Yesterday, marked the official end of the 2016 Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Drive for Shire Christian School, when Ross Johnson, State Logistics Manager for Operation Christmas Child, came to the school – in the very new Samaritans Purse van – to collect our boxes.

The program was lead by our Year 11 Samaritans Purse Team, who, after attending a special training day for young leaders late last year, were fuelled with enthusiasm, aiming to build and grow the program in our school in 2016.

To do this, they split into teams to promote the program throughout the school, encouraging their peers to become involved.

Mrs Lillian Corban, Teaching Staff

“...in all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

- Acts 20:35

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The result was overwhelming! Through the generosity of the Shire Christian School community, we collected 386 shoe boxes. This exceeded our previous totals of 276 in 2015 and 236 in 2014.

**Particular mention**

Two year groups deserve particular mention.

Year 11, shopped, packed, shopped some more, packed some more and did this all over again, until they had an outstanding tally of 140 boxes. Miss Dalrymple’s 11BF Pastoral Care class contributed 80 shoe boxes to this total!!

Year 9 chose to collect gifts for children aged 10-14. Then, as a group, a packing party was held, where the students sorted the treasure trove of items they had purchased into 97 boxes, and collected an additional 15 boxes giving them a total of 112. They also raised enough funds to cover their shipping.

Other individual PC groups worked as class teams and packed boxes together.

I watched Infants and Primary school students, faces lit with delight, delivering their shoeboxes to the Secondary library.

Many Year 12 students, with heavy HSC study commitments, offered their support by donating money to cover the shipping of the boxes, as well as packing boxes.

**Impact of one shoe box**

Yesterday, all of Year 9 and a number of Year 11 students helped to load our boxes into the delivery van. Before they left, we prayed together as a group and Ross Johnson shared with the students this story about the impact of just one shoe box:

**AFRICA 2013:** A young boy received what was initially thought to be an “epic fail” of a shoebox. He opened his box to find ski gloves. Ski Gloves in Africa!!!

The team was amazed by the boy’s reaction as he showed incredible joy over his gift. The boy said “my mother works in a cooking facility and it is my job to carry the hot pots”. When he saw his gloves he knew he would never again burn his hands.

**Missionaries**

Most of us imagine that the task of impacting the nations is the job of missionaries: “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” – Mark 16:15.

At Shire Christian School we have been able to do this in ways we will never know, through the gift of shoebox. This is because each child who receives a box is offered the opportunity to participate in *The Greatest Journey,* a 12-part program which helps children learn about God, faith and being a follower of Jesus Christ in their own language.

When they graduate, each child is given their very own Bible in their own language.

Samaritans Purse is able to provide 100 children with Bibles in their own language, for every 400 shoeboxes they receive. Each day, 960 children worldwide give their life to the Lord just because of the gift of a shoe box.

Early next term, each Junior School class and every Secondary Pastoral Care class will receive a tracking number so they can follow the shoeboxes online.

**Thank you team**


Please continue to pray for this program “...so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other” (1 Kings 8:60).

Thank you once again for your generosity, support, encouragement and prayers.
Prep 2 Making robots with Dad
After having a seemingly endless waiting list for parents hoping to enrol their students in our Peripatetic Program on guitar, we are very happy to announce that we have been able to accommodate for the demand.

Thank you to the families who patiently waited up to a year to commence lessons.

We are also pleased to share that there are now some additional places that are available to be filled. Please contact music@shirechristian.nsw.edu.au for more information.

For many years there has been a strong history of excellence in the Music department at Shire Christian, and we continue to strive to nurture this culture in each of the many opportunities provided for students.

This includes the quality of tutors that we employ for the Peripatetic Program.

Our tutors not only are trained musicians, often with at least a Bachelor of Music and performing experience as Professional Musicians, but are also active members of their local church.

