Hello and welcome to Shelley Primary in 2014

It is with great pleasure and a wonderful sense of anticipation that I write to you for this, the first time in 2014 as your new Principal. I trust that your holiday break has been a chance to spend quality time as a family.

As we begin another school year I would like to welcome every one back. I have visited the students in their classes and thank you for ensuring your children are so ready for the school year – they all look wonderful and seem so well prepared. You make our job so much easier! May I also extend a warm welcome to all our new families. I look forward to getting to know you and your children and encourage you to make contact with us should you have any questions or concerns. Your first point of call is the classroom teacher, then the Deputy Principals or myself. Effective communication is the key to positive relationships and every staff member at Shelley values your involvement.

My priority is to ensure that all Shelley students receive the best education possible and every decision I make will be in each student's best interest. This includes a focus on high standards …. of students, staff and parents, not only academically but socially as well. I maintain an open door policy and if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me to make an appointment. I believe that education is a shared responsibility. Communication between the home and school is an important key to our school's success. I welcome your input and feedback as partners in the educational process. I believe that it is critically important for your child's educational experience that they have a sense that a positive, healthy relationship exists between their parents and the school. This provides them with a sense of security, which is a foundation for good learning!

Shelley Primary has excellent teachers with strong instructional skills and a depth of knowledge that serves our students well. The school has developed a strong reputation in the community. This is based on robust, resilient teacher-pupil relationships and provides us with the capacity to provide your children with a positive, encouraging learning environment underpinned by high expectations of each student to achieve to the best of his or her abilities.

I'm excited to be a part of such a fabulous school community and I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know your children.

Kind regards,
Gillian Murgia
Principal

Hi Shelley Community!

My name is Linda Chandler and it is with pleasure that I introduce myself as your new Deputy Principal. For the past eight years I have been the Deputy at Palmyra Primary School. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and working with you to achieve our school vision of inspiring a passion for learning for all.

Please make yourself known to me as we meet around the school but bear with me as I try to learn everyone's name and connect family members together.

Thank you all in anticipation of your support and a great year ahead!

Mrs Linda Chandler

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn.”
~ Benjamin Franklin ~
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Staff at Shelley Primary are well aware that many parents work and therefore need to find alternative arrangements for their children before and after school. Students should not be on site before 8.15 a.m. Students should go to the stage area where they will be supervised until 8.30am at which time they will be released to go to their classrooms.

Please remember that this is a service we are providing to assist parents and that we have responsibility for the students once they enter the school grounds. We ask that no student be in the school grounds prior to 8.15 a.m.

School finishes at 3:05pm (except on Wednesday Early Close – 2:40pm) and students should be picked up promptly at this time. We ask that if you are running late picking up after school, that you contact the front office. Students not picked up after 3:20pm will be taken to the Library to be supervised.

The school does not currently provide any before or after school care, therefore we ask your cooperation in making suitable arrangements for your child/ren's timely collection and dropping off at school each day.

You are also reminded that class instruction time commences at 8:45am each morning. Students arriving after this time need to report to the front office to have their lateness recorded and to obtain a late note (blue) for the class teacher.

It’s not okay to be away ...nor to be late for school –

When students miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day – and gets there on time. It sounds simple, but it’s true. The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well established. The more time students spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General in 2012, students who are regularly absent from school are at greatest risk of dropping out of school early and of experiencing long-term unemployment. Whilst it is hard to get an accurate picture across Australia, it would appear that parent-condoned absenteeism is highest among primary aged children, which when added up over the school-life of a child can be most significant.

There are very few reasons that can justify a child’s absence. Birthdays, tiredness due to staying up late to watch TV, going shopping, extended long weekends, kids not wanting to take part in school activities (e.g. sports day) and taking holidays during the school term, are unacceptable. This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to children that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences. Please place a high value on regular and punctual attendance and remember - every day counts.

