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Principal's Message

Seven Hills West students, teachers and parents farewelled Ms Becker last week with a heartfelt assembly filled with lovely messages from each class. Ms Becker read a story to the students and at the end of all the laughter, tears, presentations and a slide show, Ms Becker was read a story by Eva, one of our Year 6 students. It was a touching way to say goodbye and Ms Becker loved it all. Thank you to everyone involved behind the scenes and on stage.

The playground had some colourful additions last week with handball courts painted in different colours onto the asphalt areas. They were the gift that 2019 Year 6 students donated to the school and are already very popular additions to play time.

Seven Hills West welcomes Veera, our new School Crossing Supervisor! If you get a chance please stop by the crossing to say hello and make him feel welcomed. I would like to thank our staff who have been instrumental in putting the flags out daily and overseeing the students using the crossing safely of an afternoon.

I am very pleased to announce that the paperwork for the oval resurfacing and new seating has been approved and submitted. This was a very exciting moment brought about by many people working hard behind the scenes. I would like to acknowledge the tireless focus of Ms Becker and Mrs Bruce in this achievement. I would also like to thank Seven Hills West P&C for their very generous donation of \$20 000.00 that will go towards the works involved. This is money raised through fundraisers, raffles and stalls going to benefit our students directly. We look forward to the works commencing some time this year.



Harmony Day and National Day of Action Against Bullying: Friday 20th March

Throughout this week, our students from Preschool to Year 6 will be involved in activities and discussions promoting the message that bullying will not be tolerated.

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations of each person being Respectful, Safe and Responsible Learners at Seven Hills West supports this anti-bullying message every day.

For further information please see:

http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au/

Students and teachers will be marking Harmony Day by wearing orange and participating in classroom activities highlighting inclusion, tolerance and friendship. This is a timely reminder during the recent social distancing recommendations that whilst we need to be vigilant with keeping ourselves and those around us healthy, we also need to have compassion, tolerance and understanding.

COVID-19 Note

A note explaining the school's operational changes and social distancing measures was distributed to all students yesterday. Please take the time to read through it as there was a substantial amount of information included. Several school events such as assemblies, PSSA and excursions have been cancelled for the remainder of Term 1 and I will reassess this closer to the end of the term for the status of future events. We will be reviewing all aspects as new information comes to hand and will keep you updated.

Thank you for your continued trust and understanding.

Mrs A Dziubinski Relieving Principal

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Current advice from the NSW Government for parents and affected staff is:

- Any student or staff member who has been in, departed from, or transited through the following countries is excluded from child care services, school or work for 14 days from the date they left the country:
 - o mainland China since 1 February
 - o Iran since 1 March

o the Republic of Korea (South Korea) - since 5 March.

- o Italy since 11 March
- Any confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded until they are medically cleared to return.
- Close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be excluded for 14 days since last contact with the confirmed case.
- Students and staff who have returned to Australia and have shown no symptoms during the 14-day home-isolation period are able to return to school or work.

NSW Health has processes in place to identify any close contacts of cases confirmed in Australia. A close contact is a person who has spent significant time either face to face (15 minutes) or in an enclosed space (2 hours or more) as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. It is advising these close contacts about not attending work, school or early childhood and childcare services.

The Department of Education continues to work closely with NSW Health to monitor and respond to developments and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

Maintaining good hygiene standards is an important way to reduce the risk of acquiring and spreading respiratory infections. We ask parents and carers to promote good hygiene including handwashing with soap. Together with good cough etiquette handwashing is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of viruses.

Northcott Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday students from our support classes travelled to the Ryde Aquatic Centre to participate in the Northcott Interschool Swimming Carnival.

It was a great day with lots of time in the water. A big thank you to the parents and staff who transported on the day and to Mrs Moon for her smooth organisation of the day.



Student Representative Council

Congratulations to our recipients of Student Representative Council (SRC) for Semester 1:

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

SEMESTER 1 2020

KC - Peyton and William KZG - Althea and Jasvin 1G - Shanaya and Aum 1H - Ryan and Hargun 1/2M - Azaleigha and Viliame 25 - Avnoor and Julian 2/3P - Nathan and Daysha 3P - Ian and Ipsa 3/4JP - Mahir and Subhali 4/5R - Shuva and Sanchanaa 5/6H - Monisha and Sofina 6B - Jessica and Aiden K-2G - Braxton K-25 - Indi 3-6C - Esoufa 3-6J - Tye

