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8 May 2019

## Principal's Message

Welcome back to all the students and families for the commencement of Term 2. I would also like to welcome our new families and students to Seven Hills West PS. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the holidays!

At the end of Term 1, our school held a very successful School Run4Fun Colour Explosion school event to raise money to go towards turfing our school oval. The total amount raised will be shared with our students and families in our next newsletter. There is a video of this event on our school's Facebook page.

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN online assessment between Tuesday 14th May and Friday 24th May. This demonstration site helps the students to familiarise themselves with the functions of the NAPLAN online assessment.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

On behalf of the staff from Seven Hills West PS, we wish these students well in their NAPLAN online assessment.

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the school's Cross Country event last week. It was fantastic seeing our families come and support their child as they took part in the event. We are proud of all the students who have made it to Zone Cross Country and best of luck on Friday 17th May at Alwyn Lindfield Reserve, Glenwood.

I hope all the special mothers and carers have a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday!

**Kind regards**

**Paris Jade-Pierce – Assistant Principal**

## Longneck Lagoon

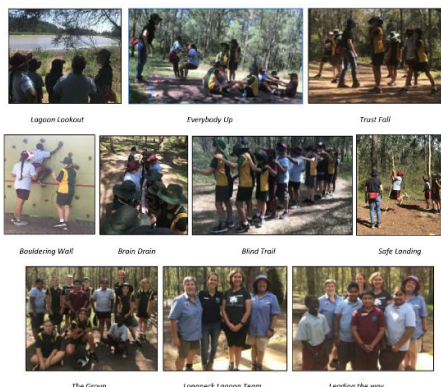


Leadership Day at Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019



On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, our school leaders spent the day at Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre and participated in team-building activities to build their leadership skills. They shared the day with Year 6 students from Windsor Public School and established some strong relationships with them throughout the day. On behalf of Mrs Jade-Pierce and our leaders, we would like to thank Vicky Whitehead and her lovely staff for such a positive experience!



## 2019 NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 will complete NAPLAN online this year at Seven Hills West from Tuesday 14 May to Friday 24 May. NAPLAN will be assessing the Literacy and Numeracy skills of students across Australian Schools. The results of the test will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report on their child's achievement later in the year. For more information please read the information brochure attached.

### Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process - It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

### What is assessed?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

In 2019 most students across Australia will sit NAPLAN online.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, visit the public demonstration site at [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)

### How can I help my child prepare?

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs are a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of coaching providers. NAPLAN is about assessing learning progress in literacy and numeracy.

### Will my child sit NAPLAN on paper or online?

In 2019, your child will sit the NAPLAN online tests. However, children in some other schools across Australia will sit the NAPLAN paper tests this year. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that all schools will move online by 2020. State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au)



### Congratulations to our Superhero recipients at our last assembly for Term 1:

Chelsea, Amjad, Kachul, Ebony, Harayan, Taylah, Aditya, Chin Hin, Mansi and Monisha

## 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.

## Our Swimmers and Superheroes



### Congratulations to our swimmers:

Tate, Taylah, Alexzanda, Harayan, Cooper, Matilda, Ching Hin, Ethan, Gregory, Rabya, Hiya, Eshan, Vani, J, Anureet, Manmeet and Rabya.

### House Champions for Swimming:

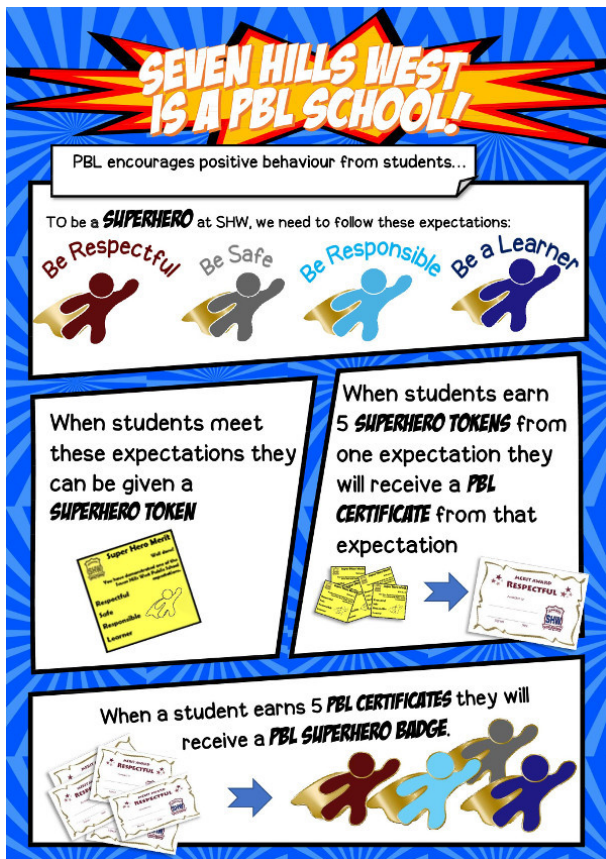
Kangaroos – 1<sup>st</sup>

Koalas – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Kookaburra – 3<sup>rd</sup>



