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#### 12 August 2020

## Principal's Message

#### Leadership Habit

#### Habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind:

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my family and contribute our family's mission and vision, and look for ways to be a good citizen.



#### Thank you for an AMAZING Education Week!

Thank you for such a fabulous Education Week! Our students had an amazing time participating in the Education Week Assembly, Lolly Competition, Talent Quests, Multicultural Day, Recipes, Art Competition and Book Fair. Thank you to our Education Week Committee for organising such a wonderful week of activities.

Check out our Virtual Education Week Assembly:

https://www.facebook.com/sevenhillswestpublicschool/video s/1392085017847707

#### **LEED Project**

Commencing in Term 3, all Executive will be involved in the *Leading Evaluation, Evidence and Data (LEED)* project. As part of this 3-year project, our school will take part in the School Excellence in Action workshops and utilise the What Works Best 2020 Toolkit, SCOUT Data Dashboard and new School Improvement Planning platform to design educational priorities that enhance quality teaching and learning across the school.

We will be working closely with the NSW CESE team, who are responsible for developing and delivering data resources and professional learning to support leaders and educators with data evaluation and school planning. We are very excited to be part of this project and look forward to the journey ahead.

# Year 5 and Year 3 Online Assessments (Reading and Numeracy)

Although NAPLAN was cancelled earlier this year, Seven Hills West Public School is committed to the academic progress of our students and will conduct the NSW Department of Education's online reading and numeracy 'Check-in' for students in Years 3 and 5.

The check-in assessments will be conducted as follows:

Year 5 students: Term 3, Weeks 5 (17 August to 21 August 2020)

Year 3 students: Term 3, Week 10 (21 September to 25 September 2020

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.

#### TELL THEM FROM ME Survey

During Term 3, we will be conducting the Tell Them from Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes. More information will be sent to parents to gain consent for your child to participate in the Tell Them from Me survey. Thank you to Mrs Radhakrishnan for coordinating the *Tell Them from Me survey*.

#### **ICAS Update**

Due to the Literacy and Numeracy Online Assessments for Years 5 and 3, the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) will now be postponed to Term 4. The tests will be administered online from 12th October, 2020 to 23rd October, 2020, during school hours.

A reminder note will be sent towards the end of Term 3 as well. Thank you to Mrs Radhakrishnan for coordinating the *ICAS* assessments.

#### Introducing the Forge Wellbeing Platform

To support the wellbeing of our students and staff, Seven Hills West Public School will be implementing the Forge Wellbeing platform, an individualised wellbeing tracking system that supports schools and organisations.

As part of the Forge Wellbeing approach, students and staff will be able to monitor their positive emotions, wellbeing and levels of stress. Together, we can use the data to support all members of our school to flourish each day.

We look forward to implementing the program and gaining your feedback on how it improves the confidence and wellbeing of our children. For more information, please click on this link the link below.

https://www.forgewellbeing.com.au/

#### Learning, Wellbeing and Support Planning Days

During Term 3, our Executive and Learning Support teams will be working together across two days to revision our Learning, Wellbeing and Support policy and processes. Our aim is to develop a strategic approach that will support students, staff and parents in optimising learning, student engagement and support processes across the school.

In addition, our teachers will participate in specialised training on Differentiation, Learner Profiles and Individual Learning Programs. The opportunity for us all to work together as a team to create a fresh approach for a Learning, Wellbeing and Support whole school strategy will be amazing!

#### Don't forget to complete the Term 3 Community Engagement Parent Survey

As we start 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 below.

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

I wish you all a fabulous fortnight! Stay warm and stay safe.

Warmly Shanti Clements Principal

## **STAGE UPDATES**

## Preschool



We have been learning about Shapes, from recognising these to matching and drawing them. Learning shapes helps children identify and organize visual information and supports the development of skills in areas like reading, maths, and science.

One of the first actions in understanding numbers and letters is to recognize their shape. A simple activity to help your child at home to learn about shapes is to make the shape with them and then search your house or neighbourhood for objects that match that shape.



Mrs G Condello Preschool Educator

# Assistant Principal Message - Stage 3

Stage 3 has had an extremely busy week!

On Tuesday we celebrated National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day by wearing mufti that reflected Aboriginal colours or cultural clothing. We also watched a livestream that introduced us to Australian Aboriginal Languages. There were several events throughout the week to celebrate Education Week.

Congratulations to Cooper who won the lolly guessing competition. Don't forget to share your lollies with your family!

Our Education Week assembly was held on Wednesday and we watched Film by . . . Invitation, which was a virtual film festival showcasing the best of 2019 student short films.

We finished off our week of celebrations with a class talent quest.

The theme of this year's Education Week was 'Learning Together', highlighting the partnership between schools and families, collaboration between teachers and students, and the role technology played earlier in the year to enable us to learn together anywhere, any time.

Stage 3 would like to acknowledge the Education Week team for organising a week of engaging activities and learning experiences.

#### Mrs S Curran Assistant Principal

# Assistant Principal Message – Stage 2

#### Stage 2 EdWeek 2020

During the week, Stage 2 students experienced EdWeek virtually and through activities planned within the school.

The Department of Education shared insightful Livestreams which students around the state watched at the exact same time of the day. Nominated schools within our state took part in a 'Film By' program which were short films scripted, directed, videoed and published by the students themselves. Stage 2 students responded very positively to these videos and discussions about them were rich in content.

