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Principal's Message

Learning with Ms Becker

Last Friday, I was joined by many principals in our area to listen to Mark Scott, our Secretary General of the Department of Education. His highlights focused on transformational leadership that shapes how a school culture is built.

It was very apparent listening to him that our Seven Hills West Public School journey has been on just such a transformational journey. He made a statement which resonated with me significantly, and one that I know we showcased at our preschool assessment and rating recently and also showed how important each year of schooling is for our students, their teachers and their families. He said, "A child's indicator of how they finish the last day of school is an indicator of how they begin their first day of school."

At Seven Hills West Public School we believe in the idea that every year is precious and important in the life of a child and we are committed to making it an education worth having.

Our school has been a buzz with excitement and learning. The students from preschool to Year 6 have all been working hard in their classes and learning about Reconciliation and how we can achieve it at our school.

I am so very proud of the efforts our Aboriginal students displayed in our assembly to open Reconciliation Week and to also acknowledge the anniversary of the Sorry Speech from former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, in 2008. The students were amazing and our very own Greg Morgan, played the Didgeridoo to lead the students back to class. The story we shared can be found on our website with many other stories that can be used for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Simultaneous Storytime was also a huge part of our last fortnight. At our school, we videoed members of our staff using our greenscreen to share the story with everyone at the same

time as hundreds of other schools in the state. This, too, can be found on our website. I always enjoy reading to our children and visiting preschool to have a read in our reading area is always such a joy!



Every year the staff need to retrain and complete mandatory CPR and Anaphylaxis learning. We conducted this last week and the staff were all abuzz to pass with flying colours! It is always a professional learning session that our teachers and office staff take very seriously so we can keep our students and visitors to the school safe in an emergency.

That same week, many of our teachers also attended literacy progressions professional learning. In this session, they explored ways to support our students ongoing development in literacy and our ability to set personal goals for each student in their class. This learning compliments Focus on Reading and L3 components of our class programs.

We also had visits from our Assests Staff at State office who came to help us build our new playground in preschool and to also install external toilets in our service. It will be very exciting and is scheduled to be completed ready for next term.



The teachers are still working and learning with their classes whilst writing reports on the academic progress that has been made by each student in our school. This celebration of learning is nothing to be feared, but something to be celebrated and acknowledged as a testimonial to the semester of work that your child has done at school.

You will be able to share and ask questions about these reports in Week 10 at parent teacher interviews. Our preschool children will be receiving their semester reports at the same time, however, there will not be formalised interviews, as our Emus and Wombats also receive work sample folders of work that demonstrate just how much they learn in their time at Seven Hills West Preschool.

Our students in support classes are currently going through their reviews and organisation with regional office for those preparing for high school. Letters of offer will be sent home as soon as they arrive at school, from Mrs August.

As we head towards the next couple of weeks, we are going to be out and about with excursions galore! Edutech is on again for our innovations teams where Mr Jones, Mrs Rosario and I will be taking students to see the latest things on offer and making sure that student voice is a part of our whole school planning in ICT innovations. K-2 are attending Riverside Theatre to see a play, Me and My Shadow, as well as PSSA and NAIDOC Week learning fun. Our NAIDOC Week work has been a long time in the making and the planning has been a community affair. Many thanks to those who came to give us their ideas and input into the proposed learning that will take place in this week.



It goes without saying our school has worked tirelessly to bring exciting opportunities for our students and I am proud to be a part of it! Especially as I plan my dress up outfit for the theatre, as last year's crayon for the Art gallery was too much fun!

**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.



Cross Country



On Friday 17th May, 29 students took part in the Seven Hills Wentworthville Zone Cross Country Carnival. We would like to congratulate all of the students who participated and displayed wonderful sportsmanship on the day. Many students placed in the top 20 which was a fantastic result for our school. Excitingly Nargies Komei placed 3rd in her race and will now represent our zone at the Sydney West Carnival on the 12th of June at Eastern Creek. We wish her all the very best!