Mr David Humphreys, Head of Music
As parents are probably well aware, I am passionate about working with our wonderful teachers to help them employ the best teaching strategies so that every student can learn and achieve to the best of his or her ability. Therefore, I really enjoy reading topical articles in journals and newspapers on best teaching practice.

Jennifer Buckingham, a senior research fellow at the Centre for Independent Studies, recently wrote an article in the Australian newspaper that was critical of some very widespread trends in education in non-government schools in Australia.

Dr Buckingham criticised schools trying to achieve so-called 21st-century skills such as innovation, problem-solving and creativity without a solid foundation of knowledge.

This concern resonated with me, because when I have attended education conferences there seems to be a naive mindset that students are able to develop strong problem-solving skills without having a base of knowledge from which to solve a problem. Phrases such as “don’t worry about the content, concentrate on teaching skills to kids” disturbs me.

Students need a base of factual knowledge to be able to effectively develop key skills such as evaluation and analysis. Our school is very committed to developing students’ problem solving skills and also helping students to learn and remember important factual information.

Website
I am very pleased to advise our school community that a brand-new school website will go live in the next few weeks.

School websites are often a primary source of information for people who want to find out more about the school’s mission and direction. Websites are also a very important source of specific information, such as how to enrol a child at the school and specific subjects the school offers.

Our school has a very proud history of being a caring Christian learning community and therefore we should celebrate all of the great things about our school through a good-quality website.

The website will also contain a substantial amount of information existing parents need to know through a “quick links” tab.

See you in Wonderland
With only a couple of weeks to go until the end of the term, we have a lot of exciting things still ahead of us, including our production of Alice in Wonderland. I look forward to seeing you there!
A large team of 32 Shire Christian School students represented South Met Zone at this year’s secondary carnival at Sydney Olympic Park, with our students contributing more points to our zone tally than any other school, which is a great achievement!

Among many outstanding achievements, Scott Hajinaketis and Marissa Drury’s efforts in winning Age Champion awards were standouts.

Marissa won the 17 years girls 100m and 200m sprints, along with the long jump, and also placed second in the 400m. Scott placed 1st in the 100m, 2nd in javelin, 3rd in the 200m, and 4th in the long jump and 400m events.

He was also a member of the winning Open Age boys relay and the 2nd place 17-19 years relay.

What a massive day!!

Also to be congratulated on great individual performances are:

- Yianni Kalantizis winning the long jump
- Jonah Van Waart winning the discus
- Jarrod Brough, Yianni Kalantzis and Lachlan Apperley members of the winning Open Age boys relay
- Larissa Butler 2nd in the 400m
- Blake Lisk 2nd in Javelin
- Amelia Rader 2nd 200m
- Isabelle Mullins, Georgia Mullins, Lauren Philip, Amelia Rader 2nd 14 years girls relay
- Lachlan Apperley, Blake Lisk, Johnny Stavropoulos, Scott Hajinakietis 2nd boys 17-19 relay

Mr Phil Askew, Head of PDHPE/Sport
Everybody is invited to begin their magical journey to Wonderland with a visit to the Shire Christian School Tea Party prior to each evening’s performance of Alice in Wonderland.

From 6pm on Wednesday 14, Thursday 15 and Friday 16 September our Tea Party will be open near the Secondary School Quadrangle, with a number of delectable delights available for purchase.

With scrumptious sausage sandwiches, Alice in Wonderland-themed cupcakes, assorted delicious drinks and super snacks, there is something for everyone!

Of course we’ll have tea (and coffee) available at the Mad Hatters Tea Stand! Please note that the Tea Party will close 10 minutes before the show begins, to allow everyone time to find their seats and get comfortable.

There will be no intermission during the performance, therefore if you would like any snacks they will need to be purchased before the show.

**Menu & Price List**

- Sausage sandwich $2
- Soft drink/Water/Juice $1
- Cupcakes $1
- Tea/Coffee/Milo $1
- Lolly bags $1
- Chips $1.50
- Chocolates $1.50

If you are able to help with cooking or serving at the Tea Party on any of the evenings of the performances, please contact Leanne Wilkes on 0409 603 100.

