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24 October 2018

# Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker







#### Welcome back to Term Four!

We have all returned back safe, healthy and sporting the hints of summer with our skin aglow. I went around to the classes at the beginning of school to get an idea of the fun they had in the holidays and I was so excited to hear that even though there was some rain around, the students at our school still got out to the park and played with friends.

While we were on holidays, there were many projects happening at our school. The biggest project being resurfacing of our asphalt area near Kindergarten. The size of the area was stage one of a process where we hope to work through the various parts of the school, reducing the cracks and uneven surfaces. We had to remove a tree in order to make this happen and we are now in the process of getting another shade sail built over the astro turf near the library.

We also removed the window air conditioners and fixed the windows which is much safer and better for our students. Ms Jade-Pierces' classroom was repainted with another green screen wall placed into her room. This will make it even easier for our students to make movies and innovate their teaching and learning.

During this term, we are continuing our work on the school and this will include exciting projects that are a secret with Year 6 at the moment!

### Challenge Expo

Our Stage Three students are so close to getting their final touches on their Challenge Expo games ready for Week 4. It will be a fantastic day and the advertisements are being shared with our school students as we speak.

#### **Invictus Games**

On Monday October 22, I will be joining our students at the Invictus Games in Sydney. It is going to be such a wonderful experience for our students and I cannot wait to get a glimpse of Harry and Meaghan!

#### **Kindy Information Night**

On Monday October 22, our future Seven Hills West Superhero parents will join in the library for a session about our school, Kindergarten and what fun the students have at our school. Thank you to those who have helped to make this event possible.

#### Smooth Walking and Dance2BFit

Stage Three have a big term ahead of them. Smooth Walking for Year 5 happens next week and Stages 2 and 3 are beginning their dance programs this week.

This is only the beginning of our term of events and programs that happening. Please check for notes and on our website to make sure you don't miss anything and of course our Facebook page will keep you up to date. With the busy nature of the term, it is important we support the office by sticking to times and handing notes in on time and being prompt with payments.

It has been a great start to teaching and learning and here are some examples of our students back into the swing of things!

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

# **Healthy Eating**



### **COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS**

Thanks for your great support this year in Coles Sports for Schools.

See all the goodies we were able to purchase from your generosity.



# **Challenge Expo**



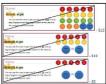
Stage 3 students will be hosting a Challenge Expo on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Altogether Stage 3 students have planned and organised 25 <u>different activities and challenges</u> and a Punch Card will need to be purchased to take part in the activities.

To ensure the safety of all students and family members, classes will be invited to participate in the activities during the following times:

10:15am-11am 11:20am-12pm 12:10pm-1pm K-2S and 1-6C Support classes, K/1M, 1/2P, 2M and 1/2C Preschool and Kindergarten classes

ALL Stage 2 classes

Students will need to prepay their <u>Punch Cards</u> but they will be <u>sold on the day to families</u> from 10am from the <u>ticket stall</u>. Each Punch Card holds a different value:



\$5 Punch Card – 5 activities and either a slushy <u>OR</u> popcorn bag.

\$10 Punch Card – 10 activities and either a slushy <u>OR</u> popcorn

**\$15** *Punch Card* – 18 *activities* and a slushy <u>AND</u> popcorn bag. Students are encouraged to bring loose change on the day

Please complete the "Ticket purchase form" and return it in an envelope to the Front Office before Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October to purchase a Punch Card.

# **NEW GARDEN BEDS**

At the end of Term 3, Kindergarten were hard at work planting a beautiful little garden which was donated by our local Bunnings! We now have various delicious herbs and vegetables growing near our newly installed bus shelters. We have chives, capsicum, basil, tomatoes – and that's just to name a few!

Thank you very much to Bunnings for donating such yummy herbs and vegetables, we can't wait to taste them all!







### **Breakfast Club**



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#### **Super Kids Breakfast Club**

Tuesdays and Thursdays

We are pleased to confirm that the Super Kids Breakfast Club will run on two mornings in Term 4. The aim of the club is to ensure that our students are afforded an opportunity to consume a healthy breakfast so as to have a positive start to their school day.