LEAVING DURING THE DAY

Parents who are collecting students in Pre Primary to Year 7 during the day should report to office first to complete a leave pass. Kindergarten please see your class teacher for instructions.

PARKING

Shelley Primary School is similar to many schools in the area in that we experience difficulties with parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We continue to work with the City of Canning to address this situation. While we understand the frustrations associated with parking it is important to consider the safety of our students. As such, we request that parents DO NOT park in the staff carpark. Thank you for being understanding on this issue.

We hope you like our improvements made to the car park over the school holidays. Very clear lines are now in place. Please note that you must travel in a circular (clockwise) direction in the car park. There is definitely NO PARKING along the wooden boundary fence.

PARENTS PLEASE:
1. Opt to walk your children to school. We have a crosswalk attendant on Tribute Street.
2. Use Aldam Crescent as a drop off and collection point for your children. There is also a car park there and a pathway leading straight up to the school.
3. Use Monota Avenue and Tribute Streets as street parking and walk your children over the crosswalk provided.

REMINDER: DOCTORS SURGERY

Parents are NOT to park in the doctor’s surgery – this is a private car park and their patients and possibly ambulances need access to their services AT ALL TIMES.
DIARY DATES - TERM 1 2014
What's on in the next four weeks?

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| Wednesday 19 Feb | Bookclub Due – please send correct money  
Fun Night Sausage Sizzle Order due |
| Friday 21 Feb | Family Fun Night 4:30 – 7:30pm |

HEALTH CARE SUMMARY FORM
- Individual Health Care Summary Forms – return by **FRIDAY 7 FEB**.
  A sheet with your child’s details printed on it has been given to them today and parents are asked to check and complete the summary sheet. This sheet is a requirement for students attending excursions and participating in activities in the school. Please make every endeavour to return these by **Friday 7 February** to your classroom teacher who is marking your names off.

NEWSLETTER
This first newsletter is distributed in hard copy for your convenience. Future newsletters are published on the website on Tuesday (if technology is working well): [www.shelleyps.wa.edu.au](http://www.shelleyps.wa.edu.au). You can locate the newsletter either through the “Quick Links” on the left hand side or from the “Newsletter & Notes” section on the top toolbar.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Items for the Newsletter must be received in the School Office by **Monday 12:00 noon** of each week. They should be clearly and accurately written. Items received late will not be published until the following week.

Newsletter items may be sent to the following address by Monday 12:00 noon of each week. If they could be typed using the Arial Narrow Size 10 font with very little formatting – this would be most helpful: [shelley.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:shelley.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

Community sports clubs and groups are welcome to contribute items on the condition that they will be published when and if room is available. Profit making concerns are discouraged from advertising in our School Newsletter as the School cannot guarantee children’s safety or the quality of the service provided.

TERM PLANNER
The term planner which is issued each term will be sent home next week.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUBS
**ISSUE 1 due: A.M. WEDNESDAY 19 February**

| BUSY BEE | K - PP |
| WOMBAT | K - PP |
| LUCKY | 1 – 2 |
| ARROW | 3 – 4 |
| STAR | 5 - 7 |

For those parents and students who are not familiar with these bookclubs, you may like to know that it operates in the School twice each term. The relevant bookclub order brochure is distributed to each child in the school. You need to complete the order form neatly (so that we can read it), **PUT YOUR NAME & ROOM No AT THE TOP** (so you get your order back), detach from the pamphlet, place in a sealed envelope containing the **correct money (or the payment voucher if you have used the on-line payment system)** and put it in the specially marked box in the Office. The school receives a lot of free books for the library from the scheme. It takes about two weeks for the books to be returned **after** the order has been placed, ie the due date.
Parents, please take note of your child’s classroom as this is the number that you will use on your school forms, bookclub orders and canteen orders, etc.

**PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL:**

1. **WHO TO PAY**
2. **WHEN TO PAY**
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PLEASE NOTE: that payments to the Parents & Citizens Association (eg Canteen, Uniform and events) are separate from school office payments.

