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7 November 2018

Principal's Message

Learning with Ms Becker

Our term is going by so quickly and we have so much happening in and around our school. Make sure you keep an eye on the calendars on our website and in the newsletter. Also keep an eye out on Facebook for updates and information.

Kindergarten Orientation Mornings

On Monday 29th October, we had our first orientation session for our 2019 Kindergarten students.

Students had a great time participating in gross motor activities and personalising their very own Seven Hills West PS shirt, by putting a painted hand print on the back. While our new Kindergarten students were busy, their parents were too!

Mr Jones had parents working together on a STEM challenge and he also showed the parents some great technology that we have here at Seven Hills West PS.



Monday 5th November saw our 2019 Kindergarten students participate in some fun Literacy and Creative Arts activities.

Mrs Gardiner showed our parents some great Literacy activities that can be done at home. Next week is our final orientation day on Monday 12th November.

Halloween Disco

Our students got into the spirit of Halloween last Wednesday at our Halloween Disco. Well done to everyone who came and joined in the scary fun.

Dance-a-thon

Congratulations to all involved in the Dance-a-thon. The students had so much fun participating in this fundraising event. Thank you to the generous community for sponsoring our students.

Challenge Expo

On Tuesday 6th November, our Stage 3 students held their Challenge Expo. The whole school community had fun playing a range of games created by our Stage 3 students. This Expo has been a culmination of weeks of work by the Stage 3 students. This year saw our Stage 3 students use the green screen studio to create exciting advertisements to promote their game.

Around the school

As always, our students are always working busily in the classroom on a range of exciting topics.

Kindergarten have been measuring all sorts of lengths and objects such as their name, their feet, the bricks on the wall outside their classroom.

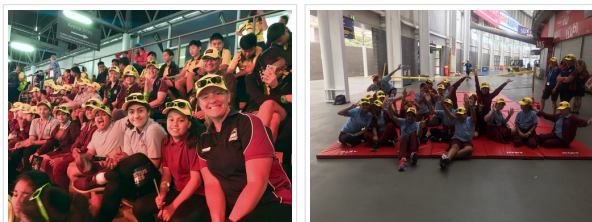
Stage 1 students have been looking at healthy eating and the five food groups.

Stage 2 have been creative by making models inspired by 'The Iron Man', by Ted Hughes. They have also been looking at 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and making comparisons between the book and the movie.

Stage 3 have been immersed in activities looking at Australia's connection with the World.

Our Support students have loved hearing stories in English.

INVICTUS GAMES



October 22 Monday was a momentous day for me and the rest of the lucky 17 students of Seven Hills West Public school. We were fortunate to be given the opportunity to be part of the Invictus Game spearheaded by His Royal Highness Prince Harry. Being able to cheer for our wounded soldiers have a significant effect on everyone. Little did I know that our presence, our cheering and our waving of the Invictus flag while they gave their best to win gave them pride, joy and hope. That alone made me happy and grateful to be part of this history.

The day was full of fun and adventure as we engaged to adaptive sports activities such as 'Got Games' where I was able to do different kinds of activities. Among those games we did what I loved most was playing the sitting volleyball. This game made me realise how hard must be for our wounded soldiers to play with. I did really well on that sports and I was so proud to do this sport in front of my parents as one of the spectators. How lucky I am indeed!

To top it up, we were introduced to one of the wounded soldier who gave an inspirational talk to us. We also met the representative of the Education Department. While we were playing sitting volleyball, I felt like a celebrity for we were photographed by media people. Later that day, we had free lunch and drinks and went to different booths where we were given freebies and that was fun too! It was really full of action as we jump from one event to another. I have learned so much in this excursion. I have learned that sports can unite people, sports provide joy and hope especially to our wounded soldier who badly needs our love and support to get going.

Indeed, I am so thankful and so lucky to be chosen to go to the Invictus Games. Thank you so much Ms Becker and Ms Martin for orchestrating this historical event.

