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## Principal's Message

#### Leadership Habit

#### Habit 3 - Put First Things First:

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means that I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organised.



#### **COVID-19 School Operations Update**

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students and staff with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school. If students cannot get a COVID-19 test, they will need to be absent for 10 days before they can return to school.

Safety measures for school activities have been put in place to minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools for the remainder of Term 3. The following principles underpin these measures:

- Parents must continue to drop-off and pick-up students at the designated gates in the morning and afternoon. No parent meetings can be held on the school site. Please arrange for a phone interview or Zoom meeting with your class teacher if you need to discuss any concerns.
- As advised last term, no food or drinks can be shared at school. For birthday, please do not bring lolly bags, gift bags or cakes to the class. Students can sing Happy Birthday, but we cannot arrange class parties during this time.
- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort.
- Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice.
- Parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site.
- All group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted. Special arrangements are in place for HSC students.
- School formals, dances, graduation, orientation or other social events are not permitted. Schools may consider delaying events until later in the year.

#### Year 5 Online Assessments

This week, students in Years 5 will take part in the Department's Literacy and Numeracy online assessments this Thursday. The Check-in assessment supplements existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy

and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. The assessments are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions.

The Year 3 Online Assessments will take place during Week 10 (21 September to 25 September 2020).

#### Learning, Wellbeing and Support Planning Day 2

This week, we are conducting the second planning day to revise Learning, Wellbeing and Support policy and processes. The focus for this day includes the design of individual learning programs, lesson observation templates and student learner profiles. It will be an exciting day for all Specialist and Executive staff.

#### Thank you

Finally, thank you to the Munazzah and Asma from Lajna Imaillah (Blacktown) for their generous staff giftpack. Your thoughtfulness for our staff during the COVID-19 challenges is much appreciated. Thank you so much!

#### Happy SAS Staff Recognition Week



This week is SAS Staff Recognition Week and an opportunity to celebrate the contribution that our SASS Administration Team and Student Learning Support Officers make to our school.

2020 has already been a huge year that has shown the absolute best of what school support staff do in difficult times. Through fire, flood and now the Coronavirus epidemic, they have kept our school running continuing to support students, teaching staff and our school community.

Thank you Alison, Reg, Nicole, Jason, Vanessa, Sharon, Kyle, Nicholas, Nichole B., Deb, Carmen, Kira, Rosalind, Michelle, Lorraine and Leisa.

You truly make an amazing difference at our school! On behalf of our students, parents and staff ... THANK YOU!

# Reminder to complete the TELL THEM FROM ME Survey

During the next 2 weeks, we are inviting students and parents to participate in the Department's Tell Them from Me survey. To help support parents doing the survey, we will provide a QR code at the school gate for parents to access the survey via their mobile phones. We will also send an email link to all parents through SchoolZine.

# Reminder to complete the Term 3 Community Engagement Parent Survey

We have designed a survey to give our Preschool to Year 6 families an opportunity to provide feedback on two areas of Community Engagement. These include: participating in school life, building community and identity, inclusive school policies practices and programs. This survey will help our school and P&C work together to build a culture of inclusion and belonging for all families. To access the survey, please click on the link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7LJXJ5

Warmly Shanti Clements Principal

#### STAGE UPDATES

# Assistant Principal's Message – Stage 3

#### Stage Three Update

Over the past fortnight, 5H have been reading factual texts during Literacy Groups. We have been focusing on researching important information on a topic of the student's choice and presenting these as a poster to display. The students in 5H have worked hard to creatively produce informative posters, showing their comprehension of the text. Here are a select few of their amazing creations.





Eknoor Bindra

Fil Temprosa





Taylah Young

Niya Parakkal

Mrs S Curran Assistant Principal

## Assistant Principal's Message - Stage 2

#### Focus on Stage 2 News

This week we focused on our **PBL goal** of being 'Safe' on the playground. Students created posters illustrating safe and responsible actions when playing and walking at school. They consolidated their understanding of things they could do and not do on the playground as they participated in role-play.

#### Highlights of Education Week 2020







Congratulations to our new **SRC leaders** for Semester 2. They will work alongside our very enterprising SRC leaders of Semester 1. These students received their SRC badges with great pride and look forward to serving their fellow students as they foster ownership, community and cohesiveness among class members.

