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6 February 2019

## Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker

A warm welcome to Seven Hills West Public School! 2019 is setting up to be a fantastic start and all of our students have arrived settled and happy.



We began the year with some seriously competitive teachers using our STEM equipment to test and compete with each other to build catapults to shoot paper across the room the furthest. After the competitive nature of us subsided, we looked at how group work can positively and sometimes negatively impact learning. The rich discussions and feedback helped us begin our professional learning around cognitive load and how to find the best ways for students to access their new learning and attach it to what they already know, so strong connections and links can be made for each student at their stage of learning. It certainly gave us excellent insight into our own learning and the possibilities for our teaching and learning programs this year.

### Staff

I am very proud and privileged to have the team of professionals working with us this year. There are some new faces and some old faces returning as well as some staff that have had a move over the holidays. The school structures are as follows:

**Principal:** Kylie Becker

**Preschool:** Erin Raffin - SLSO: Sharon North

**Kindergarten:** Katie Gardiner and Alainya Zollinger, Amber Craig, Rebecca Pizzaro, Lauren Myers

**Stage One:** Angela Mitchell, Sarah Guy, Katie Martin, Jo Selman, Katie Banning

**Stage Two:** Grant Jones, Shannon Barber, Louise Gatt, Des Rangiah, Moira Tatchell

**Stage Three:** Paris Jade-Pierce and Lisa Jacques, Noreen Rosario, Sheenal Prasad, Naomi Franciscus

**Support Unit:** Wendy August, Megan Moon, Komal Chhugani, Emma Savage, Akshi Gupta - SLSO: Carmen Spiteri, Deb Sutcliffe, Nichole Ramos, Kirralee Morri, Rosalind Jacob

**Office Staff:** Alison Bruce, Reg Kennedy, Nicole Neylan, GA: Dion Brown **SLSO:** Vanessa Shearer, Nicole Bell, Kyle Bruce



I am sure you all will join me in welcoming everyone to our school this year and know that if there's any we can do for you, we will. Please make an appointment through the office if you would like to see any of our staff.

### Classes

Our classes have all settled in well. We have 13 established classes and our teachers are very pleased with how they have settled in. I read to them on the first day, as I always do, and the focus of the story was to be excited about looking for friends that will add something different to your life. Friends, next to learning, are the best part about school and they are so important for finding your sense of belonging and connection to school. It's important to encourage our children to make a number of friends to manage the emotional complexity that comes with only one friend who may be away or wish to have many friends! If your child is worried about this, chat with their teacher who can help build relationships and experiences that will be positive. Often, a child may be nervous that their "best

friend" is not in their class. Encourage them to the idea that class time is for learning and there's plenty of opportunities for them to see their best friends in the playground.

## Families

Part of our philosophy at Seven Hills West Public School is strong families. We have many families in our school community and together we make a fantastic bunch of people. With your help I would like to reach out to our new families and those that can't always make it up to school, to be a part of our P&C and certainly our online community. This way everyone is able to feel included and a part of something rather special.

Our school has so much to offer and we want to make sure everyone gets to be a part of it. Our first community event will be our Information Afternoons in Week 5 of this term, so parents can meet their child's teacher and get some idea of the things that they are doing. More information will follow soon.

## Swimming Carnival

Our swimming carnival is coming up in Week 4. We are looking to combine with other schools to make it a more competitive event and more exciting for our students.

**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.

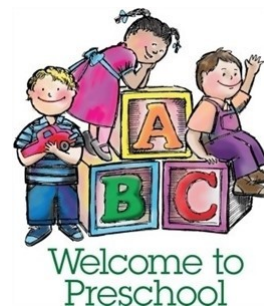
Your understanding and support in this very important health issue are greatly appreciated.

