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## Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker....

The fun and learning never stops at Seven Hills West Public School. This week alone I have been on a bus with K-2 students to the art gallery, patting wild Australian critters with preschool, making our school wacky with crazy hair and listening to our seniors debate against others schools!

We have certainly shown that we are enabling all areas of the curriculum to be covered!

### NSW Art gallery

We showed how inspired and engaged we are as learners when we visited the NSW Art Gallery with our youngest students. We loaded the buses and headed into Sydney to visit the gallery and the new exhibition which focused on the future. This connected perfectly to our learning in art and in science as we look at the future of our world.

A huge congratulations to our students who were able to show their interest and ask interesting questions about the artworks and getting up close and personal with the interactive art works.



### Preschool Connections

Preschool has been making connections with our neighbouring preschools and this week, Lalor Park Preschool came to visit and meet the extra special guests we had visiting. Mrs North was very excited and showed it by staying well and truly out of the way! The students were very excited and knew a lot about the animals that visited and even though some wanted a giraffe, they knew that fitting a giraffe in the car to come to preschool was silly!

All of the students were brave and touched the animals and even allowed some to get close to smiling at a crocodile!



### Kindergarten 2019

Our planning has begun for Kindergarten 2019. We have many great programs for the students and their families to be a part of and we would love to know how many friends to get ready for! If you have a future Seven Hills West Superhero in your family or have a neighbour or friend who is ready for school, please get them to pop in and say hi! When they are on the list, we can then be prepared to make their school careers the best ones possible.

## BOOK WEEK

Next week we are celebrating our love of reading and learning and putting our book fair on in the library and having our fancy dress parade on Tuesday 28th August. If you would like to come and see the students in P-2 parade, check out our note about the times and event details. It will be an awesome day!

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Our parent teacher interviews were very successful. I would like to thank our teachers for enabling such a variety of times for families to come and share in the progress of their children. If you have any feedback regarding the process, please feel free to email the school with them. I am sure you will join me in feeling that it was a positive experience in community participation in teaching and learning at our school.

*Kind regards,  
Ms Kylie Becker*

## Important Reminders

### ALLERGY ALERT

In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut muesli bars.

Your understanding and support in this very important health issue are greatly appreciated.

### SCHOOL HOURS

Children **ARE NOT** to be at school BEFORE 8.30am each morning and **must be collected at 3.00pm** each afternoon. Should your child need to be at school EARLIER than 8.30am or need to be collected LATER than 3.00pm, it is necessary for you to arrange for your child to be taken to Out of Hours School Care that is located on our premises. This is run by Wesley Out of School Hours Care and their contact number is 9626 1260.

## Expression of Interest for Preschool 2019

If you have a child or know of someone in the area (a neighbour, friend etc) who has a child, turning 4 BEFORE 31ST JULY 2015 – please phone, or come to the office, to place the child's name on our waiting list.

Expressions of interest are then considered by a Placement Panel during 3rd Term, and should you be successful, you will be contacted by the school to come and collect an enrolment form.



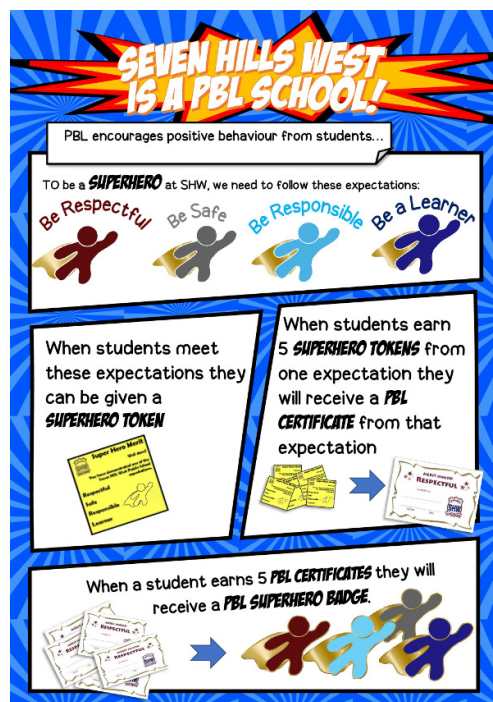
## Enrol For Kindergarten 2019

If you have a child, or know of someone in the area (a neighbor, friend etc) who has a child, turning 5 born **BEFORE 31ST JULY 2019** – please come to the office to collect an enrolment form.



Original birth certificate (or passport and visa), Immunisation Statement from Medicare and proof of residence (ie rates/bank statement/lease etc) are also required for us to take a copy.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning



## Health and Safety Matters

As well as keeping our staff and students safe on school grounds we aim to maintain a safe environment for parents. If you have a slip, trip or fall or any other issue related to parent safety in the school grounds please notify the office as soon as possible so we can endeavour to identify and resolve any hazards.

