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## Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker

We have taken our learning outside the school gates over the last fortnight and have had a blast across all grades! It's always such fun going out and about and especially when our students display our values of respect, responsibility, safety and learning in new and different learning spaces.

### EduTech

Over two days Mr Jones, Mrs Rosario and I took our STEAM Team and Innovations Team into the expo of the latest and greatest ICT learning tools available to us. Each student was given the brief that they had to find cool new stuff that students P-6 would like, that all teachers would want to use (so it couldn't be too tricky) and also that I would want to pay for to help our students achieve their potential in all subject areas. They had a budget of \$2000 and were to collect flyers, ask questions, play with and experiment. The students will be putting their cases together to present to me in a week so we can purchase our next exciting addition to our ICT tools in the school.



that they joined on the sound effects and also wanted to go onto the stage at the end! It was an added fun experience when we went to the park after it to play and have lunch. Watching the teachers and students playing together and showing that they are so happy to be a part of our school made my day. I challenge all the grown ups at home to get the torches out and make shadow puppets on the wall.



### Preschool Network

Our preschool was a showcase again with the preschool networked meeting being hosted at our very own preschool! We couldn't get them to leave! They were so excited and keen to hear and see all of the things we are doing and they asked so many questions about our teaching and learning!

### 3B times tables with Beebots

Visiting classrooms is something I love doing and popping into 3B to see them learning their times tables using the beebots to race to the answer is such an innovative way to learn! I remember standing behind my chair repeating them over and over again... BORING!!! Watching our students learn this way and laughing at their mistakes and cheering at their success means our students always feel amazing!



### K-2 Riverside Theatre:

Me and my Shadow was simply amazing! The students and teachers could not believe how some of the things on the stage happened! The students were so engaged in the performance

## Preschool EID Breakfast

I love visiting the preschool and last week, spending it with our families to celebrate EID was so much fun. I love spending time with the children but an added bonus getting to spend time with them with their families is even better! It was great sharing their celebration and also helping me to deepen my understanding of this important cultural tradition wonderful.



## Yarn Up

Our senior Aboriginal students are embarking on this year's Yarn Up. Peteesha Flick and Lily Price are representing our school at the Yarn up this year and today are working at the TAFE in Campbelltown on their speeches to be presented at State Parliament.



Our reports are well underway and I am proud to say that the reports are all such a positive testament to the collaboration between the teachers, students and parents. I trust that you will enjoy reading them as much as I am. I encourage you all to make a parent teacher interview time so that you can discuss the progress of your child and for those preschool families, support us in evaluating our philosophy.

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 31<sup>ST</sup> 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 31<sup>ST</sup> 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.

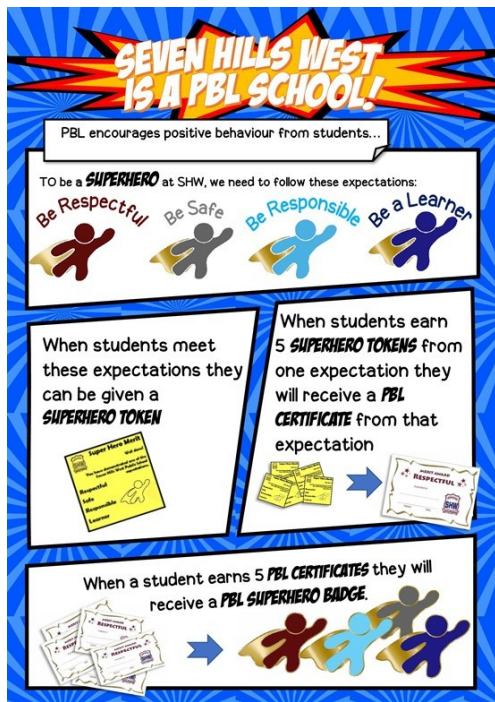
Your understanding and support in this very important health issue are greatly appreciated.

### 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.



## 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				
8	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> F&C 9.15am	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
9	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Bankala Concert REHEARSAL	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
10	JULY Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> NAIDOC WEEK Naidoc Day Incentive 9.30-10.30 Superhero Assembly P-6 2pm	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> PSSA PYJAMA & POPCORN DAY LAST DAY TERM 2
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>

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

### Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers for School

This great program is still continuing. Thankyou 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 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 Tuesday during school term 8.30am – 9.30am

### P & C Committee

## Community News



Join in the new and exciting AFL SUPER Season!