Join us... for a tea party

Please **donate your colourful crockery for Alice’s tea party**

A very merry unbirthday to you! To you! A very merry unbirthday to you!

In six weeks’ time you are invited to a very special Unbirthday party with the Mad Hatter, the March Hares and Alice.

To make the party perfect we are asking for donations of colourful teacups, saucers, teapots and milk jugs.

If you have any of these items to brighten up the Mad Hatter’s tea table, please leave them at Reception.

Your donation will be greatly appreciated as you have only one birthday each year, but you have 364 unbirthdays!
Pray for Nathan, the Barry family

As you may be aware Nathan Barry, one of our Year 10 students, is currently being treated for cancer. Please pray earnestly for Nathan, his family and his friends at this time.

The school will continue to provide support to the Barry family. We are also taking practical steps to support other students who may be struggling to cope with Nathan’s condition.

- Mr Brett Hartley

Andrew Barry Interview

Nathan’s dad was recently interviewed by Dominic Steele for Magic 2CH 1170: “In this heartfelt chat with Dominic Steele, Andrew talks about suffering, marriage, family life, work, chemotherapy, salvation and what it means to have an eternal perspective”. Here’s the link:


Important Notices

Drop off Zone is not for parking

Also, please be considerate to neighbours and do not park near or on driveways.

Message for Opal cardholders

All students are reminded to Tap on and Tap off at the beginning and end of each trip with their Opal Cards when travelling to and from school.

If students don’t tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.

Prayer points...

• Thank you for the opportunity to share our different gifts.
• Pray that we have good rehearsals.
• Pray that all the cast and the teachers stay healthy for the performances.
• Pray that all the cast learn and remember their parts.
• Pray that God will be honoured through each performance and promotion that we do.
• Pray that lots of people will come to see Alice In Wonderland.
The two extant letters Paul wrote to Timothy that we have in the canon of Scripture begin with almost identical greetings: “To Timothy my true/ dear son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.” (1 Timothy 1:2, cf 2 Timothy 1:2).

What great words with which to bless and encourage a young man as he faced the challenge of instructing, pastoring, nurturing and admonishing God’s people entrusted to his care!

Grace!
The means by which God rescues us from the clutches of sin and brings us into fellowship with himself begins with, and is centred on, grace alone.

One of Paul’s clearest statements of this is in Ephesians 2:1, 6-10: “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, … And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no-one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

It is about getting what we don’t deserve, simply because of God’s unconditional love.

Mercy!
Just as grace is getting what we don’t deserve, so mercy is not getting what we do deserve.

Our sins condemn us, and God’s justice requires that they be punished. But God sent his own Son to live a life of perfect obedience which required no punishment and then being in a position to accept our punishment on our behalf.

Again this is spelt out for us in Ephesians 2:3-5: “All of us also lived among [those who are disobedient] at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions …”

Peace!
This is the situation of restful bliss in which we find ourselves because of God’s grace and mercy. It is a state of health, contentment and wholeness that the Lord Jesus has promised to all who take refuge in him.

He assured his disciples the night before he died: “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33).

... be ours from God the Father
As we take hold of God’s blessings of grace, mercy and peace we are empowered and equipped to be a channel of blessing to one another.

Knowing God’s grace makes us more gracious to those who don’t deserve our care; knowing God’s mercy makes us more merciful to those who do deserve our resentment; and knowing God’s peace just makes us much easier to get on with in stressful times.

May grace, mercy and peace be ours from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord!
Our Vision Screening program for Years 1 and 6 is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 20 September, the last week of this term.

As in the past we will require parents (or grandparents) to help run the program. If you are able to help, be it the entire day or for the morning session only (until recess), it would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to assist with screening and your child is not in Years 1 or 6, please volunteer anyway as it is a valuable service to our school community.

