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## Principal's Message

### Habit 1 – Be Proactive

I have a "Can Do" attitude. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I don't blame others. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of the 2021 school newsletter that is published fortnightly. This newsletter will keep you informed about the many exciting activities that your children are involved in so look out for it every second Wednesday.



On behalf of our whole school community, I would like to welcome all of our new students and their families to Seven Hills West Public School. I know that you will enjoy your stay at our school and find it a very positive experience.

We have enrolled 355 students and have formed an extra class, taking us to 18 classes this year (including Preschool). I must congratulate the students on their very positive start to the year. Our Years 1 to 6 students have made an excellent transition and our Kindergarten students have participated with enthusiasm in the Best Start program. It is a pleasure to visit the classrooms and see so many happy eager faces. The students are now officially in their 2021 classes and have settled in very quickly to their new learning environment.

I would like to welcome the following new teachers to our school: Monika Arora, Alison Cole, Therese Pham, Mina Popal, Matthew Asplin, Sarah Luc, Anna Vlahopoulos and Natalie Roche. They join our fabulous team and have already shared

wonderful educational ideas at our two School Development Days held last week.

Brett Sanders and Edwin Tse are our new School Counsellors and they will be available for appointments. Brett Sanders will be here on Tuesday and Thursday and Edwin Tse will be here on Friday between 8:30am and 3.30pm.

Our school is very fortunate to have a group of dedicated and experienced teachers to support and help each child reach their full potential. A complete list of staff and classes is below for

### LIST OF 2021 STAFF MEMBERS and CLASSES

Principal	Shanti Clements
Deputy Principal P-6	Katie Gardiner
Assistant Principal 3-6	Sherie Curran
Assistant Principal – Specialist	Rob Blood
Assistant Principal – Support	Wendy August
School Administrative Manager	Alison Bruce and Nicole Neylan
School Administrative Officer	Regina Kennedy and Vanessa Shearer
Preschool	Natalie Roche and Sharon North
KV	Anna Vlahopoulos
KL	Sarah Luc
KM	Rebecca Mortlock

<b>1G</b>	Louise Gatt
<b>1N</b>	Daniel Nunan
<b>2A</b>	Matthew Asplin
<b>2R</b>	Anshu Radhakrishnan
<b>3P</b>	Therese Pham
<b>3/4R</b>	Noreen Rosario
<b>4B</b>	Rob Blood
<b>5C</b>	Alison Cole
<b>6C</b>	Sherie Curran
<b>K-6A</b>	Monika Arora
<b>K-6M</b>	Megan Moon
<b>K-6D</b>	Sneha Dias
<b>K-6W</b>	Wendy August and Peta Swanson
<b>K-6C</b>	Komal Chhugani
<b>Library RFF</b>	Shalini Gupta
<b>Science RFF</b>	Guneet Chanana
<b>Science/ QTSS RFF</b>	Mina Popal
<b>LAST</b>	Alainya Zollinger and Katie Gardiner
<b>EAL/D</b>	Alex Lao
<b>School Counsellor</b>	Brett Sanders and
<b>General Assistant</b>	Jason Hogg
<b>Mainstream SLSO</b>	Nicole Bell, Lorraine Soo and Nick Ford
<b>Support Unit SLSO</b>	Rosalind Jacobs, Kira Morri, Deb Sutcliffe, Carmen Spiteri, Nichole Ramos and Michelle Wilson

## Welcome to our Year 6 Leadership Team

Congratulations to our Year 6 leaders! They have now officially commenced their roles and are doing a fabulous job supporting our students. Here are our Year 6 leadership team for 2021.

### School Captains

Ashishe Rajaram & Monisha Khanom

### School Leaders (Vice Captains)

Isaac Lal & Taylah Young

### Sport House Leaders

Koalas - Beren Kilinc & Shreea Karki

Kookaburras - Doaa Adam & Esoufa Saibou

Kangaroos - Chelsea Major & Eknoor Bindra

I would also like to reassure parents that all Year 6 students in 2021 will have an opportunity to take on leadership roles and

responsibilities as part of The Leader in Me program. This will support our Year 6 students in exploring a range of leadership skills throughout the year.

