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Principal's Message

Leadership Habit

Habit 7 - Sharpen the Saw:

Sharpen the Saw means preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have--you. It means having a balanced program for re-energising yourself in the four areas of your life: physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Feeling good doesn't just happen. Living a life in balance means taking the necessary time to renew yourself. It's all up to you. You can renew yourself through relaxation.

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BODY



- Eat Healthy
- Sleep | Rest - Relayation
- Mental Dimension - Read
 - Educate - Write

MIND

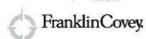
- Learn new skills



Relationships Give Service - Laugh | Love



- Meditate Keep a Journal
- Pray
- Take in Quality Media



Check Out Our New Bush Tucker Garden

Our Bush Tucker Garden has just been installed and our students can now view our indigenous plants. The Bush Tucker Garden is next to our gorgeous Yarning Circle and is a place for students to reflect, contemplate and relax. Thank you to Mrs Bruce for organising this very special project for our students.

The Bush Tucker plants include native medicinals, which the children will research in our K-6 Future Focused Learning program. Here is a list of the indigenous plants in our new garden beds:





Opportunity Class Placement Test

The Opportunity Class Placement Test for entry to Year 5 in 2021 will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 9am at Seven Hills West Public School.

We have 7 students who will be sitting the test. Only students whose parents applied for them to sit the OC test last term are able to participate in the assessment.

For more details about the OC test, please click on the information sheet (see attached)

Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation Begins This Week

Our 2021 Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation programs commence this week.

For the next two weeks, our new Preschool and Kindergarten students will visit our school and participate in exciting activities. Thank you to our Preschool and Kindergarten team for the great work you have done to plan and coordinate the programs. Huge thanks to Mrs Condello, Mrs North, Mrs Gardiner, Miss Craig and Miss Pizarro for their amazing efforts.

Parents who are enrolling their children into our Preschool next year can access the Preschool Virtual Orientation by clicking on this link:

https://rise.articulate.com/share/Quwr11PflzXfnNjOXkiF7dsNW 00EyLDG

Parents who are enrolling their children into Kindergarten next year can access the Kindergarten Virtual Orientation by clicking on this link:

https://rise.articulate.com/share/meNgy_OuFRmiY85L2iZHZvnfULc2LVjZ

We will also conduct a Live Zoom Q&A session for parents to meet our Preschool Team on November 11th and Kindergarten Team on November 12th. Both Zoom Q&A sessions will run between 6.00-7.00pm.

Term 4 Newsletters to Be Sent Out This Week

This week our Term 4 Stage Newsletters will be sent home. Teachers have provided a comprehensive overview of their class programs and learning activities. It will be an exciting term of learning for all of our students.

Are You Interested in A free Computer?

A huge thank you to Mr Rahul Guha (from our P&C) and Fiducian Group Limited, for generously donating 25 pre-loved PC's for our children's home use.

What's included: HP Compaq 8200 Elite Small Form Factor, Intel Core i5 3.10Ghz. 4GB Ram. 250GB. Hard Drive Windows 10

What's not included: Computer Monitor, keyboard, mouse and additional software

Good for: Upgrade your old computer or as first computer

Pick-up: From SHWPS school office Mon 16/11 to Fri 20/11

If you interested, please send an email to: sevenhills-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au by Friday 6th November with the following details:

- a) Student's name
- b) Class Teacher and
- c) Upgrading or first computer

Changes to School Development Days for 2021

In order to support a strong start to 2021, the NSW Department of Education has changed the schedule for the distribution of five School Development Days (SDD) throughout 2021.

As a result, there will now be two SDDs at the beginning of Term 1. As a consequence, there will only be one SDD at the end of Term 4 2021. There will be no change to the allocation of one SDD at the commencement of Terms 3 and 4 2021.

For Term 1, 2021, the NSW School Development Days are scheduled for 27 and 28 January – with Years 1-6 students returning Friday 29 January 2021.

For Kindergarten students, their first day of school will be Wednesday 3 February 2021.

Refer to 2021 NSW term and vacation dates for more information.

The amendments follow extensive consultation with the NSW Teachers Federation (NSWTF), NSW Primary Principals' Association (PPA) and the NSW Secondary Principals' Council (SPC).

Thank You

Thank you to our P&C for their amazing support of our Halloween activities last Friday.

The Halloween Treats looked incredible and the children had a fabulous day --- their joy and excitement shone through all of the photos. Check out our Facebook page!

