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14 August 2019

## Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker

Wow what a powerful start to Education Week. I am very excited to showcase the talented students of our school to the world! Over the last two weeks and moving towards the next two weeks, our students have been out and about performing and displaying our school with pride. The recorders were amazing at the Opera House, the entire performance teams in our school were fantastic at our Multicultural Day assembly, our swimmers were so fast in our swimming program, our performers were fabulous at Westpoint Shopping Centre, the athletes were great at our Athletics Carnival and our Yarn up Public Speakers on point when they did their speeches in Parliament House!

Congratulations to everyone for their efforts and commitment to Public Education!

### Education Week

Education Week 2019 is themed as Every student, every voice and the key messages are:

**Authentic participation:** Student voice is more than just having a say. Valuing and actioning the ideas, opinions and expertise of all students has significant impact for student wellbeing.

**Partners in learning:** Student perspectives, experiences and aspirations shape and enrich our schools and communities and actively influence our decision-making as we strive to be the best education system in Australia.

**Respectful relationships:** Working collaboratively with other students and teachers our young people grow into engaged learners and ethical citizens able to contribute positively to their school and wider community.

**Connecting communities:** We connect our diverse communities by creating and sustaining inclusive, interactive learning environments that use advanced technologies to promote and extend student influence beyond the classroom walls.

**Change makers:** A culture of high expectations empowers our students to build a shared sense of purpose, self-value and belonging that will prepare them for future lives as active citizens in an increasingly complex and dynamic society.

The launch clip from our Department is found on our website and also in this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MJ545PAwJk>

### Yarning Circle

In NAIDOC Week last term the entire school worked together learning through working scientifically in the unit Material World to create a Yarning Circle that could be built and used by our whole school community. The construction has been going on through the holidays and is reaching completion as the landscapers work hard to make it as close to the collective student design as possible. Every student from preschool to Year 6 were a part of this learning journey and the product that has evolved out of it is simply amazing. As we work towards the final touches before the official launch later in the term, we are working on the gardens that sit around it to keep the banks of the Yarning Circle strong and sustainable.

### Yarn up

**Proud does not even begin to describe how I feel about our senior Aboriginal student leaders. These are their speeches that were delivered in the Legislative Assembly at NSW Parliament House Sydney on Monday. Peteesha Flick and Lily Price were fantastic ambassadors for our school!**

Good morning teachers, parents and distinguished guests,

Recently I have been having a lot of dreams, some of them weird, some of them exciting some of them just down right crazy.

But one of the most memorable dreams I have had was the one where I was the ruler of the world, yep that's right the WHOLE WORLD. Not just Australia, literally every country in the world!

Sorry Trump, no walls in my world! And as for Queen Lizzy, no matching skirt suits for me!

In my dream, as ruler of the world I had banned all forms of school uniforms! Because we all know uniforms are terrible! Their itchy, bland, show no personality and are clearly not a fashion statement! As the ruler of the world, when I banned uniforms I basically won over more than half the population, so people between the ages of 5-17 loved me!

Getting everyone else in the world to trust me as there ruler was actually easier than the kids of the world! I simply made these following changes to the 'working week'. I always hear adults complain about Mondays so, I simply changed the name of Mondays to 'one day'. And made the working week 4 days instead of 5 so that parents could have 'one day' to recover from their weekend and their kids finally have a day to look forward to.

You know what I'm talking about, whenever you ask your parents if you can go there or eat that or have that and their response is always 'mmmmhmmm one day' well guess what now that day actually exists- your welcome world!

In my dream as ruler of the world I also made wi-fi free! Let's face it, it was invented by an aussie and we are some of the most generous people in the world so we would obviously share what is the greatest invention of modern times! Once again your welcome world!

Now it was my dream and of course it wouldn't be a Teesha Flick world without showing some love and adoration to Teesha Flick. So of course there was a statue of mwah in every single capital city of the world! Because let's face it, who wouldn't want to see this in their life everyday – seriously mum how lucky are you!

Now although it was a dream, I know that 'one day' I will be the ruler of my own world because just like the great Martin Luther King Junior I also have a dream!

Thank you for listening to my speech and never stop dreaming!

### ***Teesha Flick out!***

Good morning teachers, parents and distinguished guests,

My name is Lily Price, I attend Seven Hills West Public School and I live in the Mt Druitt area! Mrs Mitchell also grew up in Mt Druitt and we are both very proud of this!

Today I am going to be talking to you about my family. Now before I start we need to get one thing straight! I do NOT have a 'normal' family and that is ok with me!

I have 7 brothers and sisters and no-one in my family calls me Lily, they call me Lil or Liggy.

My eldest brother is Alex and he is 21. He loves to help, he's got a great sense of humour and loves to make us laugh.

Then there's Anastacia, or Stace, she has two children a son and a daughter and loves watching anime, her favourite is Sailor moon, and I think Stace is an amazing mother!

My brother Mitchell has been playing football since he was five and loves to joke around. I think he's going to be a football star when he's older. He would love to play for the Melbourne Storm but my parents say if he doesn't play for the Queensland Cowboys then the dog can have his room and he will be sleeping in the doghouse!

