the Priority Review conducted earlier this year. The focus will be on analysing data with the view of developing learning programs that target all students, irrespective of what level they are at.

I hope each and every one of you had a safe and restful holiday break and I look forward to working with you this term.

Sue Holmes
Acting Principal

Discover China with Sherbrooke

In 2016 Sherbrooke students will have the chance to visit China, a country with a rich history and culture as well as being a land of vast social and geographical diversity.

Due to popular demand, Edward and his VCAL Numeracy class are planning the China tour for September 2016! This follows two highly successful previous trips in 2006 and in 2010 when students were able to visit and experience first-hand, places of world heritage significance, such as the Great Wall of China, Forbidden City, Summer Palace and the Terracotta Warriors of Emperor Qinshihuang. Students and their families will also have the chance to visit our sister schools in Kaiping.

The trip will cost approximately $3399 per person and is for secondary students and their families. Primary students are able to come as long as they are accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Please return the expression of interest slip as soon as possible.
“Compass” to improve communications

As part of our strategy to improve communication between the school and parents, Sherbrooke Community School has purchased the Compass School Manager Program.

This will enable parents to enter approvals for absences, download excursion letters, organise parent teacher interviews, view their child’s semester reports, follow the submission and feedback of class and homework tasks and view their child’s attendance and class timetable in the school.

Parent information sessions have been held and parent logins and passwords for the system have been handed out. Now, watch future newsletters for “How To” info. Next month we will cover student absences and booking parent teacher interviews. And of course if you have any further queries, confusion, lost passwords or help you require to use the facility, please contact the school and we will be happy to help you.

Sherbrooke Compass Sessions

Fridays in the library
From 2.10pm
Parents can access the internet and practice using the system

Our students shine at city Enviro Conference

Students from Sherbrooke Community School were invited to attend an event at the Melbourne Girls College to celebrate schools participating in World Environment Day.

Over the day students took part in a range of activities, seminars and discussions geared at helping to promote environmental awareness in schools on a local and global level.

Sherbrooke students stood out in the sea of blazers and shone as they publically presented to the auditorium full of students, teachers and other guest speakers including authors, scientists and Greens MP, Adam Brandt.

Students who participated were Emily, Barnaby, Oscar, Alecia, Jess and Zac.
Wild Onsie fun on World Environment Day

To celebrate World Environment Day the school learnt about Palm Oil and its production especially in Borneo. Orangutans are losing their forest homes to palm oil plantations.

Many students and staff dressed up in animal onsies and paid a gold coin for the privilege. Others donated money even though they did not dress up.

We organized a BBQ and thanks go to Jackson and Aldo for cooking and selling. Altogether we raised $240 that students agreed should go towards adopting a baby orangutan.

Leanne’s daughter also contributed beautiful chocolate chip cookies and out of this world chocolate brownies in support of the Great Vic Bike ride this year. We raised $18.

Meet our baby orangutans...

It turned out we raised enough money to adopt not one, but two orangutans for a year.

At morning meeting the whole school voted that Onesie Day be an annual event and committed to raising $240 each year to support our babies.

Students and staff were asked to vote on which babies to adopt. These were the two chosen...

About Borneo Orangutan Survival Australia...

Orangutans need our help!
They are an endangered species, with an estimated 50,000 left in the wild. The greatest threat to their survival is the extensive destruction of the rainforest.

Some experts say about 6,000 orangutans are disappearing every year and without our collective help orangutans could be extinct in the wild within our lifetime.

We work to save the orangutan by rescuing and rehabilitating them, with an ultimate goal of releasing them back to the forest where they will be safe from human development, poaching and farming.

Borneo Orangutan Survival Australia (BOSA) is a volunteer organisation raising funds for rescued orangutans since 2001. We are totally dependent on support from adoptions, sales of our merchandise and donations to help save orangutans and the rainforest.

As a volunteer organisation, we ensure a very high percentage of donor dollars get to where they are most needed – to the orangutans in Indonesia.

Jumbo came to be at BOS when hunting dogs scared his mother away and he was separated from her.

The scars of losing his mother are still fresh and he’ll hug himself when he’s surprised or scared.

Jumbo is an active orangutan who loves nothing more than to play on ropes or the tyre swing. Baby Cinta adores Jumbo and will often go up to him for a cuddle or a play.

However being a bit of a typical boy he grudgingly puts up with this attention, although we all think he secretly enjoys it!

Nita was kept as a pet until she was 1.5 years old. She ate cake and drank tea and could not figure out how to climb trees.

Initially, she was placed with the youngest orangutans in Nyaru Menteng, so she could learn the basic skills of an orangutan.

In the last six years she’s moved up into the forest school, along with orangutans of her own age - though she still prefers to play with the younger orangutans.

Nita has been nicknamed “Miss Clean” as she refuses to play in dirty places. She’s also quite mischievous and sometimes plays truant by skipping Forest School.
Marvelous musical night

Congratulations to all students who performed on Performance Night. Every single performer rocked!

A special thank you to the following people who helped make the night very successful: Isaac for operating the mixing desk, Connor for operating the lights, Maggie, Tom and Rod for photographing the event, Daniel and Nat for hosting the night, Laura and Aldo for operating the canteen. I would also like to thank Alice and Roderick for their dedication and contribution.

I am proud of all the performers and look forward to the next Performance Night in term 4.

Sherbrooke rocks!
All things sporty...

Cross Country
This year for the first time, we have students that have qualified for the Eastern Metropolitan Region cross country competition for both primary and secondary. Big congratulations goes to Alice Piggot, Nathan Milligan, James Roberts and Tahj Kensley. They all competed outstandingly well for their school and should be proud of their efforts and to make it that far.
Well done on a super effort guys!