Thomas Pagulayan

Breakfast Club



Seven Hills West Public School

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

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
- Long Life Milk



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.

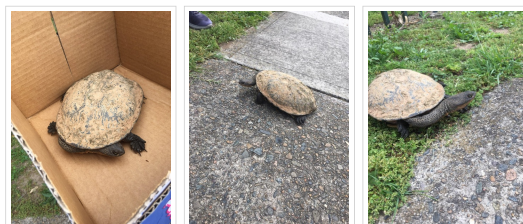
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A Shared PBL School (Please Review for Learning)

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A HAPPY ENDING



During the week, a 'new student' tried to come to Seven Hills West Public School.

Unfortunately, tortoises are not able to be enrolled at schools.

Miss Martin rescued him from the school crossing area, and we kept him safely in the office until WIRES (Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service) came and collected it.

The Ranger from WIRES was extremely happy with how the tortoise was looked after during the short time at our school.

He told us that he would take the tortoise, and safely re-locate it at Prospect Reservoir, so it could make new friends and have a happy life.

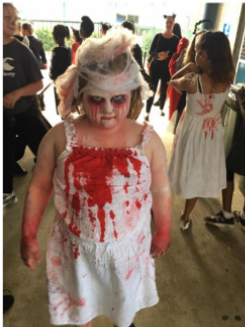
Remember, if you find a lost or injured wildlife animal, ring WIRES on 1300WIRES (1 300 94737).

Halloween Disco

Halloween Disco!

On Wednesday 31st October, Seven Hills West PS celebrated Halloween in the creepiest of fashions!

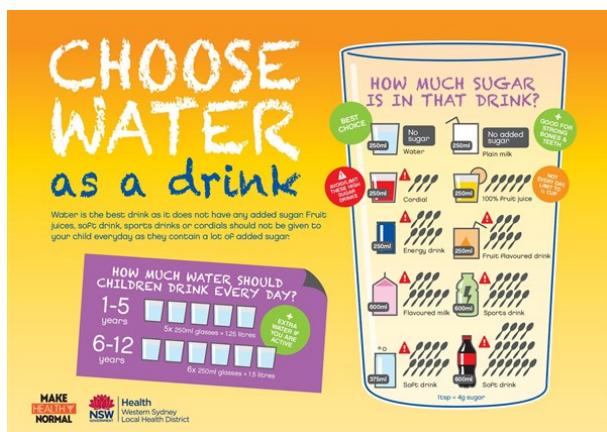
We had Zombies, Vampires, Witches and Clowns visit our school for the Halloween Disco!



A huge thank you to our P&C for donating our spooky jelly cups, as well as our wonderful parent Ms Collier for a generous decoration donation.

Our students danced the night away, before going home to some well-deserved treat or treating candy.

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.

Preschool T-Shirts

Seven Hills West Preschool now have t-shirts for purchase.

These t-shirts are available for a small cost \$15.00 per shirt.

If you would like to purchase an additional t-shirt place your order at the office.

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.

