

SHELANTI PRIVATE SCHOOL

31 August 2026
WEEK 7 TERM 3



ANNOUNCEMENT

- Reminder, SUMMER UNIFORM orders need to be placed at the pop up shop.
- 31 August - Deadline for Variety Costumes (This includes Hip Hop costumes)**
- 1 September - Spring Day- make a hat (make or wear your craziest hat)
- 10 September - Grade 6 & 7 formal assessments end
- 12 September - ASD meeting (Note change to the planner)
- NOTE CHANGE - Conquesta - Test will only be written in Week 9 (14-18 September), after Formal Assessments, during class time.**
- 15 September - Dot Day - How dotty can you make your uniform
- 17 September - Grade 7 Entrepreneurs Day
- 18 September - School Extra murals end. Please liaise with your coach in connection to paid extra mural deadlines
- 19 September - Cultures of the World Variety Concert 11:00 (for 12:00) Josh Generations Church
- TICKET LINK - Full link:**
<https://tickets.tixsa.co.za/event/around-the-world>
- Short link:** <https://bit.ly/49JOBhD>
- Please copy and paste link to you browser to open.
- 22 September - Last day of Aftercare
- 22 September - Sandwich Drive - Kindness Initiative for Salt NGO. We will wear our pink Kindness Tee-shirt on this day.
- 22 September - Storie Skip - Inting
- 23 September- NO AFTERCARE

SHELANTI VARIETY CONCERT UPDATE

Friday 18th September

- Dress Rehearsal at School – Full concert run-through.**

Saturday 19th

- 9:00 am** Learners arrive at Venue for the concert run-through and preparations. Learners must bring a packed breakfast/lunch, snacks, plenty of water and a device/game and headphones. (Learners are not to visit the coffee shop)
- 11:00 am** for 11:30 Parents begin arriving at Josh Gen Church Please bring your digital or printed ticket. Coffee and snacks will be available for purchase for parents.
- 12:00 pm** SHELANTI VARIETY CONCERT BEGINS!

AROUND THE WORLD – COSTUME GUIDE

School Concert – Each Grade, A Different Country!

GRADE R GREECE	GRADE 1 CARIBBEAN PIRATES	GRADE 2 NEW ZEALAND (HAKA)	GRADE 3 AMERICA / HAWAII (HULA)
- White T-shirt or blouse - Black shorts or skirt - Blue or red sash around the waist - Optional white apron (light) - Headband - Barefoot or black pumps	- Striped or plain white shirt - Dark or brown shorts / ¾ pants - Red sash or belt - Bandana - Optional eye patch - Hook or toy sword - Barefoot	- Black T-shirt - Black shorts - Optional arm or waist strips - Traditional inspired face paint - Barefoot	- Bright floral top - Grass skirt - Flower leis - Flowers in hair - Barefoot
GRADE 4 INDIA (BOLLYWOOD)	GRADE 5 BRAZIL (FREVO)	GRADE 6 SOUTH AFRICA (GUMBOOT / WAKA WAKA)	GRADE 7 CHINA (RIBBON / FESTIVAL DRAGON)
- Brightly coloured top - Leggings or tight - Scarf / dupatta - Optional bangles, earrings and bindi - Barefoot	- Bright T-shirt - Bright shorts or skirt - Colourful small umbrella - Optional suspenders or patterned socks - Sneakers or barefoot	- Black T-shirt - Jeans or dark pants - Gumboots (preferred) or sneakers - Optional reflective tape or bright accessories	- Red or gold top - Black leggings or pants - Optional sash - Hair neatly tied back - Black shoes or barefoot - Ribbons provided by the school

PLEASE NOTE: You don't need to buy expensive costumes! These outfits can be put together using clothes you already have at home. Or other options can be bought off sites such as Temu, etc.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
We can't wait to take you Around the World!

KEMPEN AIRLINES

FROM

SHELANTI

BOARDING TIME: 11:00 A.M.

