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## Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker

#### Lane Clark

Our school has worked so very hard over the last fortnight and our teachers did so much of the learning themselves so they could have the best teaching and learning programs for our students.

Lane Clark is a curriculum innovator from Canada and she has been working with us to help the teachers work on breaking down the teaching and learning cycle in such a way that every student has the chance to bring their own learning to the table and through inquiry, students can bring strong knowledge and understanding to the whole class outcome achievement.

Lane spent two days with new members beginning the process and were joined by teachers from neighbouring schools Kellyville Public School and Parklea Public School. Then she spent a day working with members of our school who began their journey last year and deepened their knowledge even more. Finally, she spent a day with me to create a teaching and learning inquiry, based around an exciting initiative I have planned for staff and students next term.



### Archie - Our talented Artist!

Archie Taylor from Kindergarten entered the Blacktown Show recently with his fantastic painting. He was very excited to share his first place achievement with us at school this week!

Congratulations Archie, we are so proud of you!



### Excursions

We have a number of excursions coming up before the end of term. Please ensure that you always check our website and also any correspondence in schoolbags for last minute variations and adjustments that may occur. Additionally, we do not want anyone to miss out on our experiences so if you need to speak with me regarding it, please do so.

### Leading through the School Plan

Our Leadership team worked hard last week unpacking the School Plan for where we are, and the Assistant Principals looked at our progress so far in regards to our improvement measures. It's exciting to say we are on track and have made strong reflections on our learning journey as a school to move forward in the second half of the planning cycle. If you would like to see our school plan, you can on our website.

The executive staff managed to make strong connections with the whole school P-6 and this will see our students doing some really exciting things. We are using the data collected to make decisions about where to head next.



## End of Term 1

As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday and make you spend time with family and friends. Oscar, Archie and I are planning to head to the coast for some beach fun before the cold snap really kicks in!

**Kind regards**  
**Kylie Becker**

## Important Reminders

### ALLERGY ALERT

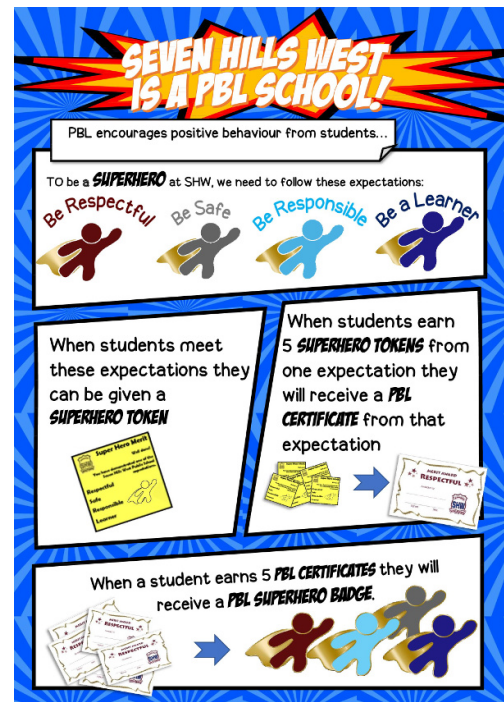
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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

## 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					
10	APRIL Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> K-2 1st Skills	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage 1 – Field of Mass excursion Kindy Inclusion – Amazing Arts	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Stage 3 – Art Gallery excursion	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> K-2 1st Skills SUPERHERO ASSEMBLY 2pm-3pm	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> K-2 Easter Hat Parade 9am-11am P&C Easter Koffee	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> SCHOOL RUNARUN COLOUR EXPLOSION	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> LAST DAY TERM 1
11	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> EASTER MONDAY	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> ANZAC DAY	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY

TERM 2 2019					
Planning Sheet for Term 2 ~ 2019					
1	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> STUDENTS RETURN	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> MAY CROSS COUNTRY	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> K-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> MOTHERS DAY STALL	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> MOTHERS DAY STALL	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>
2	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> NAFLAN	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> NAFLAN	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> NAFLAN	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Zone Cross Country
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> K-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> PSSA

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

### P&C Meeting

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held on 20th March 2019, where we elected a new committee for 2019.

We would like to thank all those that attended and to thank Rebecca Newell, the former P&C President of 2018.

