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1 April 2020

Principal's Message

This is the last newsletter for Term 1 and it is almost an understatement to say that school life is drastically different now compared to the start of the year! Although most children are currently doing their school work at home, learning is being guided by teachers and is still happening. This is a new way of operating for students, parents and teachers and it will take some time to adjust for everyone involved.

Remote Learning - Learning from home packs were available to all families last Friday – thank you to all who have collected these. There are still a few packs still to be collected so if you haven't got yours yet please come to the school office to pick your child's pack up. These packs cover revision work and consolidation of learning activities for this week and next week. Please keep completed work collated in your pack for marking.

School Day Routines – It is recommended that school routines are established for learning at home as much as possible. Setting up a work space with basic stationery, packing recess and lunch food ahead of the 'day' and including outside free play are all great ways to maintain school day routines. I recognise that you may well be working from home while simultaneously supporting your child/ren to complete schoolwork, which is challenging. All that we expect is that everybody gives it a 'fair go'. We know that most parents do not have a teaching background and that many will be occupied working themselves. Activities with different aged children can also present its own challenges, so it is also okay if you have all children joining in to do one activity.

Staying Connected - A number of Seven Hills West teachers have been delving into the world of videoing themselves reading books and sharing learning experiences to keep connected with their students with great success. The feedback has been wonderful! Thank you to those parents who have sent through messages from children engaging in the online and hands on activities. There are many teachers missing their students at the

moment. It is a good reminder that social distancing does not mean social isolation. Staying connected is still so important whilst staying safe.

Regular Communication - Teachers will be contacting all families each week to check in with parents and students to see how the learning is going at home. You may receive a call from the school showing as the school number or as a blocked number due to the volume of calls we will be conducting.

Many staff members are now working remotely. There will continue to be sufficient personnel on site each day to ensure the ongoing operation of the school and to support students who are in attendance. While service delivery will remain at the high standards we normally uphold, there may be times when a telephone call is not able to be answered immediately. Please call back if you experience a delay like this.

If you would like to speak with a teacher please continue to email the school at sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or the school office on 9622 2136.

Staffing Changes - At the end of this term we have some staffing changes taking place. We sadly farewell Miss Selman and Mrs Savage as they will start Term 2 at new schools. Congratulations to Miss Jo Selman on her transfer to Villawood East and to Mrs Emma Savage on her appointment to Merrylands Public Schools. Both teachers will be greatly missed. Mrs Sinead James will be taking over the teaching responsibilities of 2S and we are currently organising the K-2S teacher.

Autism Awareness Day



April is 'World Autism Awareness Month' and this year we thought it would be nice to raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Our school provides an inclusive environment for all students and we would like to help raise awareness about ASD in order to continue to include and support the students enrolled in our school that have Autism.

On Thursday 2nd April, Seven Hills West will be 'Lighting it up Blue' for Autism. There is no donation for this event, however, students are encouraged to wear blue. Students can be as creative as they like. **Think everything blue!!!** Please ensure that students wear enclosed shoes for safety and bring still bring a hat to wear.

Students who are at home are encouraged to join in. Wear blue and email a photo to the school email if you would like your picture included on Facebook.

End of Term

As we head into the term holidays, my thanks go to our wonderful teachers, School Learning Support Officers, counsellors, office staff and General Assistant who have ensured our students were effectively supported in their learning. I wish all of them a safe and relaxing break.

Thank you parents and care givers for your ongoing flexibility and understanding during a time of incredible change. Our staff will continue to work as hard as ever to ensure that your child/ren continue to engage with education in these trying circumstances.

As this will be my last newsletter message as Relieving Principal, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Seven Hills West school community for your solid support, genuine partnership, positive and constructive feedback in making this school a great place for children to learn.

I feel very honoured to have worked with so many remarkable people throughout my brief time as the leader of Seven Hills West Public School. I know you will make Mrs Clements feel welcome as she starts her new role next term.

Keep well!!

Mrs A Dziubinski
Relieving Principal

Archie's Win!

Congratulations to Archie Taylor in K-2S who won his art section at the Blacktown show.

Archie's painting, titled 'Beetle', was painted with his grandfather and they were very proud of the outcome.

This is Archie's second win in a row for his category.



We're all in this together



Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:

Facebook

Schoolzine


Seven Hills West website



Super Kids Breakfast Club

Super Kids Breakfast Club is currently closed.


We will keep you updated with re-opening times.

