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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 2.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping our school manage the Phased Managed Return of our students to school during Term 2.

While it has been challenging to start my principalship at Seven Hills West Public School without the opportunity to meet our students, staff and parents in person, I hope that my video introduction helped you get a better sense of me as a Principal, educator, parent and member of our school community. As a former Principal and Assistant Director of Leadership and Teacher Quality for the Department of Education, I have deep knowledge of educational 'best practice', and I am deeply committed to creating a collaborative learning community across the school that engages our students, parents and staff in powerful and meaningful ways.

I am very excited to be at Seven Hills Public School because it feels like coming 'home'. I grew up in Mount Pritchard (Liverpool) and come from a mixed Indian, Sri Lankan and Chinese background. I feel honoured to be working with our dynamic community and am committed to providing quality educational and wellbeing programmes that support your child/children in becoming successful. As a mother of two adult children, I know how important it is to prepare students for lifelong success – not just in Australia but internationally too. Together, we will create a learning culture that is innovative, engaging and empowering for our students.

The Term 2 transition of our new staff to Seven Hills West Public School has been very successful. Thank you to Mrs Dziubinski, Ms Curran, Mrs Mr Blume, Miss Kiddle, Mrs Condello, Mrs James and Miss Craig for their hard work and amazing support. All of our exceptional executive and staff have been working hard to create fantastic teaching and learning for your students.

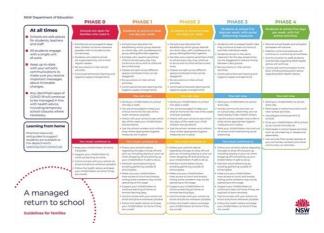
Ramadan Kareem to our families. May our children, staff and families be blessed with good health, strength and courage during this auspicious time.



Kind regards, Shanti Clements Principal

## Phase One of Managed Return to School – Starting Week 3

On Monday 11 May (Week 3), we will move into Phase One of the managed return to school for students. In this phase, all NSW students will attend school one day per week and learn from home 4 days per week. It is anticipated that all NSW students will increase the number of days at school before the end of the term, under the advice of NSW Health. I've attached a document with more information regarding the managed return to school plan. We are unclear at this stage as to the length of Phase One (orange phase).



Learning from Home Packs will continue during Phase One for students to engage in during the 4 days they are at home. The allocated school day for your child, which parents confirmed last week, will be on a sticker on the front of their Learning Pack.

During Phase One, students will learn from home for 4 days per week and attend school for 1 day. We have tried to prioritise our planning to ensure each child gets face-to-face instruction once a week from their classroom teacher wherever possible. We want to maintain the relationship between teacher and student to enhance student engagement and wellbeing and support effective learning. In addition, siblings will attend on the same day.

Learning from Home Packs are available to be collected from the school hall this Friday 8th May between 8.30am - 3pm. All families are to collect and sign for the packs. Please return your child's/children's Term 2 Weeks 1 & 2 Learning Pack for marking and feedback.

#### **Social Distancing**

The health and safety of our students and staff is paramount and we will be following advice of the experts in this field. The managed return to school plan will continue to include careful attention to social distancing measures and additional cleaning across the school.

In addition to the slow, staged return to school, we are trying to limit interactions with others outside school. Please be aware that parents need to stop at the external gates when dropping off or picking up their child/ren.

## Instructions for Drop-Off and Pick-Up (Please see the School Map attached)

School will continue to commence at 9.00am for students. Supervision before school will continue to commence from 8.30am, as per normal procedure.

Teachers will be supervising entry at the gates listed below.

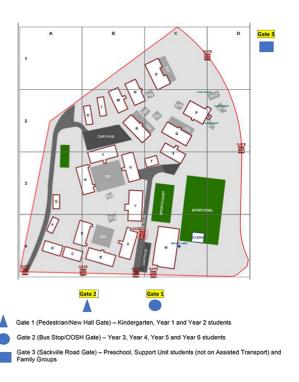
**Drop-off at the start of the day** – Students will enter the school through the following designated gates:

Gate 1 (Pedestrian/New Hall Gate) - Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students

Gate 2 (Bus Stop/OOSH Gate) - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students

Gate 3 (Sackville Road Gate) - Preschool, Support Unit students (not on Assisted Transport) and Family Groups

**Pick-up at the end of the day** – Students will exit from the same gate as the morning. We request that parents meet their child outside the designated gates and maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.



#### Canteen Update

The canteen will remain closed until all students are at school when Phase 5 is introduced later in the term.

### Hygiene

We have been allocated enhanced cleaning services each day. Each classroom is equipped with plenty of soap, hand sanitiser and paper towels.

All teachers will remind students to:

wash their hands frequently with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet

cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze

avoid touching their faces

limit physical contact when greeting people

All children will need to bring their own drink bottle to school to prevent use of the bubblers. Children will be able to fill up their water bottles using the Water Refill Station outside the school hall.

The playground will be monitored in line with social distancing guidelines.

#### Sick Bay Procedures

Any child who presents to the sick bay will have their temperature checked. Any child who becomes unwell during the day will be sent home. We are taking every precaution we can to keep us all safe.