3-6M - Ethan

Super Kids Breakfast Club

Preschool T-shirt

	uper Kids Breakfast Club
	Mondays AND Fridays
	the Super Kids Breakfast Club will operate two mornings a week in 2020. The our students are afforded an opportunity to consume a healthy breakfast to hool day.
The Super Kids Breakfast Cluit	b will begin on Monday 24 th February.
	ery Monday AND Friday from 8:30 - 8:45am.
 Breakfast will be served outsi 	de the School Canteen.
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without the generous donations p	akfast to around 50 students per session. This would not have been possible provided to the program from our parents and community. If you would like to kfast Club, there will be a donations box in the school office.
Acceptable donations could inclu	
Fruit – Apples, Oranges, Bananas and Pears Bread – White or Brown Bread	
	stic Spoons and Knives, plates and bowls
Equipment – Napkins and	
Long Life Milk	
Cereal	6.2
Spreads – vegemite, hone	ıy, Jam
	than welcome to help serve students at SHWPS breakfast. Children's Check please register using the link below.
	transaction/apply-working-children-check
f you have any questions about t	he program, please see Mrs Moon, Mrs Spiteri and Mrs Ramos.
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Important Reminders

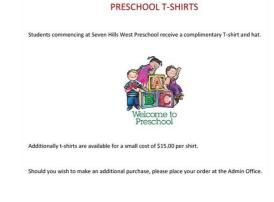
ALLERGY ALERT

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.

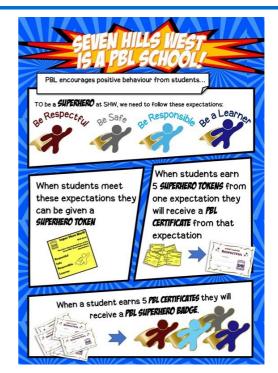
Your understanding and support in this very important health issue are greatly appreciated.

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



PBL Badge



PBL Value for this fortnight:



Dental Visit

NSW Health Primary School Dental Program

NSW Health is working with public primary schools to offer free dental check-ups and preventive care to students as part of a school-based mobile dental program. Your child's school has been selected to participate in this program.

ALL students are able to participate regardless of whether they hold a Medicare card or are eligible under the child dental benefit scheme (CDBS).

The program involves a mobile dental team making scheduled visits to your child's primary school. During the first appointment a dental check-up and preventive care package will be provided, subject to parental consent.

The program is scheduled to visit your child's school from Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June. Parent Information and Consent Packs have now been sent home, including information sheets, consent forms and the program privacy statement. Parents/guardians who want their child to receive care are advised to:

- 1. Read all the information provided
- Carefully complete the consent forms
 Return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible

More information about the program is available on the NSW Health website https://ww.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschooldental.

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.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

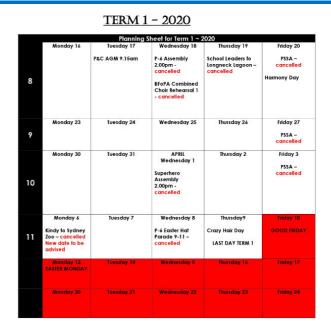
SHWPS Administration Office

Birthday Cakes

We welcome small individual cakes or the like if your child wishes to share his/her birthday with the class.

Candles <u>ARE NOT</u> permitted and teachers are <u>UNABLE</u> to cut cakes.

Calendar



TERM 2 - 2020



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.

When your child misses just	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is	This means that th best your child car achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishin Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishin Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

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

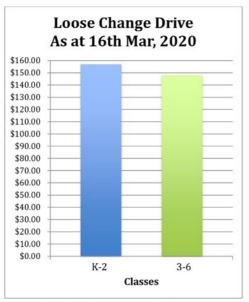


The P&C is planning to run a loose change drive to raise funds for the school during Term 1 until the middle of Term 2.

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.



1H is still leading in the K-2 classes and 5/6H is still leading in the 3-g classes.

P&C Easter Raffle



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P&C EASTER RAFFLE 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The P&C is once again, holding an Easter Raffle on Wednesday 8th April to raise much needed funds for our school.

In order for this to be a success, we kindly ask you to make a donation of an Easter Egg that will go towards making our raffle prizes.

Donations can be left at the Canteen, and for EVERY donation, a FREE RAFFLE TICKET will be given to your child.

Please assist us in this event and we thank you for your contributions.

P&C Committee



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.



<u>UNIFORM SHOP</u> <u>NEW HOURS</u> as from 23rd March

Uniform Shop will be open

EVERY MONDAY

8.30am to 9.30am



Opening Hours

Every MONDAY during school term 8.30am - 9.30am

P & C Committee

Community News



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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.