



Principal's Perspective: Thursday 25th May, 2017

It is with great excitement that I take on the role of Acting Principal until the end of term as Marg has been seconded again to the Regional Office. We wish her well in her Acting SEIL (Senior Education Improvement Leader) role. It sounds like she has enjoyed a wonderful week of educational activities visiting other schools during Education Week. While Marg was away, our own SEIL – Sharon Saitlik, visited SHPS this week as part of our MakerSpace launch. Sharon was delighted to see the hands on activities the students were participating in and the engagement that they were experiencing.

Students did an amazing job sharing their learnings and having a go at some of the new items teachers will be incorporating into the STEM lessons (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths). Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend our MakerSpace afternoons. Many of you enjoyed having a go at the Spheros, Osmo kits and some even attempting to use our Arduino kits! Thank you to the staff for organising the afternoons, and for creating and contributing to our Education Week newsletter that went out last week.

Sibling enrolments for 2018 - If you have a child who will be attending SHPS in 2018 you will need to complete an enrolment form. We ask that you please collect one from the office and return it before June 30. These forms allow us to make informed decisions in regards to class sizes and staffing for the following year. So please get yours in as soon as possible.

A reminder when you are picking up your child/ren at the end of the day to be actively supervising your child/ren once they have been dismissed. After the 3:30pm bell students are released into the care and supervision of the parent/guardian collecting them after school. Once this handover is complete the duty of care is with the parent/guardian. While there is a teacher on yard duty after school, they are there to help students meet up with their parent or guardian, be a point of call for anyone who may need assistance and follow up any student who has not been collected by the 3:45pm bell. We ask all parents to ensure that appropriate supervision is happening at all times after the 3:30pm bell.

Please also remember that student playground equipment has been designed for different age groups of students. Our southern playground (next to the lane) is for our students from prep to year 2. Our playground equipment next to the basketball court is for the year 3 and 4 students, while the equipment at the end of the oval, behind the stadium is for our students in years 5 and 6. Students are aware of where they should be playing during the school day and both before and after school.

Our school values of Kindness, Care and Respect are spoken about in the learning zones, reinforced through different learning activities and spoken about at our school assemblies. I would encourage all parents to be mindful of their thoughts and actions when speaking to one another in the school grounds. One way that we ask you to respect our school is by honouring these values when you are in our school grounds. Swearing is not a behaviour that is acceptable, either to, or at another parent, staff member or visitor. As a community we need to be upholding these values and be positive role models to everyone within our school. Anyone demonstrating behaviour that is outside of these values will be asked leave or wait outside of the gate to collect their child/ren.

On a more positive note, our Year 5 students are away on camp from Tuesday next week. We wish them all the very best for their trip to Kangarooie and hope that they have an enjoyable time, create wonderful memories learning, working and playing together, and that they have amazing weather!

**Acting Principal
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