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20 February 2019

## Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker

Our learning platform is well underway at Seven Hills West Public School. Our teachers and support staff working in classrooms have been focusing on the National Professional Teaching Standards and in particular, Standard One: Know your students and how they learn.

Each class has undergone assessments in learning and determining the starting point for us to work with in order to make each and every child at our school is known, valued and cared for. There are many ice breaker games so the students can make new friends in their classes and also so they can know their new teachers!

From Preschool through to Year 6, the students have all got work up on the walls and it certainly shows the connection to learning that the teachers have themselves. You will be able to see and hear about this in our parent information afternoons in week 5. You will be given a specific date from each Assistant Principal very soon. It must be said though that if you are unable to make it there's always an opportunity to make time to meet with our teachers by simply organising a time through the office.

In our school we make a significant effort to tailor the learning and the teaching to every student. Sometimes this requires us to work with you to make an Individualised Education Plan. We formulate these plans to give specific goals to students to help them achieve personal targets that enable them access to learning. Usually these are short sharp goals that lead to a bigger outcome and are always written in consultation with you. We may call you to help us really hone in on the skills and strategies your child may need to be their very best and as the expert, you are the best source of information. We keep you in the loop about the progress your child is making and make regular adjustments to ensure we are on the right path. You can

request a meeting to discuss this with us if you feel your child may benefit from an Individualised Education plan.

Over the next couple of weeks, our staff are also reviewing and evaluating the Personalised Learning Pathways for our Aboriginal students. Your child's teacher will make contact with you in the next couple of weeks to touch base about your child and work on refining their learning pathway and ensuring that your child enjoys coming to school and has everything they need to make connections to their learning.



It's always exciting to visit our classrooms and to see the work that is being done. As you can see from these images, we are making direct links between learning and fun!

A big shout out to those who have been spoiled by handmade Valentine's Day love from 2G and K-2S!

**Kylie Becker**

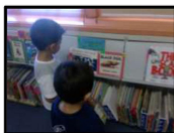
## Preschool

### Newsletter: Preschool 2019

What a great start to 2019 with the Emu and Wombat group settling into Preschool! We have been busy forming new friendships and learning new routines. Miss Raffan and Mrs North have loved getting to know the children and families.



- **Dinosaur Hunt:** Following our interest in dinosaurs, we enjoyed a dinosaur hunt finding all types of dinosaurs hiding in our outdoor yard.



- **Library Visits:** We also started our weekly library visits. The children have enjoyed selecting a book to borrow and experiencing the new setting.
- **Emu group:** Monday
- **Wombat group:** Friday



- **Munch and Move:** We have introduced our Munch and Move program focusing on healthy eating and physical activity including learning a new skill and game each week. We have loved seeing all the healthy lunchboxes!

- **Information for Preschool families:** Please don't forget to check Seesaw for updates and if possible send a family photo for your children to share and display.

### PRESCHOOL T-SHIRTS

Students commencing at Seven Hills West Preschool receive a complimentary T-shirt and hat.



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

Should you wish to make an additional purchase, please place your order at the Admin Office.

## 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 and Street Parking

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.

It is illegal to park across driveways when dropping off or picking up children. For more information please see the following link:

<https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/safety-rules/road-rules/parking.html>



## 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 Kindy photos	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Kindy – Free eyesight screening
4	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> SWIM CARNIVAL Byr olds to Year 6 – COMPETITORS ONLY 8.30am-12pm Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30 P&C Meeting – 9.15am - Library	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>
5	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Stage - Movie Day 9.00am-1.30pm Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	MARCH Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> PSSA – Summer Commences
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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

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.

### 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 Wednesday during school term 8.30am – 9.30am

### P & C Committee

## Community News



**LALOR PARK RUGBY LEAGUE**

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### **NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL**

Our school is a Creative and Performing Arts High School and the school will hold auditions for talented students in Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts.

The auditions for Year 6 students (Year 7 2020) and also Years 8 – 11 (for placement in 2019) will be held at the school on:

Monday 18th March – Friday 22nd March 2019.

Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music are encouraged to apply. Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program **MUST** also audition.

