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## Principal's Message

### Learning With Ms Becker

#### My Own Learning

As the Lead Learner of our school, I have a professional learning for myself, that focuses on ensuring that Seven Hills West Public School has the best version of myself, to build a school vision and culture that places learning and continual improvement as its core.

Last week I attended the NSW Primary Principal Association State Conference in Sydney. Among the speakers and conference learning, I had the opportunity to explore new ways of implementing future focused learning opportunities for our students and to also plan for our next School plan that will begin 2021-2023.

I was in awe of the quality of speakers and in particular, Gill Hicks, an Australian who has become an amputee as a result of the London bombings. Her resilience and importance to see the best in all situations has inspired me to share her relentless focus for peace. If you would like to hear her TED Talk please follow the link below:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/gill\\_hicks\\_i\\_survived\\_a\\_terrorist\\_attack\\_here\\_s\\_what\\_i\\_learned?language=ht](https://www.ted.com/talks/gill_hicks_i_survived_a_terrorist_attack_here_s_what_i_learned?language=ht)

Another speaker I was privileged to hear speak was Brad Marshall. Brad is a psychologist and focused his work on supporting families to control the household use of technology to ensure interaction and family connections still exist.

I was interested in the nature of Smartphones and how much we rely on them not only as students but also as teachers. We communicate, discover, capture and engage with the world using them. The platforms we communicate with you all is often done at the very moment due to the smartphone of the teacher. I was interested to read and hear about the balance that we

need to embrace as we venture into our next phase of school planning.

#### Preschool & Kindy Orientation

Our sessions for preschool and Kindergarten 2020 have been going so well!

The children and students are all settling into routines already and this has been such a warm and friendly experience for our families to see. They, too, have been having a great time with the learning they are engaging in.

If there are any students you know of that are of school age and have not yet enrolled into school, please invite them to come and see us for a tour and inclusion in our orientation sessions.

#### Halloween Disco

The SRC organised another fantastic event last week for the Halloween disco.

The teachers all supported them with helping to run the disco and make sure that the students all had a good time and stayed safe. This event was a student run initiative and the timeframe chosen to hold the event enabled families to continue their own celebrations afterward.

The funds raised will be tabled at the next SRC meeting and it will be decided how they will contribute to our school community.

#### STEAM Challenge Expo

This week our STEAM Team will present their project to the Challenge Expo!

The team have been working all year to get their sustainability project complete and now it's time to showcase it along with the other schools in the BLC (Blacktown Learning Community).

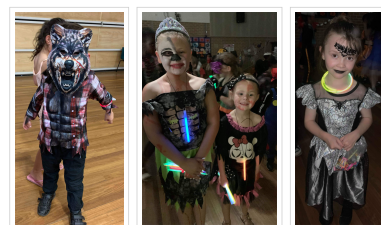
I am so proud of their efforts and to the teachers who have supported their own learning along the way in STEAM too.

#### Cricket Begins

This week our cricket program begins.

It is a part of our school sport program and has a Nil cost to the students. Given the start of the WBBL and current test matches, cricket is the talk of the school so the students will be keen to reach their potential as cricketers themselves!

**Kind regards,  
Ms Kylie Becker**



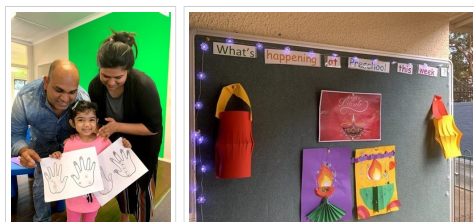
## Preschool

Term 4 brings lots of exciting events to our Preschool!

We would like to thank our wonderful families for joining us in Preschool to celebrate Diwali through sharing family experiences, music, creating diyas, lanterns, chalk drawing and henna.

We have also begun our Preschool orientation visits and welcome all our new and returning families to our Preschool community.

There is also an exciting resource in Preschool... our new SMARTboard, which will further support the children engaging with learning, supporting them as 21st century learners!



## BLC Public Speaking

### *BLC Public Speaking Competition 2019*

Brianna Muscat, Monisha Khanom, Eva Sheikh and Asena Talili having won at the school level represented our school at the Local Finals this term. We are pleased to announce that two of our students won at the inter-school level.