Many parents have helped in past years and we value their continued help and experience. However no experience is required as Ian Cleaver, our voluntary Optometrist, will be here to instruct in the procedures used and to supervise the screening.

Morning tea will be provided for parent volunteers. Those able to stay for the whole day may like to bring their lunch.

If you are able to help on this day please contact Reception.

Mrs Roslyn Cleaver, Learning Support Teaching Staff

“\textit{The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.}” - Zephaniah 3:17

- Praise God for being in our midst, for being mighty to save, for rejoicing over his children with gladness, for quieting us by his love and for exulting over us with loud singing.
- Pray for the Year 12 students as they finish school in the next two weeks. Pray for them as they continue to prepare for their HSC exams, as they make decisions for their future, and they continue to walk in the Lord. May God give them wisdom and discernment in the life decisions that they make.
- Pray for the Year 11 students sitting their yearly exams soon.
- Praise God for the teachers and staff, parents and students involved in the Alice in Wonderland production. Pray that the performances will be enjoyable for all.
- Pray for continued safety for students and staff as they travel to and from school each day.

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Holy Family Vacation Care
Fun filled incursions and excursions for children aged 5-12 years.
Contact the Menai Centre: 9541 4367 or email: holyfamilyinc1@gmail.com

‘Raising Grandchildren’ Expo
3Bridges are holding a Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Expo here at 3Bridges Menai on Tuesday 13 September from 10am to noon.
The expo will have lots of information and resources available on all health and wellbeing issues along with medical, dental, financial, legal support and more.
Thank you to everyone who came along to the P&F meeting last week. It was encouraging to be able to talk things over with so many parents who are invested in our school community.

The main issues covered were:

**P&F Parent Directories**

These have now been printed and are in the process of being distributed to those listed in the directory. If you didn’t get a chance to get your details in, we will do an updated directory early next year for which you can submit your details. We hope this will be a useful way to enable communication between school families.

**Alice in Wonderland**

The Junior School musical is fast approaching. The P&F was approached to provide a sausage sizzle for the night-time performances to help provide a festive atmosphere prior to the show.

We will have a sausage sizzle, a cupcake stall, a snack shack and tea/coffee available. Some of our *Alice in Wonderland*-themed cupcakes were available at the meeting to sample. See details on page 7.

Volunteers are needed to help run this each night. If you can help please contact pf@sscs.nsw.edu.au

**School Movie Night**

The much talked about idea of having a school movie night is finally coming to fruition! Save the date: Friday 21 October. It is planned as a social event for the whole school community and will also serve to officially celebrate the new school look and brand.

The movie night will be free of charge but there will be a dinner option available for a small cost, as well as popcorn and snacks. Again it would be great to get together a team of people to plan and run the evening, so please let us know if you are able to help.

**School Banking**

We have been approached by IMB at Sylvania to consider the idea of introducing a School Banking program at the school.

The format of their model is that they would be responsible for managing most aspects of the banking program so that there would be minimal disruption to the activities of the school and no extra work placed on staff.

There have been some discussions with school management and they have agreed to the idea in principle. As there was general support for the idea at the meeting we will move ahead and organise a meeting between School Management, the P&F and an IMB representatives to work out full details of the program. It was also suggested that we look at the Commonwealth Bank program as a comparison.

**General discussion**

The meeting was opened up for some general discussion. Issues that were raised and will be looked into/acted on further included:

- Having Mother’s Day and Father’s Day stalls for the younger students
- Warmer jackets for Secondary students. It was considered that we promote wider use of the blazer students in the lower Secondary School grades.
- Prep uniforms: It is beneficial to having a different colour shirt or hat to stand out for school students.
- Communication of information to parents: suggestion to reinstate the publication of a term calendar on the back of the Junior School class newsletters sent home each term.

For queries on any of the issues discussed or for other matters, please contact pf@sscs.nsw.edu.au
CSSA State Athletics

On Friday 19 August, a large contingent of Shire Christian School students made the trek to Blacktown International Athletic Stadium for the CSSA Primary State Athletics Carnival.

