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Principal's Message

Leadership Habit

Habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind: I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my family and contribute our family's mission and vision, and look for ways to be a good citizen.

Thank you for your support during the past 4 weeks as we have implemented Phase 0 and Phase 1 of School Operations.

Next week, the Premier and Minister for Education and Early Child Learning have announced that we will return all students to on-campus learning. From Monday May 25th, students and staff will be returning full time, although social distancing guidelines for Phase 3 School Operations will be followed.

What does Phase 3 School Operations mean for your child?

- Students will attend school five days per week, with social distancing measures.
- Students with increased health risks may continue to learn at home to suit their individual needs.
- Students will remain in the same classroom for the day, break times will be staggered to reduce mixing between class groups.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements will occur at school.

Parents must continue to:

 Follow our school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so. Please continue to use the correct gate for your child to enter and exit the school (See Map).

- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure their child/children have access to lunch and snacks
- Support their child/children to continue to learn at home if they are required to learn remotely.
- Communicate with their school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow NSW Government health advice and keep their child/children at home if they are unwell.

Canteen update

Our P&C school canteen will be open from next week.

Thank you to Sarah Brown, our new canteen manager, for her hard work in coordinating the canteen and supporting us through this challenging period.

Students will be allowed to order from the canteen following social distancing procedures. Students will need to line up on the yellow X crosses to safely order.

We ask that parents help children by providing the correct money needed for canteen orders.

Students are to order their own lunch – parents are not permitted at the canteen.

Uniform Shop update

Our P&C Uniform Shop re-opened this week.

Please send through your completed uniform orders with cash payments to school with your child, to the school office.

Each Monday morning, the Uniform Shop will organise the uniforms and send to your child's class to take home.

Education Priorities for Term 2

Despite the COVID-19 challenges, Seven Hills West Public School has been focused on establishing excellent teaching and learning practices across the school. We have implemented a NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) School Registration project to update our curriculum scope and sequences, classroom programmes and assessment processes. Our priority is to provide quality teaching and learning programmes and resources in every classroom for every child to flourish.

Semester One Reports

The NSW Department of Education will adopt a revised approach to student assessment and reporting for semester 1 2020, reflecting the current COVID-19 context.

Schools will provide a simplified written report to parents/carers about students' learning in Semester 1. Reporting to parents/carers will focus on the learning that has taken place so far this year. This will encapsulate student's progress and achievement of the learning provided both at school and at home, as well as guidance going forward.

Playground Upgrades

From Term 2, we will be commencing exciting playground upgrades that will make our school a safer and happier place for our children. These include:

- The Sports Oval upgrade with new synthetic turf –
 we were successful in winning a sports grant to
 upgrade our sports field. Very soon the children will
 be able to run and play on the new synthetic turf ...
 so 'bye bye bindies'
- Creating an Aboriginal Discovery Zone next to the 3-6 Cola stage for children to explore and play during recess and lunch times
- Building a Developmental Play zone near the toilets and soft-fall asphalt for children to enjoy
- Replacing the old, barbwire fence on Sackville Road to ensure the safety of our students

These playground upgrades will commence this term and should be completed by early Term 3. We look forward to the joy and excitement of our children when they are able to play in these new playground areas.

I wish you all a wonderful Week 4.

Warmly Shanti Clements (Principal)

Deputy Principals Report

We have had a very settled start to Term 2, despite the changes required due to coronavirus restrictions.

Thank you to all parents who have been understanding of our need to continue social distancing measures across the school.

Our new gate drop off and pick up areas have been going quite smoothly and we will continue with this organisation into the coming weeks.

With the start of Phase 1 in the managed return for students, we have been very happy to see all our students on their allocated day. The learning and playing sounds from our classrooms and playgrounds have been joyful!

Mrs A Dziubinski Deputy Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

Stage ES1 & S1

This fortnight Preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 children have enjoyed seeing each other on their allocated *return to school* day.

It is greatly appreciated that families using the designated gates to enter and exit the school grounds.

A friendly reminder for all children to bring in their learning packs when they are attending school.

Here are some pictures of the learning at school from P-2!





Waving 'hello' from the Kindergarten teachers.







Can you guess which teacher is waving at you?

We can't wait to see you all again soon.

Mrs K Gardiner Assistant Principal

Stage 2 students learning in action!!

Mrs Jade-Pierce and Miss Pizarro have been so delighted seeing their students working on their Learning from Home packs.

The most current matrix that was prepared and shared with the students has a structured timetable of activities that will be completed from home and school. It is important that these activities are completed on their corresponding days to ensure it is in sync for all students in Stage 2.

Photos have been shared on Class Dojo of the students in action working on their learning packs and also of them doing activities with their 'flat' classroom teacher! Here are some photos shared by students in Stage 2.



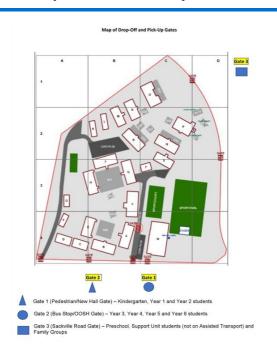




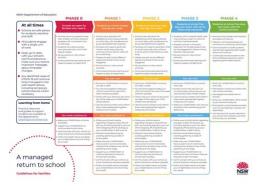


Mrs P Jade-Pierce Assistant Principal

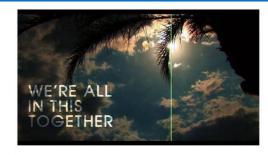
Map of Drop-Off and PickUp Gates



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



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/primaryschooldenta l/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

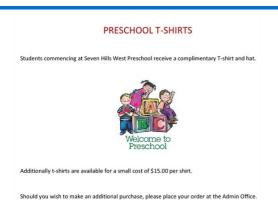
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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

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

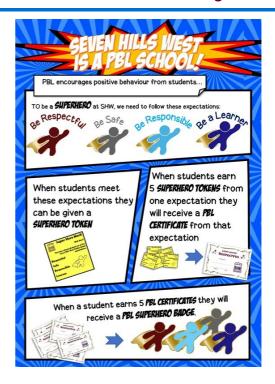
SCHOOL HOURS

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 <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 **ARE NOT** permitted and teachers are **UNABLE** to cut cakes.

Calendar

TERM	2	_	2020

		Planning	Sheet for Term 2 ~ :	2020	
4	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	P&C Meeting 9.30am Via ZOOM	Thursday 21	Friday 22
5	Monday 25 PHASE 3 return to school refer newsletter, Schoolzine, facebook and website.	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29
6	JUNE Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3 BFoPA Combined Choir Rehearsal – 2 Postponed	Thursday 4	Friday 5
7	Monday 8 QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tuesday 9 Dental check up Postponed	Wednesday 10 Dental check up Postponed	Thursday 11 Dental check up Postponed	Friday 12 Dental check up Postponed
8	Monday 15 Dental check up Postponed	Tuesday 16 Dental check up Postponed	Wednesday 17 Dental check up Postponed	Thursday 18 Dental check up Postponed	Friday 19 Dental check up Postponed
9	Monday 22 Denial check up Postponed	Tuesday 23 Dental check up Postponed	Wednesday 24 Dental check up Postponed	Thursday 25 Dental check up Postponed	Friday 26 Dental check up Postponed
10	Monday 29 Dental check up Postponed	Tuesday 30 Dental check up Postponed	JULY Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3 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 News

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.



CANTEEN RE-OPENING MONDAY 25th MAY 2020

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.

Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is re-opening 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

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.