Asena Talili



**2nd place  
Stage 3**



Monisha Khanom



**3rd place  
Stage 2**

## HALLOWEN DISCO

On Thursday the 31st of October, Seven Hills West hosted its annual Halloween Disco, run by our SRC's!

Students came dressed in their scariest costumes and boo-gied with their friends. This year was our biggest year yet, with over 200 students joining us!

A big thank you to our P&C for donating and making the jelly cups as well as our year 6 cohort for putting together the lolly bags. All proceeds will go towards rejuvenating our garden spaces!

## Enrol for Kindy 2020

### ENROL FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

If you have a child, or know of someone in the area (a neighbor, friend etc) who has a child turning 5 in 2020 (born **BEFORE 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015**) - 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 copy.



## Expression of interest – Preschool 2020

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRESCHOOL 2020

If you have a child, or know of someone in the area (a neighbor, friend etc) who has a child turning 4 in 2020 (born **BEFORE 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2016**) - 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 Term 3, and should you be successful, you will be contacted by the school to come and collect an enrolment form.



## 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.



## Positive Behaviour for Learning

**SEVEN HILLS WEST IS A PBL SCHOOL!**

PBL encourages positive behaviour from students...

To be a **SUPERHERO** at SHW, we need to follow these expectations:

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be a Learner

When students meet these expectations they can be given a **SUPERHERO TOKEN**

When students earn **5 SUPERHERO TOKENS** from one expectation they will receive a **PBL CERTIFICATE** from that expectation

When a student earns **5 PBL CERTIFICATES** they will receive a **PBL SUPERHERO BADGE**.

## 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 2019					
Planning Sheet for Term 2 – 2019					
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	
P-4 Assembly 2pm		Clickel Program K-6	Dance2Bill – Stage 2&3	PSSA	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	
Remembrance Day		Clickel Program K-6	Dance2Bill – Stage 2&3	BOOK FAIR	PSSA
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR	BOOK FAIR	PSSA	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Supperhero Assembly P-6 2pm	P&C Meeting – 9.15am	Clickel Program K-6	Dance2Bill – Stage 2&3	Yrs 2-6 Assembly 11.20am-1.20pm Vote for School Captains & Leaders	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	
DECEMBER Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>			Dance2Bill – Stage 2&3		
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	
	Presentation Assembly 9am-11am	Year 6 Farewell	Preschool Graduation		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	
Reports Home	FUN DAY	Year 4 Tunnel	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	
		CHRISTMAS DAY	BOXING DAY		

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.

## Not Returning in 2020

### STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2020

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 **2020**.

This will assist us in organising classes in 2020.

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



## P & C News

### P&C Meeting

A big thankyou to Mrs Green in our school canteen for making the spooky jellies for the Halloween Disco, which was a huge success for the SRC.

**Our next P&C MEETING IS TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER, 2019 AT 9.15AM .**

Please come along and join us and have your say about matters for your children's school.

All input is greatly appreciated.

### 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.

### Canteen

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.

### Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Every Tuesday during school term 8.30am – 9.30am

### P & C Committee

## Community News



**ENROL NOW FOR TERM 4**

**Recreational Gymnastics**

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Venue 2: 1/1 Meridian Place, Bella Vista  
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[www.sydneyhillsgymnastics.com.au](http://www.sydneyhillsgymnastics.com.au)

**9659 9010**

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### Picnic in the Park 2019

Join us in celebrating International Day of People with Disability.

Date: **Wednesday, 4th December, 2019**  
Time: **10am - 1pm**  
Location: **Blacktown Showground, Entry via Richmond Road**

We recognise the achievements and contributions of people with disability through a fun filled event with live entertainment and activities like art in the park, silent disco and much, much more!

For information and to RSVP, contact Customer Connections on 1300 372 121 or email [customerconnections@dsa.org.au](mailto:customerconnections@dsa.org.au)



### ISSUE 7 IS OUR BUMPER CHRISTMAS EDITION



**ISSUE 7 OUT NOW!**

**Don't forget your Issue 7 Book Club orders which are due:**

**Issue 7 is a BUMPER Christmas catalogue that is sure to have something for everyone!**

**SCHOLASTIC**

## 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.