The students ran, jumped, threw and cheered for one another to the best of their abilities. Some standout performances included:

• Henry Daniel 9yr Boys: 1st in the 400m and 2nd in the 200m
• Santos Flores 10yr Boys: 2nd in the 400m
• Noah Anderson 11yr Boys: 3rd in the Long Jump
• Kayden Salter: 2nd in the Open 1500m
• Noah Anderson has qualified for the CIS Athletics Carnival. We wish him well at that event.

Thank you to all the parents who transported their children and cheered them on. Thanks also to Mr Mellor and Mrs Baker who ran events and managed the team on the day.

The students who competed were: Noah Anderson, Harrison Barber, Henry Daniel, Benjamin Davidson, Michael Davidson, Santos Flores, Abigail Grant, Caitlin James, Samuel James, Grace McAdam, Luke Rolland, Matthew Rolland, Kayden Salter, Mikayla Shore, Samuel Smith, Rebekah Towell, Hollie Wiseman, Caitlin Gilbett, Holly Martin, Bethany Russell, Matthew Macarthur, Jack Martin, Jaydan Kepu, James Guest.

Silver Awards
- Joel Street
- Caitlin Newman

Bronze Awards
- Jamie Gonzalez
- Blake Salter
- Lucas Wadds
- Henry Daniel
- Charlie
- McPherson
- Zara Kobotabalavu
- Caitlin Newman
- Hannah Barry
- Joel Street
- James Doyle
- Danie Bredell
- Annelise Wyght
- Caitlyn Hidayat
- Hannah Barry
- Grace Macklin
- Aaron Rupenovic
- Seth Wilson
- Nathan Guest
- Liza Balhatchet
- Danica Xu
- Harry Barber

An assistance dog visited Year 4 this week.
Lucas Wadds (8): Dodo Bird, Year 3

What are you enjoying about being a part of the musical?
I like practising with my Rock Lobsters and seeing what the other characters do with their voices and actions.

Can you describe your costume?
It is very big and itchy. I wear a paper mache head and an Admiral’s coat.

Describe the Dodo Bird?
He is very funny and does crazy dancing.

What are you expecting when you are performing next week?
I think that I will have fun singing and acting out on the stage.

How can we pray for you?
Please pray that the characters won’t get sick or injured before or during the musical and that everybody’s voices stay strong.

Lachlan Watkins (11): Mad Hatter, Year 5

Does your character reflect your personality?
The Mad Hatter is always mad and I go crazy sometimes when I am on a sugar high.

How did you prepare for your audition?
I prepared by looking in the mirror and acting crazy to become the Mad Hatter. I practised my crazy voice and learnt my song and lines.

What are you enjoying about being a part of the musical?
I am enjoying performing with my friends with make up and costume and putting on a different personality.

With six days until your first performance what are you most excited about?
The atmosphere and sitting down and waiting for my turn on stage and knowing that each performance is going to be a lot of fun.

How can we pray for you?
That I won’t get too nervous and that all the members of the cast will work as a team.
Can you describe your character?
The White Rabbit is very frantic and always late.

Is your character like you?
Not really, I am usually early, but I do get frantic sometimes when I am catching the bus.

How can we pray for you?
Please pray that we will all stay healthy and that the musical will go well on the night.

Can you describe your character?
The Caterpillar is pretty cool and chilled. He likes Alice and wants to help her. He sings a song to cheer her up and he builds her up with praise.

Does your character reflect your personality?
At times he is like me, he doesn’t really care about things and he is pretty cool.

What are you enjoying about being a part of the musical?
Just getting in costume and makeup and seeing the musical come together.

How is your The Caterpillar different?
When I was Shere Khan the tiger I had to be scary but as The Caterpillar I am cool and laid back.

How can we pray for you?
Pray that I remember all my lines and not get sick.

Can you describe your character?

Is your character like you?

