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Principal's Message

Leadership Habit

Leadership Habit 4 - Think Win-Win:

I want everyone to be a success. I don't have to put others down to get what I want. It makes me happy to see other people happy. I like to do things for others. When a conflict arises, I help brainstorm a solution. We can all win together!

What a wonderful week it has been with our students returning to school. Our class programs have been highly engaging and it has been fabulous to see our students reconnecting with their friends in the playground during recess and lunch.

It was such a delight to visit classes last week and this week. Thank you to our students and teachers for letting me visit their classrooms. Judging from all the smiling faces, returning to school has been a great experience for everyone!

Class Gallery Walk





National Reconciliation Week 2020: 27 May – 3 June #NRW2020 #InThisTogether2020

National Reconciliation Week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The National Reconciliation Week runs from 27 May to 3 June every year. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

At Seven Hills West Public School, each class has discussed the importance of our nation's journey towards a fully reconciled country. We recognise that reconciliation is a journey for all Australians – as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly as a nation. At the heart of this journey are strengthening relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our school is currently in the process of completing the design of our Yarning Circle to celebrate our First Peoples' unique culture and heritage, and to acknowledge the significance of the Darug tribe as the traditional custodians our local land.

One of our aims of the Yarning Circle is to promote greater understanding of and respect for Aboriginal people and cultures in our school and in the wider community.

Opportunity Class Placement Test update

The placement process for opportunity class entry in 2021, including the Opportunity Class Placement Test, has been delayed due to the impact of COVID-19.

Due to the shorter time frame, changes have been made to the placement process for opportunity classes that will apply for 2020 applicants only. These include:

A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between Tuesday 9 June 2020 and Friday 26 June 2020. Late applications cannot be accepted.

A new test date - Wednesday 16 September 2020.

Placement in an opportunity class will be based solely on the results of the test.

The illness/misadventure or appeals processes will not be available.

The executive officer of the Team and the principal of the primary school with an opportunity class will conduct the selection process.

Offers will be made to successful students overnight on 1 December 2020.

To remain up to date with information relating to opportunity classes, please continue to monitor the department's website via:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5

School Operations During Weeks 6 & 7

As previously advised, Phase 3 School Operations will be continuing. Social distancing guidelines for Phase 3 School Operations will be as follows:

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.

There will be no excursions or inter-school activities.

Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements will occur at school.

Additionally, for the safety of our school community, children will not be able to share food with friends (e.g. no birthday cakes, lolly bags, shared lunches).

Students are not permitted to use the water bubblers – please ensure they bring refillable water bottles (these can be refilled at our water station near the school hall).

Also, students should bring a packed recess/lunch/water bottle – or make their own purchase from the canteen.

For parents/caregivers:

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.

Late arrivals

Should your child be running late for school, please enter by:

- coming to gate 1
- ring the office to advise you are entering the school with your child
- accompany your child to the office to sign them in

Early Leavers

Should you require to collect your child early, please enter by:

- coming to gate 1
- ring the office to advise you are entering the school to collect your child
- come to the office to sign your child out
- the office will arrange for your child to come to the office for you to take home

Should you require your child to be collected by a family friend outside of your normal collection routine, please send a **WRITTEN REQUEST** to the class teacher or office, **in advance**.

Sick Children

If your child is unwell, we require a doctor's certificate to confirm that your child is well enough to return to school. Your compliance with this requirement is greatly appreciated.

Executive Team Learning Projects

During the past two weeks, our Executive team have been involved in dynamic leadership and learning experiences to enhance the quality of our educational programs at Seven Hills West Public School.

Last week, the Executive team spent a day working with Eric Jamieson (former Director of High Performance; Global Academic Council Lead, The Varkey Foundation; Global Chief Education Officer, GEMS Education) to implement the 5 Drivers for high performing schools and establishing higher order Evaluative Thinking and Data Teams across the school. Mr Jamieson will soon commence working with the NSW Department of Education to support new professional learning for principals and school leaders, so we look forward to learning from his insights.