Emily is only two years older than me and she loves watching movies and television shows, but what twelve year old doesn't. She also has dreams and aspirations of being a special needs education teacher, I think she would be amazing at this job!

Alicia is my seven year old sister and she would have to be the most annoying sibling! She loves Minecraft and is obsessed with American Girl dolls. She also has a feisty sense of humour which I actually adore.

Then there's Wyatt, he also loves American Girl dolls, wearing wigs and ALL princesses! He is definitely the most unique character in our family. He loves watching The Neverending Story, Once upon a Forest and the Worst Witch.

Now as for my parent, my dad is the comedian, he loves to tell jokes, sometimes they're funny and sometimes we just let him think they are. One of his favourite jokes to tell is, 'Did you hear about the comedian who likes to use Velcro? Well he was a big rip off'.

Now my mum is a product of the 80's and she loves blasting her music as loud as she can and then, to our horror, she starts singing AS LOUD AS SHE CAN! Now I love my mum but she is no Beyoncé!

Now for me, family is everything! Sometimes they can make you angry, sad and even upset, but the thing about family is that they will always be there for you cheering you on and cheering you up.

Thank you for letting me share my story with you today.



## **SRC Badges**

Our new SRC representatives were joined by their families this week to be inducted into their leadership roles. They were all very proud and knew the seriousness of the role they are taking on. The sense of occasion displayed by everyone was evidence of it. Congratulations, I look forward to leading the school with you this semester.

## Swim School

Our swim school has been an overwhelming success with the pool attendants contacting me to congratulate the students and staff on their professionalism, manners and focus at the pool. I am keen to head down to the pool to enjoy time with them this week.

Next week is going to be very busy! We are hoping to have a couple of busy weeks so that not every week is jam packed with events!

**Kind regards,  
Ms Kylie Becker**

## SRC Semester 2

We would like to congratulate our group of students who have been elected members of the SRC for Semester 2 at Seven Hills West Public School.

The SRC at Seven Hills West Public School has a long and proud tradition, Miss Prasad and Miss Pizarro are thrilled to be able to work alongside our SRC for the remainder of 2019. We look forward to the decisions they will make as class leaders.

Our SRC members for Semester 2 2019 are:

**6JP:** Anahita Asghari & Jackson Glassington  
**5R:** Tarunder Singh & Dhvani Amin  
**5/6P:** Sardip Guha & Tiffany Avila  
**4/6C:** Mustafa Safi  
**3/6M:** Chloe Xagoraris  
**4/6A:** Tye Calderon  
**K/2G:** Kywun Mcleod  
**K/2S:** Reagan Mundanmany  
**4R:** Racheal Tulikaki & Alex Bolton  
**3/4G:** Eknor Bindra & Puteri Sofia Zaman Kamarul  
**3B:** Emele Vatuinaruku & Mathew Komei  
**2M:** Dev Chavda & Talia Corrick  
**2G:** Yatharth Patel & Harleen Hothi  
**1M:** Isabella Stevinson & Yamin Sheikh  
**1S:** Vikaash Baskaran & Narmeen Saeed  
**KGZ:** Yuvansh Rumpal & Avleen Kaur  
**KC:** Annika Prasad & Pratap Ganda  
**KP:** Boston Taylor & Noni Npyet

## 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.

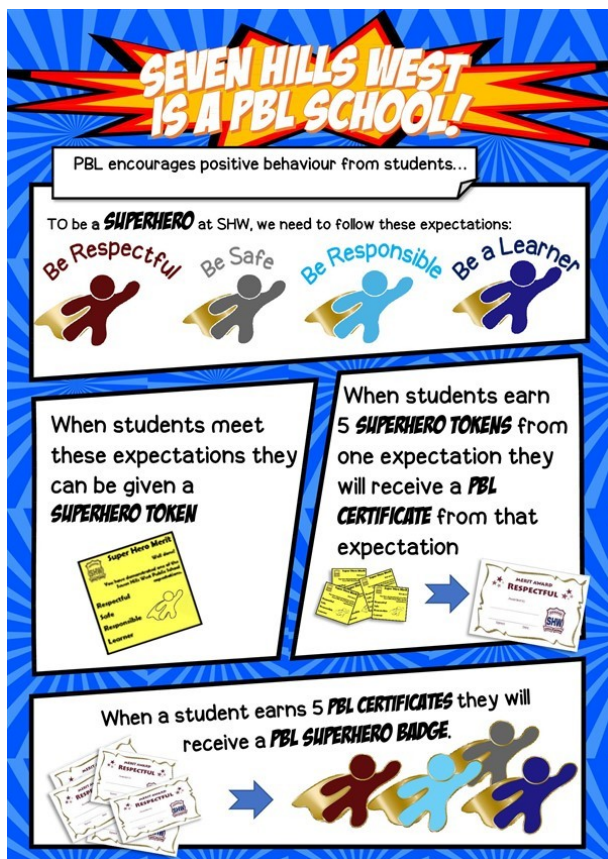
Your understanding and support in this very important health issue are greatly appreciated.