- Breakfast will be provided every **Tuesday and Thursday** from **8:30am 8:55am**. Breakfast will be served outside the **School Canteen**.



Super Kids Breakfast Club would not have been possible without the generous donations provided to the program from our parents and community. If you would like to contribute to the Super Kids Breakfast Club, there will be a donations box in the school office.

Possible donations could include:

- Fruit Apples, Oranges, Bananas and Pears
  Bread White or Brown Bread
  Utensils Disposable Plastic Spoons and Knives
  Equipment Napkins and Plastic Gloves



Should you wish to volunteer your time to assist with Super Kids Breakfast Club, it is necessary for you to have a current Working With Children's Check and hand a copy of the approval to the office.



### Halloween Disco



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Preschool to Year 6

een Disco this term. The details of the event are outlined below

night. PLEASE PAY AT THE DOOR dents can dress up as various Halloween characters. Costumes may include: witches, monsters, vampires, ghosts, scary animals or letons. If you are unable to get a costume for the night, students can wear 'mufti' clothing. They are not required to wear their not uniform.

he be advised that only P-2 will be admitted into the school grounds during their disco between 4:00-5:00pm. This will be the same 6-students, who will only be admitted into the school grounds during their disco from 5:30-6:30pm. Year 3-6 students should at at the school gate on earlier fune 3:30-6:30pm.

will be locked at the conclusion of the P-2 disco. at \$100pm and reopened at the beginning of the 3-6 disco. No students or ill be allowed into the school grounds during this period.

\*\*Drop off area: Parents please drop your child at the gate on Lucas Road closest to the new school hall. This is the only gate that will be open on the night. ONLY Seven Hills West students will be admitted inside the school grounds during ALL discos.

dequate supervision will be provided on the night by many teachers. Please ensure your child is dropped off and picked up at <u>ON</u>

IMME. Students will not be allowed to walk home by themselves; an adult <u>MMST</u> pick them up. At the conclusion of the disco, a teacher

will escont parents to the cantence covered area to collect children. Lopion leaving the discor, students will be given their 'spooky jelly cup'
o take home with them. This term, students will not be eating throughout the disco.

Student attendance will be dependent on their behaviour at school

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### **Tell Them from Me**



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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

You're invited to participate in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey designed You're Invited to participate in the Ien Inell From Me (ITTM) returned in Leanning Survey accepted for parents and carers. This survey compliments the TTFM student and teacher surveys, which focus on student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices. All Department of Education schools have the opportunity to participate if they choose.

Why should I participate?

Parents and carers are an important and valued part of the school community. Schools can use survey feedback to make practical improvements and inform school planning.

This online survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. It is anonymous and voluntary. If you have more than one child at the school, and feel that your children's experiences differ, you can complete the survey more than once.

How can I participate?

You can access the survey in your own time before 27 October 2018. Follow the link below on your computer, smart phone or tablet: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/shwps

Your feedback is greatly appreciated



# **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 **2014** – please come to the office to collect an enrolment form.

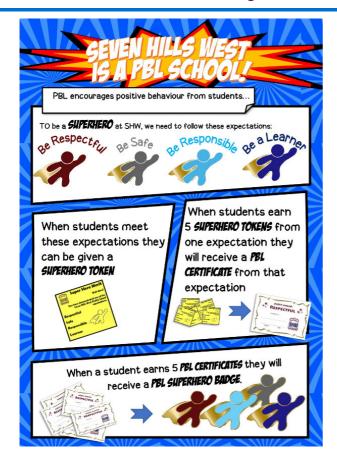
Original birth certificate (or passport and visa), Immunisation Statement from Medicare and proof of residence (ie rates/bank statement/lease etc) are also required for us to take a copy.



## **Kindy Orientation**



# **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 <u>not to be used</u> 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.