Students who gain selection into our school benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives. Our school also offers modern performance and technical production facilities, specialist teachers and a supportive whole school ethos, which promote excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts.

Many of our Creative and Performing Arts students are multi-talented and have interest in several Creative Arts areas. Our school offers a broad comprehensive curriculum and Music, Dance, Drama and Visual Arts work together under the banner of the Creative and Performing Arts.

We kindly ask that your school publish the attached information sheet for parents and students in your next School Bulletin or Newsletter.

Application forms can be downloaded from the schools website, where parents can also register their interest.

<http://www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.gov.au>

Closing date for applications and forms need to be returned by Tuesday 12th March 2019

Should you have any further questions about the auditions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs June Stepic – [june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au) or contact the school Ph: 9630 4116

Yours sincerely

N Vazquez  
Principal

## SAVE THE DATE TO VACCINATE



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[immunisation.health.nsw.gov.au](http://immunisation.health.nsw.gov.au)



### **Seven Hills High School Open Night 2019 Thursday 28th February**



- 5.30 pm BBQ at the Outdoor Classroom – outside of Science
- 5.45 pm Walking tour of our Agricultural Plot and surrounds
- 6.00 pm Meet in the Library for a brief presentation by our Senior Executive
- 6.30 pm In small groups begin a school tour with our student leaders, exploring our rooms, resources and displays including:
  - Stem and Robotics Laboratory
  - Music Facilities
  - Dance Studio
  - Weight Training Centre
  - Fabrication Laboratory

**If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.**

**ENQUIRIES** Greg Johnstone –Principal  
**PHONE** 9624 3329

## COME AND TRY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Have fun, get fit and make friends with your local Rugby League Club. Seven Hills Kangaroos JRLFC offers children aged U6 to U14s the opportunity to play rugby league in a family friendly and safe environment. Come try it out at one of our training sessions starting Tuesday Feb 12th 2019 at International Peace Park, Jean St, Seven Hills. We also have a women's team for ages 18 and above for mum's who want to get fit and have fun!

### Seven Hills Kangaroos JRLFC

#### Registrations open now



Registrations start at \$120 for U6/7 and \$140 for U8 and above. Save \$100 on rego with your NSW Gov Active Kids Voucher. Socks, shorts and training shirts included in registration cost. Register at any of the training sessions. Contact us via Facebook or phone Kylie (President) 0452664107 Sue (Secretary) 0432075287 Kylie (Registrar) 0434517007

#### UPCOMING WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

**SATURDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2019**

##### SATURDAY STUDIO: COSTUME ACCESSORIES

Sessions at 10 am–12.30 pm and 1.30–4 pm

\$40 per person per session

Location: the National Art School

Inspired by the upcoming Sydney Mardi Gras Festival, spend the morning creating accessories to bring some colour and glam to your wardrobe! Think brooches, earrings, headbands and ties. Learn simple techniques in constructing cardboard to use as the base for your accessories, embellishing your creations with coloured paint, paper and glitter as you go.

##### HANDMADE DRAWING TOOLS

**SATURDAY, 2 MARCH 2019**

Sessions at 10 am–12.30 pm and 1.30–4 pm

\$15 per person per session

Location: the National Art School

As part of the 2019 Sydney Design Festival, learn how to make your own drawing implements from found natural materials. Loosen up with gestural drawing exercises to rediscover drawing in a creative and supportive studio environment. Gather natural materials from the NAS campus to create your own brushes and draw from an array of found objects in the Drawing department's collection. Work collaboratively and in ink to create a series of interesting large scale drawings that can be reworked into smaller objects and books to take home.

**YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 (2020)**  
**OPEN NIGHT**

Invitation to Year 6 students and their parent/carer(s)  
Come and explore the 21st century learning opportunities offered at Mitchell High School

**TUESDAY 5 MARCH 2019**  
**6.30PM – 8.30PM**  
**MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL HALL**  
**KEYWORTH DRIVE BLACKTOWN**

- Meet and talk to our Executive Staff and teachers
- Tour our school grounds
- Explore our classrooms
- Discover our educational opportunities

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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.