How can we pray for you?

last musical The Jungle Book.

How is your The Caterpillar different?

How can we pray for you?

Pray that I remember all my lines and not get sick.
Monday
17 October
Secondary Library
Starts 7 pm

Book we are reading in preparation is . . .
“Two Wolves”
Tristan Bancks
Prep 1 Father’s Day

The children of Prep 1 had a wonderful time celebrating Father’s Day with their dads last Tuesday.

The dads enjoyed a hearty cooked breakfast, thanks to Mr Wilson.

They then spent time playing games, watching puppet shows performed by their children and participating in races: a sack race, a three legged race and the most competitive, tug-of-war.

The children delighted in creating a robot with their dads and a lot of creative juices were flowing.

Mrs Leanne Bentley, Teaching Staff
Elevate Young Leaders Forum 2016

Three of our students from Year 11, Ethan Gair, Gemma Snowball and Elizabeth Katsolos attended the second day of Elevate Young Leaders Forum 2016 at the University of Wollongong.

Elevate is for Year 11 students who have been identified as students with Leadership potential. The theme for the day was “Being Socially Responsible”.

Students heard from the “One Girl Organisation”, a charity empowering girls in Africa through education. Students also participated in group activities which challenged their understanding of what “being socially responsible” means in certain situations.

UTS

University of Technology have two new bachelor degrees commencing Autumn 2017: the Bachelor of Music and Sound Design which will focus on popular music, sound and screens, and the (RENEWED) Bachelor of Global Studies, which offers students the choice of a new Health Studies major as well as Communication, Business Studies, Legal Studies or Management.

For the first time students will have the chance to undertake an international internship subject, go on exchange, and choose from a wide choice of electives and sub-majors to customise their global studies degree and steer their career direction.

University of Wollongong

• School of Computing and Information Technology: Tuesday 25 October from 1pm to 4pm. Every ICT student (Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Business Information Systems) must complete a final/third-year annual “capstone” team project which allows students to develop software solutions for real-world industry problems. Student projects are on display and are judged by academics and industry professional during the Trade Show.

• Engineering Innovation Fair: Friday 28 October from noon to 3.30pm. This Fair showcases the annual projects developed by second and third-year engineering design students to their peers and a general audience.

Register for these events at eis.uow.edu.au/trade-show.

TAFE Sutherland Info Evenings

Gymea Campus: Tuesday 13 September at 7pm for courses in Administration Services, Foundation Studies, Automotive, Business Studies, Carpentry and Building, Ceramics, Community Outreach, Electrotechnology, General Education and Tertiary Preparation, Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy, Plumbing and Roof Plumbing.

Loftus Campus: Wednesday 14 September at 7pm for courses in Child Studies, Commercial Cookery, Health, Sport and Recreation, Hospitality, Information Technology, Massage, Travel, Tourism and Events Management, Community and Welfare. Also Sutherland Trade School: Hospitality (Commercial Cookery), Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry and Joinery.

For details or to book please phone 9710 5800.

Careers newsletter

Our students in Years 10, 11 and 12 received a Careers Newsletter via email with information regarding the Federal Police, ACPE Dance Audition and Open Day, AFTRS Holiday and Short Courses, AFFT Open Day, Medical Career Planning, SkillsOne TV, Western Sydney Engineering two-day program, Sydney Design School, resume/CV writing samples, apprenticeships and traineeships at Arizona, electrical apprenticeships available at NECA Group Training, MIGAS Apprentices and Trainees Open Day Information Session this Saturday.
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**Year 12 Farewell**

**Activities day**

**Date:** Wed 21 September  
**Theme:** “On the Screen”. Dress up as an appropriate character from a movie or television show. Permission slips have been distributed. Please return these to class teachers by Friday 16 September.

**Year 12 Assembly**

**Date:** Thu 22 September  
**Time:** 8.45am for 9am  
Family of graduates have received an invitation to attend and enjoy morning tea afterwards.