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6 March 2019

Principal's Message

Learning with Ms Becker

When we think about teaching and learning, we often think that it means sitting at a desk with paper and pencils and there's a quiet group of students in the room doing their learning on their own. We have so many examples and so much research to support a happy, chatty classroom where the students are standing, sitting and lying down with friends learning together, using paper, pens, iPads and each other for great ideas and direction.

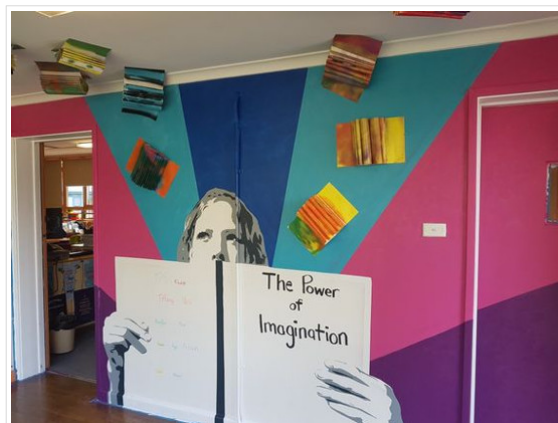


Our school has taken on the new and interesting ways to learn and this was on display at our parent teacher sessions last week. We even had video conferencing with some of our teachers to show that we can make contact in a host of ways to make communicating between us so easy, we just have to think outside the box! I encourage you all to think of interesting and exciting ways of doing business and share them with me via the P&C so we enable a strong school community relationship.



Our teachers in Kindy and Stage One began their L3 training this week. This learning philosophy helps the teachers engage in reading instruction that is targeted, focused on individual students and also enable the students to learn at their own rate within their own interest areas. We have seen significant successes with our student's reading progress and are looking forward to having even more staff trained in delivering this progress to our students.

Our school has begun our next phase of school beautification for 2019 and this came in the way of our library foyer. The Stage Three students were able to work with a street artist from the Performing Arts Unit, which is a part of the Department of Education, and together we made a mural in the library entrance foyer. We have completed the first part of it and it looks amazing! Drop in and visit to look at how hard our students worked.



Our super swimmers take the blocks next week, Tuesday 12th March, against our neighbouring schools. We wish all the best and also wish our support students who have their Northcott Disabilities coming up on Thursday 14th March, success in the pool. These opportunities for our students are amazing and thank you to Mrs Barber and Mrs Moon for their planning of them. At both of them, I encourage parents to come too and see how much fun it will be.

Stage Three camp to Canberra is in the planning and a payment instalment plan will follow to ensure it's a manageable process for the best excursion our Stage Three will have.

Seeing our Nation's capital is so important and helps shape our young minds ready to make amazing choices as they discover democracy and many other exciting places like the National Gallery and Questacon.

Our assemblies have begun again and we have shown that our students are strong respectful learners who display a sense of occasion at all times. I am a very proud principal to call Seven Hills West Public School the place I can lead our learners.

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

Seven Hills West Preschool Newsletter

We have been very busy in Preschool learning through play, making friendships and getting to know our way around the big school! Don't forget to check the Seesaw application to stay up to date with our program.

Learning in Preschool

We have been exploring emotions and feelings through stories, discussions, artwork and other experiences such as making fruit faces. This also supported our learning of healthy eating.

Preschool has also enjoyed STEM lessons with Mr Jones in the library. This term they are exploring Beebots!



Munch and Move Fundamental Movement Skills

Each week we learn and develop a fundamental movement skill through practicing and playing a game incorporating that movement. These skills are great to try at home as well!

