



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

March 11th, 2022

Here is the earth, here is the sky, here are my friends and here am I.
Thank you to the oceans, animals and plants. Thank you to the sun, moon and rain.
Thank you to the Wulgurukaba and Bindal people whose land we play and learn on all day.
I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians and their Elder's past, present and emerging.



A Message from the Director of School Campus

Dear Shalom Family,

Next Friday is a significant day around the country with a National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. It is essential because we all know that violence causes harm throughout our community and worldwide.

Explaining this to our children is so important as we are now exposed to more violence than ever before through media, movies, television, and online. We can often become desensitized to the negative and devastating consequences of violence.

The theme for 2022 is **Kindness Culture**. Students have been viewing the "Be Kind Online" series, which encourages young people to block content, report it, and support each other if they see or experience cyberbullying. It is important that they know that they are not alone and help is always available. Carinity Education-Shalom is committed to building a kindness culture and promote inclusion, respect and community belonging for all students.

Peace and Grace

Sharyn Ive

NRL Workshop

On Thursday 24th February, Daniel, Tamika and Evan visited the Upper Primary classes to run an Inclusion and Diversity Workshop. They hosted the workshop to unite communities to lead and inspire people to be the best they can be. Students learnt about respect and empathy, teamwork and communication and similarities and differences and how teamwork is really important



Here is what our students said about the visit;

*"We learnt a lot about teamwork and diversity" and
"We did teamwork drills and spoke about learning to play football and be supportive teammates!"*

Written by Gerard, Samaria and Marie




**KINDNESS
CULTURE**
• IT STARTS WITH YOU •

**National Day
of Action against
Bullying and Violence**
Friday 18 March 2022



A Message from Head of Primary

Dear Families,

The past few weeks have been very challenging with Covid in our school community. Though there have definitely been some blessings – we have seen amazing resilience from students when classes have been merged and divided, our commitment remains to their continued learning. The staff at school from the Youth Workers, Maintenance Crew, Teaching Staff, Cleaners and Administration staff have continued to demonstrate commitment to the care of students and our families. We thank you the parents and wider school community for your patience and understanding in this difficult time.

Students please don't forget our attendance party at the end of the Term. If you are here for 90% of the term you will be invited to our Wet Day Party at School. Please note that attendance will not be affected by Covid related absences, including close contacts and isolation. Parents please ensure if student/s are absent you contact the office to report the reason.

Last week we had our first **Playground Award** that went to:

Oshae Price-McGilvary

“For keeping our school clean and being kind to others in the playground”.

I look forward to continuing to celebrate that great behaviour. Keep it up!!

Take care

Mrs Simmonds



CHAPPY'S CORNER

**One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.**

Psalms 145:4

This is one of my favourite verses in the bible and captures the **heart of God** to share his **love** through **every generation**, through us.

And his love takes form in so many ways; *kindness, family, power, miracles, generosity, friendship, forgiveness* and more!

I'd love to ask you to check out the ad on the back page of this week's newsletter if you haven't already. It is for our **Sunday gatherings @ 3:30pm** each week meeting **outside** next to the Primary School playground.

Shalom Family is a new church that meets at our school led by a team of families to see every person grow their **voices** and discover their **dreams!**

Another highlight of the term has been our **“Virtual Assemblies”** on Fridays in Primary School as we weren't allowed large gatherings until this week.

Check out this photo of our classes meeting from each of their rooms for announcements, weekly awards and more!

The kids have adapted amazingly.

Blessings over you and your family,

Andy



News from Prep and Year 1



Last week the Primary classes were set a challenge during their virtual assembly, to see who could do the longest handstand.

Here are some funny upside down photos from Mrs Longmuir class!



Important Dates

- **Prep Vision Screen**
Tuesday 29 Mar
- **Primary Attendance Party**
Tuesday 29 Mar
- **Primary Easter Pageant**
Thursday 31 Mar
- **Last day of Term 1**
Thursday 31 Mar
- **First day of School—Term 2**
Tuesday 19th Apr



A Message from Head of Secondary

Hello Shalom community, and a big welcome to our new families that have joined us over the past few weeks.

With Covid restrictions easing this week, we are excited to have our first secondary school assembly for 2022. Ms Rita and her team of year 10 leaders have been working hard to develop our new student-run assemblies. This week our theme is **kindness!**

“A little kindness can go a long way!”