2. **WHEN TO PAY?**

The school has only two collection/payment days i.e. teaching staff and the school will collect money Wednesday or Thursday of each week. This system makes the collection of money more efficient and less time consuming during morning learning sessions. Please do not bring money in the afternoon as all books are closed by 10:30am. The school office will take payments for voluntary contributions, camps and other large amounts at other times but not afternoons please.

3. **RUNNING AN ACCOUNT**

Parents have the opportunity to pre-pay for excursions, incursions, swimming, etc. For example, you might like to pay $100 to your child’s account. Your child will then be credited with this amount and as events occur deductions can be made from the $100. These payments may be made in cash, eftpos or credit card to the school office.

Payments must be made on a per child basis and:
- cannot be transferred between students
- cannot be used for bookclub, tennis, uniform or canteen or P & C (i.e. only official school notes).

School notes (pink) will still be sent home and you will be asked whether:
- you want to pay cash, or
- you want it deducted from your pre-payment.

You are still required to return the permission slip and the policy remains that if you have not returned your permission slip to the school (either with a deduction from your account or cash) the school will assume you do not wish your child to attend.

4. **EFTPOS and CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

The school office has eftpos and credit card facilities available for your convenience. There is a minimum of $50 per transaction. These facilities can be used for large payments, e.g. pre-payment on your child’s account, camps, graduation dinner, etc.
NO HATS - STAY IN THE UNDERCOVER AREAS
The wearing of school hats during Term 1 is compulsory and all students are requested to ensure they bring their hats every day. If a student does not wear a hat during break times they are required to stay in the undercover areas. The uniform shop will be open this Friday 8:15 – 9:00am.

CONFIDENTIAL DECLARATION
Any parent volunteering in the school is required to complete a Confidential Declaration or provide a Police Clearance. If you are helping in the school your teacher will have the form for you to sign.

LIBRARY HELP
If you would like to help in the Library your volunteered time would be appreciated. Please complete the slip below and return to the School Office. Thank you.

LIBRARY HELP

NAME: ______________________________________________  PHONE NO: _________

I am available to help once a:  WEEK ☐  FORTNIGHT ☐  MONTH ☐

I would prefer to work on:  (day) ______________________________ (time) AM ☐ PM ☐

Please send notes home with:  CHILD’S NAME: _______________________ ROOM NO: _____

P & C NEWS

P & C AGM
TUESDAY - 18 FEBRUARY 2014
commencing at 7:30pm
Staff Room
All welcome.

SHELLEY PRIMARY FAMILY FUN NIGHT 2012
The Shelley Primary Family Fun Night to welcome new and existing families to the school will be held on Friday 21 February 2014 from 4:30pm to 7:30 pm. This is a free night provided by the P & C group.

A separate note with more details is attached including order forms.

UNIFORM OPEN DAYS
8:30am – 9:00am
Friday 7 February

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING DAY
TUESDAY BEFORE SCHOOL
AT 8:30AM IN (A BLOCK)
The Canteen operates three days a week (Monday - Wednesday - Friday) for the benefit of the students and teachers of the Shelley Primary School. It provides nutritional, balanced options for recess and lunch. It has grown to 3 days of operation and supports other events throughout the school calendar year.

This however does not happen by itself.

A standard term requires 70 volunteer places to be filled.

We currently have 44 volunteers listed although not all of these are active every term because of work, study and family commitments. This is done by those willing and able to donate more of their time then just once a term. However sometimes the unforeseeable happens and they cannot fulfil their commitment therefore putting strain on that resource.

To ease this situation one solution is to limit the options available to order, a more desirable solution would be to encourage more parents to become involved in the school community. Become a volunteer in the canteen. It is a rewarding way to socialise, see your children at play (and they love being able to talk to you throughout the day when you’re there), and become an active member of the school.

For those that rely on the canteen to provide lunches for their children every week of the term, consider the contribution of 4 ½ hours once a term – that’s one canteen shift every 12 weeks to ensure that this service continues, others are contributing that for your child.

