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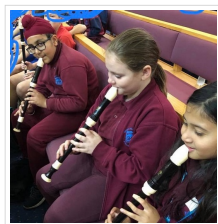
Principal's Message

Learning with Mrs Barber

Thursday and Friday last week, Ms Becker took our executive team along to the Blacktown Primary Principal's Conference where they engaged in professional learning focused on leadership skills. This meant I had the pleasure of maintaining our wonderful school whilst they were away. It was a great experience for me to support our teachers and students from a different perspective.

Festival of Instrumental Music Rehearsal

Our recorder group, led by Mr Rangiah, headed into the Salvation Army Hall in the city to participate in a group rehearsal with many other schools. All of the students brought along their music that they had practised at their schools and performed for the first time as an ensemble. As Miss Martin was unable to attend, I had the pleasure of assisting Mr Rangiah. It was my first experience listening to so many recorders and it was amazing! The students are very excited to be performing at the Opera House next term and I am hoping to get there too.



Debating at Blacktown South Public School

Our Debating team, Eva Sheik, Nargies Komei, Hararyan Singh and Eshann Binesh headed to Blacktown South Public School for another competitive debate. Our team was assigned the negative side of "We should stop selling bottled water". They

presented compelling arguments and strong rebuttals, however in an extremely tight debate they were defeated. Miss Guy proudly expressed to me how happy she was with the way in which our students conducted and presented themselves as role models for our school. An exciting Term 3 lies ahead with more debating planned.



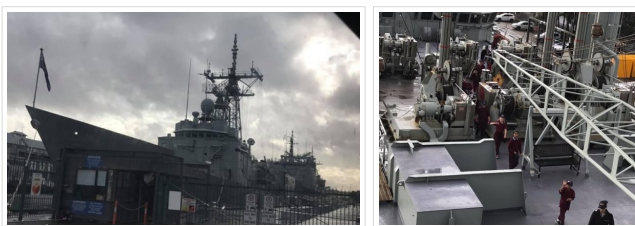
NAIDOC Week Teacher Professional Development

Over the course of this term our weekly teacher professional development focused on implementing a whole school learning experience that will run throughout NAIDOC week. Ms Becker with the assistance of Ms Prasad, Mrs Mitchell, Lane Clark and the Aboriginal Community developed the program and led the weekly sessions. It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of a school who are leading the way in implementing Aboriginal perspectives authentically. I can't wait to watch our students take part and grow through such engaging teaching and learning practices.

HMAS Success II

Taking our learning beyond the classrooms is an integral part of our school community. Our students and families begun the process through sending letters and care packages to the sailors on board the HMAS Success II. The intention was to give back to the wider community. Little did we know that it would lead to our students being invited to attend a tour of the ship! The students who attended went on board and experienced what life can be like at sea. Such a wonderful experience for our

students to be a part of history as the HMAS Success II is now being decommissioned and will not return to service.



Colour Explosion Run

Exciting news from the Colour Explosion Run. We have a total fundraising amount . . . \$4076.81! Congratulations to all of you who participated, donated and volunteered your time to help make the event a great success. Excitingly the prizes have arrived and will be delivered to students before the holidays. A special mention to **Isaiah Politoni** for raising \$515.00, which is the highest amount by any student at Seven Hills West. The funds raised make my heart sing, as they will go towards the rejuvenation of our school oval.

School Interviews

Interviews are underway and the amount of family engagement is a positive reflection of our school community. When teachers, students and families are collaborative in their child's teaching and learning, we know we are moving in the right direction as a school community. The teachers are enjoying sharing all of the wonderful learning that is taking place in our classrooms and listening to all of the delightful insights families can offer about their child.

Finally, our reports went home last week and I hope you have all enjoyed reading and celebrating your child's year so far. Holidays commence at the end of this week. Friday is our Pyjama Day, I know the teachers have already started discussing which pyjamas they will be wearing. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting Term 3. So much to get excited about; Stage 2 camp, Stage 3 camp, Athletics Carnival, Swim Scheme, Education Week, Festival of Music, Challenge Expo and Book Parade, just to name a few!

Rest up, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

**Warm regards,
Mrs Shannon Barber**

Spare Clothes

SPARE CLOTHES

With the cooler, wetter weather now here - it would be appreciated if you would pack some extra clothes in your child's bag, in the event of them having an accident.



This isn't just for toileting accidents, but also, if they slip over in the playground and their clothes get wet.

