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Principal's Message

Learning with Ms Becker

We have worked through to Week Four without a hitch but with so many things going on!

Personally, I am so grateful to our school community for supporting me and Oscar, my son, who was put into hospital and spent a significant time in there getting well. I am pleased to share that he returned to school today fit and well with a great story to tell about his time in hospital.

Whilst this was happening for my family, my school family were working hard to showcase our school within the community and in the state. As you read below all of the things, we have achieved this term so far, you too, will be amazed and proud at how hard our school community works to making a difference for the students at our school.

Assessment & Rating

Our Preschool were given notice from the governing body of early learning to engage in our assessment and rating. This occurred in Week 2 of term and the showcase of our preschool was simply amazing. The team worked so hard to show how systems and processes in preschool and how we work to build a P-6 philosophy in our school. The assessor who came had not been to a Department Preschool before and was impressed with how well our school works to include preschool in everything we do. The preschool itself has undergone a huge transformation and this includes future works on our toilets and landscaping outside. There were so many people involved in making this a success from within our school but also our Director, Educational Leadership, Toni Kember, our P-2 Initiatives Officer, Jess Lavers, preschool critical friend Katie Rout and our state Early Learning Preschool Advisor, Sharon Buck for their unwavering support of our service.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students sat their NAPLAN assessment last week. We engaged the whole process online and without a glitch! All of the students were calm and comfortable with the testing itself and showed that we promote a strong, positive energy around seeing where we are academically in order to plan where to go next.

PSSA Cross Country Carnival at School and Zone

Our school engaged in our cross country carnival and then the top 6 runners also headed off to the zone carnival last week. All of the competitors worked very hard and did their best and Mrs Barber was very proud of those students who represented our school.

School Building Refurbishment

Our school has had even more work begun in our school! Our toilet block in the top of the playground are about to begin today being refurbished and ready for students to use which will extend our playground and access for our students across the school. We also have started to plan garden upgrades for our school which will enable our school to look not only inviting but user friendly for activities beyond the classroom walls. Our school community has also got behind a grant for an upgrade to our oval. We are committed to working towards this project for our school and hope that this is a reality in the coming years.

P&C BBQ

Many thanks to the staff and parents who helped to cook the BBQ on Saturday at school for the election. It was a great success and saw us so popular that we had to buy more stock to sell! These small initiatives help to make our school even more connected to the community and to each other.

Assessment & Reporting

Our school is beginning to prepare for the remainder of the term and hence ongoing assessment will help to form our Semester One reports and the framework for conversations with you at our Parent Teacher interviews. If you would like to know anything about your child's learning, however, please feel free to call and make an appointment with your child's teacher now. This can be done through the office at a time that is mutually convenient.

Excursions

We have excursions planned for the coming weeks. If you receive a note for these, please help us plan for them by getting your notes in early. This helps us organise the right amount of staff as well as ensuring that your child has the best day ever!

Simultaneous Storytime

Our school this week will be participating in Simultaneous Storytime and, this year, our teachers have worked together to create a cool way to be a part of this event that happens across the whole state! It will be on our website for you all to check out too!

It's certainly great to be back and a part of our teaching and learning classes. The students and I have spent time catching up this week and they have all made me feel very welcome!

Kind regards,
Ms Kylie Becker

Enrol for Kindy 2020

ENROL FOR KINDERGARTEN 2020

If you have a child, or know of someone in the area (a neighbor, friend etc) who has a child turning 5 in 2020 (born **BEFORE 31ST JULY 2015**) - please come to the office to collect an enrolment form.

Original birth certificate (or passport and visa), Immunisation Statement from Medicare and proof of residence (ie rates/bank statement/lease etc) are also required for us to copy.



Expression of interest – Preschool 2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRESCHOOL 2020

If you have a child, or know of someone in the area (a neighbor, friend etc) who has a child turning 4 in 2020 (born **BEFORE 31ST JULY 2016**) - please phone, or come to the office, to place the child's name on our waiting list.

