



## There's not enough parking!

When talking about school pick up I think everyone would agree with the above statement. As Principal, over the last 12 years, I have enquired and looked into a number of avenues to increase parking around the school. There will not be an increase in parking, particularly as the need is only for 10-15 minutes on school days.

Despite the lack of parking *there are* things we can do as a school community to improve the safety and flow of traffic around the school:

- \* Reduce traffic- Walk if you are able.
- \* Only use the back car park if you have a kindy or pre-primary child to collect.
- \* Do not park in kiss and drive. If your child is not there ready, do a lap around the block. If you sit and wait it holds up traffic. Time your arrival after 3pm.
- \* Drive as far forward into kiss and drive as possible.
- \* Be considerate of others.
- \* If there are grandparents or others picking up children, let them know how kiss and drive works.

As communicated in the previous newsletter a 'manned crossing' is to be installed just before kiss and drive. The main aim of the crossing will be for pedestrians to cross safely but it should also assist with the flow of kiss and drive.

Stopping on the road and calling children to the car is unsafe and illegal. I am told Police have received photos of parents and children doing this. Police and rangers do occasionally appear at pick up time and issue tickets for illegal parking, traffic infringements and not wearing helmets.

### Calendar

Monday 1 March ~  
Public Holiday  
(Labour Day)

Friday 5 March ~  
Announcement of  
Student Leaders

Monday 8 March ~  
RU Legal?  
Presentation Year  
5&6

Monday 8 March ~  
Are you legal?  
Parent session

Friday 12 March ~  
Summer Carnival ~  
year 5 & 6



Mentally Healthy School

## School Board

Last night the School Board held its first meeting for 2021. In 2020 the School Board reviewed data and targets in preparation of developing the next Business Plan. This year the Board will write the next Business Plan and prepare for the School Review in term 3.

Board members for 2021 are:

Natascha Schulz	Board Chair
Mathew O'Mahony	Deputy Chair
Lisa Fletcher	Principal
Wendy Gardiner	Secretary
Brad Heggs	Board member parent rep
Demelza Harkness	Board member parent rep
Angela Ellis	Board member parent rep
Lisa Whittell	Board member parent rep
Judy Snow	Board member staff rep
Cindy Godwin	Board member staff rep
Mark Jones	Board member community rep

At last night's meeting the School Board were presented with parent responses to the swimming survey conducted at the end of last year. Views were varied, however it was noted that more than 60% of respondents preferred stateswim. The issue of stages being different at stateswim and Education Department lessons remains. The School Board has made recommendations based on parent feedback through the survey. The plans for swimming will be communicated in the next newsletter.

## Parent Feedback Survey

At Secret Harbour PS we are continually striving for improvement. The school would like to know your opinions about certain aspects of what we do well and where we can improve. Your responses should be based on your experiences and time at the school. The survey will be available for the next 3 weeks. We value and appreciate you taking the time to give feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BD6PNZX>

## R U Legal?

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March year 5 and 6 students will be listening to a presentation from Legal Aid WA.

### Session information:

- \* Legal Aid WA covers the following information in sessions to primary school students:
- \* The role of Legal Aid WA in the community. Why we have it, what Legal Aid WA does, who we help, the importance of everyone having access to justice, how we are all equal under the law, and our role as a lawyer.
- \* The age of criminal responsibility in Western Australia. Young people can be charged from 10yrs old.
- \* Common offences young people get charged with. This section includes real life stories of young people getting into trouble with the law for stealing, assaults/fighting (including consequences of one punch), graffiti/property damage, swearing in public, and other topical legal matters.
- \* The reasons why young people get in trouble with the law. There is a big focus on peer pressure and being charged as a party to a crime, as well as consequential thinking, common excuses that won't

work etc.

- \* New ways kids are getting into trouble with the law. This section focuses on technology use – phones, ipads, social media, gaming etc
- \* Cyber bullying. What cyber bullying is, when it is against the law, and what the consequences are for engaging in cyber bullying. We play an animation and give real life stories about young people sending nasty messages online, threatening or excluding others, pretending to be someone else or accessing others accounts without permission etc.
- \* The role of the eSafety Commissioner. How you can get more information and help with cyber bullying, how to report serious cyber bullying, and how to get content removed from the internet.
- \* Your rights when dealing with police as a young person. The questions you must answer, your right to silence, the right to an adult present, the right to legal advice, etc.
- \* Potential legal and non-legal consequences of behaviour. For example: getting in trouble with the police, going to court, getting a criminal record, impact on your digital footprint, when things go viral, trouble with parents and school, and negative effects on friendships.
- \* Practical tips to avoid getting into trouble online and staying safe online.
- \* Where to get help.

*Lisa Fletcher*

Parents of year 5 and 6 students are invited to attend an **R U Legal?** parent session beginning at 3pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. This session will provide parents with information about the criminal laws affecting young people and empower parents to guide their children through the challenges of our digital world.