Our supplies of Kindy to Year 3 spare underwear, socks and pants for both girls and boys, is now depleted. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

Administration Office

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,

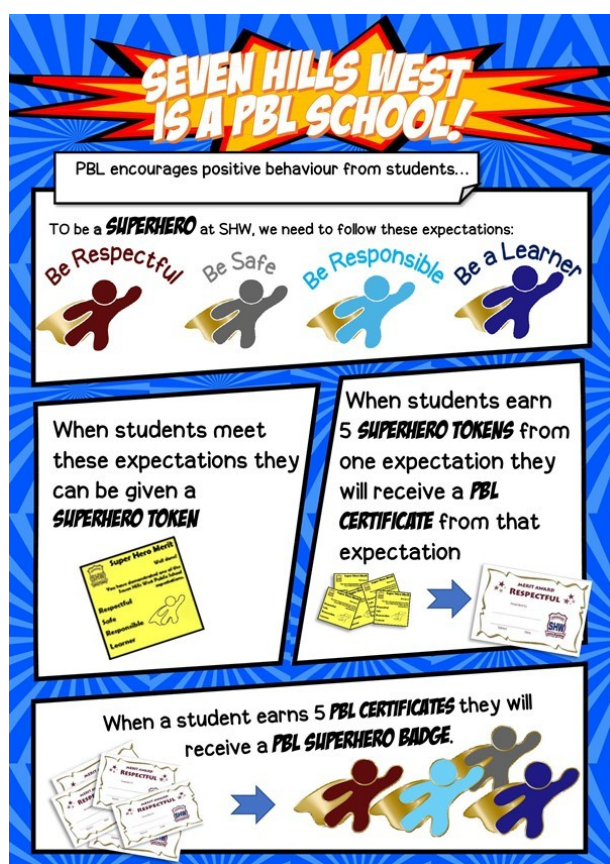
peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut muesli bars.

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.

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

We request that children, particularly in Kindergarten to Year 2, have a change of clothes in their bags in the event of an accident.

Our supplies, in the Admin Office, of spare clothing have now depleted.

Therefore, kindly ensure your child has spare clothing in their bag.

Also, donations of clean underwear and skorts/shorts in sizes 4-8 would be greatly appreciated.

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				
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 PYJAMA & POPCORN DAY LAST DAY TERM 2
	Monday 8 th	Tuesday 9 th	Wednesday 10 th	Thursday 11 th
	Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th
				Friday 19 th

TERM 3 2019

Planning Sheet for Term 2 ~ 2019				
1	Monday 22 nd STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Tuesday 23 rd STUDENTS RETURN	Wednesday 24 th Interrelate Yrs 5&6	Thursday 25 th
	Monday 29 th K-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 30 th OPERA HOUSE Concert - Recorder	Wednesday 31 st Interrelate Yrs 5&6	Thursday 1 st AUGUST MULTICULTURAL DAY
	Monday 5 th SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support	Tuesday 6 th SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support	Wednesday 7 th SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support	Thursday 8 th SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support
	Monday 12 th SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support	Tuesday 13 th ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	Wednesday 14 th SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support	Thursday 15 th SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support
	Monday 19 th K-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 20 th	Wednesday 21 st Interrelate Yrs 5&6 Choir Rehearsal at Hambleton PS 9.30-11.30	Thursday 22 nd PSSA

Dates and activities are subject to change. Please review newsletter, our Facebook page and/or our school website, for any changes.

- 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.

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:

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 has now finished. So if you have any stickers left at home could you please forward to the school canteen asap.

Thank you to all the families that have collected to help our school get resources.

Colour Run

Prizes for the Colour Run have been received and will be handed out before the end of Term 2.

Congratulations to Isaiah Politini for raising the most money and he will receive a trophy for his huge effort.

PJ & Popcorn Day

As the last day of this term students are having a pyjama and popcorn day the P&C has decided to donate the popcorn.

Next P&C Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st August, 2019.

We would love you all to come along and have a say in what is happening in your child's school.

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



Kings Langley EAGLES Baseball Club PRESENTS

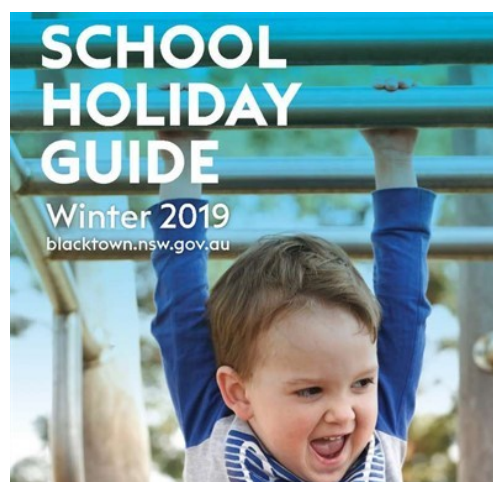
Try Ball and Registration Day

SUNDAY 21st JULY & SUNDAY 28th JULY 2019
 ASHLEY BROWN RESERVE, NORTHCOTT ROAD, LALOR PARK
 (Carpark is off Kennedy Parade)

9:30AM - 12NOON

For all new players 4-6yrs, come down for Try Ball from 9.30am-12pm each Sunday and give it a go!
 All other players welcome to come down for Registration and Sign Up to our great club.
 Registration includes a Training Shirt & Cap
 All enquiries: kingslangleybaseball@gmail.com

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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.