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## Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker

We have already hit half way through the term! The saying, time flies when you're having fun, is certainly true at our school! Over the last fortnight we have had so many events and new activities in our classroom that we haven't noticed how quickly the weeks go in Term Four.

### Challenge Expo

I have seen many Year 6 fetes and fundraisers in the schools I have been in but I have to say that our Challenge Expo was the best one yet! The stalls created by the students were all fantastic and showed a series of teaching and learning experiences that the Stage Three students had over the last term. They learned how to plan their stall, the science of the game (physics), the maths behind the running of the stall with the lollies they'd need, and most importantly how to work together as a group with respect, responsibility, safety and as learners.



### Kindy Orientation sessions

Our future superheroes and their families had the best time getting to know the school and how much fun we will have next year watching our Kindergarten students learn and grow. We have three classes already set for Kindergarten and a Kindergarten Support class too.

If you have any students yet to enrol or know of any neighbours thinking about whether their child should start school, encourage them to come up and visit me! I have orientation packs ready for you and would love to give you a tour of our school and the improvements we have made!



### Classes for 2019

We have been busy getting reports ready and assessing the progress your children have made this semester. This helps to give us an idea of class structures for next year. It's helpful to have your input as well. If you would like to share your thoughts about your child with your child's classroom teacher, please feel free to do so. We will include these thoughts in gaining a balanced judgement of the whole grade.

### ZooSnooz

In Week 6, Year 4 are attending ZooSnooz! What an exciting time for them as they experience the roar of Taronga Zoo at night and then the morning at the beach! I know everyone will have a blast as they catch the train and ferry to the zoo and

share memories with Mr Rangiah, Mr Jones and Mrs August. I know that we will be constantly updated on our Facebook page!

## Events

Our students have had fun with school events such as our Halloween Disco, PSSA final weeks and our K/1M assembly! Over the coming weeks we will have more events like this as we head towards the end of the year.

When we have these exciting events as well as on other days at school, please make sure the students have appropriate uniform and enough water. This erratic weather has caused us all to be confused from one day to the next!

## Awesome Writers in 1/2P

I had the pleasure of working in 1/2P on Friday and saw their writing skills. It is clear that they are getting ready for the next grade! The class chose three students to be published in the newsletter! The title of all of the pieces are "Cat School".

Aarnav:

The grey cat is excited to answer the question and the brown cat is looking at the grey cat. They are learning about science. The brown cat is being silly because she is not listening. They are learning about mixtures.

Ethan:

The cats are having a spelling test. The blue cat is sleeping. Pink cat is thinking. Green cat can't see the board. Black cat is cheating and copying white cat. Brown cat is thinking, "I don't know that! White cat has answered every question." Black cat got caught and sat on the floor. Blue cat is on detention and white cat got to play. Brown cat has got 15 more words to do. Pink cat just finished. Green cat couldn't see the board and got detention! The teacher checked the spelling tests so pink and white cat passed, brown cat one more word for another pass.

Noah:

There is a white cat that is excited about science because they're doing a cool experiment.

Well done to everyone, when Mrs Franscicus comes back from being sick, she will be so excited about how well you're all doing with your writing!

**Kind regards,  
Ms Kylie Becker**

## Not Returning in 2019?

### STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2019

As the end of year is fast approaching - it would be appreciated if you would advise the office if your child **IS NOT RETURNING** to Seven Hills West in **2019**.

This will assist us in organising classes in 2019.

There is **NO** need to advise us if your child is **currently in Year 6** and heading off to high school next year.



## 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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## 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.

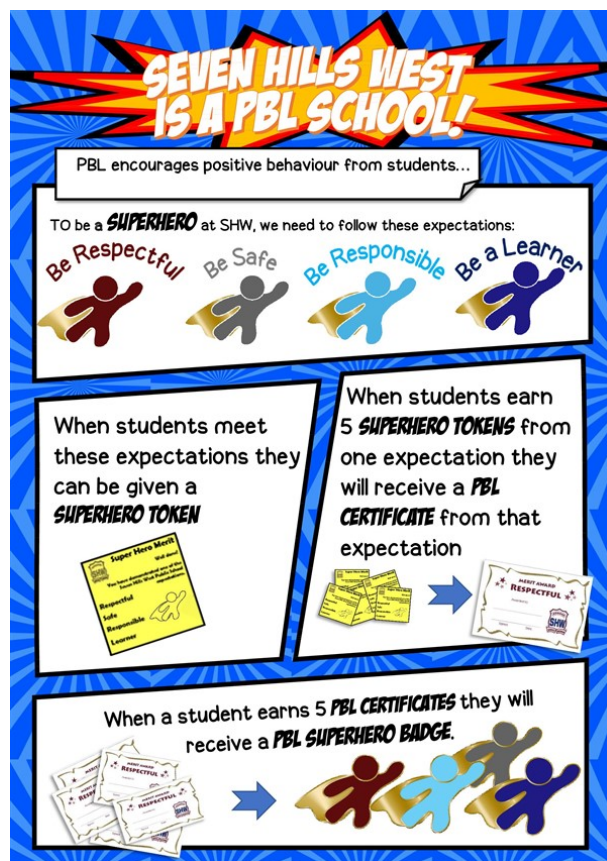
## Enrol For Kindergarten 2019

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 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>
6	SUPERHERO ASSEMBLY 2-3pm ZooSnooZ – Year 4	BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am ZooSnooZ – Year 4	P&C – 9.15am Library	S2 & S3 Dance28Fit BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	SUMMER PSSA – Last! School Leader assembly in hall – Yrs 2-6 11.20am – 1.20pm
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	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>
		BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am		S2 & S3 Dance28Fit BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Sports Captain assembly in hall – Yrs 2-6 11.20am – 1.20pm
8	DECEMBER Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> P-6 Assembly 2-3pm	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> High School ORIENTATION BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> S2 & S3 Dance28Fit BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>
9	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY 9.15-11am	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Christmas Performance at Hardy Aged Care YEAR 6 FAREWELL EVENING	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> BREAKFAST CLUB 8.30am-8.55am	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Preschool COMBINED Graduation in Hall
10	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> PRESCHOOL 2019 ORIENTATION – EMU	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> PRESCHOOL 2019 ORIENTATION – WOMBAT	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> YEAR 6 TUNNEL 2.15pm-3.00pm STUDENT LAST DAY	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> SDD	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> SDD
	DECEMBER Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> BOXING DAY	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>
	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	JANUARY Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>

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

If you would like to be more involved with the P&C please come along to our next **P&C meeting, Wednesday 21st November t 9.15am** in the Library. This will be the last meeting for 2018. Please come along and have your say.

Our first meeting for **2019** will be on **Wednesday 20th February at 9.15am** in the Library.

The **AGM for 2019** will be held on **Wednesday 20th March at 9.15am** in the Library. All positions will be declared vacant at this meeting. So please consider if you would like to be involved with your school P&C, and elect to take up one of the positions. Further information on the AGM will be discussed at our first meeting of the year.

**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

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Every Wednesday during school term 8.30am – 9.30am

**P & C Committee**

## Canteen News

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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

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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.