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25 September 2019

## Principal's Message

### Learning with Ms Becker

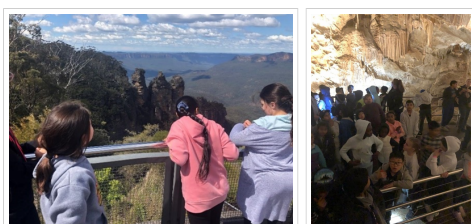
#### Stage Two Camp

This edition of Learning with Ms Becker comes to you from the chilly Stage Two Camp!

We have had an absolute blast exploring the Blue Mountains and Jenolan Caves! The days consisted of bush walks, sightseeing and Scenic World rides. Everyone loved the Scenic Railway and Cable Car but really thought the glass bottom Skyway was the coolest!

At night, we went to a fancy restaurant, went to our rooms and then headed into the caves! The guide, Gordon, took us deep into the caves and showed us amazing stalactites and stalagmites! He said we were the best group that he has ever had and he has never heard students sing in the Cathedral Chamber before. It brought a tear to my eye hearing the Stage Two students and teachers sing Miss Bannings version of The Lion Sleeps Tonight that she adapted to reflect our excursion.

A huge effort goes into organising camps like these and I would like to acknowledge the staff who helped both on the camp and in the background to get everyone to experience something really special. Even for those back at school, the students were treated to an in school camp experience to make them feel special.



### Yarning Circle

Coreen School has been supporting us with their Work Program by putting the final touches to our Yarning Circle. They have been working with their careers teacher, GA and Panthers on the Prowl to ensure they are not only learning their trade and gaining skills but also becoming a regular part of our school community.

The project is set to be completed in Term Four and even though that will see us completing one project, I am sure our friendship with Coreen School will see many other projects heading our way!



### Preschool Visits

Our school has been hosting other preschools to come and visit. We have been lucky enough to access the Coreen School bus to travel the future superheroes and this is going to be a significant addition to our transition program.

If anyone knows of any future superheroes that are ready to start school in 2020, please let us know and we will make time to show them the fantastic things on offer at our school.



### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students received their NAPLAN results this week. I encourage everyone to read and celebrate the

results achieved and to certainly book a time to discuss them with your child's teacher, if you wish to know more about them.

I need to ensure that we use the information to gauge where to lead the learning journey for each student and to show how we can make strategic decisions to support their growth in the next period.

## Homework and Enrolment Policy

Over the last week and in the next few weeks, we will be evaluating on our practices and reviewing the policy implementation to ensure our homework and enrolment policies reflect our Department of Education requirements, and also that of our community. If you notice on Facebook or in other communication platforms, opportunities to have your say please do so, as we use this information to make balanced judgements about how we work together.

We will also use this information to begin our working party conversations about how to best inform our school community.

## School Holidays

As we head into the Term Three holidays, you may notice more building works going on in the school.

We have some planned maintenance scheduled and this will be shared with you once they are completed. We have just about completed our toilet renovation and major painting to our classrooms, which will make a significant difference to our playground spaces.

Our school focus for infrastructure is, of course, our oval. Our P&C is working hard to help raise funds for this as is the school is saving, for the capital works will be very expensive. My message is let's all get into it together and keep raising and saving!

From my family to yours, I wish you all a safe holidays and trust that you will enjoy your time doing things that make you happy. Oscar, Archie and I will be heading back up to the Jenolan Caves because they were just fantastic!

***Serving our Community with Honour and Wisdom***  
***Ms Becker***

## Enrolment Policy



### Enrolment policy

Information for parents

The Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools policy is in place to assist schools to meet their obligations under the Education Act 1990 - to ensure that every student has a place at their local school. The policy also communicates to staff and the community a transparent enrolment process.

**Why was the enrolment policy revised?**  
Across the state, many communities are changing. Some are growing at rates never seen before. Some schools that used to be able to accept out-of-area enrolments, no longer have the room to do so.

The revised policy is designed to support schools to manage all enrolment applications, encourage greater consistency in decision-making and make sure the enrolment choices are clear for parents.

**What are the changes?**  
**The enrolment cap**  
The enrolment cap is the number of students that can be enrolled at a school based on the school's permanent accommodation. The enrolment cap tells us whether the school may or may not have the capacity to accept non-local enrolments. It is not a target or limit on the number of local enrolments a school can take.

Each school with a local intake area will have a cap set by the department from Term 4 2019.

Within the enrolment cap, a number of enrolment places (the buffer) must be kept aside for the likely number of local students who will need to enrol during the year. For this reason, a school will not take non-local students once they reach their buffer, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

**100-point residential address check**  
Parents planning to enrol their child at a school that is near or at its buffer or cap will be asked to complete the 100-point residential address check to confirm they live within the school's designated intake area. This means parents will need to provide documents to verify the child's current address.

So that schools only seek information relevant to the child's enrolment, a list of approved documents for the residential address check is available from the school or the department's website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

**Selection criteria for non-local enrolment**  
Sibling enrolments are now clearly prioritised (where possible) and selection criteria for non-local enrolment will not include student ability, performance or achievement.

[education.nsw.gov.au](https://education.nsw.gov.au)



## 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.



## Kindy Orientation



### SEVEN HILLS WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Transition for Kindergarten 2020**  
**Kindergarten Orientation Dates**

- Tuesday 22 October 2019
- Wednesday 30 October 2019
- Thursday 7 November 2019

Time: 9am - 11am

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By entering this unique code **SHW19**, you can unlock the video contained within the image. Simply enter the code, then point your camera at your printed photo to bring it to life.