EdWeek ended with a BANG! This was the time that Stage 2 students shared their amazing talents with their classmates and teacher by taking part in a class talent quest. It was wonderful seeing every class embracing EdWeek in their classrooms throughout the week.

Stage 2 students and teachers would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great organisation and planning undertaken by the EdWeek Committee!



Students singing the School Song as part our or EdWeek whole school assembly on Wednesday 05.08.20

#### Mrs P Jade-Pierce Assistant Principal

# Assistant Principals Message – ES1 & S1

# In the spotlight – 1G - Mrs Gatt and 2R - Mrs Radha

In stage 1 this fortnight, 1G have been busy learning the jump strategy during their maths sessions.



In 2R, their shared, read and write text studying in week 3 was 'The Three Little Pigs'. During their literacy sessions, in which they participated in a STEM activity of creating the houses.



# Assistant Principals Message – Science & Technology/Future Focused Learning

In Science this term, students explore the conceptual unit: "The material world". In this unit, students will explore the different states of matter as apparent in their everyday lives. Students will gain an understanding of certain tenets of the particle theory, they will explore reversible and irreversible changes to material. Furthermore, students will explore the different properties matter, such as viscosity and melting point, through experiments.

Students will be provided with opportunities to demonstrate their learning through a wide variety of activities. These include:

Inquiry of the scientific method.

Understanding and design of fair and testable scientific method.

Generation of testable hypotheses.

Investigation and problem-solving activities.

Spoken and written responses, incorporating drawings, symbols and words.

Discuss the limitations of models in regard to the particle theory.

Ms Johnston is excited about re-designing the Library Makerspace. She will be taking into consideration students' opinions so that they can have ownership of how they utilise the space and use it to suit their learning needs. This will ensure that students are able to navigate and explore different avenues of their STEAM projects in a manner that is safe, collaborative, and most of all innovative!

In Term 3, students in each Stage will have the opportunity to combine their scientific knowledge about materials with Micro:bit or Ozobot technology. These include:

- **Kindergarten:** Bridges are made for Travelling Project.
- Y1-2: Eco-friendly Electronic Toys Project.
- Y3-4: Soil Drought Project.
- Y5-6: Health Tech Project.

As Futures Focused learners, students will undergo a process of understanding the needs of their audience in order to solve real-world problems. In doing so, students will use their research skills to ideate, prototype and test their designs.

Adjustments will be made to ensure student needs are met from special needs to high ability. Watch this space!

Students will surely be keen to share the processes of their learning journey with you all!

#### Mr Rob Blood Assistant Principal

# **School Photographs**

The school photographer will be attending our school on the following dates:



Monday 17th August and Thursday 20th August 2020.

Barcoded orders forms have been sent home with students and these must be returned to the office, with **correct money** (if paying by cash), by Friday 14th August 2020.

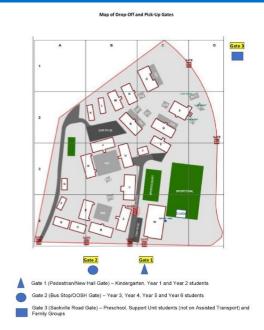
Even if you are not purchasing photos, it is **necessary** for you to **return the order form** with your child as soon as possible, as all students have their photo taken on the day and barcoding on the envelope is required by the photographer to assist in naming of students.

Please ensure your child is in **full school uniform** (excluding preschool) on photo days.

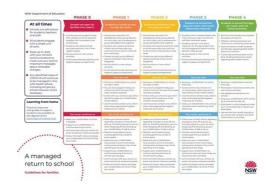
Sibling order forms are available, on request, from the office.



# 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**

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

# Super Kids Breakfast Club

#### Super Kids Breakfast Club is currently closed.

We will keep you updated with re-opening times.

# **Important Reminders**

#### ALLERGY ALERT

In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut muesli bars.

Your understanding and support in this very important health issue are greatly appreciated.

#### SCHOOL HOURS

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

Wesley Out of School Hours Care and their contact number is 9626 1260.

# **Preschool T-shirt**

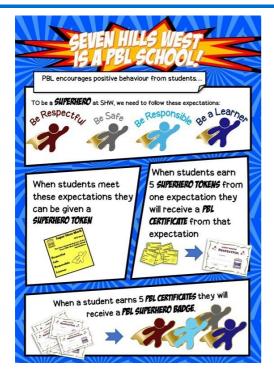


Students commencing at Seven Hills West Preschool receive a complimentary T-shirt and hat.



Should you wish to make an additional purchase, please place your order at the Admin Office

# 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

	Planning Sheet for Term 3 ~ 2020					
4	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	
5	Monday 17 SCHOOL PHOTOS EMU-YR 6	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20 SCHOOL PHOTOS WOMBAT & Catch up	Friday 21	
6	Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	
7	Monday 31	SEPTEMBER Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	
8	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	
9	Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	
10	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 234	Friday 25 LAST DAY TERM 3	
	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	OCTOBER Thursday 1	Friday 2	
	Monday 5 LABOUR DAY	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	

<u>TERM 3 - 2020</u>

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.

When your child misses just	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is	This means that the best your child can achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

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

Hoping all your children are enjoying the Education week activities.

Everyone please keep safe and healthy.

# **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.

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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.