It is also a request that dogs not be brought onto the school site without prior permission. Companion dogs are always welcome as required, however pets in the school can cause stress to students and animals.

### Staff Car Park

A reminder to parents/caregivers. **The Staff car park IS NOT a 'walk through' area** or parking for area for parents.

Safety is of the utmost importance to our students and it would be appreciated if you would cooperate in regard to safety in our car park.



## Student Toilets

Just a friendly reminder that student toilets are **not to be used** by parents. If parents have a younger child that requires toileting assistance, please see the office staff to access the toilets located beside the new school hall.

Student toilets are to be used by students of Seven Hills West PS.

## Changes of Clothes

Children in Kindergarten to Year 2, can, on occasion, have an 'accident' by forgetting to go to the toilet at break time, or not advising the teacher that they need to go to the toilet.

This then results in children 'wetting' themselves and coming to the office for a spare change of clothes.

Our supplies are now depleted – so we ask that each parent with children in Kindergarten to Year 2 supply a change of clothing in their child's bag in case of emergencies.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

## SHWPS Administration Office

## Birthday Cakes

We welcome small individual cakes or the like if your child wishes to share his/her birthday with the class.

Candles **ARE NOT** permitted and teachers are **UNABLE** to cut cakes.

## Calendar

TERM 3 2018					
Planning Sheet for Term 2 ~ 2018					
	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>
6	SUPERHERO ASSEMBLY 2-3pm  BOOK FAIR  LIVING EGGS - preschool	Fathers Day Stall  BOOK FAIR  LIVING EGGS - preschool	Fathers Day Stall  Tri Skills K-2  BOOK FAIR  LIVING EGGS - preschool	BOOK FAIR  LIVING EGGS - preschool	WINTER PSSA EnviroMentors K-2  LIVING EGGS - preschool
7	SEPTEMBER Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  Blacktown Festival Choir Rehearsal - 9.30-11.30  LIVING EGGS - preschool	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>  LIVING EGGS - preschool	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>  Tri Skills K-2 Northcott Interscholastic Athletics Carnival - K-6 SUPPORT  LIVING EGGS - preschool	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>  ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL  LIVING EGGS - preschool	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>  WINTER PSSA - LAST  LIVING EGGS - preschool
8	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>  P-6 Assembly 2-3pm	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>  DANCE-A-THON	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>  Preschool to Calmest City Farm  Tri Skills K-2	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>  Life Education K-2	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>  Life Education K-2
9	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>  P-6 Assembly 2-3pm	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>  REGIONAL ATHLETICS  Tri Skills K-2  P&C Meeting - P.15am Learning Lounge	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>  DEBATE - Away	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>  SUMMER PSSA
10	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>  SUPERHERO ASSEMBLY 2-3pm	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>  SUMMER PSSA
	OCTOBER Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>  SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>  Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>  Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>  Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>

## Notes and Payments

Please be advised that all school notes and written communication are now placed on our website for your easy access. Families that have requested multiple copies will now

need to access the website. We are encouraging the use of technology @ SHWPS!

## Important

It would be appreciated, if when completing permission notes, you could include the **child's FULL NAME (Given Name and Surname) AND CLASS**, in order for the office to correctly identify the student who is participating in the special activity.

## Sending money to school

If paying by cash or cheque, payment envelopes are available to allow office staff to quickly record details for our students.

**A reminder: A permission note must be completed for every student in the family for all activities. Please note the office does not carry change. Please provide the correct money with your payments. We encourage families to pay using our POP – Payment online system via our school website.**

## Collection of Money and Permission Notes

To ensure that students' needs are met on excursions, extra curricula activities and for visiting performances, it is necessary to have procedures in place regarding payments and permission notes. These procedures allow teachers to:

- Ensure that the correct number of teachers are allocated to an activity or excursion
- Buses are ordered for the right number of students
- Book correct numbers for all activities on excursions
- Organise supervision for students not involved in these activities
- Cancel activities if numbers are too low, within a reasonable timeframe.

It will also allow the office staff to have correct numbers, permission notes and money organised before the day of the activity or excursion.

These procedures include any area where money is paid to the school e.g. Excursions, visiting performances, sporting events, book club etc.

**For this to be implemented correctly all money must be paid to front office by the DUE DATE, there will be no exceptions.**

Permission notes, fully completed with child's name and class, must be given to the front office once you have made your payment online, or at the same time as money is presented.

In cases of financial hardship, the school may be able to assist by contributing a part payment.

