Hello Shelley Families …

COMMUNITY SURVEY
The ICT Parent Survey closes soon (Friday 21 March) and it would be appreciated if you could please take the time to complete it online. Your information is important to us in setting new directions for our school in ICT. Simply copy and paste the link into the address bar at the top of a web page. Any difficulties please don’t hesitate to see me.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T6RW7Y6

PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ACTION: TUES APRIL 1, 2014
You may be aware that the State School Teachers’ Union, CPSU/CSA and United Voice have announced “a community day of action” on Tuesday April 1st 2014.

They indicate that this action is being taken in response to this year’s State Budget for public schools and to ensure further funding reductions are not made in next year’s budget. The Government has made it clear that it has no intention of changing the budget.

The Education Department does not endorse any form of industrial action as it disrupts student learning. As we get closer to this date, I will keep you informed about any implications for your child(ren).

INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)
Last Wednesday evening we hosted a Parent Education Evening around ICT and 21st Century Learning. It was pleasing to see a large number of parents attending and showing an interest in this area, as ICT is one of the General Capabilities of the new Australian Curriculum.

In the Australian Curriculum, students develop ICT capability as they learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively in all learning areas at school, and in their lives beyond school. The capability involves students in learning to make the most of the digital technologies available to them, adapting to new ways of doing things as technologies evolve and limiting the risks to themselves and others in a digital environment.

If you would like to know more, you can access information via the following link:

An ICT audit and development of an ICT Operational Plan is currently being undertaken. To this end, we are inviting interested parents to nominate to be part of an ICT steering committee. Please email me at Gillian.murgia@education.wa.edu.au to register your interest.

The school through the P&C has invested in a set of I Pads. Many staff are participating in after school technology ‘cafés’ to become more familiar with this technology. We are also hoping to offer these to parents later in the year. We are interested in your thoughts and ideas regarding the future of ICT in our school so why not drop me an email? I would like to recommend the following talk which may be of interest to you:
http://www.ted.com/talks/sir_ken_robinsonbring_on_the_revolution

“It is not about the technology; it’s about sharing knowledge and information, communicating efficiently, building learning communities and creating a culture of professionalism in schools. These are the key responsibilities of all educational leaders.”

Marion Ginapolis
In this poignant, funny follow-up to his fabled 2006 talk, Sir Ken Robinson makes the case for a radical shift from standardised schools to personalized learning -- creating conditions where kids’ natural talents can flourish. The short talk certainly will challenge your thinking.

*And from my Italian connections…Ciao! Stai Bene! Have a great week!*

*Gillian.*

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**P & C MEETING**

A general meeting of the P & C will be held tonight March 18 at 7:30pm in the staff room.

Minutes of AGM & Agenda are on the website. All welcome.

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**Copies of school activity notes are on the website under newsletters and notes/student notes.**

Report after hours vandalism, trespassing, etc to **SCHOOL WATCH: 1800 177 777**

**EMAILING THE SCHOOL**

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**DIARY DATES - TERM 1 2014**

*What’s on in the coming weeks?*

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**REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK ON SCHOOL DRUG EDUCATION GUIDELINES**

Please respond to the note distributed separately in respect to the above. A copy of the Guidelines is available on the school website under the “pastoral care” heading.

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL – 25 MARCH**

A separate note has been issued and it would be appreciated if parents could complete the necessary documentation and return to their classroom teacher with the correct money. Parents please note you are most welcome to attend: the cost of a spectator at the pool is $1.80.

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**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – ROOM 13 THURSDAY 27 MARCH**

A formal assembly will be held on THURSDAY 27 MARCH commencing at 8:45am. The students in Room 13 will be hosting this assembly. All parents most welcome.
10TH ANNIVERSARY OF BEING A WATER WISE SCHOOL
Shelley Primary School has been a water wise school for 10 Years! The Water Corporation will present a commemorative plaque to the school at our next assembly on the 27th March. The award acknowledges the school's ongoing commitment in presenting education programs of work that focus on the importance of water conservation and sustainability. Our school has maintained a close liaison with the Water Corporation's Water Wise Education Unit over the passed 10 years by organizing regular specialized water lectures presented by the Water Corporation.

As part of our school's ongoing commitment to being a water wise school, students from years 1-7 will be attending lectures presented by the Water Corporation on the 26th and 27th March.

FLURO DAY - FRIDAY 21 MARCH!
Just a reminder that this Friday is Fluro Day! Wear something fluro and bring a gold coin donation all funds raised go to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA.