We also invited Ross Sutherland (Principal, School Leader) to partner with our school as a Leadership Coach/Mentor to work closely with our executive team and teachers to raise the quality of literacy and numeracy practices across our K-6 classes. In addition, three members of our Executive team have gained certification to implement the NSW Quality Teaching Rounds at our school. This will support all teachers in designing quality curriculum programs to enhance teaching and learning in every classroom. It has been an exciting fortnight and we hope you see these leadership projects inspire your child's learning and engagement at school.

Thank you to our students, parents and teachers for ensuring a safe return to school last week. It was wonderful to know that we are all committed to keeping our school a safe place for our children and teachers. Thank you! I wish you all a wonderful Week 6 and 7.

Warmly Shanti Clements Principal

Deputy Principals Report

We are now into our second week of full time teaching and learning at school for Term 2. It has been wonderful to see and hear the learning going on in our classrooms and on the playgrounds, from Preschool right up to our Year 6 students.

Whilst we still have restrictions on adults being able to access the school site, it is encouraging to know the students are adapting well to the new routines. Thank you to all parents who are working with us and affording us patience at the three school gates each afternoon as we have been safely connecting children with parents as quickly as possible.

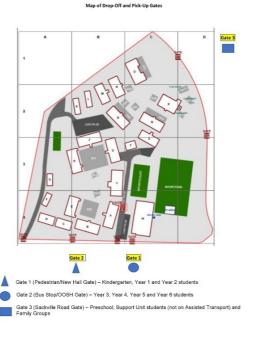
If you have a learning pack at home that has not been submitted for marking/checking, please send it in with your child as soon as possible.

Teachers are looking at the learning progress of all students now that we have minimal remote learning underway and the learning packs will provide valuable information.

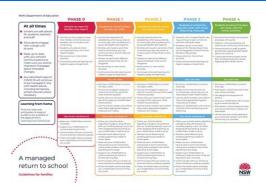
Additionally, if you borrowed a digital device from the school to access the online platforms for the remote learning activities, please return it to the school office now to have it signed off as returned.

Mrs A Dziubinski Deputy Principal

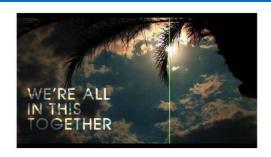
Map of Drop-Off and PickUp Gates



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



COMMUNITY AWARENESS REGARDING PARKING

Traffic rangers have been outside the school, fining motorists for not adhering to parking rules.

Teachers will support students at our drop off and pick up gates, however, parents are reminded that teachers are not traffic controllers, have no authority over the roads and cannot mitigate against motorists doing the wrong thing.

Community members should direct any concerns to council.

Please park safely and lawfully.



INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2021



Intention to apply for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2021

The 2021 Year 5 opportunity class placement process was put on hold in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation

There is now a revised and simplified timeline for the OC placement process to ensure that students and families can have certainty about their placement as soon as possible.

The changes include:

- A new date for online applications. Parents must apply between 9 June 2020 and 26 June 2020
- A new test date Wednesday 16 September 2020

To ensure fair and consistent assessment of students across New South Wales, students will be offered places based only on their test results this year – there will be no school assessment scores. There will also be no opportunity for appeals given the tight timeframes.

For further detailed information please visit (https://education.nsw.gov.au/gublic-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-dasses/year5-4. Applications will open on Tuesday 9 June 2020 and close on Friday 26 June 2020. Parents will be able to apply from this week page at that that will be able to apply from this week page at that that the page at the p

Parents are advised to ensure an application is submitted by the closing date for their child to be eligible to sit the placement test. Late applications cannot be accepted.

GROWTH MINDSET IN 6B

6B have been learning what a growth mindset is and how it helps us in our learning.

"Growth mindset is when neurons in your brain grow and get stronger from doing new or challenging things. A fixed mindset is when you believe that you can't do new or challenging things. A growth mindset is better because you get smarter by having one. It is possible to change your brain by doing hard and challenging things. Neurons will grow and get stronger, like muscles. When you learn something new it creates a path in your brain which gets stronger the more you practise."

