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# Principal's Message

## Leadership Habit

## Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

"We must never become too busy sawing to take time to sharpen the saw." -DR. STEPHEN R. COVEY

Sharpen the Saw means preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have--you. It means having a balanced program for re-energising yourself in the four areas of your life: physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Feeling good doesn't just happen. Living a life in balance means taking the necessary time to renew yourself. It's all up to you. You can renew yourself through relaxation.

#### Term 2

I can't believe how fast Term 2 has flown by! Thank you to our families, students and staff for giving me such a warm welcome during my first term at Seven Hills West Public School. It has been an amazing term – filled with great inspiration and team building in the way our staff professionally problem-solved the COVID-19 challenges by navigating to online platforms, designing quality Home Learning and safely managing our students' return to school.

I am incredibly grateful for our Seven Hills West Public School community and your ongoing support, understanding and resilience during the phased implementation of school operations. I am so honoured to work alongside our dedicated

and optimistic teachers and staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure continuity for our students during Term 2.

# Working Together to Creative Positive Community Engagement

As we move into Term 3, I am very keen to know what our families enjoy about our school and areas we can grow and develop. 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 this link

### **Term 3 Parent Focus Group**

After we receive parent feedback from the Community Engagement survey, I will be organising a combined school and P&C workshop to gain insights into what makes Seven Hills West Public School so special for our students and families. I am particularly interested in looking at ways we can enhance our learning culture and community partnerships. The session will focus on evaluating our current 2020 school plan and provide meaningful community consultation on future school improvement targets for 2021-2024.

# Semester One Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews

Semester One reports will be distributed this Friday. We hope that you like our stream-lined reporting template and that it provides you with valuable and meaningful educational feedback on your child's progress this year.

#### Parent-Teacher Interview

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be scheduled in Week 2 of Term 3. Parents will have the opportunity to talk through the report and have a two-way discussion with their child's class teacher. Please make sure you click on the School Interviews link included in this newsletter to book your Parent-Teacher Interview time.

## **P&C Update**

Thank you to for completing the P&C Federation survey on the NSW Government's response to COVID-19. Your feedback will be very valuable as it will help inform future strategies and the Government's response should a similar crisis arise.

I would like to say thank you to our wonderful P&C for their incredible support all term. Huge thanks to Ros Scanlan (our P&C President), Sarah Brown (Canteen Coordinator) and Melissa Milne (Uniform Shop coordinator), Jude Whitford (Canteen Volunteer), Ami Fielding (Canteen Volunteer). Despite the challenges presented this term, your dedication to our school has supported our children, parents and staff in staying safe, warm and eating healthily.

## Staffing Update

I would like to thank all of our teachers and SLSO staff for their hard work, dedication and professionalism this term. You have been an amazing team and it has been a huge privilege to work with you. I would like to especially thank our Administrative Office Team (Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Neylon, Mrs Sutcliffe and Mrs Shearer) and Executive Team (Mrs Dziubinski, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Dziubinski, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Dziubinski, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Dziubinski, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Dziubinski, Mrs

On behalf our staff, students and school community, I would like to say thank you and 'Bon Voyage' to Mrs Dziubinski. We are very sad that Mrs Dziubinski will be returning to her substantive position as Deputy Principal at Marayong Public School, but we are incredibly grateful for her exemplary leadership in Term 1 and Term 2. We wish you all the best, Mrs Dziubinski. We will miss you but we know great things are heading your way.

## Happy holidays

Finally, thank you to our students and families for a great term. I wish you all a relaxing, peaceful and safe school holidays. While we still have not been informed when parents will be able to enter the school grounds or attend school events, we hope that Term 3 will enable us to come together as a full school community in the near future. We will keep you posted about the latest parent communication and school guidelines as soon as the school is informed.

Happy Holidays!

Warmly Shanti Clements Principal

# **Deputy Principal's Message**

The first semester of the school year has certainly been a busy one! We have had many challenges to get through and the Seven Hills West spirit has shone brightly throughout two leadership changes, staff changes and the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a testament to the close knit school community that learning has remained the core focus, even when health and safety precautions meant we were engaging with remote learning.