Please follow health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

We appreciate your support during this difficult and complex time where the situation and guidelines are constantly evolving. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school via email at sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone (02) 9622 2136.

## **Assistant Principal P-2 Message**

It has been a different start to Term 2 for all of us.

I would like to congratulate the students and their families for your continuous support and approach to the learning phases as directed by the Department of Education. All the teachers are very much missing seeing their students and likewise the students are missing their teachers and fellow classmates.

Keep doing your best to work through the learning packs and remember to respond or upload pictures of your work.

We are all in this together, stay well and safe and all the teachers look forward to Week 3 (Phase 1) on your day at school!

#### Preschool





#### Kindergarten





#### Year 1





#### Year 2



Mrs Katie Gardiner Assistant Principal P-2

## We're all in this together



## Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:
Facebook
Schoolzine
Seven Hills West website



## Thank you to Wesley Mission

Today Wesley Mission has donated 13 family packs with essential items to support families during COVID-19.



We are so thankful for their generosity and consideration in supporting our school community.

Thank you to Wesley Mission for the great services they provide our school. We value their OOSH programme and the support they always give our school community.

# International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) 2020

Seven Hills West will be conducting the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) in Term 3. These competitions are conducted throughout Australia and the Pacific from Year 2 through to Year 12. Our school is offering an opportunity for students in Years 2-6 to participate in the Science, Writing, Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics and Spelling Bee competitions.

If you are interested in registering your child in one or more of the ICAS assessments please read the information on the letter provided in your child's learning pack (handed out Friday Week 2, Term 2) regarding your child's registration and payment to take part in the ICAS assessment(s). This is due no later than Friday 26th June, 2020.

Kind Regards, Mrs Paris Jade-Pierce

### **Dental Visit**

## UPDATE: NSW Health Primary School Dental Program

NSW Health has postponed its school-based Mobile Dental Program for the time being on account of the ongoing impacts of COVID19. The program was initially scheduled to visit Seven Hills West Public School from Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June. The school community will be advised when new dates for the Dental Program's scheduled visit have been determined. This will likely occur during Term 3 or 4.

Each child's participation in the program is subject to parent/guardian consent. Parent Information and Consent Packs for the program, including information sheets, consent forms and the program privacy statement, were sent home in early Term 1. Consent forms remain valid for 12 months from the date of signature, thus parents/guardians who want their child to receive care but have not yet returned the forms 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/primaryschooldental/Pages/default.aspx

## 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.

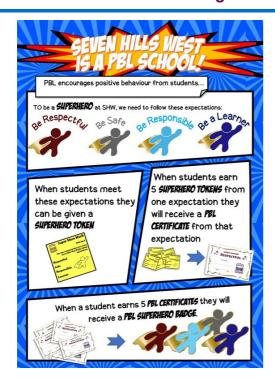
#### **SCHOOL HOURS**

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.

#### **Preschool T-shirt**



## 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.

#### Calendar

TERM 2 - 2020

			Sheet for Term 2 ~ 2		
3	Monday 11 Use Education K-2 – Postponed	Tuesday 12 Life Education K-2 - Postponed	Wednesday 13 Life Education K-2 -Postponed	Thursday 14	Friday 15
4	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
5	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29
6	JUNE Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3 BFoPA Combined Choir Rehearsal – 2 – Postponed TBA	Thursday 4	Friday 5
	Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12
7	QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed
	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19
8	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed
	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26
9	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed
	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	JULY	Thursday 2	Friday 3
10	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Wednesday 1		LAST DAY TERM 2
	Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10
	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15	Thursday 16	Friday 17

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.



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 Easter Raffle**

Hoping all students, staff and parents are keeping safe and healthy Members of our committee and senior staff members drew the Easter raffle on Wednesday  $8^{th}$  April in the school grounds.

We managed to make up 23 prizes with Easter goodies that were generously donated and thankyou to all who purchased tickets.



- Islanca KZG
  2. Graziano Family 1G
  3. Harleen 3P
  4. Wasim KZG
  5. Torika 3/4JP
  6. Rylie 3P
  7. Jacob K-2G
  8. Michael KZG
  9. Nan Shultz KZG
  10. Cooper 6B
  11. Nitya Chawdha1/2M
  12. Michael Sunai KZG
  3. Aiden KZG
- 13. Aiden KZG 14. Era 2S

- 14. Era 2S 15. Harleen 3P 16. Morgan 1G 17. Riley 3P 18. Jake 3/4JP 19. Nitya 1/2M 20. Dev 3P 21. Chicks 22. Anika 1H 23. Bianca KZG 24. Cooper 6B

Hope you all enjoyed your prizes and thankyou for your support all proceeds will go to buying much needed equipment for our school.

## **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.









#### 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



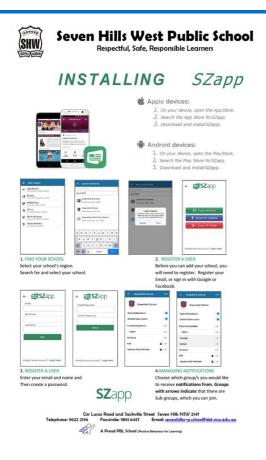
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P & C Committee

## **Community News**

### **Schoolzine**



### **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.