Student Behaviour

As I've previously talked about, our vision and goal for students is to prepare them and give them the tools to successfully navigate life, to be a contributor in our community and at home. With this in mind, it is important for our learning community to set clear boundaries and expectations for your students to assist them in developing strong social and educational tools to be successful.

The process of a Secondary Behaviour Framework has begun, and we look forward to parent and student feedback over the up-and-coming months.

I feel it is right at this stage to talk about a few non-negotiables in terms of unacceptable behaviours. Moving forward we will continue to have zero tolerance towards:

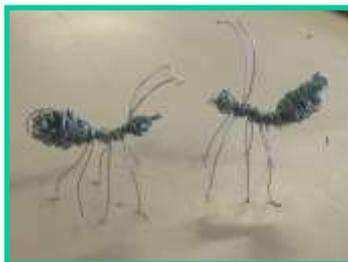
- Bullying (of any type)
- Physical or verbal violence or threatening behaviours
- Intentional damage to property
- Swearing or abuse of staff

If there is an unfortunate event and this type of behaviour does occur, students will be suspended. A range of different support will be put in place and a family meeting will occur before the student can return to school. If the behaviour continues, alternative schooling arrangements may need to be put in place.

This is our commitment to you and the safety of your children, their education, and our staff.

Yours sincerely & God Bless

Stuart Todd



News from the Secondary Art Room

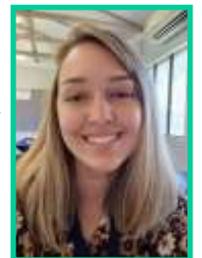
Students from the Engagement Unit are working on a collaborative art

installation called ***'The Ant-Tea (Anti) Party'***. Stage one of the project was making ants out of a continuous length of wire. It was a challenge to try something new and the boys from the Engagement Unit showed great persistence in finishing their ants. All ants have their own personalities and will look great in our finished artwork.



Meet the Staff

Laura Kling joined our Secondary teaching team this year. Laura has been teaching for four years and calls Monto home. At Shalom Laura is teaching the following subjects English, Civics, Math, HPE, Design and Technologies and Career Education. Ms Kling is lucky to be involved with all year levels at Secondary.



“The students and staff are delightful—thanks for being so welcoming. I look forward to continuing to get to know everyone as the weeks fly by. I also really enjoy how close-knit the school community is—it reminds me of my small hometown!”



Esther Georgetown

Lyndon Georgetown

Lashae Kidner

Thessalonica Prior

Liam Rogers

Jannali Williams

Ezekiel Willmot



Feeling Unsafe?

GO AND TELL

EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE.

Sometimes you may feel unsafe around adults or other students at school or away from school.

IF YOU DO NOT FEEL SAFE THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO:

TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST

REMEMBER, Nothing is so awful that you cannot talk about it with someone.

SOME OF THE PEOPLE YOU MIGHT CHOOSE:

- THE PRINCIPAL
- A PARENT
- A TEACHER
- SAFE PERSON
- A COUNSELLOR

We all have the right to feel safe all the time

Nothing is so awful that we cannot talk about it with someone

Talk to someone who you can trust



TELL...TELL...TELL!
Until someone hears you!

Talk to these people if you feel unsafe at school or away from school.



Mrs Ive
Director of Campus



Mr Stuart Todd
Head of Secondary



Mrs Simmonds
Head of Primary



Pastor Andy
Pastor

If you don't get the help you need at first, don't give up! Keep reporting your concerns until something is done and you feel safe again.

REMEMBER EVERY STUDENT HAS THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE ALL THE TIME!



*One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4*

Sundays 3:30pm during Term

Outdoors @ Primary School Playground
and other various locations

Arvo Tea / Fellowship / Praise / Prayer
All Welcome

*Children must come with a parent/guardian
For more info contact Pastor Andy on 0490 297 373*

Bus Reminder

Please Note: it is not the responsibility of the bus drivers to inform the office, if your child is unwell. Parents / Carers need to phone the office.

Behaviour on the Buses

Students are expected to;

- Wear a seatbelt at all times
- Sit in allocated seats at all time
- Have no Food or Drink in the bus
- Behave respectfully and appropriately.
- Children in Years P-3 will sit in a booster seat

Students not following expectations will be given a warning, parents will be notified, and letter sent home.

If the behaviour continues after the second warning, students will not be able to access the Free Bus Service for up to 5 days.

Please remember not to park in the Bus Zones!