



BRIGHT FUTURES

Shailer Park State High School

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★ **Shailer's arts star shines brightly** ★

Shailer's dynamic Arts staff have welcomed inspirational mentors to the school. Combine this with the brilliant work of class teachers and the Arts truly shine.



Artists in Residence

Two experienced and gifted artists, Di Ball and Alicia Moroto, have begun an exciting 8 week program using digital imagery to create light boxes, curtains and screens using the Moving Opera theme, the human body and movement.

Performing Arts Theatre

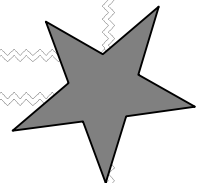
The Performing Arts Theatre makeover will be complete by the end of term. Interior designer Donna Roberts has been working hard to create another area of excellence in the school. An inviting foyer will provide students, parents and teachers with an entry worthy of the talent Shailer State High has produced over 26 years.

Vocal Program

Aja Lynne has been appointed to conduct Shailer's emerging vocal program. Aja is a graduate of the Queensland Conservatorium of Music with a Bachelor of Music (Performance) and a Masters of Music Studies (Performance/Choral Conducting). She has worked with The Australian Youth Choir and at St Joseph's and The Glennie School. We are fortunate to secure the services of such a talented young musician and performer.

Moving Opera

The Moving Opera team of professional singers and conductors have worked in a five day free workshop with twenty-five of our most talented students. Shailer Park had the rare honour of being accepted into the state wide program for the second year running. A concert for parents and the school community will showcase these enthusiastic students.



Shailer Dance

Shailer Dance recently went shopping to purchase new costumes for this exciting program this year. Dance specialist, Jo Heath, inspires her dances to try new routines and to explore a range of dance styles.

Approval for air-conditioning of the studio has been given!



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PRINCIPAL'S OUTLOOK



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Thank you to the hospitality and early childhood practices students who provided morning tea for the Investiture Ceremonies as well as breakfast for two District Principals' meetings. Profits from Sapphires will go into school renewal and improvement.

Parent response to the MGM Wireless texting service for student absences has been tremendous. A mighty thank you to parents who are letting us know of expected absences and to those who are checking up on unexplained absences. This partnership between home and school can directly improve student achievement.

Stage 2 of the Japanese Garden is being made. Four decorative plaques, each featuring an idea about the meaning of the garden will provide a learning frame to this beautiful picture.

Shailer High is strongly supporting the Minister's focus on reading, spelling and writing. The school offers three special lessons a week in Social Competency Time on literacy for students in years 8 and 9.

Tenders for the new Middle School building have closed. The applications on the building are being assessed and a decision is likely within weeks.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

*"You cannot shake hands
with a clenched fist"*



Indira Gandhi
Prime Minister of India

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Mon 13 Mar - Fri 17 Mar	Opera Queensland Moving Opera
Wed 15 Mar - Fri 17 Mar	Year 8 Camp
Mon 20 Mar	QLD Arts Council Years 10,11,12 Dance/Drama
Wed 22 Mar	Interschool Round Robin
Thu 23 Mar	Gold Card Awards
Thu 23 Mar - Fri 24 Mar	Year 11 Biology & Year 12 Chemistry & Physics Camp
Fri 24 Mar	Junior Interhouse sporting competition
Wed 29 Mar	Senior Interhouse sporting competition
Wed 29 Mar - Fri 31 Mar	Royal Pines Tourism Year 12
Mon 3 Apr	Yr 10 Students Immunisation – Boostrix™ Diphtheria Tetanus and acellular Pertussis (whooping cough) dTpa) from 9am
Mon 3 Apr	Year 8 Students Immunisation – Hepatitis B (1 st dose only) from 9am
Tue 4 Apr	P&C Meeting 7:00pm in Sapphires
Wed 5 Apr	Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 7 Apr	End of Term 1
Mon 10 Apr	Easter Holidays Begin
<i>Fri 14 Apr</i>	<i>Good Friday</i>
<i>Mon 17 Apr</i>	<i>Easter Monday</i>
Tue 18 Apr	Student Free Day
Wed 19 Apr	Start of Term 2

Year 8 TDS

In my class we have been learning about children of the world. We have learnt about children's rights, child poverty, children affected by war and child labour. It makes you wonder how some people can let things such as child soldiers and child labour happen. It is also upsetting that not enough is being done around the world to stop this. When you compare life as a child in some developing countries, you see that we really have the chance to have an education and many other luxuries.

Kelsey Vilonel
Year 8 student

Round Robin Sports Day

Our first Round Robin was an outstanding success with students taking advantage of the opportunity to participate in a wide array of activities. The sports included volleyball, futsal, basketball, touch, tennis, soccer, netball and Australian Rules with the emphasis being on providing every student the chance to represent Shailer in a team with participation throughout the day.

As well as sports, students were involved with work experience in child care, grooming and deportment, art, magazine committee, computing, music etc.

The behaviour of our students was excellent and all who left the school enhanced our good name.

We are looking forward to our next experience on Wednesday 22 March.