TO

JOSHUA GENERATIONS CHURCH

TAKEOFF: 12:00 P.M.

BOARDING PASS

DATE: 19/09/26

FLIGHT: STPY RD

GATE: 24

AMOUNT: R 150

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SPRING HAT DAY

1 SEPTEMBER

Let's welcome Spring with a Spring hat! Bring one from home or get creative and design your own. We can't wait to see the spring in your step!

A SAFER WAY TO CONNECT

A message to our parents

Dear Parents,

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our learners safe, we have made the decision to permanently remove iMessenger from the school iPads.

We have become aware of negative group chats and inappropriate interactions developing between learners on the platform. While technology can be a wonderful way for children to stay connected, group messaging can also quickly lead to exclusion, peer pressure, conflict, hurtful comments and cyberbullying.

Because these devices are connected to the school network, communication taking place through the school iPads can also be linked back to the school's IP address. This means that inappropriate online behaviour can create serious concerns and potential liability for the school.

OUR PRIORITY: LEARNER SAFETY

We believe that children should still be able to communicate with their friends – but in ways that are age-appropriate, supervised and safe.

Removing iMessenger from the school iPads is therefore a preventative measure to reduce opportunities for online conflict and protect our learners.

But how can my child chat to their friends?

There are plenty of simple alternatives!

- Use a parent's phone

If your child would like to speak to a friend, they can ask a parent to use their phone.

- Have a quick phone call

A short conversation can often solve things much more effectively than a long group chat!

- Parents stay in control

Children can use a parent's device with permission and supervision, and then simply give the phone back when they are finished.

- Communicate outside of school platforms

Friendships can continue through face-to-face play, supervised activities, phone calls and other parent-approved methods of communication.

TEACHING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

Our goal is not to prevent friendships or communication. It is to teach our children that what we say online matters just as much as what we say face-to-face.

We encourage parents to talk to their children about:

Being kind and respectful online.

Never creating groups to exclude or target another child.

Never sharing embarrassing pictures, messages or information about others.

Speaking to an adult when something online makes them uncomfortable.

Thinking "Would I say this to their face?" before sending a message.

Understanding that online messages can be saved, shared and seen by others.

Thank you for partnering with us to create a safe, respectful and positive environment for all our learners – both online and offline.

Together, we can help our children build healthy friendships without compromising their safety.

ROBLOX



THE RISKS OF ROBLOX

What Parents Need to Know

Roblox is one of the most popular games in the world, with millions of children playing every day. But behind the fun and creativity, there are serious risks that every parent should be aware of.



ROBLOX IS NOT JUST A GAME.

It is an online platform where anyone can play, chat, create and share – including people your child doesn't know.



DISTURBING STATISTICS



Over **70 MILLION DAILY ACTIVE USERS** on Roblox worldwide.



More than **50%** of users are **UNDER 16 YEARS OLD**.



The average child spends **2.5 HOURS PER DAY** playing Roblox.



Roblox has been flagged in multiple safety reports for **INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT, PREDATORS and SCAMS**.



Common Sense Media rates Roblox as **13+** due to **MATURE CONTENT and UNRESTRICTED CHAT**.



Children can **SPEND REAL MONEY** in-game – often without parents' knowledge.

WHY IT IS SO DANGEROUS FOR KIDS



STRANGER DANGER

Children can chat with strangers from anywhere in the world.



INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Unfiltered chat can expose children to bullying, hate speech and grooming.



EXPLICIT CONTENT

Many games contain violence, blood, and sexual content that is easy for children to access.



PREDATORS & GROOMING

Online predators can build relationships with children and manipulate them.



IN-GAME PURCHASES

Children can spend real money on items, upgrades or Robux – often without understanding the cost.



USER-CREATED GAMES

Anyone can create a game – and not all games are age-appropriate or safe.



PRIVACY RISKS

Personal information can be shared more easily than children realise.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Designed to keep players hooked, which can affect sleep, schoolwork and mental health.