Kak

"A growth mindset is when you have the type of attitude that learns from mistakes instead of saying that you can't or that you're never going to get it. It's important to have a growth mindset because it enables the brain to develop and improve."

"It's important to have a growth mindset because it helps your brain muscles grow and learn new things. You can show a growth mindset when you make mistakes by learning from them."

Harmeet

"A growth mindset is a mind which believes it can change and become better at something. A fixed mindset believes it can't change and it will never become better at things. You can change your brain by trying new things and practising a lot."

Manha

STAGE 2 RETURNS!

Stage 2 would like to thank the tireless efforts of our amazing families during the home learning period. The children have made a seamless transition back to school with 3P having all students back for face to face learning on Thursday! We are looking forward to having our students in the classroom for the rest of the term!







KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2021

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If you have a child, or know of someone in the area (a neighbor, friend etc) who has a child turning 5 in 2021 (born BEFORE 31ST JULY 2016) – it is time to enrol for Kindergarten 2021.

Please ring the office to arrange a time to come and complete an enrolment form.

Original birth certificate (or passport and visa), Immunisation Statement from Medicare and proof of residence (ie rates/bank statement/lease etc) are also required for us to copy, at time of completing enrolment forms.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRESCHOOL 2021

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If you have a child, or know of someone in the area (a neighbor, friend etc) who has a child turning 4 in 2021 (born **BEFORE** 31ST **JULY** 2017) - please phone our office on 9622 2136, to place the child's name on our waiting list.

Expressions of interest are then considered by a Placement Panel during Term 3, and should you be successful, you will be contacted by the school to come and collect an enrolment form.



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://ww.health.nsw.gov.au/oralhealth/primaryschooldental

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

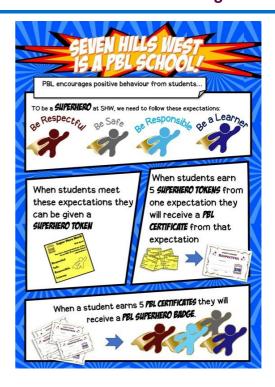
Children ARE NOT to be at school BEFORE 8.30am each morning and must be collected at 3.00pm each afternoon. Should your child need to be at school EARLIER than 8.30am or need to be collected LATER than 3.00pm, it is necessary for you to arrange for your child to be taken to **Out of Hours School Care** 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

Until further notice – birthday cakes/lolly bags/party bags and ANY shared foods ARE NOT permitted.

We will keep you updated with when this can begin again.

Calendar

		Planning	Sheet for Term 2 ~ 2		
6	JUNE Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3 BFoPA Combined Choir Rehearsal – 2 – Postponed TBA	Thursday 4	Friday 5
	Monday 8 QUEENS	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12
7	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	P&C Meeting 9.15am including Zoom 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
10	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	JULY	Thursday 2	Friday 3
	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

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 studentsBook 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

Welcome back to Term 2.

Thank you to all the students and parents for being patient during our first week back at school.

We have introduced a limited canteen menu (refer attached menu) – but we will be adding and changing items each week.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday 17th June at 9.15am. This meeting will be held at the school, with appropriate social distancing, as well as via Zoom. The Zoom link will be posted on Schoolzine and Facebook prior to the meeting.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.



ORDERING FROM THE CANTEEN

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.

SALE OF SCHOOL HATS FROM CANTEEN

SCHOOL HATS

NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM CANTEEN

School hats will now also be available for purchase from the Canteen. Prices are \$10 and \$15.

Should your child require a hat, please send the correct money, with your child, to the canteen to make the purchase.

Alternatively, you can still place an order through the Uniform Shop, which will be filled on a Monday only – and given to your child to take home.

\$10.00



\$15.00



Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is open 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.

UNIFORM SHOP 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

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Step 4: Like 🖒

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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.