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Principal's Message

Learning with Ms Becker

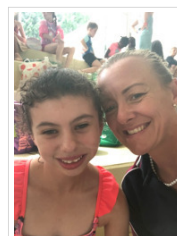
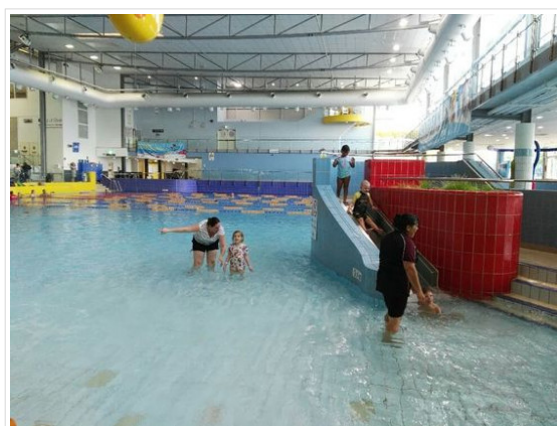
Northcott Disability Carnival

This event is such a demonstration of ability! Every single student from our school earned a first, second or third place in the events they entered. Held annually, this experience really shows our staff, community and the students themselves that they are able and can achieve. Our school was so strong that this year we also became the face of the event with our students and teachers being interviewed and videoed about their thoughts, ideas and feelings about Northcott Disability Carnival.

A huge congratulations to all of the students who attended and a big shout out to our cheeky teachers and families that was so envious that they were missing out, they decided to get in and have a swim with the students too! It was such a strong display of spirit and community.

There's always such amazing stories and insights that come out of these events and one memory this year for me was a conversation I had with Tiana about how hard she tries to remember what she has to do when she starts the race. She finds that she knows what to do but when it starts, she just forgets! Her and I talked about this for a while and came up with a possible strategy for her to try. The chance to have discussions like this enables us to find out so much about how our students learn and what they need to grow.

Many thanks to all who participated on the day, let's do it again next year!



Bullying No Way! Our Anti-Bullying Plan

Last week we reinforced to our school community that we are safe! We acknowledged Bullying No Way day of action and worked on class activities of anti-bullying to make sure that our students know what bullying is, how to identify it and what to do to let someone know about it.

The students were so focused on being friends, and that from time to time a conflict can occur but at our school, we always look after each other and sort through our problems.

Our school website has our Anti-Bullying Plan posted and the link is here below:

<https://sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies.html>

Also, I would like to share the link to the Bullying No way website for your interest in keeping bullying out of our school. Our PBL values of respect, responsibility, safety and learning

means that our whole school community is committed to being safe and free from bullying.

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>



Art Gallery NSW Operation Art Touring 50

The Operation Art Touring Exhibition opens this week at the Art Gallery of NSW. Two of our students who collaboratively worked on an artwork together, Kywun McLeod and Maddie Hambling were successful in becoming winners of the top 50 artworks that make this tour and also become a part of the permanent collection at the Children's Hospital in Westmead. The girls have received invitations, as have I, to see their artwork hung in the Art Gallery of NSW on Wednesday March 20. This is a very big honour for any artist, much less artists that are so young! Congratulations!

Early Learning Conference

Our preschool Team attended the Early Years Conference with me and we discovered that our preschool is going from strength to strength! We are working hard to make sure our service is deemed as exceeding and we are hoping to have the students and their families a part of this learning journey. The guide to the national Quality Framework defines educational leaders as being clear about the purpose of education and care services and have skills to effectively communicate their goals and expectations for teaching and learning. At the conference the teachers and I looked at our programs and our practices against best practice models and research. We were excited to say that we had provided examples throughout this space where we are above the expectations of our P-2 Initiatives Officers.



Tri Skills has begun

Tri Skills has taken our K-2 students by storm! The students are loving the activities and skills they are developing through this program. Funded from a sports grant, the students are receiving this opportunity fully funded and this is a testament to the hard work from our sport coordinator, Mrs Barber.



As you can see our school is working hard and making huge gains in teaching and learning. I hope, as we head towards to Term One break, we hit even higher heights!



SRC Members for Semester 1

We would like to congratulate our group of students who have been elected members of the SRC for Semester 1 at Seven Hills West Public School.

The SRC at Seven Hills West Public School has a long and proud tradition, Miss Pizarro and Miss Prasad are thrilled to be able to work alongside our SRC for 2019.

We look forward to the decisions they will make as class leaders.

Our SRC members for Semester 1 2019 are:

6JP:	Aloi & Rabya
5R:	Yousha & Hararyan
5/6P:	Eva & Myra
4/6C:	Jack
4/6M:	Greg
4/6A:	Aisha
4R:	Beren & Thomas
3/4G:	Fil & Niyati
3B:	Kachul & Torika
2M:	Ian & Maanya
2G:	Ryan & Manmeet
1M:	Kumayl & Daysha
1S:	Banmeet & Thaddeud
1/2G:	Mikael
K/2S:	Isaiah

KGZ: Akram & Krisha
KC: Saeed & Susan
KP: Riley & Jasreet

Robotics at SHWPS

ROBOTICS

Students at Seven Hills West have been enhancing their learning with a range of exciting technology.

