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20 November 2019

## Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker

#### 2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Results

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program, which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives a broad insight into student's performances across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing.

This year, SHW students took part in ICAS tests, most of which were delivered online for the first time.

I would like to congratulate all students who participated in the online ICAS this year.

The results for Digital Technologies, Science and the Spelling Bee ICAS, English have now been released. At present, we are still waiting for the results of the Writing and Mathematics.

Students who achieved a Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation certificate for ICAS Digital Technologies, Science, English or the Spelling Bee, will be presented with their certificate at School Assembly on Monday 2nd of December at 2pm.

A full breakdown of the results from the school will be available once all results have been returned.

### STEAM Expo

Our STEAM Team did us so proud at the recent BLC STEAM Expo that was held at Seven Hills High School.

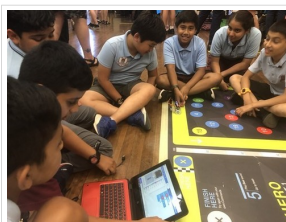
Our STEAM Team led by Mrs Rosario, with the help of other teachers at school, showcased their talents and team work as

they worked through the sustainability project that looked at building a house that was able to heat, cool and light up!

They were also faced with on the spot new technology and had to solve the challenge of making it move!

Our Director, Educational Leadership, Toni Kember rocked the expo as she played our homemade electric guitar!

Congratulations to everyone, we are very proud of you!



### Building at our School

It's Term Four and we have not slowed down in building to improve our school. We are currently adjusting our play areas while we build the shade sails to cover our astro turf in front of the library.

We have the poles in and they are setting with the shades due to come in very soon. We have ordered post covers like the ones on the oval to keep our students safe from bumping into them.

In five of our classrooms, we have new blinds going in that are patterned like the ones in preschool and K-2S and K-2G.

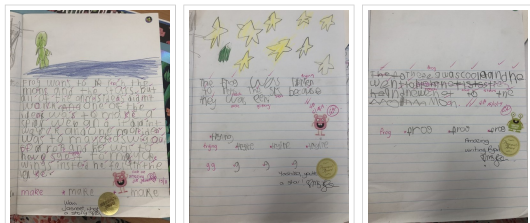
Our Yarning Circle is just about complete! We have added some final additional features to make it secure from run off and inclement weather, which has made the process longer.

In our remaining classrooms that require air conditioning, they are being installed.

## Kindergarten Writing is Amazing

During our Kindergarten L3 sessions, we share a focus book that is the stimulus for writing and responding to the story and the characters within it.

These KP students brought me their work this week and it was such a fantastic surprise to see how far they have progressed this semester! The text they read was "Frog Finds a Place" and their writing responses were so considered and clever.



## Crows Inquiry

Our recent inquiry project based learning about how to move the crows along from our school was very successful. The students all came up with excellent ideas about how to move the crows out of our school without hurting them and some of these ideas included getting a new bin system for the school, and also hanging glittering objects around to shoo them away.

We are currently pricing some of these options and will advise the school as soon as they arrive!

## 4-6A Town Planners in the Making

In 4-6A, they have been working on understanding their local community and also designing one of their own!

Each member of the class is responsible for an area of the town to design and build. The work they have done has been considered, planned and cleverly designed!

They are using this to make a movie about the town and the people in it! I can't wait to see the finished product!



**Kind regards,  
Ms Kylie Becker**

## STEAM



Our STEAM Team proudly represented their school as they participated in the Blacktown Learning Community STEM Expo 2019. This year the theme was to build a Smart Home. Students worked hard and enjoyed coding during their lunch time.

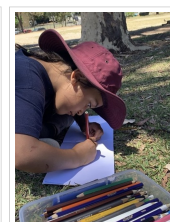


Guitar made and electrified by the STEAM Team.

## Preschool Outdoor Classroom Day

To embrace Outdoor Classroom Day, we went on an adventure around our big school and sketched some drawings of the things we found including different types of trees, bugs and flowers! Outdoor learning can enthuse children about learning and improve concentration. You can find out more of the benefits from this link below During our STEM experiences, the Preschool children have been experimenting with Virtual Reality goggles to explore Dubbo Plain Zoo and a Dinosaur Museum. We have also been busy visiting different parts of big school to support the children's transition to Kindergarten next year.

<https://outdoorclassroomday.com.au/about/>



## 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.



## YEAR 6 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY



### Seven Hills West Public School Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners Preschool and Year 6 Combined Formal Graduation Ceremony



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Seven Hills West Public School are excited to announce that we are hosting a Preschool and Year 6 combined formal graduation ceremony for our graduating students.

Families are invited to celebrate their child's success at Seven Hills West and wish them well for their next educational journey.

Year 6 students will be walking alongside a Preschool student on stage to receive their individual graduation certificate.

#### Details of the event

Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Location: New School Hall

Time: 9am - 11am

Following the ceremony, families of our graduating Year 6 students will be invited to a morning tea in the library with their child and Year 6 teachers.

Dress code: Full school uniform

There will be opportunities for students to be photographed in their graduation gowns.

We look forward to celebrating this exciting moment with you and your child!