Mrs Barber

Important Reminders

ALLERGY ALERT

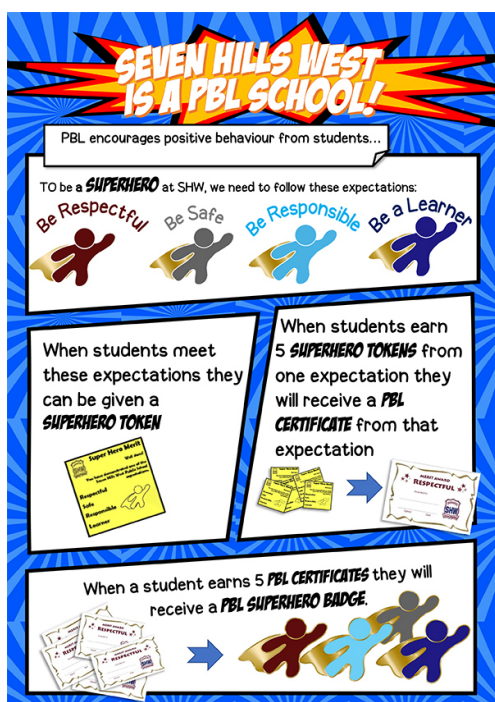
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut 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 2 2019

Planning Sheet for Term 2 ~ 2019					
	JUNE Monday 3 rd	Tuesday 4 th	Wednesday 5 th	Thursday 6 th	Friday 7 th
6	Superhero Assembly P-6 2pm		Choir Rehearsal at Hambledon PS 9.30-11.30		PSSA
7	Monday 10 th QUEENS 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 PSSA
8	Monday 17 th P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 18 th	Wednesday 19 th P&C 9.15am	Thursday 20 th	Friday 21 st PSSA
9	Monday 24 th P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 25 th Banksia Concert REHEARSAL	Wednesday 26 th	Thursday 27 th	Friday 28 th PSSA
10	JULY Monday 1 st NAIDOC WEEK Naidoc Day Incursion 9.30-10.30 Superhero Assembly P-6 2pm	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd	Thursday 4 th	Friday 5 th PSSA
	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.

- 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.

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

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

Election BBQ

This BBQ raised \$308 for our school.

Thank you to the Green Family for the doing all the cooking.

Also, a huge thankyou to our wonderful principal and her staff for helping out on the day, it was greatly appreciated.

Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers for School

This great program is still continuing. Thank you to all families that have been collecting for us. 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 has been placed at the canteen for your stickers.

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

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th June, 2019 at 9.15am.

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 Tuesday during school term 8.30am – 9.30am

P & C Committee

Community News

ATTENTION: SCHOOL COUNSELOR



Starting in Term 3, 2019

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P: 9630 0559

Information Sessions for Parents and Care Givers



Wondering what **Support Classes** can provide for your child?
Come to one of our Information Sessions.

Werrington Public School

Heavey Street, Werrington

Tuesday 11th June 9am- 10.30am

Further information: Andrei Roskolnikov – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7613

St Clair Public School

4 Timesweep Drive, St Clair

Thursday 13th June 9.30am – 11.00am

Further information: Alissa Karbon – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7642

Springwood Public School

Burns Rd, Springwood

Friday 7th June 10am – 11.30am

Further information: Andrei Roskolnikov – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7613

Rydalmere East Public School

41 Spurway Street, Ermington

Tuesday 11th June, 10am – 11.30am

Further information: Sue Embrey – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7616

Wentworthville Public School

Fullagar Road, Wentworthville

Monday 3rd June 12.30pm – 2pm

Further information: Sue Embrey – Learning & Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7616

Sherwood Ridge Public School

34 Roseberry Road, Kellyville

Wednesday 26th June 1.30pm – 3pm

Further Information: Kerrie Melville – Learning and Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7670

Winston Hills Public School

Hillcrest Ave, Winston Hills NSW 2153

Week 9 TBC

Further Information: Bianca Cozad – Learning and Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7614

Lalor Park Public School

Heffron Road, Lalor Park

Tuesday 11th June, 9.30am – 11am

Further Information: Bianca Cozad – Learning and Wellbeing Officer: 9208 7614

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.