Dear Parents and Friends,

As we wind down for the spring holidays from another busy school term, may we be reminded of the all blessings that our Lord God has granted us and may we be thankful for the grace afforded to every one of us in our extended SHAPS family.

It is always pleasing to report on the wonderful learning experiences and successes that take place in our school, and this is attested by the numerous awards being given out at our assemblies. As well as the learning that takes place in the classroom, a number of grades were involved in learning activities outside of the classroom, including day trip excursions and in school presentations - these form an important part of our varied curricula at SHAPS.

Over the course of this term we had cause to celebrate and commemorate a number of important days in liturgical calendar, including the Feast of Our Lord’s Transfiguration (Eda d’Gilyana); Commemoration of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary; Commemoration of Assyrian Martyrs (Martyr’s Day); Commemoration of St. Hurmizd, our Patron Saint; and the Feast of the Holy Cross (Eda Sliwa) - may all our community receive the blessings of these holy days.

We extend a very warm welcome to a number of children and families who have recently arrived in Australia and are enrolled at SHAPS. We wish them well as they settle in their new country, Australia.

I would like to inform our school community that the position of Deputy Principal for 2017, has been advertised. As you may know, the position of Acting Deputy is currently occupied by Miss Rowena Benjamin. I would like to commend Miss Benjamin for taking on this very busy, arduous and important role in assisting me and the staff over the last 12 months.

Our thanks and gratitude to the hard working P&F committee who are also ready to assist on any occasion, be it fundraising, volunteering or organising events. Thank you so much!

Warm congratulations and best wishes to Miss Merna Toma (Teacher Assistant) who was married recently and also Miss Reani Youkhanna (Year 3 Teacher) who will be celebrating her wedding this coming Saturday.

Accompanying this Parent Bulletin, is an Entry Pass for every SHAPS family for the new Water Park (AQUATOPIA) at the Prairiewood Leisure Centre, these passes came to us from the Mayor’s Office of Fairfield City as a complimentary price because SHAPS students won the competition to name the water park. Well Done SHAPS!
Kindergarten Excursion

Kindergarten attended an excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. We had lots of fun learning about different farm animals and how they help us to provide everyday food and items.

We rode on a tractor and milked a cow! We also saw a sheep shearing show and a sheep dog show. We all had so much fun!

Our road safety tip this fortnight is....

Students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2
Hold a grown-up's hand when
  you cross the road
  you're on the footpath
  you're in the car park

Students in Year 3 and 4
  Hold an adult's hand when you cross the road
  Use a safe place to cross the road

Students in Year 5 and 6
  Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross the road
  Use a safe place to cross the road

For more information on how to stay safe on the road visit w.roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

SHAPS OLYMPICS 2016
St Hurmizd Day

SHAPS celebrating St Hurmizd Day on Thursday 1st September. The students enjoyed the fun filled day learning about our Patron St Hurmizd. They also enjoyed the rides, animals, activities and pizza provided by P&F.

A special thank you to our sponsors for your generous donations. Thank you for supporting our school!

Congratulations to our Raffle winners!

1st prize – Aquatopia – Amanda 4K
2nd prize – Evolution Laser Clinic – Benjamin 6G
3rd prize – Kancoun Creations – Catherine 4K
6th and 7th prize – Hoyts Double Pass – Allanah 6G, Angelina 2H
8th prize – Lollipops Playland Pass – Shameran 1K

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Aquatopia Water Park
Prairie Vale Rd,
Prairiewood NSW 2176

Bowlarama Wetherill Park
1024 The Horsley Dr,
Wetherill Park NSW 2164

Hoyts
Stockland Wetherill Park,
Stocklands Mall,
561-583 Polding St, NSW 2164

Lollipops Playland & Cafe
18 McIlwraith Street
Wetherill Park NSW 2164

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JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This term, our school participated in the Heart Foundation’s Jump Rope for Heart program. Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program, which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs.

Jump Rope for Heart is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia’s leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. The Jump Rope for Heart team provides our school with a variety of resources for the program to be implemented at the school. In return, the students helped raise money by seeking sponsorship for their involvement in the program. With the continuous love and support of our school parents and students we were able to raise over $1700 for the heart foundation.

The event ended with an assembly where some students received prizes.

Gymnastics

In term 3, Kindergarten, Years 2, 4 & 6 participated in gymnastics lessons. The program was implemented from weeks 2 – 9 in the school hall. The lessons were run by a qualified gymnast from Tri-Skills.

The program aims to challenge all children’s gross motor skill levels, whilst maintaining a high rate of success for all students. This is done through:

- safe exercises beginning with safe landings
- body orientation through rolls and twists
- balance and team work skills
- power skills such as jumping and leaping
- new forms of locomotion such as cartwheels and vaults
- strength and flexibility through handstands, on high bar, P-bars and floor exercises.
Positive Behaviour Strategy is what PBS stands for at SHAPS. Our aim is to explicitly teach and reinforce positive behaviour at school, at home and everyday through three main focus areas displayed on our school Matrix:

- Be an Active Learner
- Respect Yourself, People and Property
- Be Safe

To encourage students to follow the PBS Matrix, we have been rewarding students with special PBS tokens in class (Being an Active Learner, Being Respectful, Being Safe and using Manners). The tokens are worth 0.2 points. Once students collect 5 PBS awards, these can be traded in for a merit award with the classroom teacher. Our reward system has reached heights of success with more students engaging and showing their positive behaviour in the classroom and other areas of the school.

In addition to our PBS reward system, we are introducing an additional reward to students across K-6. The classroom teachers will select two students from their classes who will receive a PBS merit award stating whether they have been active learners, respectful or safe. These awards will be handed out during the assemblies scheduled across the term.

We encourage all students at SHAPS to show their positive behaviour at school and at their home environment.

Remember
SHAPS kids are POSITIVE kids!!

Our Exciting PBS Team
Mrs Hydo, Miss Sarkis, Miss Menashi, Miss Moshe, Miss Youkhana, Miss Shimshon & Miss Mansoor
DATES TO REMEMBER!!

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HAVE A SAFE HAPPY HOLIDAY!

TERM 4 IS SUMMER UNIFORM

Please ensure your child comes back in Term 4 dressed in full summer uniform.

If you need to purchase uniform during the holidays, the uniform shop will be open:
MONDAY/ TUESDAY 9am-11am
WEDNESDAY 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Thank you.

2016 Athletics Carnival Years 2-6

On Friday the 9th of September 2016, all teachers and students from years K – 6 participated in the school’s annual Athletics Carnival. Students and teachers from grades 2-6 attended Dwyer Oval for the carnival, while Kindergarten and year 1 students and teachers stayed on school grounds.

Kindergarten and grade 1 students participated in a variety of novelty activities at school. Students enjoyed taking part in activities such as egg and spoon races, sack races, running relays and many more.

For grades 2-6 the day was full of various activities where all students joyfully participated. Such activities included: 100 m Sprint, 200 m Sprint, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus and Shot Put.

We were blessed with beautiful weather on the day along with joyful cheers of our student supporting their house teams.

We would also like to thank the P & F Committee who showed their support by providing students with snacks, water and fruit on the day.

A very big thank you to all the parents who attended and last but not least to our students and teachers for all their hard work and support on the day.