



Seven Hills West Public School

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Seven Hills West Public School. Starting school is an exciting time for both you and your child. Our Kindergarten Orientation Program is an opportunity for your child to experience school and for you as a parent to have your questions answered. Thank you for choosing our school and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

You are invited to attend our **Kindergarten Information Evening** in the Library on **Wednesday 11th October 2017** at **6.30pm to 7.30pm**. At this information evening, we will discuss the basic running of the school, school uniforms, schedules, Before and After School Care facilities and answer any questions that you may have. If you attend the Information Night, you will have the opportunity to purchase our SHW school hat at a **discounted price**. You will be given a 20% discount on school hats on this night **ONLY**. If you cannot make the night, but would still like to receive this discount, please contact the school office to let us know of your absence, and we can arrange a purchase at a discounted price for you.

In addition to the parent information evening:

- Orientation sessions will be held over 4 days this year. **Each session includes a parent session**, while your child attends each of the four sessions in the Kindergarten classrooms.
- At 9.10am we will assemble outside the Kindergarten rooms where you will meet the teachers. You will accompany your child into the Kindergarten rooms where they will be supervised by teachers who will involve them in learning activities. During this time, parents will attend the meetings and parent sessions in the library.
- This is a time where your child can experience some of the excitement of starting kindergarten and you as parents can have your questions answered.
- At each session at 9.10am your child will need to collect their name tags outside the Kindergarten rooms and go into the classrooms. Your child can be collected at 10.50am at the bottom of the Kindergarten stairs at the conclusion of the morning's activities.
- Our **School Information Book and Starting School Package** may be obtained at the information evening.
- You may also buy or order uniforms from the **Uniform Shop** (a price list is enclosed). The Uniform Shop will be open following the last orientation session.
- You will be advised of the enrolment time for the first day of school 2018 at the orientation sessions.
- Your child is invited to attend each of the 4 sessions. It is important they attend each session to experience all the activities and become familiar with our school, the teachers and other students.
- If this is your child's normal preschool day at SHW please ensure you stay for the important information sessions.

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Outline of Activities for Kindergarten Orientation.

Week	Session	Date
1	Information Evening - 11 th October	6.30pm to 7.30pm
2	1 - 18 th October	9.00am to 11.00am
3	2 - 25 th October	9.00am to 11.00am
4	3 - 1 st November	9.00am to 11.00am
5	4 - 8 th November	9.00am to 11.00am

Time	Activities for children in Kindergarten rooms
9.10am	Children assemble outside Kindergarten rooms where they will collect their name tags and be met by teachers and taken into the Kindergarten rooms.
9.10am-10.30am	Participate in school-readiness activities.
10.30am-10.50am	<i>Morning Tea</i> Children will socialise and experience eating recess in a large group as they would at school. They will be able to practise opening and closing lunch boxes and wrapped foods. Parents will collect children after the recess break.

Session	Time	Parent Sessions in School Hall	
1 18 th Oct.	9.20am - 10.50am	<i>Starting Seven Hills West PS</i> During this session, parents will learn about: * Orientation day schedules and activities; * Healthy Lunches * Preschool to Primary school transition * School Tour	Parents will attend information session in the <u>library</u> while their child attends the above program in the Kindergarten rooms.
2 25 th Oct.	9.20am - 10.50am	<i>Literacy Lessons</i> During this session, Mrs Katie Gardiner will present information on Literacy lessons in the classroom. The session will cover: * Reading * Writing * Fine-Motor skills (holding a pencil etc.) * Phonics (sounds of letters) * Scripture Parents will get to participate in a workshop where you can practise teaching some of these skills to your child. A Literacy pack will be given to parents to take home and use with their child to assist in their learning in preparation for Kindergarten.	Parent session held in the school library.
3 1 st Nov.	9.20am - 10.50am	<i>Numeracy Lessons</i> During this session, Mrs Paris Jade-Pierce will present information on Numeracy lessons in the classroom. Idea that will be covered include: * TEN in the classroom * Basic number skills needed * Number workshop lessons. Parents will be given a Mathematics pack to take home and use with their child to assist in their learning in preparation for Kindergarten.	Parent session held in the library.
4 8 th Nov.	9.20am - 10.50am	<i>Best Start</i> This session will cover the topic of 'Best Start'. Each child entering Kindergarten in 2018 will participate in the 'Best Start' activity. This activity is to inform teachers of your child's needs for their start to Kindergarten. <i>Uniform Shop Visit</i> Parents will be given the opportunity to purchase a school uniform from the uniform shop at the end of this session.	Parent session held in the library. Parents to visit the uniform shop.





Parents collect children from the Kindergarten rooms at 10.50am.

What to bring for morning tea

Please pack a small recess in a back pack/school bag. The children will not have time to eat a great deal, a small drink and snack will be sufficient.

We are a nut/egg aware school. Please do not pack these in the recess snack.

At each parent session there will be tea/coffee provided.

We understand that, at times, it may be emotional or difficult for your child to attend Kindergarten Orientation.

Please reassure them that the teachers are friendly and helpful, the activities will be enjoyable and they will get the opportunity to meet new friends for Kindergarten. Please be punctual to each session to allow your child to gain the most from this experience.

This is also a very important time for you, as parents, to visit with us, and discuss any concerns, have questions answered and learn about what your child will be doing at Seven Hills West PS.

Please take the time to attend each session over the four week period.

We hope you and your child enjoy our Kindergarten Orientation and we look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Mrs E Kriketos
Relieving Principal
September 2017

Mrs K Gardiner
Rel. Assistant Principal