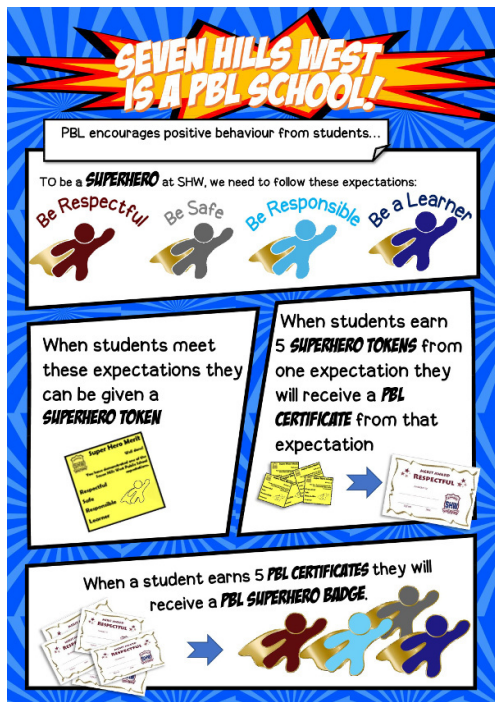
Hopping



Fundamental Movement Skills in Action

FMS for 3 – 5 year olds

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 th	Tuesday 5 th	Wednesday 6 th	Thursday 7 th	Friday 8 th
K-6 Assembly 2pm-3pm	Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	ZONE SWIM CARNIVAL	PSSA
			Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	
Monday 11 th	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th	Friday 15 th
K-2 Tr Skills	SYD WEST SWIM CARNIVAL	Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	PSSA
	Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am		Northcott Swim Carnival - Support	
			Selective High School Test	
Monday 18 th	Tuesday 19 th	Wednesday 20 th	Thursday 21 st	Friday 22 nd
K-2 Tr Skills	Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30	Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	PSSA
K-6 Assembly 2pm-3pm		P&C AGM - 9.15am - Library		
Monday 25 th	Tuesday 26 th	Wednesday 26 th	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28 th
K-2 Tr Skills				
K-6 Assembly 2pm-3pm				
Monday 1 st	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th
APRIL K-2 Tr Skills	Stage 1 - Field of Mars excursion	Stage 3 - Art Gallery excursion		
Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
K-2 Tr Skills				LAST DAY TERM 1
K-6 Assembly 2pm-3pm				
Monday 16 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
				GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th	Friday 26 th
EASTER MONDAY			ANZAC 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.

P & C News

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

BLACKTOWN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL




Invites
All year 6 parents & daughters
to an information evening for
Year 7 2020
on Monday 18th March 2019
6.45pm - 8.30pm

Blacktown Girls High School is the school of choice for your daughter's education. Our aspiration is to prepare our students to be young women who have a well-defined sense of self, and who strive to achieve their personal best. We offer an educational experience that is grounded on in-depth knowledge of how girls learn best. Our aim is to create an innovative, nurturing and enjoyable learning environment for our students.

We invite you to our School Library to come and talk to our students and teachers.

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BLACKTOWN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
A Partially Selective Girls High School

Year 6 into Year 7 2020
Information Evening

Where: Blacktown Girls High School – in the library.
When: Monday 18th March 2019 at 6.45pm.

The staff and students of Blacktown Girls High School are pleased to invite all interested parents and their daughters to a Year 7 Information Evening. This event will be held on Monday 18th March 2019 commencing at 6.45pm. This evening provides a great opportunity to learn more about the wonderful opportunities that will be available to your daughters as they enter High School at Blacktown Girls.

It is the aim of Blacktown Girls High School to provide a quality education specifically designed to 'make a difference' for girls. As reported both locally and nationally, the excellence of our academic and extra curricula programs have been widely recognized. We have also seen evidence of this in the 'Value Added' data for both HSC & NAPLAN over recent years. Moving into the future, we will continue to offer these high quality programs focusing on preparing our students for life and work in the 21st century.

The school offers enrichment courses and curriculum for Talented Girls in a program which runs parallel to our Selective Class. Mainstream and supported students are also well catered for in our inclusive school.

The evening consist of two parts –

Firstly – there will be an information session where you can learn about our school and the benefits of girls only education.

Then – you will be invited to browse amongst the faculty displays, where specific information will be available about the excellent programs offered in each Key Learning Area. You will also be able to talk to teachers and students about the school.

For the students attending, we have a range of mini-lessons from different faculties designed to give an idea of the learning activities the students may engaged in at our school.

Please pass this invitation on to friends or neighbours who may have a daughter in Year 6.

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely
Jeffrey Lumb

Jeffrey Lumb
PRINCIPAL

Rebecca Simm
Primary/Secondary Liaison

Please return this portion to Ms Simm C/- Blacktown Girls High School or Phone 9831 7577 or Fax 9831 7838 or email: rebecca.simm@det.nsw.edu.au by Wednesday 13th March 2019.

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Number attending: Adults Children

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

APRIL 2019



MON 15 APRIL	W1 Bowling W3 Soccer	W2 Arts & Crafts W4 Making Slime
TUES 16 APRIL	W1 Arts & Crafts W3 Basketball	W2 Zumba W4 Multisport
WED 17 APRIL	W1 Youth Hub W3 Cooking*	W2 Basketball W4 Outdoor Games
THURS 18 APRIL	W1 Kids Fitness W3 Arts & Crafts	W2 Movie & Board Games W4 Athletics
FRI 19 APRIL	CLUB CLOSED	
MON 22 APRIL	CLUB CLOSED	
TUES 23 APRIL	W1 Arts & Crafts W3 Table Tennis	W2 Zumba W4 Multisport
WED 24 APRIL	W1 Youth Hub W3 Cooking*	W2 Basketball W4 Outdoor Games
THURS 25 APRIL	CLUB CLOSED	
FRI 26 APRIL	W1 Multisport W3 Soccer	W2 Arts & Crafts W4 Music & Dance

W1 workshop

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - \$25 per child, per day.
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*Please notify team of any food restrictions

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.



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