Mrs P Jade-Pierce Assistant Principal

# Assistant Principal's Message – Early Stage 1 & Stage 1

#### KZG and KC in the Spotlight!

This week has seen KZG begin to use lined books for their writing tasks. We are so impressed with their writing samples on the text 'The Troll' by Julia Donaldson. These samples are all independent- well done Jasmine, Larissa and Muhammad.







KC have been working hard to learn their sight words. All Kindergarten are learning the Magic 100 words and have personalised coloured words they are learning.

We are really pleased at the children who are able to read, write and spell these words and include them in their writing.

The process that the children are making are impressing us! Keep it up!

Mrs K Gardiner Assistant Principal

#### **Preschool**

At Preschool we continue strengthening our fine motor skill through a variety of resources.

Threading helps to develop eye-hand coordination and concentration skills. It is a great activity to support this and our children develop fine motor skills, which are essential for being able to draw, write, do up buttons, tie shoelaces and open lunch boxes, etc.

Threading allows children to learn mathematical concepts such as counting and sequencing and language skills as they name colours and express their ideas. Some examples of threading below with sticks and wool, with small figurines and recycled materials.





Mrs G Condello
Preschool Educator

# Assistant Principal's Message – Science & Technology/Future Focused Learning

Mrs Gupta is really impressed with our learners at Seven Hills West PS, who are continuing to learn enthusiastically even though new COVID restrictions have stopped us from participating in hands-on activities.

Before these restrictions, K-6 students focused on and further explored the Material World through a few experiments. They applied the scientific method in the successful viscosity experiment, during which they explored the physically properties of liquids. They also discussed how characteristics of mixtures change depending on composition through the playdough experiment.





Although restrictions were placed in week 5, our budding scientists have continued to explore the scientific world by observing filmed experiments such as the balloon catapult experiments. They continue to investigate into the scientific world, understanding tenets of the particle theory as well as chemical and physical changes.

A huge congratulations to all students for their continued effort!

#### Mr R Blood Assistant Principal

#### **EDUCATION WEEK 2020**

#### **Art Competition Winners**

During EdWeek this year, we received a lot of submissions for the SHWPS EdWeek Art Competition. It was great to see the range of creativity amongst students at Seven Hills West, but it was very difficult to narrow all the artworks down to the best ones!

Congratulations to the eight lucky winners! We hope you enjoy your prizes!

#### The EdWeek Team



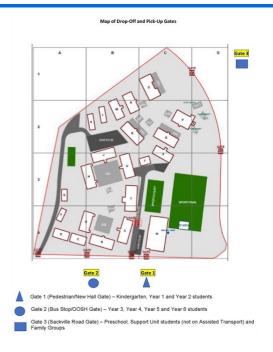




# **Covid Reporting**



# 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



#### **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 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2016) – it is time to enrol for Kindergarten 2021.

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

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 31<sup>ST</sup> 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://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

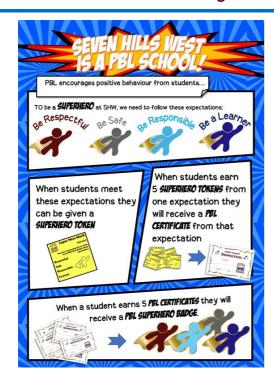
Children ARE NOT to be at school BEFORE 8.30am each morning and must be collected at 3.00pm each afternoon. Should your child need to be at school EARLIER than 8.30am or need to be collected LATER than 3.00pm, it is necessary for you to arrange for your child to be taken to **Out of Hours** School Care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

**SAFE** 



# **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.

#### Calendar



TERM 4 - 2020

OCTOBE Monday	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 1
ALL STUDENT STAFF RETURN SCHOOL			

Dates and activities are subject to change. Please review newsletter, our Facebook page and/or our school

# **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 parents whom zoomed into our P&C Meeting.

As mentioned at the meeting we do desperately need volunteers to help in our canteen to keep it running for the children – any time if you are available would really be appreciated.

All volunteers on school grounds must have Working With Childrens Check (WWCC), but as a volunteer this process is free.

Everyone please keep safe and healthy.

Our next meeting will be <u>WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER</u>, <u>2020 AT 9.15AM</u>.

#### Congratulations

#### **Loose Change Competition**

We would like to congratulate 1N on being the winners of our Loose Change Competition held over Terms 1 and 2.

As winners, 1N will receive a free lunch on Friday 28th August 2020.

Well done everyone for your support.

## **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

#### **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.

# 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**



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#### **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.