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Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

Super Kids Breakfast Club
Mondays AND Fridays

We are pleased to confirm that the Super Kids Breakfast Club will operate two mornings a week in 2020. The aim of the club is to ensure that our students are afforded an opportunity to consume a healthy breakfast to enable a positive start to their school day.

- The Super Kids Breakfast Club will begin on **Monday 24th February**.
- Breakfast will be available every **Monday AND Friday** from 8:30 - 9:45am.
- Breakfast will be served outside the **School Canteen**.



for kids


Previously we have provided breakfast to around **50 students** per session. This would not have been possible without the generous donations provided to the program from our parents and community. If you would like to contribute to the Super Kids Breakfast Club, there will be a donations box in the school office.

Acceptable donations could include:

- Fruit – Apples, Oranges, Bananas and Pears
- Bread – White or Brown Bread
- Utensils – Disposable Plastic Spoons and Knives, plates and bowls
- Equipment – Napkins and Plastic Gloves
- Long Life Milk
- Cereal
- Spreads – vegemite, honey, jam

Parents and Volunteers are more than welcome to help serve students at SHWPS breakfast. To apply for a free Working with Children's Check please register using the link below.
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

If you have any questions about the program, please see Mrs Moon, Mrs Spiteri and Mrs Ramos.



Mrs Dziubinski
Relieving Principal
21.02.20

Mrs Moon, Mrs Spiteri and Mrs Ramos
Super Kids Breakfast Club Coordinators

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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.

Preschool T-shirt

PRESCHOOL T-SHIRTS

Students commencing at Seven Hills West Preschool receive a complimentary T-shirt and hat.



Additionally t-shirts are available for a small cost of \$15.00 per shirt.

Should you wish to make an additional purchase, please place your order at the Admin Office.

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**.

PBL Value for this fortnight:



Daylight Savings Ends



REMEMBER

Daylight Savings ends

THIS Sunday 5th April

at 3am

Turn clocks **BACK** one hour and enjoy the sleep-in



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
2. Carefully complete the consent forms
3. Return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible

More information about the program is available on the NSW Health website:
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschool/dental/>

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				
Monday 30	Tuesday 31	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3
		APRIL Superhero Assembly 2.00pm - cancelled		PSEA cancelled
Monday 6 Kindy to Sydney Zoo - cancelled	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8 P-4 Easter Hat Parade 9-11 cancelled	Thursday 9 Crazy Hat Day postponed LAST DAY TERM 1	Friday 10 GOOD FRIDAY
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.

Crazy Hair Day postponed



CRAZY HAIR DAY
POSTPONED

Stay tuned for the new day



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 your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ 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 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.

P & C News



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.

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



Our Easter Raffle will still be drawn on Wednesday 8th April – with winners being contacted by phone.

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 - CANTEN PRICE LIST 2020

LUNCH ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BEFORE 9AM
RECESS CANNOT BE ORDERED

SANDWICHES - all year

Multigrain 70c extra per sandwich
Vegemite/Jam/Honey 2.00
Tomato 2.60
Cheese 2.60

Salad Sandwich

Cheese, Tomato, Beetroot, Lettuce, Cucumber and Carrot 3.00
Tuna 3.80
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 / Pikklets .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 .80
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



Our Canteen is currently closed

We will keep you updated with re-opening times.

Uniform Shop

UNIFORM SHOP

NEW HOURS

as from 23rd March

Uniform Shop will be open

EVERY MONDAY

8.30am to 9.30am



Our Uniform Shop is currently closed.

We will keep you updated with re-opening times.

P & C Committee

Community News

Schoolzine



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INSTALLING SZapp



Apple devices:

1. On your device, open the App Store.
2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

Android devices:

1. On your device, open the Play Store.
2. Search the Play Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.



1. FIND YOUR SCHOOL
Select your school's region.
Search for and select your school.



2. REGISTER A USER
Before you can add your school, you will need to register. Register your Email, or sign in with Google or Facebook.



4. MANAGING NOTIFICATIONS
Choose which group/s you would like to receive notifications from. Groups with arrows indicate that there are Sub-groups, which you can join.



3. REGISTER A USER
Enter your email and name and then create a password.



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Facebook



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SEVEN HILLS WEST IS ON FACEBOOK!

Stay connected and up-to-date with news and upcoming events at Seven Hills West Public School.

Step 1: Log into your personal Facebook account.

Step 2: Search 'Seven Hills West Public School'

Step 3: Click on 'Pages'



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Contact Us

Step 4: Like

Please also visit our website www.sevenhills-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ for more information, notes and notices.

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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.