## 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 2 2019

Planning Sheet for Term 2 ~ 2019					
	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>
2	P-6 Assembly 2pm		MOTHERS DAY STALL	MOTHERS DAY STALL	
3	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN P&C - 9.15am	NAPLAN	NAPLAN Zone Cross Country
4	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> NAPLAN P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> NAPLAN	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> NAPLAN	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> NAPLAN	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> NAPLAN PSSA School Final - Yrs 3-6 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Comp - 11.30am-1pm
5	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> PSSA
6	JUNE Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Superhero Assembly P-6 2pm	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Choir Rehearsal at Hambledon PS 9.30-11.30	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
7	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> SYDNEY WEST CROSS COUNTRY	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
8	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> PSSA
9	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Banksia Concert REHEARSAL	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
10	JULY Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> NAIDOC WEEK Superhero Assembly P-6 2pm	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 5 <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

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 and raffle tickets purchased. We were able to raise \$769.00 for the school.

### School Run4Fun Colour Explosion

**WOW!**

This fundraising event was a new event for the school and was such a fun & successful day. Thank you to all the teachers & parents that helped make it so much fun. Fundraising was very successful. It is yet to be all finalised, but we have all probably raised over \$5000 for the school. I'm sure we will all be glad to see an improvement to the oval. Hopefully all the prizes will be delivered soon.

### Mother's Day Stall

**Wednesday 8th May & Thursday 9th May**

Our Mother's Day stall is being held this week. Prices range from \$1 to \$7. If you would like to help, please talk to us at the canteen.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums, Nans and Carers. We hope you enjoy your gifts.

### Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for Schools

This great program has started again. Remember to collect your stickers whenever you shop at Woolworths.

The more we collect the more learning resources we will be able to get for our school. A collection box will be placed at the canteen for your stickers.

If you require books for your stickers, we have them available at the canteen.

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.

### New Uniform Shop opening hours 2019

Every Tuesday 8.30am – 9.30am (excluding school holidays)

If you cannot attend the shop on Tuesday, please leave your order and payment 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

## Community News

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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.

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 How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**Term 2 2019 Week Day After School**  
 Baulkham Hills ☐ WEEK 1 - Tue 7<sup>th</sup> May 3:40pm-4:40pm (Dural Park, Seven Hills Road)  
 Dural PS ☐ WEEK 1 - Wed 8<sup>th</sup> May 4:00pm-5:00pm (Dural Park, Dural Northern Rd Road)  
**Term 2 2019 Weekends Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
 Castle Hill High School Castle St ☐ SAT AM Kellyville, Wrights Rd ☐ SUN AM  
 Rouse Hill High School 165 Wilkes Rd ☐ SAT AM Parramatta Park - Coleman Oval ☐ SUN AM

**PROGRAM:**  
☐ MITE (2-3) ☐ Pint Size (4-5) ☐ Intro to Micro (5-6) ☐ Micro (6-8) ☐ Micro Plus (8-12)

**TERM 2 PROGRAM INFORMATION (8 week program)**

Please price which program you would like to enroll into	Mite	Pint Size	Intro to Micro	Micro	Micro Plus	After School
Castle Hill - Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	8:30-9:05am	8:30-9:20am	9:30-10:30am	9:30-10:45am	9:30-10:45am	
Rouse Hill - Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> May	8:30-9:05am	8:30-9:20am	9:30-10:30am	9:30-10:45am	9:30-10:45am	
Kellyville - Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00-9:35am	9:00-9:50am	10:00-11:00am	10:00-11:15am	10:00-11:15am	
Parramatta - Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9:00-9:35am	9:20-9:50am	10:00-11:00am	10:00-11:15am	10:00-11:15am	
Baulkham Hills - Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> May						3:40pm-4:40pm
Dural - Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May						4:00pm-5:00pm
<b>PRICE</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$145</b>	<b>\$155</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$125</b>

Payments by Cash, Cheque, Credit or **Active Kids Voucher**  
 (Grasshopper Soccer has a NO REFUND policy) (Credit cards processed as Jacqueline Pty.)

Credit Card Payment (please circle): ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card

Credit Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_

Add Grasshopper Soccer Uniform Pack 1 (\$45) - Shirt, Shorts, Pack 2 (\$60) - Shirt, Shorts, Socks and Hat

**Correct size will be fitted upon collection at 1<sup>st</sup> session**

Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Uniform \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parents' Consent:** I hereby authorise Grasshopper Soccer to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention and release Grasshopper Soccer from any liability incurred by my child at Grasshopper Soccer programs.

**Parents' Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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.