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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2020 school year. We are all looking forward to your continued support of Seven Hills West PS through what will undoubtedly be another busy and exciting year. Welcome to our new Kindergarten and Preschool families starting with us this year.

The start of the school year has been very smooth. Students and staff have settled well into school routines and programs are commencing.

I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting all the classrooms to meet students and introduce myself over the past week. Already it is clear to see that our students are supported in their learning journeys by dedicated, hardworking teachers and an amazing, caring community. I have felt very welcomed.

2020 Classes

Please note that the school is still processing student enrolments and transfers and therefore classes will not be finalised at this time. Some class changes may be necessary due to enrolment numbers not quite reaching projected expectations. Whilst final class designations will not be confirmed until Week 3, any families directly impacted will be notified this week. A note will be sent home confirming our 2020 classes next week.

Staff Changes

With Ms Becker's appointment as the Foundation Principal of Jordan Springs PS, I am excited to step in as Relieving Principal this term. The Department of Education has appointed Ms Shanti Clements as the permanent Principal for Seven Hills West PS to start as of Term 2. Ms Clements is an experienced leader and educator and is very much looking forward to being a part of this wonderful school community.

Mrs A. Dziubinski
Relieving Principal

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

SEVEN HILLS WEST IS A PBL SCHOOL!

PBL encourages positive behaviour from students...

TO be a **SUPERHERO** at SHW, we need to follow these expectations:

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be a Learner

When students meet these expectations they can be given a **SUPERHERO TOKEN**

When students earn **5 SUPERHERO TOKENS** from one expectation they will receive a **PBL CERTIFICATE** from that expectation

When a student earns **5 PBL CERTIFICATES** they will receive a **PBL SUPERHERO BADGE**.

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 1 – 2020

Planning Sheet for Term 1 – 2020					
	JANUARY	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31
1	Monday 27 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	ALL students start K-6		
2	FEBRUARY Monday 3 EMU preschool – refer starting date SWIM CARNIVAL – Yrs 3-6 7.45am-12m Monday 10	Tuesday 4 EMU preschool – refer starting date NRL Program – K-6 Tuesday 11 NRL Program – K-6	Wednesday 5 ALL EMU's attend Wednesday 12 My First Day Photos - EMU	Thursday 6 WOMAT preschool – refer starting date Digi-Ed Claymation Stage 2 Thursday 13 My First Day Photos – WOMBAT & Kindy	Friday 7 WOMAT preschool – refer starting date Friday 14
3	Monday 17	Tuesday 18 Meet the Teacher afternoon	Wednesday 19 P-6 Assembly 2.00pm	Thursday 20	Friday 21
4	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28
5	MARCH Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4 Superhero Assembly 2.00pm	Thursday 5	Friday 6
6	Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
7	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18 P-6 Assembly 2.00pm	Thursday 19	Friday 20
8	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Wednesday 25	Thursday 26	Friday 27
9	Monday 30	Tuesday 31	APRIL Wednesday 1 Superhero Assembly 2.00pm	Thursday 2	Friday 3
10	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9 LAST DAY TERM 1	Friday 10 GOOD FRIDAY
11	Monday 13 EASTER MONDAY	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17
	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24

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

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.

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 year 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!**

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

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

Welcome back to another exciting year at our school.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th February at 9.15am.

Please come along and have an input into what you would like to see happening.

Everyone is welcome.

Our AGM Meeting will be held Tuesday 17th March at 9.15am.

2020 will bring some exciting fundraisers

Easter Raffle – April

Mothers Day stall – May

Fathers Day stall – September

Christmas stall – December

Looking forward to seeing you all.



Loose Change Drive

The P&C is planning to run a loose change drive to raise funds for the school during Term 1 until the middle of Term 2.

Jars will be placed in each classroom for the collection of change.

The class that raises the highest amount per child will be awarded prizes at the end. A graph of the progress will be shown in the school newsletters.

Keep an eye on your classes tally. Lets see what we can raise.

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.



SEVEN HILLS WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL - CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2020
LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BEFORE 9AM
RECESS CANNOT BE ORDERED

SANDWICHES - all year

Multigrain 70c extra per sandwich	
Vegetite/Jam/Honey	2.00
Tomato	2.60
Cheese	2.60
Salad Sandwich	3.80
Cheese, Tomato, Beetroot, Lettuce, Cucumber and Carrot	
Tuna	3.00
Ham	3.80
Chicken (roasted)	3.80
Chicken & Salad	4.80
Ham & salad	4.80
Wraps - all year	
Salad	4.00
Chicken	5.00
Chicken & Salad	5.50
Ham & salad	5.50
Extras	
Sauce sachets	.50
Spoon / fork	.10
Tomato	.60
Cheese	.60

SALAD BOWLS ALL YEAR

Salad	4.70
Chicken & Salad	5.70
Ham & Salad	5.70
Tuna & Salad	5.70

RECESS

Fruit (Apples/Oranges)	.80
Cheese & Crackers	.60
Cookies / Pikelets	.20
Red Rock-Sea Salt	1.00
Grain Waves	1.10
Popcorn	1.00
Frozen Pineapple	.10
Frozen Orange	.10
Frozen Fruit Bites	.20

HOT FOOD ALL YEAR

Hot Dogs	3.00
Pie - with or without sauce	3.80
Cheese Toastie	2.70
Mac Cheese	3.80
Lasagne- Beef / Chicken	3.80
Fried Rice	3.80
Chicken Burger	3.80
(chicken patty, lettuce, mayo on bun)	
Cheese Burger	3.80
(beef patty, cheese, sauce on bun)	
Nuggets	3.80
(6 nuggets & sauce-extra nuggets .70c ea)	
Pizza-	3.80
BBQ Chicken / Cheese	
Corn on the Cob	.80
Garlic Bread	.80
Mini Sausage Rolls	.80



WINTER MENU STARTS TERM 2 & 3

Spaghetti Bolognese	3.80
Vegetarian Lasagne	3.80

DRINKS

Flavoured Milk	1.80
Water	1.10
Up & Go	1.80
Plain Milk	1.50
Poppers	1.60
Bombs	2.00



Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Every Tuesday during school term 8.30am – 9.30am

P & C Committee

Community News



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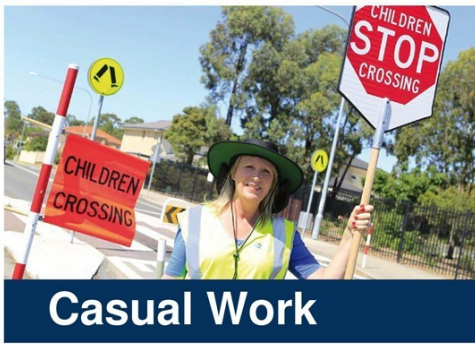
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Help protect our vibrant school communities

- Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!**
- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
 - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
 - Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
- ✓ Community spirit
- ✓ Positive energy
- ✓ If it does, visit or go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply today!

Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 9th February 2020



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.

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 Isaac Smith Pde., Kings Langley
 Classes are every Wednesday for 10 Weeks (Every School Term)
 New and Returning Registration: Weds., 5 February, 2020
 New Students can also join on: Wednesdays, 12 Feb., 19 Feb.

New and Returning Students
 Ages 5-8
 Class Time 4:00 to 4:40PM

New Students
 Ages 9-16
 and Returning Students
 Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY, JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.

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