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Principal's Message

Leadership Habit

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!



Seven Hills West PS Becomes 'The Leader in Me' Lighthouse School

The Leader in Me is a unique and comprehensive Academic, Social and Emotional Learning program that grows the personal leadership in students, educators, and families in schools. The program equips students and educators with the life skills and resilience needed to thrive, adapt, and contribute in a dynamic world

We are very excited to be part of this program and to implement the 7 Habits for Highly Effective People and Leaders. Over the next 3 years, our students, parents and staff will have the opportunity to learn the leadership, coaching and learning skills to flourish academically, personally and socially. For more information visit The Leader in Me website:

https://www.leaderinme.org/

Making Seven Hills West PS Safe and Beautiful for our Students

Our sports oval upgrade is on track for completion by the end of Term 3. We are now also in the process of beautifying our Yarning Circle by building a Bush Tucker Garden. When Term 4 starts, our students are going to be excited to see new oval and garden.

During the holidays, our new security fence will be installed, so by the time we commence Term 4, the boundary along Sackville Road will be safer and more attractive for our school community.

VALID Science Online Assessments

Next week students in Year 6 will be sitting the VALID Science online assessment. The Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID) program provides online end-of-stage assessments for the science key learning area. These assessments can be used as a diagnostic tool to assist in improving student outcomes in science and as a tool for program evaluation. The test is linked to the science syllabuses, and assesses what students know and can do in science. It also provides useful information about student attitudes towards science.

Virtual Preschool Orientation

Our 2021 Preschool Virtual Orientation will commence next week. Parents who are enrolling their children into Preschool next year can attend our Virtual Orientation by clicking on this link:

https://360.articulate.com/review/content/3aa8b49f-e156-42ca-be43-03f07049ea4f/review

After the Virtual Orientation, we will also conduct a Live Zoom Q&A session for parents to meet our Preschool Team in mid-Term 4.

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.

Finally, farewell to Mrs Paris Jade-Pierce. Congratulations on your promotion to your new role as Learning and Wellbeing Officer. We thank you for the amazing leadership and support you have given our school over the past 4 years. We wish you all the best in your new position!

To all of our Executive, teaching and administration staff, I am very excited about the journey ahead. Despite the COVID-19 challenges we have faced during the first half of the year, we have created a positive culture that has inspired quality leadership, teaching and learning across the school. Thank you!

Warmly Shanti Clements Principal

COVID REMINDER

COVID-19 Advice to Schools and Families

In accordance with advice from NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

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 be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptoms free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test result will not be permitted to return to school for a 10 day period. Additionally, they must be symptom free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get

tested for COVID-19. More information can be found on the NSW Health website.

Please find the link to the Department's advice for families: Advice for families page

STAGE UPDATES

Assistant Principal's Message – Stages 2 & 3

Stage 2 Update

Stage 2 have been working on their persuasive writing this term!

Students were asked to write a letter stating their favourite teacher from the novel 'Matilda' and why.

They came up with some fabulous reasons as to which teacher they would prefer, with some students heading up to receive an Assistant Principal sticker! That's amazing!





Stage 3 Update

5H spent the week leading up to Father's Day, discussing and celebrating everything Father related.

Students worked hard writing persuasive texts convincing everyone why their father was the best.

They created cards, posters and banners to express their gratitude and made Key rings as a token of their appreciation for everything their Fathers do. We certainly hope all the Seven Hills West Dads enjoyed their Father's Day as much as 5H enjoyed all the Father's Day related activities in class. Below are a few samples of their work, including some snippets taken from their persuasive writing.





Mrs S Curran Assistant Principal

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

Good Choices:

I am so impressed with all the efforts of our K-2 students. Each day they are coming to school ready to learn and making good choices about their learning. We are all waiting patiently for our oval to be finished and this will extremely exciting for the students to be able to play running games on the oval again. I thank everyone for playing safely at recess and lunch times.

Lost property:

We have numerous jackets and jumpers in lost property. Please write your child's name on their clothing so we can return it. Additionally, if your child has taken home someone else's belongings, please return it as soon as possible.

2R and 1/2B in the Spotlight:

The following photos are from 2R and 1/2B, working hard during their maths lessons.

2R







1/2B



A lot of hands on resources used to promote discussion using mathematical language..... well done 2R and 1/2B!

Mrs K Gardiner Assistant Principal

Preschool

The Munch and Move program provide fundamental movement skills that are essential for children's participation in sport and physical activity throughout life.

When practicing fundamental movement skills, educators demonstrate the skill to the children and then teach each component of the skill. The skill can then be incorporated into a game or active play. We start with stretching exercises and prepare our bodies with warm-up activities

We talk about the importance of warming up our muscles before we start to do any exercise. Some of the exercises we are familiar with is jumping, running, hopping, skipping, and swimming.



We started with Jumping. Jumping stimulates metabolism, increases oxygen intake to the brain and blood supply to the muscles and tissues. It improves your child's balance, coordination, and eye limb skills. Jumping increases your heart rate, improves circulation, and strengthens the heart muscles. Jumping keeps us healthy and active, it also enables us to get out into the yard and enjoy the fresh air.





It's a great way to source vitamin D in the sun. Jumping activity establishes a happy and healthy mindset as the increased oxygen circulation stimulates the release of endorphins. Endorphins are natural mood enhancers.

Mrs G Condello
Preschool Educator

Assistant Principal's Message - Support

Every Friday afternoon K-2K, K-2G, 2-6M, 3-6C and 3-6 combine to learn 'social dances'. Students learn about beat, timing, tempo, spacial awareness and get to experiment with making their own choreography.

It is highly important for students to be exposed to the dances in which they might encounter in their life.

Students have virtually watched these dances being performed in social situations such as weddings and birthday parties.