### 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



## COMMUNITY GRANT



### Seven Hills West Public School Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

25 July 2019

#### Community Grant: We Need to Turf the Field!

Dear Parents/Carers,

A submission has been put in to the State Government to have our school oval turfed as part of the My Community Project initiative. If we are successful in getting this grant, we would be in a position to turf our oval.

The successful submissions are chosen by the local community through a voting process, so we are appealing to you to support our project and get us over the line!

To be eligible to vote, you must be aged 16 years or over, have a valid Medicare card (can be listed on a family card) and fall within the Blacktown electorate.

In order to vote, simply log on to: [mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au](http://mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au)

You will be asked to login to your MyServiceNSW account and provide your Medicare card details and your address to confirm that you are eligible. If you don't have a MyServiceNSW account, simply sign up online.

Once you have logged in, please select Blacktown electorate and click on "Browse Projects". You will need to shortlist three projects to receive votes from the nine submissions that have been put forward. Please be sure to vote for our project, the Seven Hills West public School - We Need to Turf the Field, as your number one preference. Projects voted as number one receive 10 points, while the project that you choose as your second preference will get 5 points and the third selection will get 3 points. The project with the highest point total will get funded first, so please make sure you put the Seven Hills West Public School - We Need to Turf the Field as your first preference!

While each person can only vote once, please encourage your neighbours, friends and family who fall within the Blacktown electorate to get behind our school and vote for us. Remember that it is anyone aged over 16, so if you have older children in your household, please get them to vote as well. It is as easy as selecting the share now option on your confirmation email.

If you do not have access to the internet or are having problems accessing the site, please come in to see us at the school office or go to any Service NSW Centre.

Voting closes on 15<sup>th</sup> August, so please get your vote in by then!

Thank you in advance for your support,

Ms Kylie Becker  
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A Proud PBL School (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 3 2019

Planning Sheet for Term 2 – 2019					
	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
4	SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support P-6 Assembly 2pm	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support Interrelate Yrs 5&6 Choir Rehearsal at Hambledon PS 9.30-11.30	SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support BOOK FAIR	SWIM SCHOOL Years 2&3 & Support BOOK FAIR PSSA
5	SCHOOL PHOTOS EMU's – YEAR 6 BOOK FAIR	BOOK PARADE BOOK FAIR Grandparents Day	P&C Meeting – 9.15am BOOK FAIR CHALLENGE EXPO 10am-1pm	SCHOOL PHOTOS WOMBATS BOOK FAIR	PSSA
6	Superhero Assembly P-6 2pm Living Eggs - Preschool	FATHERS DAY STALL – EMU's & STAGE 3 BACK-UP Athletics Carnival	Stage 3 Camp Canberra FATHERS DAY STALL – WOMBATS & STAGE 1 & 2	Stage 3 Camp Canberra	Stage 3 Camp Canberra PSSA
7	SEPTEMBER Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> ICAS – Digital Technology	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> ZONE Athletics Carnival Preschool excursion – Calmsley Farm ICAS – Science	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
8	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> P-6 Assembly 2pm Blacktown Festival Night Performance	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Life Education – K-2 ICAS – Writing	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Life Education – K-2	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> ICAS – Spelling	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>

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

### Challenge Expo

Our upcoming exciting day of challenges and fun is coming up and the Canteen has kindly donated the popcorn.

### Fathers Day Stall

On Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th August we are having our stall for Fathers Day and we need some parent helpers. If you could help out for just a short time it would be really appreciated. Please let our lovely canteen ladies know if you can lend some time. Thanking you.

### P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st August at 9.15am. Please try and come along – we love to see new faces.

## 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



**C.A.R.E.S. OPEN DAY**

**AUTO PLACE X PETER BROCK DR, PROSPECT**  
1st October 2019 - 10am to 2pm

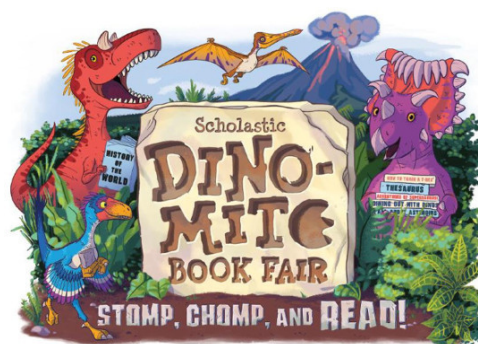
Come along during the school holidays and ride in a safe environment with real traffic lights.

• Bring your own bike and helmet, a picnic (sausage sizzle and drinks)  
• Kids activities on the day with information and displays by community organisations  
• FREE Parking is on site  
Adult Supervision required

Logos: Roads & Maritime, Blacktown City Council, C.A.R.E.S., NSW Police Force, BLACKTOWN P.S., BUNNINGS warehouse

## BOOK FAIR 2019

**Date:** 15-22 August  
**Time:** 8:30-8:55 & 3:00-3:30pm  
**Where:** Library





## Facebook

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### 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.***