### 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.

## Preschool T-Shirts

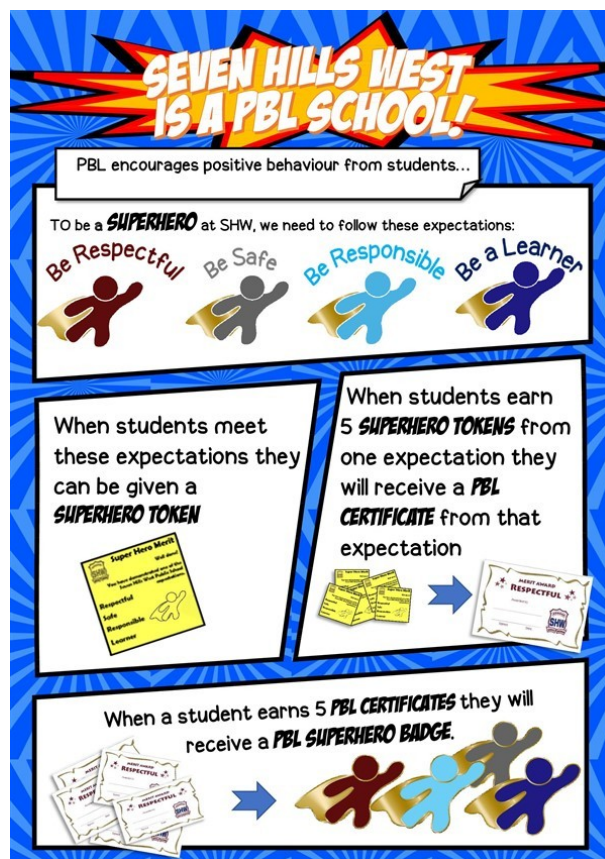
Seven Hills West Preschool now have t-shirts for purchase.



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.

## 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 1 2019

Planning Sheet for Term 1 ~ 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>
2	KINDY 2019 COMMENCE Group 1 – EMU's commence	Group 2 – EMU's Commence Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	ALL Emu's attend Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Group 1 – WOMBAT's commence	Group 2 – WOMBAT's commence
3	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> ALL WOMBAT's attend	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>
4	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> SWIM CARNIVAL 8yr olds to Year 6 – COMPETITORS ONLY 8.30am-12pm	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30 P&C Meeting – 9.15am - Library	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
5	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	MARCH Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> PSSA – Summer Commences
6	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> ZONE SWIM CARNIVAL	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
7	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> SYD WEST SWIM CARNIVAL	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
8	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30 P&C AGM – 9.15am - Library	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> PSSA
9	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
10	APRIL Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
11	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> PSSA

## 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

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

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

Students in Year 6 2019 can already access our Selective Stream via the Selective High School Placement Test held each year in March. Unfortunately however, this class is capped at a maximum of 30 students per year group, which often prevents access for some very capable students.

An alternative pathway to advanced academic study at Blacktown Boys is available via the school based GTI test held in February.

**Blacktown Boys**  
A Partially Selective  
Boys High School



### GTI Entrance Test for 2020 On 26 February 2019

#### What is GTI?

Our **Gifted Talented and interested** class is designed for students in year 6 2019 who have above average academic ability and who may possess talents not always reflected in the style of test provided by the Selective High School Placement Unit, such as arts, computers and music.

#### Why choose GTI?

The Gifted Talented and interested class follows the same curriculum as the Selective class and undertakes the same internal assessment processes.

It has the added advantage of being a pathway to positions in the Selective class should vacancies occur, subject to formal application procedures.

#### How to gain entry?

Main entry is via the GTI test held at Blacktown Boys High (registration details below), with a small number of places reserved for Primary School recommendations and further testing.

#### Test Details:

This test will cover literacy, numeracy and general knowledge.

The test for registered students will be held in the **Blacktown Boys Hall** at 4.00pm on **Tuesday 26th February 2019**. A place can be registered either in person, by phone, or by filling in the Parent Nomination Form available on the school website, no later than the **22nd February 2019**.

All materials will be provided by the school on payment of the **non-refundable \$10** entry fee covering printing and marking costs. This fee can be paid in advance over the phone via eftpos or cash on the examination day.

To register a position for the test, or for any other enquiries, please call the **Front Office** between 8.30am and 2.00pm Monday to Friday on 9622 1658 before the 22nd February 2019.

## STARLIGHTS NETBALL CLUB

### Register to play netball in 2019

Register on-line from 1 January 2019 via [mynetball.com.au](http://mynetball.com.au)

Rego Day - Sunday 17 February 2019, 10am-2pm  
Toongabbie Sports and Bowling Club



New to netball?  
Come along to our Come and Try Netball Day or Bring a Buddy to Binalong

Sunday, 10 February 2019  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Binalong Park,  
Binalong Road, Old Toongabbie

We have junior & senior teams  
Registrations Fees for 2019:  
NetSetGo Skills (5-7yrs) \$120  
NetSetGo Comp (7-9yrs) \$180  
Juniors (10-17yrs) \$195  
Seniors (18 yrs +) \$260  
Active Kids Vouchers can be used - apply via Service NSW  
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Please get in touch via [starlightsnetballclub@hotmail.com](mailto:starlightsnetballclub@hotmail.com) or send us a message on our Facebook page

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New and Returning Registration: Weds, 6 February, 2019

New Students can also join on: Wednesdays, 13 Feb., 20 Feb.

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](http://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](http://www.karate-kids.com.au).

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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.**