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4 December 2019

Principal's Message

Learning with Ms Becker

As we begin to finalise all of our teaching and learning programs, evaluating the data we have collected about reading and numeracy, as well as our attendance, our preschool children are joined by 3B to showcase the performance and confidence of them in hosting the assembly. As your principal, who is never usually stuck for a word, I was left speechless as the preschool students hosted and performed in the assembly.

They were truly inspirational and I could not be prouder!

Listening to the leadership speeches for 2020, I was both amused and proud of the students displaying their tenacity and honesty. In all the speeches, there were references about what they could do to make the school a better place.

Among most of the speeches there was references made to getting a new oval. I am pleased to say that I am in the initial stages of making this a reality and the conversations and quotes have been presented to our P&C at the last meeting. Stay tuned and we should hopefully see our oval complete in 2020!

In the last two weeks, you will also see the shade sails completed, air conditioning installed, painting of the inside and outside of classrooms completed and also new blinds for 6 classes in the school.

Having reviewed the school improvements this year, we have completed and improved so many projects this year that we are all very proud and excited to share these with everyone.

This week we have our support unit classes attending the Children's Variety Christmas Party at Rosehill Gardens. We are very excited to be a part of this event as the students get to meet Santa, play on lots of exciting things and most of all, share it with their parents, teachers and friends.

Our Year 5 girls are attending a technology day being hosted in Blacktown to promote STEM in girls education. I look forward to seeing how our students demonstrate how good they are and what they have learned through our own programs they have taken part in at school.

Our school Presentation Day is coming up next week along with Year 6 Farewell, Year 6 and Preschool Graduation and our Aboriginal Morning Tea to launch our Yarning Circle. Please make sure you check our website and Facebook page all of the updates of where and when these events are occurring.

The school reports for students will be given out in Week 10. As I read and comment on each of them, I am again reminded about how lucky Seven Hills West Public School is to have our students enrolled here. There has been progress made by every student and experiences they have encountered that they have never done before.

In closing, I hope to see as many of you to bid farewell to you for 2019 and prepare a great time in 2020. It will be another beautiful farewell to our Year 6 students as they go through the arch of their peers as they exit the school for the last time and for our attendance awards winners to be acknowledged on the last day of school.

**Kind regards,
Ms Kylie Becker**

2019 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Results

I would like to, once again, congratulate all students for their wonder result in The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) this year.

These assessments are challenging and designed to assess students' ability to apply classroom learning in new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem solving skills. The students who chose to sit for these can be extremely proud of their achievements with many achieving Merits, Credits, Distinctions and High Distinction.

Here is an overview of SHWPS student performance and achievement for 2019:

Subject List	Number of students	High Distinction
Digitech	17	-
Science	25	-
Spelling	27	-
English	32	-
Mathematics	38	-
Writing	21	1

Certificate awarded			
Distinction	Credit	Merit	Participation
1	-	2	14
2	4	2	17
3	7	2	14
1	5	1	24
5	5	2	26
2	1	2	15

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.



YEAR 6 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY



Seven Hills West Public School Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

Preschool and Year 6 Combined Formal Graduation Ceremony



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Seven Hills West Public School are excited to announce that we are hosting a Preschool and Year 6 combined formal graduation ceremony for our graduating students.

Families are invited to celebrate their child's success at Seven Hills West and wish them well for their next educational journey.

Year 6 students will be walking alongside a Preschool student on stage to receive their individual graduation certificate.

Details of the event

Date: Thursday 12th December

Location: New School Hall

Time: 9am - 11am

Following the ceremony, families of our graduating Year 6 students will be invited to a morning tea in the library with their child and Year 6 teachers.

Dress code: Full school uniform

There will be opportunities for students to be photographed in their graduation gowns.

We look forward to celebrating this exciting moment with you and your child!


Ms K Becker
Principal
07.11.19

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Assistant Principals

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Important Reminders

ALLERGY ALERT

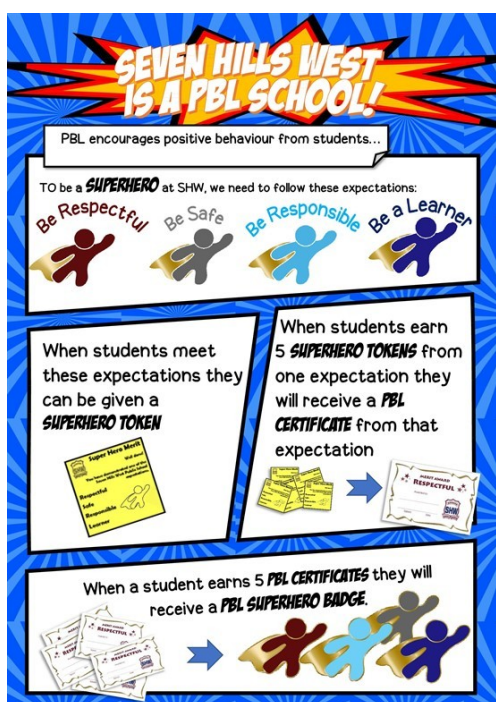
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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

THANK YOU

Thank you

Thank you to Vanessa and the wonderful staff at Kmart Blacktown for their generous donation, which allowed us to replenish our emergency underwear.