EXPLICIT & SEXUAL CONTENT

Roblox is full of user-created games and experiences. Sadly, many include:

- Sexual themes & innuendo
- Dating & relationship games
- Strip clubs, pornography & adult role-play
- Swearing & offensive language
- Violent & disturbing content



PORNOGRAPHY IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE.

Many inappropriate experiences are only a search away.

OTHER RISK FACTORS



Strangers from around the world



Fake profiles & identity deception



Scams, phishing links & malware



Cyberbullying & harassment



Loss of time & poor time management



Impact on mental health (anxiety, isolation, addiction)



SAY NO TO ROBLOX.



Roblox is not a safe environment for kids. There are many better, kid-friendly platforms where children can play, learn and be creative without the risks.



SAFE & KID-FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVES

MINECRAFT EDUCATION



AGES 6+

Encourages creativity, problem-solving and teamwork in a safe learning environment.

LEGO® PLAY ZONE



AGES 5+

A creative, safe space to play, build and explore with LEGO.

POKÉMON PLAYERS CLUB



AGES 6+

Fun, educational games and activities in a secure, age-appropriate space.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS



AGES 6+

Games, quizzes and videos that are fun, educational and completely safe.

PBS KIDS GAMES



AGES 3-8

Learning games based on favourite shows, designed by educators for young children.

COZY GROVE (APP & SWITCH)



AGES 8+

A calming, gentle adventure game with no chat and no in-app purchases.

BUILD ACADEMY (APP)



AGES 6+

Creative building challenges that teach STEM skills in a safe app.

TYNKER



AGES 7+

Learn coding through fun, interactive games and projects in a safe space.



Use parental controls & filters.



Know what games your child is playing.



Talk openly about online safety.



Set time limits and device-free times.



Never share personal information online.



Stay informed & involved.



LET'S PROTECT OUR CHILDREN.

The best way to keep kids safe online is to be involved, informed and choose safer platforms. **Say NO to Roblox** – choose better, safer fun!



TIPS FROM NANNY McFEE

Practical little nuggets of wisdom for navigating tricky situations.

When talking doesn't work... try writing! ✨

This week, a lesson went from fun → noisy → chaotic → "Okay, what on earth just happened here?" 😂

Instead of our usual class discussion, I decided to try something different.

I put **three questions** on the board:

- 1 What happened?
- 2 What role did you play?
- 3 What could we do better next time?

- ✓ No names. No sharing.
- ✓ No awkward "But I didn't do anything!" moments. 😂



Once I read through the responses, the patterns were **crystal clear**. We could see exactly what had contributed to the chaos – and, more importantly, the learners could talk about it honestly afterwards.



The best part?

They told me they felt safer writing their thoughts down than saying them out loud.



NANNY McFEE'S TIP

Sometimes you don't need to ask **louder**. You just need to give people a quieter way to answer. ❤️

You didn't hear it from me... 🤫

– Nanny McFee

Spreading KINDNESS

one sandwich at a time! 



For our **Kindness Initiative** this term we will be supporting **SALT's school feeding program** that supports underprivileged learners within our community.

SALT 
SCHOOL FEEDING
PROGRAM



We are excited to be making some nutritious sandwiches on the morning of **22 September** that will be collected by SALT and delivered to the children at the schools they support.



Please see below for what your child's grade needs to bring. Kindly ensure your child's item is brought to school on **Monday, 21 September** or **Tuesday, 22 September**.

WHAT EACH GRADE NEEDS TO PLEASE BRING

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One of the following fillings.



jam



peanut butter



cheese spread

1

One of the following fillings.



jam



peanut butter



cheese spread

2

One of the following fillings.



jam



peanut butter



cheese spread

3

One of the following fillings.



jam



peanut butter



cheese spread

4

A loaf of bread.



5

A loaf of bread.



6

A loaf of bread.



7

One of the following fillings.



jam



peanut butter



cheese spread



Thank you for helping us show **kindness** and make a **big difference** in our community!





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