#### TERM 4 2018

		Planning S	heet for Term 4 ~ 20	)18	
	Monday 29th	Tuesday 30th	Wednesday 31st	NOVEMBER Thursday 1st	Friday 2nd
	KINDY	BREAKFAST CLUB	HALLOWEEN		SUMMER PSSA
	ORIENTATION - 9-	8.30am-8.55am	DISCO	S2 & S3	
3	10.45am			Dance28Fit	
				BREAKFAST CLUB	
				8.30am-8.55am	
	Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th
	P-6 Assembly	CHALLENGE EXPO		S2 & S3	
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	10.45am	8.30gm-8.55gm		8.30am-8.55am	
	Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
	KINDY			S2 & S3	SUMMER PSSA
	ORIENTATION - 9-	BREAKFAST CLUB		Dance28Fit	SOMMER 1994
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	Day - assembly			8.30am-8.55am	
	Monday 19th	Tuesday 20th	Wednesday 21st	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>
	SUPERHERO	BREAKFAST CLUB	P&C - 9.15am	S2 & S3	SUMMER PSSA -
	2-3pm	8.30am-8.55am	Learning Lounge	Dance28Fit	Last
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	ZooSnooZ – Year 4	ZooSnooZ – Year 4		BREAKFAST CLUB	
	Year 4	Year 4		8.30am-8.55am	
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	DECEMBER	Tuesday 4th	Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th	Friday 7th
	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	High School		S2 & S3	
	P-6 Assembly	ORIENTATION		Dance28Fit	
8	2-3pm				
		BREAKFAST CLUB		BREAKFAST CLUB	
		8.30am-8.55am		8.30am-8.55am	
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Dates and activities are subject to change. Please review newsletter, our Facebook page and/or our school website, for any change

# **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

The P&C would like to welcome everyone back to the final term of 2018. This year is just flying by.

I would like to thank all the parents, teachers and students, for making the Dance-A-Thon so much fun. Also a friendly reminder the sponsorship money is due back on Friday.

If you would like to be more involved with the P&C please come along to our next <u>P&C meeting</u>, <u>Wednesday 21st November</u>, <u>9.15am</u> in the Library. This will be our last meeting for 2018. 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

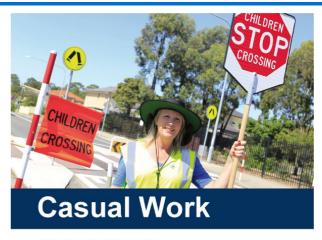
#### **CANTEEN NEWS**

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**



School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community 2 x Casual Position – Blacktown Local Government Area (00006K61

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safety. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthythile back to the community.

The hours are usually 8.00am to 9.30am and/or 2.30pm to 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. You may be required to work morning, afternoon, both shifts and no shifts. As a casual you will be filling in for existing part-time staff as required. The base rate is \$2.30 = 2.57 d pc pc. 400.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personalty. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or

Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safety, will be provided. You may be required to attend a

Roads and Maritime Services is an equal opportunity employe

For further information on this exciting opportunity please call 1300 305 855 or go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.ar

Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 4 November 2018

TNSW are committed to building a diverse and inclusive culture across the Transport cluster, planning for and promoting diversity. We velocome and encourage applications form diverse community groups and ages including Aboriginal and Tomes Shrait Islander, LGBTI, people with disabilities, women and other diversity groups. TNSW recognises the benefits that such an approach brings for our staff and customers in delivering the future of NSW.







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- After school care

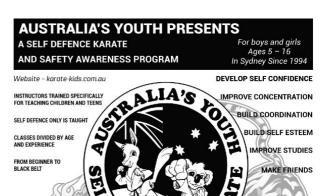
Location: Seven Hills West Public School Sackville Street, Seven Hills NSW 2147. Entry via lower pedestrian gate, Lucas Road.

Call (02) 9626 6620 or email oosh@wesleymission.org.au

Do all the good you can because every life matters







No Extra Grading Fee Instructor is a Karate Champion and Iska Instructor of the Year Location: Kings Langley Public School.

Isaac Smith Pde., Kings Langley Classes are every Wednesday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term) New and Returning Registration: Weds., 24 October, 2018 New Students can also join on: Wednesdays, 31 Oct., 7 Nov.

> New and Returning Students Ages 5-8 Class Time 4-00 to 4-40PM

New Students Ages 9-16 and Returning Students Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY, JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.

### **Facebook**

### **Important**



https://www.facebook.com/sevenhillswestpublicschool/

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.