Celebrating 30 years of Sherbrooke!

We are celebrating at Sherbrooke this year. In November our school will host a family festival marking 30 years of Sherbrooke Community School in the Dandenong Ranges.

Plans are already underway for this fabulous festivity which will not only be a fun day for our current families, but will act as a reunion and showcase of past students as well.

The day will include tree planting, market stalls, delicious foods, an art show, the schools’ end of year performances and much much more.

Kids will be able to dunk their teachers in a water tank, do crazy photos with friends in our photo booth, make smoothies by pedal power, get their faces painted, take part in an amazing race style challenge or learn circus skills.

It truly will be a day will something for everyone, not least of which is the chance to hang out with lots of great Sherbies, past and present.

Of course to host such an event will take people power. So if you have some great ideas and would like to help on the day or before please contact Laura on 0428 375 227 to get involved. We would love to hear from you.

Sherbie Memorabilia Needed

Also for the celebration we are wanting to collect as much school memorabilia as possible. This could be old school photos, casual pics of friends, events or excursions, old school magazines, year books, t shirts, anything relating to our school.

We need goodies from the 80s, 90s and 00s. Anything that is lent will be cherished and taken care of and returned as soon as it has been copied and catalogued. You can call Laura on the above number to arrange a collection time OR leave with Dot in the office making sure the package is clearly labelled with your name and phone number.

Looking for ex Sherbies

Another way you can help is to pass on the contact details of any ex Sherbies you know, so we can invite them to the celebration. This includes ex students, their families and staff.

Just email names and contact numbers to laurajs67@hotmail.com with the subject line of “Ex Sherbies”
I am thrilled to be a new member of the team at Sherbrooke Community School, working with the secondary students and staff.

I have now started teaching English and Geography with students from the year levels seven through to 11.

I am in my second year of teaching, having taught at Timbarra P-9 College and as a CRT before coming to Sherbrooke.

I completed a Master of Teaching at Deakin University. Prior to studying teaching, I completed a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing, also at Deakin. I’m looking forward to sharing my expertise and passion for writing and literature with my students.

Outside of school I enjoy writing, playing soccer and football, watching movies and playing guitar.

I have already been made to feel very welcome at the school – by students, staff and families alike. I am very much looking forward to what the rest of the year brings.

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Jeremy Mestrov
Geography and English Teacher

I have been teaching at Sherbrooke for four years and love the school.

We have great staff here and being a small school, we are able to form positive relationships that allow real growth and learning for the kids.

I love the strong focus that we have on sustainability and also getting our students active and involved in projects.

I grew up on the Gold Coast and did my study there as well. I moved to Melbourne in 2011 and began working at Sherbrooke.

Outside of school I enjoy all sorts of sports, especially surfing and golf, and I love cooking as well.

In the future I look forward to continuing to be part of a community which fosters learning for each individual student, gives them a whole range of real experiences and helps them be the best they can be.

I believe in offering a well rounded education giving children social and emotional growth, experiences and opportunities and pathways for excellence.
Programs bring science to life

In the last month Sherbrooke students have taken part in two exciting science programs.

The first, called “Bioeyes” was run by Monsah University and involved year 9, 10 and 11 students. Laura Reid, an ex student teacher of Sherbrooke, came back to deliver a program on genetics using zebra fish.

The students bred the parents and then watched on a daily basis as the embryos developed and finally hatched. The three photos on the right were taken by a camera looking down the microscope and show some of the developmental stages.

The year 11 students then taught year 7 students what they had been learning and how to use the scientific equipment. This is part of our innovative Kids Teaching Kids program.

The second program involved a trip to GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre) in Melbourne. There, the year 12 students completed an experimental part of a VCE SAC in collaboration with students from Boronia.

Using modern, expensive laboratory equipment the students conducted an ELIZA test to determine diabetes type and did tissue culture experiments on plants.
This term, Sherbrooke Community School will launch the Big Futures Program in conjunction with the global organisation - Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

We have selected a diverse range of students to participate in the program. They will be given the opportunity for one on one mentoring at school with community members. We know that a young person taking full advantage of the educational opportunities offered in a school setting has the greatest chance of unlocking their potential and leading a fulfilling life. Consequently, during this time students and local mentors can build trusting relationships, discover their interests and increase their sense of belonging to the community.

Mentors are recruited from all sections of the community and undergo full screening and training about how best to work with students. We plan to implement the program with six mentors and will build on this number until all students selected for this program have been paired with a mentor.

In the meantime, students waiting for a mentor will participate in other activities led by the Big Futures program facilitator.

We are eager for mentors and students to join our collaborative relationship with Big Brothers, Big Sisters. This will create new opportunities for Sherbrooke Community School and the students, families, staff and organisations within it.