The staff of SHW have continued to show professionalism and dedication to adapting and being flexible in their teaching space. What a great team they are to work with! With class routines now back to (almost) normal, students are showing educational gains. On top of that they are able to mix with their peers and have been enjoying friendships and the chance to socialise on the playground.

The next phase of parents being able to attend school events and enter onto the school grounds in general will be a longer wait. We are looking forward to reconnecting with you again.

I had the absolute privilege and honour of leading this great school in Term 1 and was lucky enough to stay on in a Deputy Principal role this term. As my time has now come to a close at SHW I wish to thank the students, staff and parents for your warmth and partnership so far this year. Thank you also to Ms Clements and the leadership team for their support and teamwork. You are in great hands with Ms Clements as Principal and I wish you all well for a settled, calm and productive second semester.

#### Mrs A Dziubinski

## **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Parent-Teacher interviews for Kindergarten through to Year 6 mainstream students will be held during Week 2, Term 3 via phone calls.

Your child's teacher will call you, so 5 minutes before your appointment is due to start, please have your phone nearby. Teachers may be calling from numbers without any caller ID (private numbers).

To book time slots please visit the link below and follow these simple instructions:

http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/



Simply enter the code as69h and press "Go"

- 1. Enter your details.
- 2. Select the teachers you wish to speak with.
- 3. Select the appointment times that suit you.
- 4. Please check that the phone number you have provided is correct.

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly. DO NOT DELETE the email you are sent. You may need to refer back to it.

You can return to the link below at any time and change your interviews, via the link in the email that was sent to you, when you made your bookings - until the bookings close on Thursday 23th July 2020 at 3pm.

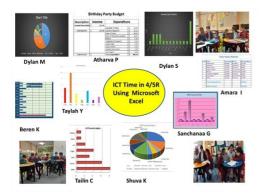
http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 02 9622 2136.

# Stage 3 Spotlight

## Maths and Digital Technology 4/5R

4/5R have been collaborating and exploring in Mathematics with the different ways to collate and present data through Microsoft Excel.



### Writing 5/6H

5/6 H have been experimenting with different language features and descriptive text to make their writing more interesting. The aim being for the audience to be able to picture what is written. Given simple sentences, the children were asked to make them more interesting. Here are just a few of their amazing responses.

#### Zoya and the Dragon - Ryan Dhaliwal

<u>Original sentences:</u> Zoya held the dragon in her hands. It had scales and wings. It had a beak and horns. She felt excited.

New Sentences: Zoya held the mystical, fiery dragon in her little, cupped and gloved hands with astonishment and caution. Its tapering scales glistened in the blinding sunlight, with its golden accentuated wings, big enough to wrap the world and let it embrace its love. It had a minute pecking beak and red to yellow to ombre fading horns. She felt a rush of excitement as she held the adorable beast, predicting the glorious adventures they would have together.

#### The Lighthouse - Lucas Yu

<u>Original sentences:</u> The waves hit the lighthouse. Some men were inside and frightened. They could hear the storm outside.

New Sentences: The colossal waves furiously thrashed the feeble and creaky lighthouse like Poseidon himself had smashed his mighty trident into the formerly peaceful seabed

wreaking havoc. Some cautious men were sheltered inside, and they were visibly frightened and pale to the bone. They could loudly hear the wild storm outside that was at its full strength.

#### The Bird - Eknoor Bindra

<u>Original sentences:</u> The bird flew across the sky. It had big wings and yellow eyes. It saw something and went towards the ground.

New Sentences: The gloomy small bird flew weakly across the fiercely snowing sky. It had small wings which were soaked by the strong rain and thunder. It had adorable tiny eyes and a glacial feeling body which was just waiting to be warmed by a cosy blanket. Suddenly it saw something that caught its eyes and raced down to the soft, woolly scarf that was waiting for him.

#### The Wolf - Amara Chaker

<u>Original sentences:</u> The wolf had big eyes and big teeth. He had fur. He wore a suit.

New Sentences: The anxious adult werewolf stood behind the tree with twisted branches. He had grey fur that was all over the place and eyes as big as the moon that shone as brightly as a torch. His teeth were like a vampires and stuck out of his mouth. He wore a blue worn out suit and was clenching a brown leather suitcase that he was carrying into the unknown.

# Preschool and Kindergarten Spotlight





Preschool and Kindergarten have been working hard!

# Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge opened on **Monday, 2nd March 2020** and SHWPS students have been eagerly reading to reach their goals. The Library is excited to support students in completing the Challenge and receive their certificate at the end of the year.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read more and to read more widely.

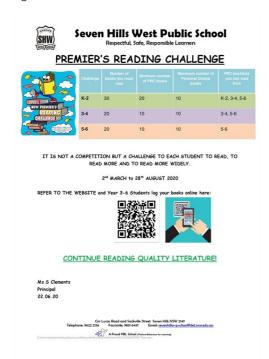
If your child is in **Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 or Support** then your classroom teacher will ensure that 30 books are read to students throughout the year that are from the Challenge booklist.

If your child is in Years 3 to 6 then they are responsible for recording which books they have read from the Challenge booklist. Students can record this list on paper and then transfer it onto the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

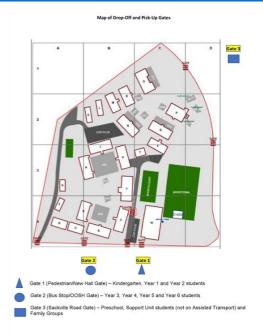
Alternatively, they can record their books straight onto the website. Links to this website can be found on our school website and Facebook page. Students will use their school log-in information to record these books on the website.

Here are some rules and tips to help you complete the Premier's Reading Challenge-

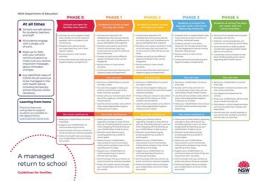
- You must read a certain number of books to complete the challenge (please see flyer).
- If the book you choose is part of a series on the Challenge booklist, for example: Harry Potter, then you can only read 3 books in the series. If you want to include more books from the series then they will have to be included in your personal choice list.
- All reading lists must be submitted online by 28th August 2019 to be eligible for a certificate.
- All participating students will receive a certificate. If you do not wish for your child to receive a certificate, then please notify Mrs Myers in writing before 30th August.



# Map of Drop-Off and Pick Up 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**

#### ENROL FOR KINDERGARTEN 2021

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 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 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

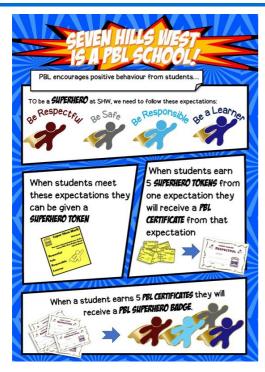
Children ARE NOT to be at school BEFORE 8.30am each morning and must be collected at 3.00pm each afternoon. Should your child need to be at school EARLIER than 8.30am or need to be collected LATER than 3.00pm, it is necessary for you to arrange for your child to be taken to **Out of Hours School Care**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



Congratulations to the following students who received their PBL badges this week:

Class	Student	Reason
K-2 G	Zain Mallick (year 2)	Responsible
2-6 M	Mikael Dean	Learner
2/3P	Caitlyn Cooper	Learner
2/3P	Riya Patel	Learner
2/3P	Nathan Lui	Learner
2/3P	Jad Aicha	Learner
2/3P	Summer Samonte	Learner
2/3P	Manjot Singh	Learner
3/4JP	Mahuir Sheikh	Respectful

Class	Student	Reason
4/5R	Khun-Woo Kang	Responsible
4/5R	Daniel Krstic	Responsible
4/5R	Atharva Panchal	Learner
4/5R	Doaa Adam	Respectful
3-6 J	Tye Calderon	Responsible
3/6 C	Neimat Suliman	Responsible
3/6C	Maddalyn Hambling	Learner
6B	Aiden Baker	Learner
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## **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 <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

3rd July - Last day of Term 2 and start of school holidays

**20th July** – Staff Development Day (student free day)

**21st July** – First day of Term 3 for all students K-6 and Emu Preschool Group

# **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 Whom It May Concern:

- 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

This brings a close to our very restricted Term 2 and looking forward to having more contact with you all in Term 3. Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Friday 3rd July 2020 is Crazy Hair Day and to help with the craziness of the day we will be serving some crazy food in our canteen.

Our next meeting will not be held until August 19th at 9.15am – hoping to see some new faces to help with some fund raising ideas.

# **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



# **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

## **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.

Thank you