Please contact the office for more information.

## Attendance

Student attendance records will be closely monitored. If your child is absent, it is important that a note/certificate explaining their absence is given to the classroom teacher when your

child returns to school. Parents/Carers will be given a letter if an explanation is not provided for the student's absence and this must be completed and returned to the classroom teacher so that the student's attendance records will be updated accordingly.

## Student Absences

**The Department of Education deems that all students must attend school every day. Families are also advised that holidays should be taken during school holiday periods.**

If your child is absent from school please notify the school in writing by either sending an email to the school email or sending a note to the class teacher explaining the absence.

**If your child is sick for one day, you DO NOT need to ring the school but can send a note to school with your child on the following day.**

Absences are recorded in the class roll and this roll is admissible as evidence in a court of law.

- Partial absences are also recorded in the roll, where a child arrives late to school or leaves school early.
- If a student is late to school, a parent should escort them to the office so they can give the reason for the late arrival.
- Students, who are constantly late to school, miss the morning lesson introduction and this can lead to gaps in learning.

Please endeavour to maximize your child's attendance at school to ensure that they have the best start possible, every day!

If you are intending to take leave for more than three days, and you know in advance, it is important that this be discussed with the school as an application for leave may be required. If your child is absent for longer than three days it is important that you contact the school to let them know the reason for the absence.

## Working with Children Check

We have received clarification from the department of education in regards to the requirements for parents and carers doing voluntary work with students in any NSW school.

We have been advised that a WWCC certificate is not required.

Any parent or carer doing voluntary work with students at Seven Hills West P.S will need to

- Complete Appendix 5 form (obtain from front office)
- 100 points of ID

Please ensure you visit the School office complete the above requirements prior to commencing volunteering duties.

Thank you for following this process to keep all of our children safe.

## P & C News

This term the school will be running a Dance-A-Thon. We are after parent volunteers for each classroom. Please let us now if you are interested by advising the canteen. It will be held on 11th September starting at 11am.

If you would like to be more involved with the P&C please come along to our next **P&C meeting, Wednesday 19th September, 9.15am** in the Learning Lounge (C Block). Please come along and have your say.

For more information on what the P&C does please feel free to ask any of this years committee members we are more than happy to answer your questions.

## Uniform Shop & Canteen

These facilities provide an essential service to the school. They are run by the P&C and require volunteers. If you have some spare time and would like to be involved with our uniform shop or canteen, please come and see us at the canteen.

### Uniform Shop opening hours 2018

Every Wednesday during school term 8.30am – 9.30am

### P & C Committee

## CANTEEN NEWS

Parents, please note that the canteen only holds a SMALL amount of change. Kindly, **DO NOT bring \$50 and \$100** when ordering, as we only hold a coin float and cannot accommodate you with change.

**S. Green**

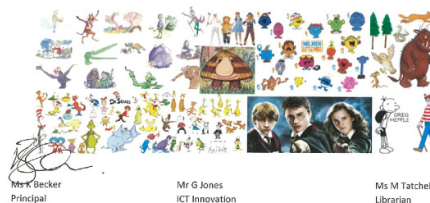
## Community News



**Seven Hills West Public School**  
Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

## BOOK WEEK 2018

BOOK FAIR	BOOK PARADE
Scholastics Book Fair will be coming to Seven Hills West this week. Drop into the library and check out the wide variety of books for sale. <b>Date:</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Time:</b> 8:30-8:55am and 3:00-3:30pm <b>Where:</b> School Library	It is that time of year again! It's Book Character Parade Day! P-6 come dressed as your favourite book character to help celebrate "Book Week". The day will be filled with exciting activities relating to our favourite books. <b>P-2 BOOK PARADE</b> <b>Date:</b> Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Time:</b> 11:30am – 12:30pm <b>Where:</b> New Hall Parents are most welcome to come and watch the parade.



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Principal  
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Better Balanced Futures is about introducing better training and curriculum standards that will equip our children for a more certain future by teaching positive values that provide a solid foundation and balance. Approved providers of all faiths have worked together to lift their standards and ensure that their curriculum is transparent and beneficial, which means that all approved providers will be certified to new standards.

Better Balanced Futures aims to continually improve the implementation and delivery of SRE.

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## SRE in Schools

### Better Balanced Futures

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## Facebook

### Important



Please note, SHWPS Facebook page is for informing parents of up-coming events/changes in dates/event cancellations and also showcasing photos of students and their events.

**DO NOT use this forum to request appointments/interviews** with teachers or ask about upcoming events. Should you need to contact a teacher or have a question, please ring the school on 9622 2136 to assist you with your enquiries.

Thanks.