Calendar

TERM 4 2019

Planning Sheet for Term 2 – 2019					
8	DECEMBER Monday 2 nd P-4 Assembly 2pm	Tuesday 3 rd P&C Christmas Stall 9-11am K-2 Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program High School Orientation – All Year 6 students	Wednesday 4 th P&C Christmas Stall 9-11am Special Children's Christmas Party Girls Tech Day – Year 5 Students	Thursday 5 th Dance288 – Stage 2&3	Friday 6 th
	Monday 9 th	Tuesday 10 th Presentation Assembly 9am-11am	Wednesday 11 th Year 6 Farewell Evening	Thursday 12 th Preschool & Year 6 combined Graduation 9-11	Friday 13 th TALENT SHOW 2019
10	Monday 16 th Reports Home	Tuesday 17 th FUN DAY	Wednesday 18 th Year 6 Tunnel LAST DAY OF TERM 4	Thursday 19 th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Friday 20 th STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
	Monday 23 rd	Tuesday 24 th	Wednesday 25 th CHRISTMAS DAY	Thursday 26 th BOXING DAY	Friday 27 th

TERM 1 – 2020

Planning Sheet for Term 1 – 2020					
1	JANUARY Monday 27 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tuesday 28 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Wednesday 29 ALL STUDENTS start K-6	Thursday 30	Friday 31
	FEBRUARY Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7
2	SWIM CARNIVAL – Yrs 3-6 8.30-12.30				

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

- 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
- 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

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.

EVERY DAY COUNTS...
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

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.

Not Returning in 2020

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2020

As the end of year is fast approaching - it would be appreciated if you would advise the office if your child **is not returning** to Seven Hills West in **2020**.

This will assist us in organising classes in 2020.

There is **no need** to advise us if your child is **currently in Year 6** and heading off to high school next year.



P & C News

Christmas Stall

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas Stall this year.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period.

P&C Meeting

Our meetings have ended for this year. We have managed to raise \$20,000 for the school to put towards the oval reconstruction.

Thank you to everybody, especially Ros Scanlon & Judy Whitford, for helping along the way. We appreciate all the volunteers that helped and supported us during the year.

Our first 2020 meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th February, at 9:15am. We hope to see you there next year.

Have a lovely holiday break.

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

The canteen has been working towards the new healthy canteen strategy. We are pleased to say that we have been approved with our new menu and products. This has been made possible with the collaboration of our Canteen staff.

We look forward to feeding your children with our lovely, healthy food.

Enjoy the holidays.

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



UNIFORM SHOP



The end of 2019 is fast approaching.

The Uniform Shop will be open each Tuesday - 10th and 17th December - until the end of Term.

For the beginning of 2020 - we will be opening our shop as follows:

WEEK 1

Tuesday 28th January - 8.30am to 10.30am

Wednesday 29th January - 8.30am to 9.30am

Thursday 30th January - 8.30am to 9.30am

WEEK 2

Tuesday 4th February - 8.30am to 9.30am

Wednesday 5th February - 8.30am to 9.30am

Thursday 6th February - 8.30am to 9.30am

WEEK 3 onwards

Tuesdays only - 8.30am to 9.30am

Daily Program 9am-3pm with FREE
Extended child minding hours 8am-5:30pm
(For ages 5-12yrs)

Join us for 3 days of fun: sport, dance, arts, crafts & more!

KIDS FEST HOLIDAY PROGRAM
JANUARY 13-15TH 2020
BLACKTOWN

Located at Shelley Public School Blacktown January 13-15th 2020
Tickets available at trybooking.com/BGFRP

"The teachers were so nice & made my daughter feel very comfortable it was awesome!" -Lynette

Earlybird price available now for only \$149 for 3 days
*ends 30th November regular price \$179

SAVE \$100 using your Creative Kids vouchers
For more information contact info@innovativedance.com.au

Follow us on Facebook at - KIDS FEST holiday Programs - Blacktown

P & C Committee

Community News



Membership hotline: 1800 SCOUTS or scan the QR code

Your local Scout Group welcomes you. Visit www.scouts.com.au for a full list of Scout Groups in your area.
Greater Western Sydney Office: 02 9639 3488
www.greaterwesternscouts.com.au



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
- Qualified and Professional Coaches
- 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

6th – 10th Jan, 13th – 17th Jan

and 20th – 24th Jan

Term 1 2020

Enrolments Now Being Taken

Classes for Boys and Girls 2 years and above

Book now on 9620 8323 or sydcgym@hotmail.com

Unit 7/32 Artisan Rd, Seven Hills

Unit 5/1a Gibbon Rd, Winston Hills

The Ponds High School, Wentworth St, The Ponds

Facebook

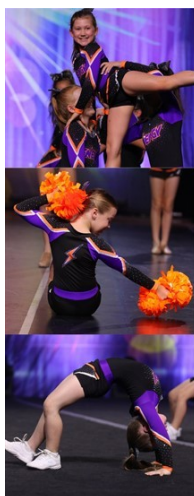
Important



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.



WANT TO SEE WHAT CHEER IS ALL ABOUT? ALL AGES WELCOME

Come and Try for FREE !

5pm - 7pm

Friday 22nd November

Friday 6th December

2020 Full and Semi Competitive Team Placements Saturday 14th December Everybody makes a team!

10/10 Hudson Avenue, Castle Hill
Contact us for more information:
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