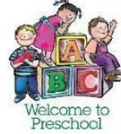


## Expression of interest – Preschool 2020

### 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

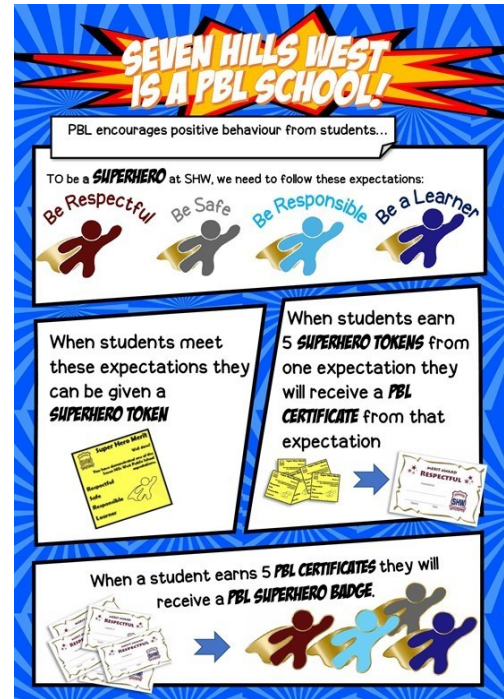
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut 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 3 2019					
Planning Sheet for Term 2 – 2019					
10	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Stage 2 Camp Jenolan Caves Assembly P-6 2pm	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Stage 2 Camp Jenolan Caves	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Year 5 Smooth Walking – Seven Hills High School	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> OCTOBER	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> LABOUR DAY	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>

TERM 4 2019					
Planning Sheet for Term 2 – 2019					
1	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> STUDENTS & STAFF RETURN	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dance2881 – Stage 2&3	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
2	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Kindergarten & Preschool Orientation 9am-11am	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dance2881 – Stage 2&3	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> PSSA
3	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Kindergarten & Preschool Orientation 9am-11am	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dance2881 – Stage 2&3	NOVEMBER Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> PSSA
4	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> P-6 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dance2881 – Stage 2&3 Kindergarten & Preschool Orientation 9am-11am	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> PSSA

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

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.

## 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.

## 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**

Our next meeting will be held on **TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 2019 AT 9.15AM.**  
Please come along and join us.

#### **PLEASE NOTE – CHANGE OF DAY!**

Our meetings have changed permanently to a Tuesday.

Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

## 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



**OPENING**  
A new venue at  
Bella Vista in September  
Win 1 of 3 vouchers valued at \$254 to use in 2019  
and summer of 2020 on any of our programs. Conditions apply

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
Gymnastics Day camp  
30th Sept - 4th Oct and 8th - 11th Oct

✓ **Gymnastics Day Camp**  
Kindy to Year 6  
Half Day 8.45am-12.30pm \$40,  
Full Day 8.45am-3.30pm \$58,  
Long Day 8.30am-5pm \$75

✓ **Tumbling Clinics 9-15yrs**  
Classes 12 - 2pm \$35

✓ **Recreational Gymnastic 5-15yrs**  
Classes 4 - 5pm and 5 - 6pm \$22  
(suits beginner or intermediate experience)

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www.sydneyhills-gymnastics.com.au

**SYDNEY HILLS GYMNASTICS**



**choose HEALTHY SNACKS**

Healthy snacks are important to help meet children's nutrition needs. Choose snacks based on vegetables, fruit, milk, cheese, yogurt and wholegrain breads, crackers and cereals.

**TIPS TO PLAN HEALTHY SNACKS**

- Include a vegetable and fruit snack each day
- Add vegetables into homemade snacks (multis, pikelets, scones and slices)
- Cut up vegetables and fruits so they are easier to eat. For snacks during the week.
- Keep a range of healthy snacks in the fridge and pantry
- Get your kids to help prepare snacks
- Show kids you enjoy eating healthy snacks

NSW **MAKE SCHOOLS NORMAL**  
This resource has been developed by the NSW Department of Education, published October 2017



## School Holiday Gymnastics Clinics

For boys and girls in Kindergarten and above

Come and experience the fun and excitement of  
gymnastics

- Fun in a safe and structured environment
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- Olympic Standard Equipment
- Foam Filled Landing Pits
- Trampolines
- Affiliated with Gymnastics Australia and NSW



Full Day Sessions (9.00am-3.00pm)

\$50.00 per day

Half Day Sessions (9.00am-12.30pm)

\$40.00 per session

30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 4<sup>th</sup> Oct and 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – 11<sup>th</sup> Oct

### Term 4 2019

#### Enrolments Now Being Taken

Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above

Book now on 9620 8323 or [sydacgym@hotmail.com](mailto:sydacgym@hotmail.com)

Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd, Seven Hills

Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd, Winston Hills

The Ponds High School, Wentworth St, The Ponds

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FOR CHILDREN 3 - 17 YEARS OLD



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## Sizzling Summer Hockey

- ✓ Blacktown City Games Event
- ✓ 6 Thursday evenings commencing October 31
- ✓ Cavanagh Reserve Tennis Courts Lalor Park
- ✓ Primary school students 6.30pm to 7.30pm
- ✓ Secondary students and adults 7.30pm to 8.30pm
- ✓ Maximum 24 players / session
- ✓ Registrations open October 1<sup>st</sup>
- ✓ First family member \$30
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent family members \$20
- ✓ All gear supplied
- ✓ Great coaching
- ✓ Beginners welcome



Phone Lyn 0421 798 242  
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<http://www.hockeyblacktown.org.au>



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Monday 6.00pm to 7.30pm

For girls aged 7-10 years

#### Girl Guides

Wednesday 5.00pm to 7.00pm

For girls aged 10-14 years

Lalor Park Guide Hall, Wheeler Street (opp Lawson St)

Please call Joanne on 0414 925 057 for further information

Or to find out more visit our website [www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)

## 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.