## Positive Behaviour Schools (PBS) News SHPS

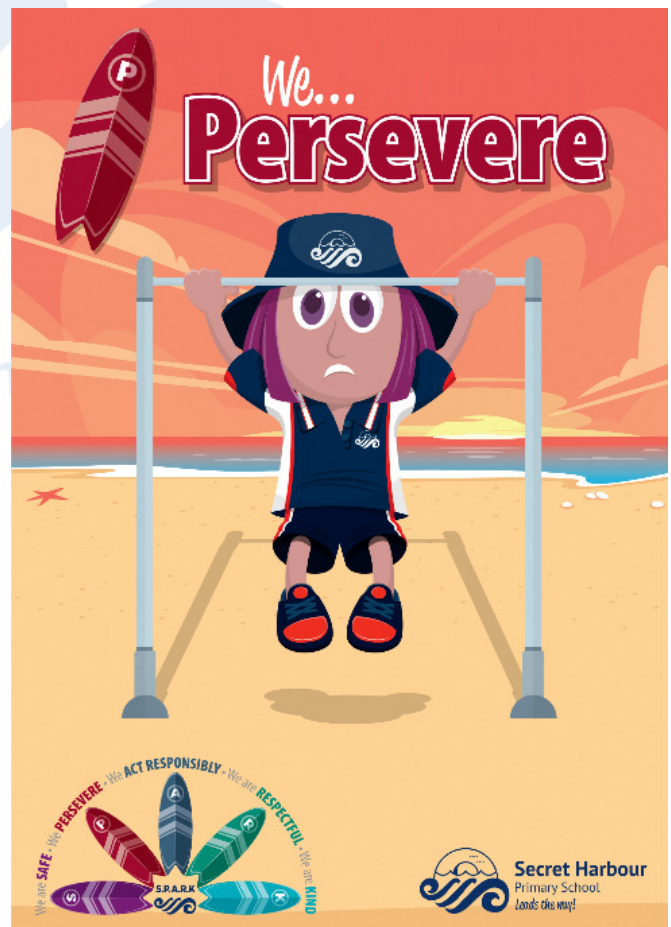
What a fantastic start we have had! Students have been doing a wonderful job of demonstrating our **SPARK** expectations in the playground. We have already had 2 of our factions, Ocean and Dune, reach the first prize of a Zooper Dooper with the others not far behind. Well done everybody!

This fortnight our focus is on **Perseverance**.

**Perseverance** is not giving up when things get difficult. Students will be learning about Perseverance in class and our staff will be encouraging and rewarding those students who are demonstrating **Perseverance**.

Watch this clip of animals demonstrating Perseverance.

<https://youtu.be/RPpmd9uRgJw>







## MUSIC ROCKS AT SHPS IN 2021

Music at Secret Harbour is awesome! We have lots of opportunities for the children to engage in musical activities in music class and extra-curricular groups. Music is very beneficial to your child's emotional, social, physical and intellectual development. There is a wealth of research in the community to support participating in musical activities is good for heart, mind and soul.

All children participate in weekly music lessons in the Music room with our Music Specialist Mrs Anson. In these 50-minute lessons children sing, move, dance, play instruments such as the Recorder, ukulele, tuned and untuned percussion, play singing games, dramatise songs, improvise, create, read and write rhythm and melody, perform for others individually and in groups. The students also participate in music appreciation and listening activities; practising the important skills of being a good audience in all situations. The children are also encouraged to share their musical experiences outside of the classroom through show and tell. They can bring their instruments in, play or perform something or bring something in for us to listen to. If you wish to come and watch your Child's music lesson, please feel free. I also post information on the **Music 2021 SHPS** Connect page.

**Extra-Curricular** music activities your child may be involved with are –

**Senior Choir** - Rehearsals are on **Monday in class time at 1.30-2.10** in the music room. Anyone in **years 4-6** is welcome to participate. The senior choir may participate in choir Festivals, Spring and Christmas Fairs, Assemblies and other occasions that pop up throughout the year. We would love lots of members so if your child is interested please encourage them to come along. Starts Week 4.

*Some classes have specialist lessons during choir time, so it is up to the family to decide if they are to be choir or go to Specialist lesson.*

They will need to bring along a plastic sleeve folder for their music.



**Junior Choir** - This is for children in **year 2-3** and they **rehearse every Wednesday Lunchtime** in the music room. They may participate in festivals, assemblies and other occasions throughout the year. I am looking forward to meeting all our new members. They will need to bring along a plastic sleeve folder for their music. Starts Wk 4.

**Ukulele Group** - This group is open to students in 1-6 and they **rehearse on Wednesday mornings at 8am to 8.35** in the music room. Students do not need to have their own Ukulele but if they do, they can bring it along to play. No experience necessary! They will need to bring along a plastic sleeve folder for their music. Starts in Week 4.

**Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS)** – In 2021, the Instrumental program is running in Yr5 and 6. Students were selected at the end of 2020. We are very fortunate to offer 5 groups of instruments at Secret harbour. Instruments on offer are Classical Guitar, Flute, Clarinet and Brass (trumpet/trombone) and percussion. Teachers in these instruments visit the school and give students in the program a 30-minute group lesson each week on their instrument for the whole year. Students involved in this program are committed, self disciplined and persistent as they need to dedicate themselves to practising even though it may be hard at first. **The music room will be open every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8am** for any **Instrumental** student to come and practise with each other and ask questions if they need help. Mrs Anson will supervise this.

In Term 2, IMSS students can come and be part of the Band which will rehearse before school on Tuesday 8-8.35am.

Another highlight of the year for the children is the **Talent show** which happens in Term 3. Your child can start practising now for the Auditions in music lessons in Term 3 - Wk 7.

I look forward to working with your child on their musical journey during their time at Secret Harbour Primary.

If you have any questions about Music at SHPS, please contact Mrs Anson by phoning the school or sending an email at [katherine.anson@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:katherine.anson@education.wa.edu.au)

Katherine Anson - Music Teacher – SHPS



## Kindy Speech and Language Screening

This Kindy Speech and Language screening has been deferred until term 2. More information about this will be provided to kindy parents when the dates have been confirmed.



## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

Hi families! 🙌

With the new year back in swing, it's time to get things in order.

We are looking for some extra volunteers in our canteen. In particular, at the moment: On a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

We have lost a couple of our valuable volunteers for an unknown period due to surgery requirements.



Hours you would be required on any given day would be 9:00am-1:30pm.

You can choose how much or little time you're able to give us. Whether it be a day a week, fortnight or month - we really appreciate all the help we can get, and the more helpers we can get on board, the fewer hours we will need to spread around.

Information about our canteen:

- \* Canteen is fully funded by the P&C, and is therefore not for profit.
- \* We have approx 650 students at our school and on any day our canteen provides between 60-100 lunches, and are also open to provide children before school nutritious snacks and yummy recess items.
- \* It's a busy but fun environment, and we do aim to look after our valuable volunteers!
- \* So if you think you might have a bit of time you'd be happy to spare our canteen, our kids, we would love to hear from you!

Please email Emily and Nadine on [secretssnack@gmail.com](mailto:secretssnack@gmail.com) and we will be back in touch with you as soon as we can.



## NEW LOOK ASSEMBLIES 2021

Assemblies are back this year with a few changes. This year we are dividing the school into Junior and Senior Assemblies. Assemblies will still be held on a fortnightly basis and alternate between Junior and Senior classes.

At this stage, there will be no class items however, Merit Certificates, Specialist Awards, Neat and Tidy Awards, Eco Green Awards, Art Awards, SPARK Awards and Faction Points Updates will still occur.

We are thrilled to let parents of Merit Certificate recipients attend the assembly; you will be contacted by your class teacher. We ask that no more than two family representatives attend each assembly and encourage signing in with the SafeWa app or by using the manual sign in register.

The first assembly for the year will be a Senior Assembly where our 2021 Student Leaders will be announced.

An assembly roster for the year is attached to this newsletter, subject to change.

### Attending JUNIOR assemblies...

Pre Primary room 2  
Pre primary room 4  
Pre Primary/ Year 1 room 3  
Year 1 room 8  
Year 1 room 9  
Year 1/2 room 11  
Year 2 room 7  
Year 2 room 10  
Year 2 room 12  
Year 3 room 13  
Year 3 room 14  
Year 3 room 19



### Attending SENIOR assemblies...

Year 3/4 room 25  
Year 4 room 15  
Year 4 room 16  
Year 4 room 24  
Year 5 room 21  
Year 5 room 22  
Year 5 room 23  
Year 5/6 room 29  
Year 6 room 26  
Year 6 room 27  
Year 6 room 30

# Assembly Roster 2021

Friday mornings 8.50am start

TERM ONE	CLASS/ES
Week 3	NO ASSEMBLY
Week 5 5 March	SENIOR ( Including announcement of Student Leaders)
Week 7 19 March	JUNIOR
Week 9	NO ASSEMBLY
TERM TWO	
Week 3 7 May	SENIOR
Week 5 21 May	JUNIOR
Week 7 4 June	SENIOR
Week 9 18 June	JUNIOR
TERM THREE	
Week 3 6 August	SENIOR
Week 5 20 August	JUNIOR
Week 7 3 September	SENIOR
Week 9 17 September	JUNIOR
TERM FOUR	
Week 3 29 October	SENIOR
Week 5 12 November	JUNIOR
Week 7 26 November	TBA
Week 9	JUNIOR / SENIOR BOOK AWARDS