**2019 P&C Committee:** President: Roslyn Scanlon  
**Vice President:** Sheree Green  
**Secretary:** Amie Fielding  
**Treasurer:** Melissa Milne

2019 Co-ordinators:

**Canteen:** Sheree Green  
**Uniform:** Melissa Fawcett  
**Fundraising:** Amie Fielding  
**Auditor:** Rahul Guha

We thank our 2019 committee members and co-ordinators for offering their time and services to the P&C and the school.

If you would like to be more involved with the P&C please come along to our **next P&C meeting, Wednesday 15th May, 9.15am.** Please come along and have your say.

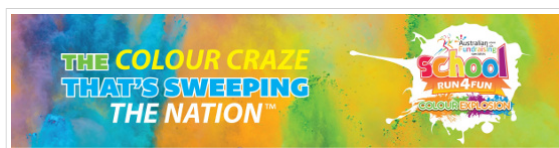
### Easter Raffle 2019

Thank you for all the donations so far. There is still time to donate Easter Eggs and purchase your tickets. Donations can be left at the Canteen, and for EVERY donation, a FREE RAFFLE TICKET will be given to your child.



Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each OR 6 for \$5.00. Prizes will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade, on Tuesday 9th April 2019. Please return all tickets (both sold and unsold) to the Canteen by Monday 8th April 2019. Additional tickets are available from the Canteen.

### School Run4Fun Colour Explosion - Thursday 11th April 2019



This fundraising event is a new event for the school and should be a fantastic day.

**If you would like to be involved on the day, please come to a planning meeting on Friday 5th April between 2-3pm. This meeting will take place in B Block – classroom next door to KGZ.**

Information regarding what requirements are needed from parent helpers, and the agenda for the event, will be discussed at this meeting.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for Schools



This great programme will be starting again in April. Remember to collect your stickers whenever you shop at Woolworths. A collection box will be placed at the canteen for you stickers.

Thank you for your great support of this program. We did so well last year.

## 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 2019 Please note – **from Term 2 – CHANGE OF DAY**

**Every TUESDAY 8.30am – 9.30am (excluding school holidays)**

If you cannot attend the shop on Tuesday, please leave your order and payment (cash or cheque only) at the school office and uniforms will be delivered to your child on the following Tuesday.

A copy of the price list is available from the office, or on our school website. The order form can be found at the bottom of the uniform shop price list.

### P & C Committee

#### UNIFORM SHOP



With the cooler weather now approaching - please ensure that your child's jumper and jacket is labelled with their name.

Should your child accidentally bring home another jumper or jacket - please return to the class so the owner can be found.

Additionally, the Uniform Shop has 2 buckets of pre-loved clothing on its veranda.

Please feel free to come and take any items you need - as at the end of Term 1 - any remaining items of clothing will be donated to charity.

## 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.

## Community News



**Wesley Out of School Hours Care**  
Vacation care & pupil free day calendar April 2019  
Quakers Hill

Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19
<p><b>Bubble soccer incursion</b> Play soccer and sports in a bubble.  \$13 extra per child</p>	<p><b>Superhero day</b> Come dressed as your favourite super hero.  Electronics day</p>	<p><b>Easter theme day</b> Be involved in lots of arts and crafts.</p>	<p><b>Bowling and laser tag excursion</b> Verse your friends at bowling and 'laser tag' *excluding for food **Price includes transport and on leave tag and laser tag \$36.50 extra p/child**</p>	<p><b>Public holiday</b> <b>Good Friday</b> (Centre closed)</p>
Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26
<p><b>Public holiday</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> (Centre closed)</p>	<p><b>Cultural dance incursion</b> Learn to dance to different music.  \$15 extra per child</p>	<p><b>ANZAC theme day</b> Get involved with craft and cooking.</p>	<p><b>Public holiday</b> <b>ANZAC DAY</b> (Centre closed)</p>	<p><b>THE GRUFFALO</b> On stage  The Gruffalo theatre performance excursion Take a trip to the theatre to watch Gruffalo. \$39 extra per child</p>
Monday 29 April – Pupil free day				
<p><b>Messy sensory day</b> Get messy and explore your senses.</p>				

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