Primary Soccer inter-school sport
In term 2, the year 5-6’s participated in the Mountain District Soccer Competition. We played against various schools from within the district. It was the very first time for some of our students that they have played a proper competitive soccer game. The day was a steep learning curve with our team improving from one game to the next. Notable performances on the day came from Harry Birch, Oscar Woodward and Sam Matthews.

Secondary soccer inter-school sport
Soccer is one a big sport at Sherbrooke, so it was no surprise that we fielded teams in the Knox district competitions for year 8 & Year 9-10. We were extremely competitive in all matches and managed a last minute draw against Fairhills with a classy goal from our striker, Ed Jones. It was a fitting way to end the day as our team had tried tirelessly for the whole day without reward. Solid performances on the day included: Jesse Ralph-Payne, Nathaniel Golub, Isaac Foster and our only girl Ellie Jones. Well done team Sherbrooke!

New soccer goals!!
With much excitement our highly anticipated new soccer goals have arrived! Thanks to all of the people who raised money for the Adidas Fun Run, as the money raised from that highly successful fundraiser has been used to purchase the goals. They look sensational out on the back field and Sherbrooke students will be able to use them for many years to come. Well done guys and see you out on the soccer field!
Crowd wowed by students’ acting talent

Our student actors wowed the crowd during the Years 9-10 Drama Performance "10 Things I Hate About You" AND VCE Drama Performance "Romeo and Juliet" These Theatre Studies students did an outstanding job, especially those that stepped in as last minute replacements. A modern dance performance during intermission was a great surprise and also impressive. A wonderful night enjoyed by all.

End of semester awards

Eight of our students received citizenship awards for taking on extra duties outside of their classroom commitments.

The recipients were Callum Woodward, David Fitzgerald, Lacey Anderson, Eloise Jones, Chloe Monk, Caitlin Marriott, Jackson Griffiths and Charlotte Wiltshire.

Students were also nominated and received awards for achievement, effort and improvement in their classroom subjects.

High student attendance was also recognised. Those with greater than an 85% attendance rate were awarded points for their house. These students’ names also went into a draw to win raffle prizes.

Congratulations to all our kids on a great semester at Sherbrooke!
Sherbrooke Community School is very excited to begin the MAT program in terms 3 and 4! The MAT Life Skills program is an active therapeutic modality that combines the principles of psychosocial competence with traditional martial arts training techniques in a form that engages young people to learn life skills and better manage challenges in their lives. Psychosocial competence is a person’s ability to deal with the challenges and demands of everyday life. It is the ability to maintain a state of mental wellbeing and to demonstrate this in adaptive and positive behavior while interacting with others, one’s culture and the environment. The MAT Life Skills Program is NOT a self-defense program or a program that relies on sparring of any form amongst its participants. It is a values-based program that uses martial arts drills, games, metaphors and stories to communicate the particular set of life skills or values required by the school during the duration of the program. The MAT Life Skills program has been running in the State of Victoria since 2010 with support from the DEECD. In 2013 over 200 schools hosted a different array of MAT Program services impacting more than 16,000 students. Sherbrooke Community School welcomes the MAT program with Guy Rynsburger to our school, where he so passionately works to improve the quality of life for the educational community. He will begin in term 3 by working with a cohort of years 9s to prepare them for the leadership program, in addition to offering three to five students individualized programs. In term 4, Guy will commence the second part of the leadership program and begin our third program for our year 8 class regarding life.
COMMUNITY NOTICES:

CAMP FOR BUILDING SELF ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE FOR KIDS!!

On the weekend of Fri. 12\textsuperscript{th} February - Sun. 14\textsuperscript{th} February 2016  $65 Full Fee*

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* Commenced in Feb 2003, this camp has continued for one reason only - because it works! It does cause kids to be much more confident, and it does increase their self esteem!

* We advertise this early because although we have a camp in October 15, it's already covered for, and bookings are now open for the next one in Feb 2016. We have to work that far ahead!

See [www.kidsofgold.org.au](http://www.kidsofgold.org.au) to see who we are, what we do, and to download a form for the Feb 16 camp, which also has more on it about how the camp started and where it is in the beautiful Yarra Valley.

Open to Primary kids in Grades 4-6 in 2015 ( & 9 year olds in Grade 3).
There are 4 levels kids can work through. The 4\textsuperscript{th} level is a Leadership Training level, and in the May 15 camp our first leaders came through from that level, after much hard work!
All activities are fun activities, from low ropes, initiative activities, wall climbing, games, drama and challenging interactive sessions.
Held at Lyrebird Park campsite, Beenak Rd Yellingbo- Melways 308 K10
Cost of $65 is subsidised by sponsors such as Bendigo Bank, Bunnings and Yarra Ranges Council.
Contact Kids of Gold on 0418 170 027 ( Jenny) or 9737 9475 ( Gary) or 0415 427 396 9 (Gary) to hold a place or find out more.

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"The Lyrebirds of Sherbrooke Forest"

Alex Maisey

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Sunday - 2nd August 2015 - 3pm
Sassafras/Ferny Creek Fire Station Clarkmont Rd

Alex takes us into the world of the Lyrebird, with an informative talk and lots of beautiful photos. As a member of the Sherbrooke Lyrebird Study Group, he works closely with these iconic birds and will give us an insight into the fascinating lives of these local characters.

The Group was formed in 1958 to protect and observe the Superb Lyrebird in Sherbrooke Forest, and is the oldest volunteer group in Victoria.

Further info: www.sherbrookeleyrebirdstudygroup.blogspot.com.au

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Homemade afternoon tea provided

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