Can you spare half a hour?

Our kids LOVE the Breakfast Club program. Breakfast Club runs every Tuesday and Thursday morning. We provide free toast and fresh fruit for all the kids. This is only made possible by volunteer helpers.

We are looking for more parent helpers for Term Two. So, if you can spare a 1/2 an hour to one hour this term please leave your contact details with Dot at the office.

If you can butter toast you are qualified for this job!
Rainy day didn't dampen athletics enthusiasm

Buckets of rain did not stop the whole school from having fun during our second annual Athletics Day. With Ferny Creek Reserve also being used as a venue, each class rotated through 6 different activities on the day. The events including: sprints/relays, capture the flag, shot put, discus, vortex, high jump, long jump and the tug of war.

Each year we have seen a massive improvement in technique and skill displayed by all students which is a good reflection on how hard they are practicing and working in class. Each student competed for their house. The four houses include; Yellow, green, red and blue.

While all houses, acquitted themselves exceptionally well despite the cold, wet and windy conditions, there can only be one winner! The winner of course was Yellow house with a massive total of over 2500 points. Well done to Yellow house, they now have completed the double by adding the Athletics Award to the swimming carnival shield which they won earlier in the year.

…and our first district athletes compete!

Our first ever primary athletics team took part in the Knox District Athletics competition on April 30. The team consisted of 12 boys and girls who competed in all possible events. The students competed against eight other schools from this district.

All of our students competed to the best of their ability and the whole school is very proud of their efforts. We had some notable performances on the day with Oscar Woodward winning the 200m final as well as the 100m sprint. Nathan Milligan also managed to obtain a 2nd and a 3rd place! Well done Year’s 4, 5 & 6!

Don’t forget!
This Friday! May 15
Ferny Creek Reserve
This fun whole school activity not only sends the right message to our students about getting active, but is a major fundraiser for our school as well.
Parents welcome!
Hope and humanity at Holocaust Centre

Year 9 and 12 Sherbrooke students took part in a moving excursion recently - a visit to the Jewish Holocaust Centre in Elsternwick.

There they heard ninety year old Jack Fogel tell his story. Jack, was held at the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp for 3 years. He held the entire room enraptured as he told of his experiences throughout World War II as a Jew in Poland.

Our students asked some very insightful questions of Jack, including two he had never been asked in his 18 years of volunteering at the centre.

Once the students had listened to Jack’s story they were able to experience and explore the Holocaust Museum, guided by second generation survivors.

Students also participated in a lighting ceremony to acknowledge not only the 6 million Jews killed, but also to celebrate those that survived.

The day concluded with a poignant reflection.

Despite the horrific nature of the Holocaust, the message conveyed throughout the day was one of hope and humanity shining through in the face of death and darkness.

This excursion supported the students’ texts that they are studying at present in English - The Complete Maus and The Book Thief.

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CAPTIONS FROM TOP CLOCKWISE:
1. Holocaust survivor, Jack Fogel, captivated his audience at The Jewish Holocaust Centre
2. The remembrance flame.
3. Sherbrooke Community School students look through the museum.
4. English texts currently being studied by years 9 and 12 - The Book Thief and The Complete Maus
Moments with Malakie

Malakie is settling in well to daily life at Sherbrooke. He goes for a huge walk every morning before school with his friend Leanne. At school he is making lots of friends and is really good at cheering people up and visiting kids in sick bay. His training is also going well. He is already up to outings to shopping centres and supermarkets. Next he will begin taking trips on busses and trains.

Musical Performance Night

It’s nearly time for our very first Performance Night of 2015!

Thursday, June 11 from 7pm
The concert should finish around 10.
Entry - A gold coin donation

Performances will range from instrumental groups to rock bands from all year levels. Most students undertaking classroom music with Luciano and instrumental lessons with Alice and Roderick will be performing in the concert.

Performance Night - a great showcase and celebration of the talents of our students - it is not to be missed!
Dear Family & Friends,

We are holding a fundraiser to raise some much needed funds for our school, and hope that our school community can help. We have a range of “Living Fundraiser” grow-your-own kits available for sale. The kits come in herb or flower varieties and can be grown indoors, ideal for a sunny windowsill, and come with everything you need to grow your own delicious fresh herbs or flowering annuals. Flower kits include a cute biodegradable flower pot, herb kits are grow in the bag.

If you would like to join us in this fundraiser please fill out the box below and return to school with money by 21st May. Orders will be filled on a first come first serve basis as we have a limited supply of the flowers and herbs. We may need to substitute if your choice is not available.

Thank you,
Sherbrooke Fundraising Committee

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