Ms K Becker  
Principal  
07.11.19

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## Important Reminders

### ALLERGY ALERT

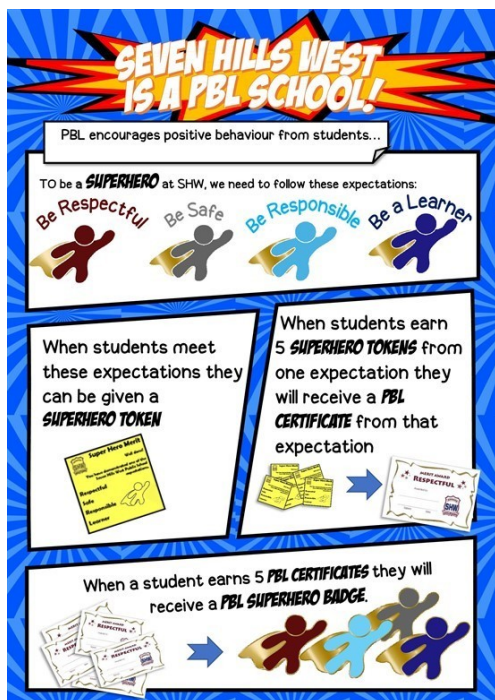
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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

## 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 2019

Planning Sheet for Term 2 – 2019					
	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>
6	BOOK FAIR Superhero Assembly P-6 2pm	BOOK FAIR P&C Meeting – 9.15am	BOOK FAIR Crickel Program K-6	BOOK FAIR Dance288 – Stage 2&3	PSSA Yrs 2-4 Assembly 11.20am-1.20pm Vote for School Captains & Leaders
7			Crickel Program K-6	Dance288 – Stage 2&3	Yrs 2-4 Assembly 11.20am-1.20pm Vote for Sports Captains
8	DECEMBER Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> P-4 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> Dance288 – Stage 2&3	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>
9	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Presentation Assembly 9am-11am	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Year 6 Farewell	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Preschool & Year 4 combined Graduation 9-11	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> TALENT SHOW 2019
10	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Reports Home	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> FUN DAY	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Year 4 Tunnel LAST DAY OF TERM 4	Thursday 19 <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> CHRISTMAS DAY	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> BOXING DAY	Friday 27 <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.

## 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

A big thankyou to Melissa Milne, Melissa Fawcett and Sarah Brown for their time in showing the new Kindergarten parents and children the uniforms in the Uniform Shop on Orientation days whom are starting at our school in 2020.

If anyone has any fundraising ideas for 2020 please let us know – we would appreciate some great new ideas.

## 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



**Wesley Out of School Hours Care**  
Vacation care calendar January 2020  
Quakers Hill

Monday 06	Tuesday 07	Wednesday 08	Thursday 09	Friday 10
 <b>Sustainability day</b> Take part in learning about recycling, growing things and planet earth.	 <b>Powerhouse Museum excursion</b> Let's explore history through science, design and arts.	 <b>Get wet day</b> Bring a towel and clothes for a wet day at OOSH.	 <b>Boot camp jumping castle excursion</b> Get active in a fun boot camp with a jumping castle.	 <b>Dream job dress up</b> Dress in what you want to be when you grow up.
	<b>\$25 extra per child</b>		<b>\$10 extra per child</b>	<b>Electronics day</b>
Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17
 <b>Kindi farm excursion</b> Hand feed a goat, calf, sheep and piglet.	 <b>Farm day</b> Dress as a farmer and do lots of planting.	 <b>Inflatable World excursion</b> Get ready to bounce at Inflatable World.	 <b>Art and craft day</b> Let your inner artist out for a day.	 <b>Get wet day</b> Bring in a towel and clothes for a wet day at OOSH.
<b>\$10 extra per child</b>		<b>\$22 extra per child</b>	<b>Electronics day</b>	
Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
 <b>Get wet day</b> Bring in a towel and clothes for a wet day at OOSH.	 <b>Moving bodies gymnastics excursion</b> Let your gymnastics skills shine.	 <b>Cooking day</b> Take part in a cooking competition with friends.	 <b>Australia day celebrations</b> Let's celebrate Australia today with a BBQ lunch.	 <b>Bowling and laser tag excursion</b> Verse your friends and have fun. Only 6yo+ for laser tag.
	<b>\$14 extra per child</b>	<b>Electronics day</b>	<b>\$5 extra per child</b>	<b>\$11 extra per child</b>

For enquiries phone (02) 9626 6620 or email [oosh@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:oosh@wesleymission.org.au)



### Wesley Out of School Hours Vacation care in Quakers Hill

Keep the kids busy and entertained during the summer holidays with fun, affordable and local child care.

#### Activities include:

- get wet days
- dream job dress up day
- art and craft day
- Inflatable World and Powerhouse Museum excursions.

#### Dates:

Monday 6 January to Friday 24 January 2020, additional pupil free days.

#### Location:

Quakers Hill Public School Medlow Drive and Quakers Road, Quakers Hill.

**Cost:** \$47 per day, excursions and excursions will be extra.

For more information visit [wesleymission.org.au/vacationcare](http://wesleymission.org.au/vacationcare)  
Call 9626 6620 or email [oosh@wesleymission.org.au](mailto:oosh@wesleymission.org.au)

Do all the good you can  
because every little matters.



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or scan the QR code

Your local Scout Group welcomes you.  
Visit [www.scouts.org.au](http://www.scouts.org.au)  
for a full list of Scout Groups in your area.  
Greater Western Sydney Office: 02 9639 2488  
[www.greaterwesternscouts.org.au](http://www.greaterwesternscouts.org.au)

## 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.**