## Parent Information Night

All parents are invited to attend an **information session to be held on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th February and Wednesday 17th February via Zoom**. Below are the times for the information evening.

### Wednesday 10th February 2021

**KL, KM, KV (Early Stage One)** – 3.30 to 4.30pm – from Zoom link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68014280576?pwd=N0twcU VNQ3JG9YbWZWTN6SUJhazV5QT09>

**Meeting ID:** 680 1428 0576

**Passcode:** 078341

**1G, 1N, 2A, 2R (Stage One)** – 4.30 to 5.30pm – from Zoom link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68965823577?pwd=MStsekZ EVVF2M0NRmkgvSHdHUTdWdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 689 6582 3577

**Passcode:** 978505

### Thursday 11th February 2021

**3P, 3/4R, 4B (Stage Two)** – 3.30 to 4.30pm – from Zoom link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/68052477797?pwd=MmtHa3 VqTzNBaU40cTkxTXB0eEJGUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 680 5247 7797

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**5C, 6C (Stage Three)** – 3.30 to 4.30pm – from Zoom link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/65031274038?pwd=ZjNZN2 N0WGZ5Rk54MUFOdks3YXBqUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 650 3127 4038

**Passcode:** 521747

### Wednesday 17th February 2021

**Preschool** – 3.30 to 4.30pm – from Zoom link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66201233853?pwd=cmw0Zj UvUjdTUEVsNHJOCUNDRTdidz09>

**Meeting ID:** 662 0123 3853

**Passcode:** 914087

**Support Unit Classes (K-6)** – 4.30 to 5.30pm – from Zoom link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66219539733?pwd=OFpna1 VCYkZBd2hTMThMYWt1REJYdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 662 1953 9733

**Passcode:** 186792

It is very important to attend this parent session as you will be able to meet your child's teacher and learn about what is happening in the classroom. Please note that this is not the time to discuss individual students. If you wish to talk to your child's

teacher please make an individual appointment by calling the Office.

## Swimming Carnival

Our annual school swimming carnival for students in Years 2 to 6 was held on Monday 1st February this week at the Blacktown Aquatic Centre. Thank you to Lauren Myers, Peta Swanson, Deborah Sutcliffe, Nicole Bell and Alison Cole for doing such great job organising the combined event with Seven Hills North PS, The Meadows Public School, Marayong Heights PS and Seven Hills West PS. Congratulations to our students who participated on the day - you did our school proud!



## School Operations for Term 1

School will continue to commence at 9.00am for students. Supervision before school will continue to commence from 8.30am, as per the normal procedures followed by all students last year. We would appreciate if parents drop students at the designated gate to support the safety of our children. If parents need to come onto the school site, they will need to sign-on using the QR code at the gate and proceed directly to the School Office or Uniform Shop. For additional safety, we highly recommend that parents wear a mask on premises.

### School Hours and Duty of Care

Our school hours are between 8.30am to 3.00pm. Recess is between 11.00am to 11.30am. Lunch is between 1.30pm to 2.00pm. Students also have daily 'Crunch and Sip' and water breaks.

**For duty of care reasons, please note that students cannot arrive at school before 8.30am.** If you need to drop your child to school earlier than this, please make a Before School booking with our onsite Wesley OOSH.

**Drop-off at the start of the day** (see the attached School Map)

Students will enter the school through the following designated gates:

- Gate 1 (Pedestrian/New Hall Gate) – Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students
- Gate 2 (Bus Stop/OOSH Gate) – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students
- Gate 3 (Sackville Road Gate) – Preschool, Support Unit students (not on Assisted Transport) and Family Groups

**Pick-up at the end of the day**

Students will exit from the same gate as the morning. We request that parents meet their child outside the designated gates and follow the COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

\*Please note that students receiving Assisted Transport will continue their normal drop-off and pick-up routines.

### Hygiene

We have been allocated enhanced cleaning services each day. Each classroom is equipped with plenty of soap, hand sanitiser and paper towels.

All teachers will remind students to:

- wash their hands frequently with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet
- cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze
- avoid touching their faces
- limit physical contact when greeting people

All children will need to bring their own drink bottle to school to prevent use of the bubblers. Children will be able to fill up their water bottles using the Water Refill Station outside the school hall.