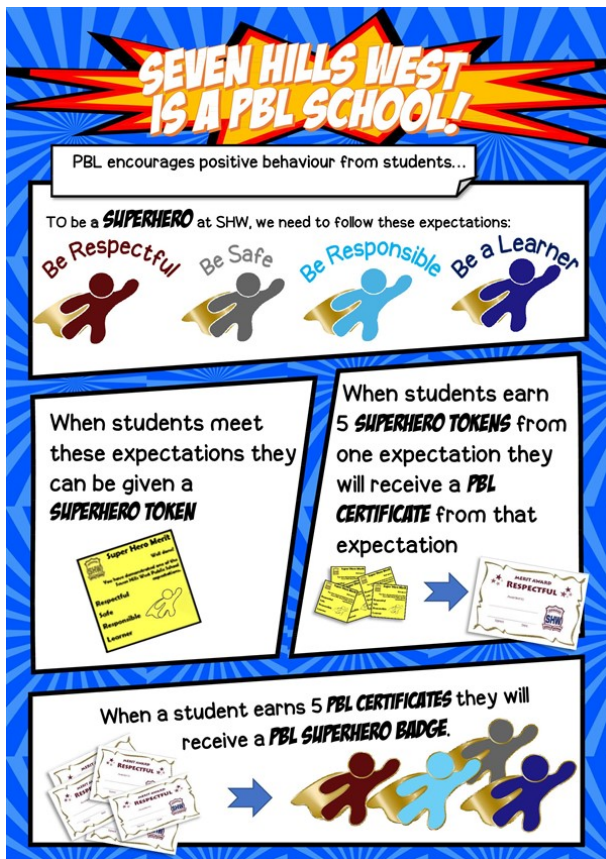
Enrol For Kindergarten 2019

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.



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 4 2018

Planning Sheet for Term 4 ~ 2018					
	Monday 12 th	Tuesday 13 th	Wednesday 14 th	Thursday 15 th	Friday 16 th
5	KINDY ORIENTATION – 9.10.45am Remembrance Day - assembly	BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am		S2 & S3 Dance28Fit BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	SUMMER PSSA
6	Monday 19 th SUPERHERO ASSEMBLY 2-3pm ZooSnooZ – Year 4	Tuesday 20 th BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am ZooSnooZ – Year 4	Wednesday 21 st P&C – 9.15am Library	Thursday 22 nd S2 & S3 Dance28Fit BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Friday 23 rd SUMMER PSSA - Last
7	Monday 26 th	Tuesday 27 th BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Wednesday 28 th	Thursday 29 th S2 & S3 Dance28Fit BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Friday 30 th
8	DECEMBER Monday 3 rd P-6 Assembly 2-3pm	Tuesday 4 th High School ORIENTATION BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Wednesday 5 th	Thursday 6 th S2 & S3 Dance28Fit BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Friday 7 th
9	Monday 10 th PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY 9.15-11am	Tuesday 11 th BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Wednesday 12 th Kindergarten Christmas Performance at Hardy Aged Care YEAR 6 FAREWELL EVENING	Thursday 13 th BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Friday 14 th Preschool COMBINED Graduation in Hall
10	Monday 17 th PRESCHOOL 2019 ORIENTATION – EMU	Tuesday 18 th PRESCHOOL 2019 ORIENTATION – WOMBAT	Wednesday 19 th YEAR 6 TUNNEL 2.15pm-3.00pm STUDENT LAST DAY	Thursday 20 th SDD	Friday 21 st SDD
	DECEMBER Monday 24 th SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Tuesday 25 th CHRISTMAS DAY	Wednesday 26 th BOXING DAY	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28 th

Dates and activities are subject to change. Please review newsletter, our Facebook page and/or our school website, for any changes.

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 members of the P&C are so thrilled by the success of the Dance-A-Thon, and by how many parents put their hands up to help on the day.

Over \$3,000 was raised by our wonderful students, and this will assist our school with further infrastructure improvements.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Class winner – 4R

K-2 winner – Kiana-Lily Evans

3-6 winner – Cooper Collett

This year we have been lucky enough to have an overwhelming amount of parents, carers, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends and community members offer to help throughout the year.

We are truly grateful for their time and in turn helping to raise funds for the school.

Rebecca Newell, Sheree Green, Amie Fielding, Melissa Milne, Casey McCarthy, Sarah Brown, Ros Scanlon, Judy Whitford, Jim Fielding, Maxine Fielding, Jenny Gacka, Luana Krauss, Melissa Bagshaw, Alicia Graham and Binh Cao, thank you so much for all your help this year.

If you would like to be more involved with the P&C please come along to our next **P&C meeting, Wednesday 21st November, 9.15am** in the library. 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.

P & C Committee

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

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.