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Principal's Message

Leadership Habit

Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood:

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.



The strength of Seven Hills West Public School is underpinned by our positive school culture and dedication of its staff. From the first day I came to Seven Hills West, I have been amazed by the professionalism of our teaching and administration teams. Behind the scenes, each person puts in countless hours to ensure our school provides a happy and safe environment for our students to flourish, and that learning programmes are personalised, relevant and exciting.

You may have noticed that our students are especially delighted to be back learning with their teachers. Last week's Zoom assembly, for example, recognised the fine efforts of our K-6 students and their positive engagement in their learning. Due to the challenges of COVID-19, it was our first assembly since mid Term 1. Although we had some initial technical glitches, it was great to see our students and parents participating in our first 'virtual assembly'. Thank you to Mrs Dziubinski and Mrs Gardiner for coordinating the assembly.

During the past three weeks, our staff have been working hard on the Semester One student reports. We have redesigned the reports to provide a clear overview of your child's progress in their learning in a parent-friendly new template. I have been impressed by the collaboration of all teachers in developing the reports and supporting your child's quality learning and engagement at school. We hope that you also enjoy our new-look reports when they are distributed in Week 10.

School Operations from June 15th

In line with health advice, schools are operating full time, and many additional activities are now able to recommence.

All schools have returned to full-time on-campus learning. With updated health advice and changes to state and national restrictions, schools are able to recommence the majority of school-based activities from either 15 June 2020 or the start of Term 3 (20 July 2020). Some activities are continuing to be considered.

The following principles underpin these guidelines:

- schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines
- existing infection control protocols at schools, and new health and safety measures put in place will help maintain the health and safety of students and staff
- all activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment.

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- · regularly washing hands
- · avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

School activities/school site usage

The majority of school-based activities can recommence, as long as the following measures are observed:

- all visitors and external to school providers must adhere to relevant hygiene, distancing and safety protocols
- principals may continue to restrict, limit or prohibit activities if they are seen as contrary to the current health advice
- external providers and visitors are required to demonstrate compliance with health and safety requirements including adhering to strict guidelines and completing relevant forms
- non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events – this includes parents/ carers unless specifically approved by the principal.

Activities allowed from Monday 15 June 2020 include:

- All Department of Community and Justice activities
- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- Choirs and performing arts (within school setting only at this point, no inter-school activities)
- Incursions/external adult providers to support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold). Must maintain distancing and hygiene requirements.
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Activities using hydrotherapy pools (including external pools in line with the providers' quidelines)
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements (e.g. DoE Environmental Education Centres and sport and recreation facilities, trips to local river to collect water samples)
- Community use activities used by students such as dance classes, and student sport skills development related activities outside of school hours with limited adult attendance (curriculum and extra-curriculum purposes)
- Community use activities on weekends involving adult attendance (complying with relevant guidelines) not essential to continuity of education
- School photos (although no group staff photos).

(See Face-to-Face Learning Guide for Families)

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

You may have received a note about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD is a yearly count of students by all Australian schools across the country. The aim of the NCCD is to provide the Australian Government with information about the number of students with disability in Australian schools and the type of adjustments they need in order to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students. From 2018, the NCCD will be used by the Australian Government to inform funding for schools, known as the 'student with disability loading'.

The Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards) set out the obligations of schools towards students with disability. Information for parents, guardians and carers on the DDA and the Standards about how schools can work with students and their families is available at Disability Standards for Education: A practical guide for individuals, families and communities.

If your child has a disability, our school will provide information about them for the NCCD, including:

- · your child's year of schooling
- the category of disability that best describes your child's difficulties (one of four categories is chosen by the school team to reflect your child's greatest area of need: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/ emotional)
- the level of adjustment your child receives at school (one of four levels is chosen by the school team to reflect the type of support your child requires: quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary adjustment, substantial adjustment, or extensive adjustment).

While it is not possible for schools or families to 'opt out' of the NCCD, the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is treated with utmost importance. Data is collected within each school, and personal details, such as student names and other identifying information, are not provided to local or federal education authorities.



Finally ...

Thank you to our students, parents and teachers for a fabulous fortnight of learning! We wish you all great week ahead.

Warmly Shanti Clements Principal

Assistant Principal's Message

It has been a fabulous two weeks of learning in 3P and 3/4JP!

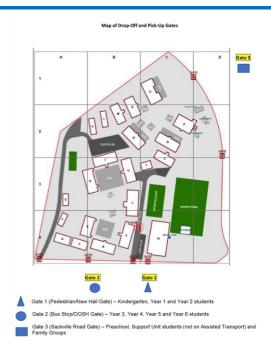
As a class, we have a read 'Once there was a boy', by Dub Heffler and 'When I was little, like you', by Mary Malbunka.

Student engagement was high and conversations around both texts were rich and meaningful!

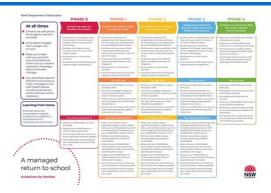
Well done, Stage 2 students! Your teachers are super proud of all your hard work this term since returning to school.

Mrs P Jade-Pierce Assistant Principal

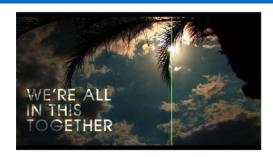
Map of Drop-Off and PickUp Gates



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



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 (<u>https://education.now.gov.au/public-ichools/selective-high-ichools-andopportunity-leasey/ears_A politications will open on Tuesday 9 June 2020 and close on Friday 26 June 2020. Parent will be able to apply from this web page at that time.</u>

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.

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 <code>BEFORE 31st JULY 2016</code>) – 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 below.

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.

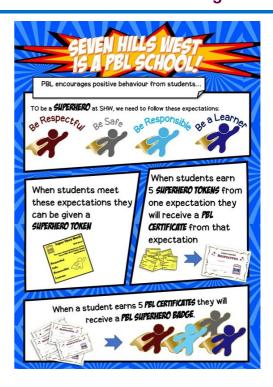
SCHOOL HOURS

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



PBL Value

RESPECTFUL



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

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.

TERM 2 - 2020

Calendar

Phase 3 School Operations

Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19
Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	P&C Meeting 9.15 & Zoom Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed	Dental check up Postponed
Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26
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TERM 3 - 2020

1	JULY Monday 20 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
	Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29 Athletics Carnival K-6	Thursday 30	Friday 31
3	AUGUST Monday 3	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5 Back-up Athletics Carnival K-6	Thursday 6	Friday 7

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

Thank you to all our parents/carers and students for observing Covid-19 regulations in regards to the Uniform Shop and Canteen.

The Canteen will be making some more changes to the menu – please see attached.

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 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

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.

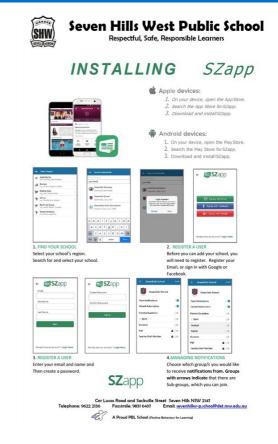
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P & C Committee

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.