We have already mastered the Cha-Cha slide, Macarena and the Chicken Dance. Next on the list is the Bus-Stop, Conga, Time Warp and YMCA. Students especially love being chosen to be out the front to show their peers the moves they have learnt.







Ms D Jenkins Assistant Principal

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

Term 4 has been wonderful for our Seven Hills West 'design thinkers!' We have delved deeply into different concepts to do with the 'Material World' of bridges (Kindergarten and K-2 Support Unit), toys (Year 1-2 and 3-6 Support Unit), soil health (Year 3-4), and health tech (Year 5-6). Now, we are ready to put on our design engineering hats to transform our knowledge into a useful product that responds to the needs of people in our society. We hope you enjoy the little snippets from each Stage.

KZG thinking about the ways bridges are useful.



1/2B inquiring into why toys are made out of different materials.





2R evaluating which materials in our STEAM kit fits the criteria of 'reduce, reuse, recycle' so that they can create an electronic toy that is interactive, yet sustainable.







3-6C making connections between what they knew about toys before and after they explored the effect that plastic toys are having on our environment.



4R developing empathy towards Australian people's experiences and feeling towards soil drought, and the impact it is having on their communities.





6C imagining ways that existing 'internet of things' could be more effective, beautiful, efficient, and ethical.



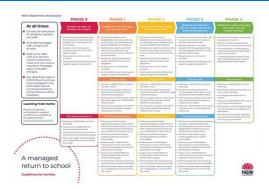


Mr R Blood Assistant Principal

Map of Drop-Off and PickUp Gates

Gate 1 (Pedestrian/New Hall Gate) – Kindergarten, Vear 1 and Year 2 students Gate 3 (Sackville Road Gate) – Preschool, Support Unit students (not on Assisted Transport) and Family Groups

Managed return to school for families guidelines



We're all in this together



Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:
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Schoolzine
Seven Hills West website



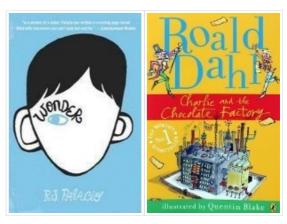
PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



This year every student at Seven Hills West PS participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students had to read a total of 20 books, with at least 10 books from the PRC Booklist.

The PRC has now officially closed and we are proud to say a big CONGRATULATIONS to all SHWPS students who finished the challenge. Certificates will be awarded to these students at the end of the year.

A special CONGRATULATIONS to 4R, who were the first class from Stage 2 and 3 to have all students finish the challenge first! This is a fantastic achievement and you should be very proud!

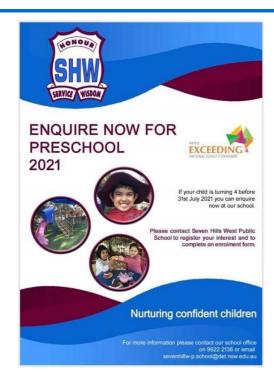


Mrs V Shearer and Mrs L Myers

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2021



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRESCHOOL 2021



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:

- Read all the information provided
- Carefully complete the consent forms
- 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.

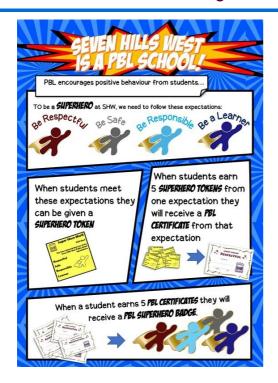
SCHOOL HOURS

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.

SAFE



Positive Behaviour for Learning





Health and Safety Matters

As well as keeping our staff and students safe on school grounds we aim to maintain a safe environment for parents. If you have a slip, trip or fall or any other issue related to parent safety in the school grounds please notify the office as soon as possible so we can endeavour to identify and resolve any hazards.

It is also a request that dogs not be brought onto the school site without prior permission. Companion dogs are always welcome as required, however pets in the school can cause stress to students and animals.

Staff Car Park

A reminder to parents/caregivers. The Staff car park IS NOT a 'walk through' area or parking for area for parents.

Safety is of the utmost importance to our students and it would be appreciated if you would cooperate in regard to safety in our car park.

Student Toilets

Just a friendly reminder that student toilets are not to be used by parents. If parents have a younger child that requires toileting assistance, please see the office staff to access the toilets located beside the new school hall.

Student toilets are to be used by students of Seven Hills West PS.

Changes of Clothes

Children in Kindergarten to Year 2, can, on occasion, have an 'accident' by forgetting to go to the toilet at break time, or not advising the teacher that they need to go to the toilet.

This then results in children 'wetting' themselves and coming to the office for a spare change of clothes.

Our supplies are now depleted – so we ask that each parent with children in Kindergarten to Year 2 supply a change of clothing in their child's bag in case of emergencies.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

SHWPS Administration Office

Birthday Cakes

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

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

Calendar



Planning Sheet for Term 4 ~ 2020					
ALL S	OCTOBER londay 12 STUDENTS & F RETURN TERM 4	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16

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

To keep our P&C running to help raise much needed funds to help our children's school we really need to have a full committee and need the following positions filled asap

- -Secretary
- -Treasurer

If you are interested in filling these positions please contact the school office and we will be in contact with you.

We would welcome you all to the next P&C Meeting.

Our next meeting will be **WEDNESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER**, **2020 AT 9.15AM**.

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.



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.



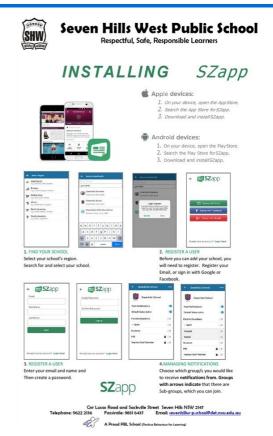
P & C Committee

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.