No special skills are required, we make good coffee and until you give it a go you won’t know how rewarding it can be for you and your child.

Please consider all of this throughout the year when your child puts their order in the canteen box and think about how you can assist.

Your volunteer time would be appreciated.

Thank you on behalf of the Canteen Committee.

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Please return the following slip to the office or the canteen when open

I would like to volunteer in the Shelley Primary School Canteen

Name ____________________________________________

Contact Phone: __________________________________________

Email Address (for rosters) __________________________________________

Preferred Day/s (Monday / Wednesday / Friday) ________________________________

Number of Shifts available per term __________________________________________

Available at short notice or emergency basis  Yes  or  No
SHELLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Friday 21st February 2014 * 4.30 – 7.30pm

An opportunity to welcome new and existing families to our wonderful school community! Come along and have some fun!

All school families are invited to come along and catch up with friends or meet some new ones. We’re sure that those of you who have been to a Fun Night previously will remember it being a great night.

We are desperately in need of some more helpers for the evening. If you are coming to the fun night and could spare half an hour, we’d really appreciate your help. The night can’t be a success if all the work is left to just a few people. Please take a slip with your details to the Office by Friday 14th, so we can make up a roster and contact you.

There will be lots of free activities to enjoy on the evening:

- Bouncy castle
- A climbing wall
- Bucking Bull
- Farm animals
- Face painting, and balloon twisting
- Music and dancing
- And lots more.....

Bring a picnic dinner or pre-order a sausage sizzle. This year you may order beef sausages or vegetarian sausages. Orders for the sausage sizzle need to be into the Office by Wednesday 19th to ensure we will have enough sausages. No late orders accepted. Sausages in buns purchased on the night will be $3 for beef sausages and $4 for vegetarian. Please pre order so you don’t miss out.

The Fun Night is put on by the P & C and is possible due to fundraising and the P & C levy. The P & C welcomes all new families to Shelley Primary School.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER FORM – Return by Wed 19 February

Name: ______________________________   Room No: _____________
Number required @ $2.50 each: _______________ Beef sausages
                      $3.50 each: _______________ Vegetarian sausages
I enclose $____________ being payment of my order.

Volunteers wanted
If you have half an hour to spare on the night, please fill in the form below and return it to the office by Friday 14th February, 2014.

Parent’s Name: _____________________________________ Phone Number: ______________________
Email address ________________________________________
COMMUNITY NEWS
Please watch the noticeboards outside the administration building and B Block for the latest community news.

ROSSMOYNE NETBALL CLUB
Registration is now open for the 2014 winter netball season for players born 2006 and earlier. Visit the club website at www.rossmoyne.freeclubsites.com.au for all registration, grading and uniform information. The Rossmoyne Netball Club is a member of the Fremantle Netball Association playing matches on Saturday's during terms 2 and 3. Players new to Netball welcome. Registration closes 17th February.

THE CURTIN RUGBY CLUB (THE GOATS)
Try Rugby 2014
Goats Wants You!!!

The Curtin Rugby Club (The Goats) is seeking junior Under 6s through Under 12s for the 2014 season. Games are held on Saturday mornings and are played at Britannia (Leederville). Training is one night a week at Curtin University on Thursday from 5pm to 6pm. Junior Rugby is for both for boys & girls. Pre-season starts in March.
Email: juniors@curugby.com.au Phone: Travis Loveland: 0437 245 891 or Adrian Costello Tel: 0419 809 722

SOUTHERN RIVER HOCKEY CLUB
The Southern River Hockey Club is now recruiting players for the 2014 winter season. We cater for all students from Pre-Primary through to Year 12. Registration day is Saturday 15th February 11am to 2pm at our clubrooms located at Ground D, Les Sands Pavilion, Gay Street, Huntingdale. If you can't make registration day and would like further information please contact Kellie Foster on 0418776131 or juniors_southernriverhockey@hotmail.com.au.