Expressions of interest are then considered by a Placement Panel during Term 3, and should you be successful, you will be contacted by the school to come and collect an enrolment form.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TAYLAH



Scholastic Australia
Yesterday at 20:00

Congratulations to our next Local Book Club Star, Taylah from Seven Hills West Public School, Seven Hills NSW.

"From the day Taylah was born we have always read books with her, which has helped to develop her love of reading. She rarely leaves the house without a book in her hand and always reads before bedtime. Taylah absolutely LOVES (a little obsessed perhaps!) the Harry Potter series, and read the first book independently when she was 7 years old, and now at 9 years is challenging herself by reading more complex stories and non-fiction books. Recently she was surprised to receive a signed copy of the new Bad Guys book in the mail, and read the whole thing in one sitting the moment she opened the package! I love that Taylah is so enthusiastic about reading as it is such a great skill!"



<https://www.facebook.com/113213605376775/posts/2352404628124317?s=660175983&v=i&sfns=mo>

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**

Healthy Eating

EAT MORE VEGETABLES and fruit

Vegetables and fruit taste great and keep us healthy. Everyone should eat fruit and veggies every day. While most children eat at least 1 serve of fruit each day, the majority don't eat enough veggies!

WHAT IS A SERVE?

- 1 medium piece of fruit
- 2 small pieces of fruit
- 1 cup chopped fruit
- 1/2 cup cooked vegetables
- 1 cup salad
- 1/2 cup lentils
- 6 vegetable sticks

HOW MANY SERVES OF VEGGIES AND FRUIT EVERYDAY?

Age Group	Veggies (Serves)	Fruit (Serves)
CHILDREN 2-3 YEARS	2.5	1
CHILDREN 4-8 YEARS	4.5	1.5
CHILDREN 9-16 YEARS	5	2

Source: Australian Dietary Guidelines 2013, 2015

MAKE IT NORMAL NSW Health Western Sydney Local Health District

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 20 th	Tuesday 21 st	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd	Friday 24 th
4	NAPLAN P-6 Assembly 2pm	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN PSSA School Final – Yrs 3-4 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Comp – 11.30am-1pm
5	Monday 27 th	Tuesday 28 th	Wednesday 29 th	Thursday 30 th	Friday 31 st
6	JUNE Monday 3 rd Superhero Assembly P-6 2pm	Tuesday 4 th	Wednesday 5 th Choir Rehearsal at Hambledon PS 9.30-11.30	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
7	Monday 10 th QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tuesday 11 th	Wednesday 12 th SYDNEY WEST CROSS COUNTRY	Thursday 13 th K-2 excursion to Riverside Theatre	Friday 14 th
8	Monday 17 th P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 18 th	Wednesday 19 th	Thursday 20 th	Friday 21 st
9	Monday 24 th P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 25 th Banksia Concert REHEARSAL	Wednesday 26 th	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28 th
10	JULY Monday 1 st NAIDOC WEEK Naidoc Day Inclusion 9.30-10.30 Superhero Assembly P-6 2pm	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th
	Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th	Friday 12 th
	Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th

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

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P & C Meeting

Thank you to those whom attended our meeting last week on Wednesday 15th May 2019 and for your valuable input.
If you would like to be more involved with the P&C please come along to our next meeting on **Wednesday 19th June, 2019 at 9.15am.**

Mothers Day Stall

Our Mothers Day Stall was a great success with all children excited about their purchases.

We raised a fantastic amount of \$980.00.

A huge thank you to the stall helpers Melissa Fawcett, Sarah Brown, Amie Fielding, Sheree Green and Roslyn Scanlon.

Cross Country BBQ

This BBQ was a winner on the day of the Cross Country raising \$302.00. Thank you to Amie Fielding for doing the cooking and Sarah Brown, Judy Whitford, Sheree Green and Roslyn Scanlon for their help on the day.

Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers for School

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 is placed at the canteen for your stickers.

So far our collection is going really well, thank you for the support.



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

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.