With the use of robotics and collaborative learning tools, students have been developing their future focussed learning skills.

P-2 have been using Bee Bots and Blue Bots to strengthen their mathematics, geography and computational skills.

Years 3-6 are exploring the Google platform where they can collaborate online with their peers.



Colour Craze Fun Run



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Dear Parent/Guardian

School Run4Fun Colour Explosion

Seven Hills West PS P&C is holding a School Run4Fun Colour Explosion fundraiser this term, so we ask for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular to turf a section of our school oval.

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on **THURSDAY 11th APRIL 2019** starting at 1.45pm. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Colour Powder

The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

How to Order Prizes?

To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash, online, and if applicable, any **FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS** won using the unique code on page five (5) of the Sponsorship Form.

To place your prize order:

* Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school.

Please return sponsorship cards and money to the canteen.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before **FRIDAY 12th APRIL**. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a BLAST OF COLOUR! Happy fundraising!

Ms K Becker
Principal
18.03.19

P&C Committee

Premier's Reading Challenge



Seven Hills West Public School Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



IT IS NOT A COMPETITION BUT A CHALLENGE TO EACH STUDENT TO READ, TO READ MORE AND TO READ MORE WIDELY.

4th MARCH to 30th AUGUST 2019

REFER TO THE WEBSITE

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/studentExperience.html>

START READING NOW!!!!!!

Ms K Becker
Principal
14.03.19

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Harmony Day



Seven Hills West Public School Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

To celebrate Harmony Day on Thursday 21st March, we invite all students to wear the colour orange or dress in their traditional clothing.

Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone in a multicultural Australia. We wear the colour orange as it signifies social communication and meaningful conversations.

In classes, students will engage in a variety of activities that encourage communication and promote the diversity of Australia.

HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



Kylie Becker
Principal
18.03.19

Kathryn Gardiner
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Important Reminders

ALLERGY ALERT

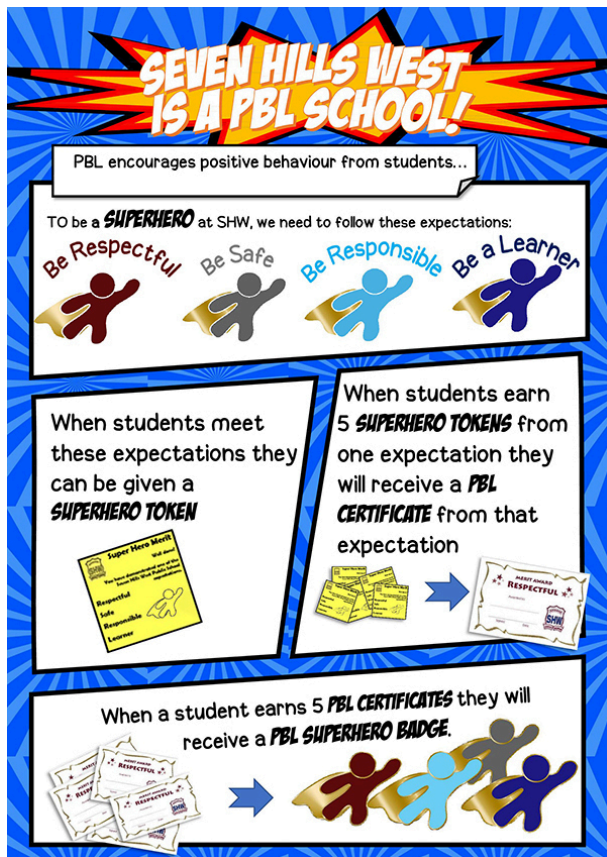
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut 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 1 2019

Planning Sheet for Term 1 ~ 2019					
8	Monday 18 th K-2 Tri Skills K-6 Assembly 2pm-3pm	Tuesday 19 th Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am	Wednesday 20 th Uniform Shop Open 8.30-9.30 P&C AGM – 9.15am - Library	Thursday 21 st Breakfast Club 8.15-8.45am HARMONY DAY	Friday 22 nd PSSA
	Monday 25 th K-2 Tri Skills K-6 Assembly 2pm-3pm	Tuesday 26 th	Wednesday 26 th	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28 th
9	Monday 1 st K-2 Tri Skills	Tuesday 2 nd Stage 1 – Field of Mars excursion Kindy Incursion – Amazing Ants	Wednesday 3 rd Stage 3 – Art Gallery excursion	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th
	Monday 8 th K-2 Tri Skills SUPERHERO ASSEMBLY 2pm-3pm	Tuesday 9 th K-2 Easter Hat Parade 9am-11am P&C Easter Raffle	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th SCHOOL RUN4FUN COLOUR EXPLOSION	Friday 12 th LAST DAY TERM 1
10	Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th GOOD FRIDAY
	Monday 22 nd EASTER MONDAY	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th ANZAC DAY	Friday 26 th

Dates and activities are subject to change. Please review newsletter, our Facebook page and/or our school website, for any changes.

- 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.

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

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

Try Something New

Join Hockey Blacktown's 2019 Winter Programme

Local training

Local games

For 7 to 10 year old boys and girls

Commencing Monday 30 April

After more information?

Lyn 0421 798 242

email@hockeyblacktown.org.au

<http://www.hockeyblacktown.org.au>

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

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.