Thank you to our teachers and parents for your support. Huge thanks to Miss Pizarro and Mrs Curran for organising such a wonderful celebration for the children.

Thank you, also, to Miss Pizarro for organising our Book Week celebrations last week. The children loved the daily activities – which not only encouraged a love of reading, but also taught them the power of their thank you to creativity and imagination.

Finally, thank you to our great Year 6 students. Last week, I facilitated a 2-day leadership workshop with the class. I was very impressed by the calibre of their thinking, citizenship and leadership values. Well done to our parents and Mrs Curran for the great job you've been doing with our Year 6 students.

Wishing you all a wonderful fortnight of learning.

Warmly

Shanti Clements Principal

STAGE UPDATES

Assistant Principal's Message – Early Stage 1 & Stage 1

KZG

KZG had so much fun celebrating Halloween.

Everyone made a huge effort to dress up and take part in some spooky dancing in the Hall. What a fun Halloween.







1N

During the first few weeks back at school 1N have been looking at imaginative texts.

During a literacy lessons in week 3, students showed their ability to use a narrative structure to create short stories about the beach. After revising their work, students went back and included an array of additional descriptive language to bump up the quality of their work.

Mr Nunan is very impressed with the level of effort students have put into their writing this term!



1/2A

In 1/2A, our focus text has been 'The Snail and the Whale' this week.

We began our journey through the text by discussing Julia Donaldson and other texts we know by her. We then sequenced the story and 'magpied' some of her interesting language to use when we retell the story next week. Watch this space for some wonderful stories next time!





In Maths we have been looking at data collection.

Each child wrote a question and then surveyed the class for a yes or no answer. The questions ranged from 'Do you like cheeseburgers?' to 'Can you do a handstand?'

The children then gathered their findings in a tally chart and presented them to the class.







2R

2R have been working so hard in Maths over the past few weeks!

They have been using the dominos for a variety of maths games!





Mrs K Gardiner
Assistant Principal

Preschool

The Living Egg cycle of a Chicken

We have the Living eggs visiting us at the moment and the pleasure of watching 7 chicks hatch from their eggs.

Mrs North numbered our eggs, in this way we were able to predict which one might hatch first but also enables the children to learn number recognition from 1 to 10. Lots of us referred back to the poster showing what is happening inside the egg. It is a day by day account of the changes to the chick as it grows in 21 days.

Mrs North took one out and it had a tiny pinhole crack. She placed the egg up against the children's ear and the children could hear it chirping. We learnt that Male means boy and Female means girl. We also learnt a female Chicken is a Hen and a male Chicken is a Rooster. Children were exposed to new vocabulary such as the incubator and brooder box. We have been cleaning the brooder box, changing water and giving them food every day.





The children have been keeping a diary and an account of our chickens, this will go in the children's individual portfolio. We played a sequence game and learnt that sequence means in order from the first thing to the last, the sequence pictures show an egg, a chick and an adult hen.

On Tuesday and Friday for Halloween, we had another fun dress up day. Thanks for making a gold coin donation.



Mrs G Condello Preschool Educator

Assistant Principal's Message – Support

Students in K-2G and K-2K have been learning about Australian animals.

We researched and discussed the main features, diet, home and some interesting facts about emus and wombats.

They had fun creating a visual report of their findings and presenting the information to the class.





Ms D Jenkins Assistant Principal

Assistant Principal's Message – Science & Technology/Future Focused Learning & Stages 2 & 3

What are e-Safety issues?

Cyber abuse – abusive online behaviour which is reasonably likely to have a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect on a person.

Cyberbullying – use of online technology to bully a person or group with the intent to hurt them socially, psychologically or physically. Image-based abuse – distribution of intimate, nude or sexual images.

Offensive or illegal content – violent, explicit or criminal content may be considered prohibited content under the law.

Sexting – sending of provocative or sexual photos, messages or videos. Social engineering – manipulating people into performing actions or divulging confidential information.

Social networking – there are some risks to 'meeting' people online – especially if you do not know them in real life.

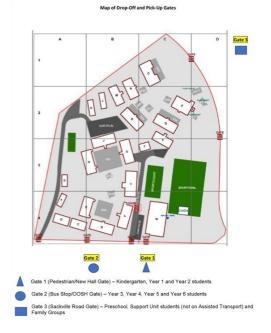
Unwanted contact – any type of online communication that is unwelcome, including grooming and predatory behaviour.

Other e-Safety issues including balancing online time, managing a digital reputation and protecting personal information.