**Yours in Sports
Warwick Harris
Sports Master**

Congratulations of the following students who have gained representative honours in district teams:

15 yrs Rugby League	Hayden Funnell Robert Taupo Sef Fa'Agase	Open Girls Soccer	Michelle Hopper Kim Hopper
15 yrs AFL	Nick Yabsley Joe Perovic James Hill	15 yrs boys Volleyball	Taylor Thompson Carlie Curtis Kieana Rokeni Skye Park Kristina Lechner Joscelyn Alderdice
Open Boys Soccer	Luke Wakefield Keenan Dumpies Michael Brown	Well Done!	

Congratulations to the following students who have gained representative honours in South Coast Regionals:

Volleyball	Partick Wright Ben Duffy Rachel Farrell
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Fantastic!

Exciting new menu a success!

In recent years, the levels of obesity and poor dental health in young children and adults have increased dramatically.

To help combat this problem, the Department of Education and the Arts has launched a healthy eating and drinking strategy for all Queensland schools. This strategy encourages nutritious foods and drinks and limits unhealthy items such as sweets, fried foods, cakes and soft drinks.

Shailer Park State High School has implemented this strategy by following the guidelines that categorise foods by a “traffic light” system:

- **Green – “Have plenty”**
Nutritious foods and drinks including breads, rice, pasta, noodles, vegetables, fruit, lean meat, fish, poultry, nuts and fruit juice.
- **Amber – “Select carefully”**
Foods and drinks with some nutritional value and moderate amounts of saturated fat, sugar or salt, including processed meats, snack food bars and small serves of full-fat milk and yoghurt.
- **Red – “Serve occasionally”**
Non-nutritious foods and drinks that are very high in fat, sugar and salt including all soft drinks, lollies, chocolates and fried foods such as hot chips.



This new strategy applies not only to tuckshops but any area where food and drink is supplied in state schools. This includes fundraising events, vending machines, excursions, camps, classroom rewards, sports days and curriculum activities. The strategy does not affect food and drinks in lunches that students and staff prepare at home or birthday cakes that students bring to school.

By embracing this new strategy, Shailer Park Canteen introduced an exciting new menu this year including sushi, low fat burgers, risotto, spaghetti and lasagne. The traditional favourites, salads, wraps, fruit and healthy sandwiches are still on the menu.

With the introduction of the new menu, staff and students have noticed a drop in behaviour problems, RTC referrals and lunchtime disturbances.

Information about the Healthy Food and Drink Strategy, including a set of frequently asked questions is available from the departmental website at:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/healthy/food-drink-strategy.html>

Shailer High students
are healthy students!



P&C Meeting

It was wonderful to see so many new faces at the Annual General Meeting. Shailer Park State High School is pleased to announce the appointment of the P&C Officer Bearers for 2006:

President	Mr Peter Anderson
Vice President	Mr Phil Meadows
Secretary	Ms Irene Egan
Treasurer	Ms Ros Christopherson

The next meeting will be held in Sapphires on Tuesday 4 April from 7:00pm. This is your chance to share ideas, create positive changes in our school and contribute to your child's future.

Volunteers Welcome

The Shailer Park State High School P&C Association is made up of marvellous volunteers who add great value to this school. If you would like to volunteer your time in any way, please contact the Canteen on 3209 9735 or the Uniform Shop on 3209 9849 with your details. It is a good opportunity to socialise and meet new friends, while helping the school.

Chaplaincy Committee

Come and hear what is happening with our Chaplain *Jeff Sorensen* and how you can put your support into action. Jeff does heaps of great stuff around the whole school community - from basketball to the Breakfast Club. Jeff's wage is a community commitment from the P&C, local churches and families in our school.

Our next meeting will be held at the Shailer High School Administration Wednesday 5 April from 3:00pm. Come along, you can help make a difference to the lives of those in our school community!

For more information, phone Karen Willcocks on 3209 8710.

Karen Willcocks
Chaplaincy Committee

Improving literacy a priority

A comprehensive new blueprint to boost student literacy skills has been launched in state schools across Queensland. The *Literacy – the Key to Learning: Framework for Action 2006-2008* details how and what will be done over the next three years to help your child strengthen their literacy abilities. It will ensure every classroom teacher from P-9 has intensive training in the teaching of literacy, including the teaching of reading, grammar and spelling.

As part of this exciting initiative, we will continue to involve our P & C in our whole-school literacy planning process.

MGM Wireless a SUCCESS



Thank you to all staff and parents who have made the transition to MGM Wireless such a success. There has been a marked improvement in unauthorised absences and reporting. Some minor anomalies have occurred but the benefits significantly outweigh the previous process.

We would also like to encourage parents to notify the school as soon as possible if a student is going to be absent by phoning the Absentee Line on 3209 8710 extension 205. Please leave a message if the call is not answered and the Absentee Officer will record the absence or return the call if required.

Lesley Welsh
Absentee Officer

The Breakfast Club – 2 days a week!

The Breakfast Club is held every Wednesday and Friday from 8:00am. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet new acquaintances and participate in conversations. See you there!

Jeff Sorrenson
Chaplain

Head Lice Alert

Some students in the school may have head lice. We seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair and scalp tonight to monitor this outbreak. Thank you.