STUDENT COUNCIL SAUSAGE SIZZLE – THURSDAY 3 APRIL
Due to a proposed industrial strike the student council sausage sizzle will now be held will now be held on Thursday, 3 April. Order forms have been distributed today and must be returned by Friday March 28. Thank you for your support.

ACCIDENT IN CAR PARK
Last Tuesday at approximately 12:30pm a white medium sized sedan without a driver rolled back from a car parking bay in the big car park and hit a Jeep Cherokee parked in the middle. Damage was caused to this car which belongs to a member of staff. The accident was witnessed by a visitor. Unfortunately the car that rolled back was then driven away without any personal information being given to the owner of the Jeep. It would be appreciated if that person would come forward. We appreciate the confidentiality of this situation and you can email shelley.ps@education.wa.edu and the matter will be handled carefully.

MEDIA CONSENT FORM FOR NEW STUDENTS
All new students to Shelley Primary School in 2014 will be issued with a Media/Internet Consent Form. These forms are a requirement for student’s photograph, work, etc to be put on display or published in the school including the website. THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER by Friday 28 March.

HARMONY WEEK 2014
The theme for Harmony Day in 2014 is Everyone Belongs. In Australia, this includes the traditional owners that have belonged to the land for thousands of years through to the many that have migrated from the times of our grandparents to the newer arrivals that have come to make new opportunities for their families.

www.harmony.gov.au/about/  

Nearly half of us were born overseas or have parents who were. We are from all over the world, creating a multicultural, diverse community. Harmony Day celebrates our community’s diversity.

Gaining understanding through our neighbours
So much of what we do in school helps students grow and understand other people and their cultures, why they do what they do and how they feel. One of the key outcomes in LOTE (LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH) is intercultural understandings- understanding how culture affects language as well as people’s decisions.

Indonesia is a great example in learning about cultural diversity. This is a country that has over 300 cultural groups, 350 language dialects and 5 official and 5 active religions. The diversity is recognised in the country's motto, Bhimeka Tunggal Ika, which translates to Unity in Diversity. This is seen in groups celebrating with other groups’ festivities and celebrations, through mosques build next to churches and through modern music and art. It is also seen in Indonesia’s coat of arms. Amongst other symbols, it includes a banyan tree that has long reaching roots. The idea is that the roots represent that many diverse groups and bring them together as one nation, regardless of background.
Our Harmony Tree
At Shelley PS we have been inspired by the concept of the tree with many roots and will be creating our own Harmony Tree. Through the artistic expertise brought in by Mrs Murgia and our students, we plan to create our own Banyon Harmony Tree with a leaf for each student created from clay. These leaves are to represent all the cultures to which the individual students in our school community belong. We would love parent help, so if you would like to assist, please leave your name at the front office or with a teacher.

Selamat Baca (Happy Reading!)
Ibu Beattie

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

School Sores (Impetigo)
Impetigo is an infection of the skin caused by bacteria. It will usually start with a blister or a group of blisters. The blisters will often pop, weep and form a crust. Small spots may spread outwards from the first spot. The spots are usually itchy.

If your child has impetigo they should be checked by a doctor. The doctor may prescribe antibiotics. You should cover the sores with watertight dressing and cut the child’s nails to prevent them from scratching. Impetigo is spread very easily, so keep the child home until 24 hours after treatment has begun. Wash hands regularly to prevent spread to others.

Bike safety tips
Riding a bike is great fun and good exercise for children and teens. Here are a few tips to keep your children safe while cycling:

- Always supervise children under 10 years of age.
- Teach your child the rules of the road before they ride by themselves.
- Riding in the driveway should not be encouraged – it is a common place for nasty accidents. Children need to know that driveways can be dangerous. Teach your child to stop at the end of the driveway, look, listen, and think about whether it is safe to cross.
- Make sure your child has a helmet that fits correctly. Helmets should be worn at all times when riding. Parents should set a good example by wearing a helmet themselves.
- Make sure your child’s bike is in good condition.
- Fit bikes with appropriate reflectors.
- Make sure your child wears bright coloured clothing when riding.

For more information visit www.kidsafewa.com.au/

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Please watch the noticeboards outside the administration building and B Block for the latest community news.

UNIFORM OPEN DAYS
8:30am – 9:00am
Friday 28 March
Please see the school website for 2014 opening days.

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING DAY
TUESDAY BEFORE SCHOOL
AT 8:30AM IN (A BLOCK)