To support our students in using digital technologies responsibly, Mrs Jenny Johnston will be running Cyber-Safety lessons with our K-6 classes. The e-Safety curriculum will be followed to ensure students are meeting the cyber-safety guidelines and outcomes.

Mr R Blood & Mrs S Curran Assistant Principals

Map of Drop-Off and PickUp Gates



OOSH PICK UP/DROP GATE

SEVEN HILLS WEST OOSH

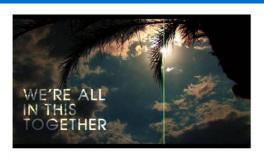
Parents who are dropping off or collecting students from OOSH please remember to use Gate 2 entrance.

Please **DO NOT USE driveway** gate.

Managed return to school for families guidelines



We're all in this together



Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:
Facebook
Schoolzine
Seven Hills West website



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2021



SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT 2022

Applications for placement into Selective High School for Year 7 2022 close on 16 November 2020. Parents must apply online

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7



Super Kids Breakfast Club

Super Kids Breakfast Club is currently closed.

We will keep you updated with re-opening times.

Important Reminders

ALLERGY ALERT

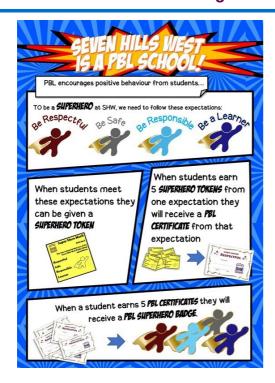
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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

Additionally – our supplies for Years 3-6 have also depleted (shorts/skorts/shirts/underwear).

Any donations of clothing (not jumpers) for students K-6 would be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

SHWPS Administration Office

Birthday Cakes

Until further notice – birthday cakes/lolly bags/party bags (including party favours bags) and ANY shared foods ARE NOT permitted.

We will keep you updated with when this can begin again.

Calendar

TERM 4 - 2020

	NOVEMBER Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
4	Living Eggs – Preschool	Living Eggs – Preschool	Living Eggs – Preschool	Living Eggs – Preschool	Living Eggs – Preschool
	CANTEEN CLOSED	EMU PRESCHOOL 2021 student ORIENTATION		PRESCHOOL 2021 student ORIENTATION Q&A Zoom KINDY 2021 – 6pm-7pm	CANTEEN CLOSED
5	Monday 9 CANTEEN CLOSED	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11 NSW Education Dog visit K-2 Q&A Zoom PRESCHOOL 2021 - 6pm-7pm	Thursday 12	Friday 13 CANTEEN CLOSED
6	Monday 16 CANTEEN CLOSED	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18 OC Placement Test (Yr 4)	Thursday 19	Friday 20 CANTEEN CLOSED
7	Monday 23 CANTEEN CLOSED	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27 CANTEEN CLOSED
8	Monday 30 CANTEEN CLOSED	DECEMBER Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4 CANTEEN CLOSEE

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

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

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th November 202 at 9.15am via Zoom.

This will be our last meeting for 2021.

All welcome to join in.

Uniform Shop & Canteen

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SEVEN HILLS WEST CANTEEN HOURS

The canteen is now CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the canteen will operate AS NORMAL.

Due to only being open 3 days per week, there will be **NO CREDIT** given and there will be LIMITED FOOD CHOICES.

Please ask your children to check the canteen noticeboard for any menu changes.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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.

ORDERING FROM THE CANTEEN

Students will be permitted to order from the canteen, following social distancing procedures.

They will line up on the yellow X crosses to safely order and purchase.

Students are to order lunches themselves, parents are not permitted at the canteen.

Please assist by having correct money for canteen orders, where possible.

SALE OF SCHOOL HATS FROM CANTEEN

SCHOOL HATS NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM CANTEEN

School hats will now also be available for purchase from the Canteen. Prices are \$10 and \$15.

Should your child require a hat, please send the correct money, with your child, to the canteen to make the purchase.

Alternatively, you can still place an order through the Uniform Shop, which will be filled on a Monday only – and given to your child to take home.



Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open for pre-orders only.

Completed uniform orders, with cash payment, to be sent to the office, and orders will be filled and distributed to students on a Monday.

Parents **are not permitted** to come to the uniform shop until further notice.

NEW HOURS

Uniform Shop will be open

EVERY MONDAY

8.30am to 9.30am

Completed uniform orders, with cash payment, to be sent to the office, and we will fill the orders on a Monday morning and distribute to the student.

Parents are not permitted to come to the uniform shop until further notice.



P & C Committee







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.