Thank you for being involved in your school PSSA AFL team in 2019! We hope you enjoyed your experience and we've got a special invitation for you if you'd like to try some more AFL!

AFL SUPER Season is a brand new game play experience for boys and girls aged 7-10 (born 2009-2012).

Over 8 fun-filled weeks, kids will be able to select their own SUPER team to play in the Friday Night competition - in an experience that is tailored to children new to AFL!

**WHERE:** Blacktown International Sportspark, Eastern Rd, Rooty Hill  
**WHEN:** Friday night's starting June 14

**COST:** \$120 includes, 8 week program, your SUPER team t-shirt, SUPER Coaches from AFL NSW/ACT, G Recruit Membership, GIANTS SUPER experience on July 7 at GIANTS Stadium  
*Only \$20 if you use your second Active Kids Voucher!*

For more information and to register please visit:  
[www.aflsj.com.au/superseason](http://www.aflsj.com.au/superseason)

We can't wait to see you there!

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### JULY 2019

W = workshop

<b>MON 8 JULY</b>	W1 – Basketball / W2 – Music
<b>TUES 9 JULY</b>	W1 – Zumba/Dance / W2 – Soccer
<b>WED 10 JULY</b>	W1 – Cooking / W2 – Multisports
<b>THURS 11 JULY</b>	W1 – Kids Fitness / W2 – J Ball
<b>FRI 12 JULY</b>	W1 – Basketball / W2 – Disco/Dance
<b>MON 15 JULY</b>	W1 – Cooking / W2 – Basketball
<b>TUES 16 JULY</b>	W1 – Zumba/Dance / W2 – Soccer
<b>WED 17 JULY</b>	W1 – Arts & Crafts / W2 – Kids Fitness
<b>THURS 18 JULY</b>	W1 – Multisport / W2 – Boxing
<b>FRI 19 JULY</b>	W1 – Arts & Crafts / W2 – Disco/Dance

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - \$25 per child per day  
(Available until 28th June 2019. Non-refundable.)  
Program is designed for children aged 5-12 years old.  
Cost is \$30 per child per day.  
Please pack a hat, recess and lunch for your child.  
Participants must be PCYC members - \$10 per child, per year.

PCYC BLACKTOWN 02 9622 3470  
blacktown@pcycnsw.org.au  
30 Second Avenue, Blacktown

Use your \$100 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER these holidays!

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### Public Schools NSW

#### Information Sessions for Parents and Care Givers

Wondering what **Schools for Specific Purposes** can provide for your child?  
Come to one of our Information Sessions.



#### Tallowood School

Redden Drive, Kellyville  
Tuesday 18th June 2019 – 9.30-11.30am

#### Halinda School

Mimika Ave, Whalan  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 – 12pm to 2pm

#### Holroyd School

Willara Ave, Merrylands  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – 9:30am to 11:30am

Further information: Sandy Morri  
Learning and Wellbeing Advisor  
Ph: 9208 7644

# Winter School Holiday Activities



## Check out our school holiday activities for primary school students

Students will receive an interactive presentation on banknote security features and get a sneak peek at the new uncirculated \$20 banknote. They will also be taken on a guided journey through the Museum and learn about the history of Australia.

**Sessions for Kindergarten – Year 2**  
Monday 8th July, 10.00am – 11.30am  
Wednesday 10th July, 10.00am – 11.30am  
Friday 12th July, 10.00am – 11.30am

**Sessions for Year 3 – Year 6**  
Monday 8th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm  
Wednesday 10th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm  
Friday 12th July, 1.00pm – 2.30pm

**Cost: Free**  
Registrations of interest are now open. To register your child please visit the Museum Website  
[www.museum.rba.gov.au/events](http://www.museum.rba.gov.au/events)

**Important Information:**  
Offers for attendance to School Holiday sessions will be sent 5-10 business days out from the event. As this is a highly subscribed event we cannot guarantee all registrations will be offered a place for this school holiday period.

**Email:** [museum@rba.gov.au](mailto:museum@rba.gov.au)  
**Phone:** (02) 9551 9743  
**Ground Floor, 65 Martin Place  
Sydney NSW 2000**





## 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.