The playground will be monitored in line with social distancing guidelines.

### Sick Bay Procedures

Any child who presents to the sick bay will have their temperature checked. Any child who becomes unwell during the day will be sent home. We are taking every precaution we can to keep us all safe.

Please follow health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell. For the latest health information about the COVID situation, please click on the link below:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

We appreciate your support during this difficult and complex time where the situation and guidelines are constantly evolving. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school via email at [sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone (02) 9622 2136.

### Parents and Citizens Association

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held on the 17th February at 9.15am via Zoom. All parents are encouraged to attend these meetings. The Zoom link for the P&C Meeting is:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/63844261250?pwd=ckpjUDFJclhZV2p0dlF3b0tPaWxzdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 638 4426 1250

**Passcode:** 813293

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open every Monday morning from 8.30-9.30am for parents to purchase school uniform items.

### School Canteen

We are currently finalising arrangements with the FlexiSchools online canteen services. Until we are given a formal start date, parents will need to provide crunch and sip, recess, lunch and refillable water bottles for their children.



## Daily Attendance

Once enrolled, students from Kindergarten to Year 6 are required to attend school each day. It is important that students arrive at school and class on time so that they do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day. Each day, teachers mark attendance for every student.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include illness, having an unavoidable medical appointment, being required to attend a recognised religious holiday, exceptional or urgent family circumstance e.g. attending a funeral.

Following an absence from school parents must ensure that within 7 days they provide our school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence.

## Road Safety

We request that parents and students walk to and from school using the road safety guidelines. We have a Pedestrian Crossing Officer who monitors the children's crossing on Lucas Road each morning and afternoon.

Some safety tips:

### Children's Crossing on Lucas Road:

Slow down and stop before the stop line if a pedestrian is on or is about to enter the crossing.

Do not proceed until all pedestrians have left the entire crossing.

If the road beyond the children's crossing is blocked you must not drive into or stop on the crossing.

You must not stop in the No Stopping zones either side of the crossing as this blocks vision.

You must **NOT** conduct u-turns across double lines before or after the crossing.

### Walking to school:

Walking to school is a great way for both you and your children to get some physical activity and stay healthy.

Remember to set a good example and use pedestrian facilities when available.

Always hold hands and teach the road safety rules of stop, look, listen and think before crossing the road.

### No Stopping zones:

Do not stop in a No Stopping zone at any time.

These zones are designed to allow visibility for pedestrians and drivers especially around crossings.

An unbroken yellow kerb line is a No Stopping line and therefore the same rules apply as for a No Stopping Sign.

### Bus Zones:

You must not stop within a Bus Zone at any time.

If times of operation are shown on the sign, the restriction applies only at those times.

For additional road safety tips, please view the Drop Off and Pick Up Safety Tips brochure attached.

## Parent Communication

The following procedures are designed to promote harmonious community relationships and effective school management of student issues. They are based on the NSW Department of Education's Code of Conduct and Complaints Handling Policy, and seek to provide clarity to all within the school community.

In the first instance, Parents are urged to regularly seek information from the established channels of communication:

The Seven Hills West Public School website and Facebook page

The SchoolZine Newsletter

Parent/Teacher sessions or interviews.

The NSW Department of Education website

Should Parents have further queries or concerns about their child or the school, the *Community Communication Guide* recommends that:

- They communicate with the classroom teacher in the first instance. This may be by phone, letter, school email or in person.
- Any discussions with staff (beyond brief informal queries) should be via a scheduled meeting, with a clear meeting agenda provided in advance.
- Meetings are requested via the school office with options / preferences for the parent, taking account of the timetabled teaching day constraints for staff members. All efforts will be made to schedule this meeting within 48 hours.
- Parents must direct all school-related matters to the relevant teacher or Executive, and under no circumstances are they to approach a child or contact other parents directly about such issues. It is the school's responsibility to investigate and address student welfare issues following Departmental guidelines

Please note that P&C email distribution lists and Facebook parent communication are intended to support school events and P&C activities only. For individual enquiries, please contact the school office during school hours.

All families are asked to regularly check our Seven Hills West Facebook, school website, Schoolzine and the class communication platform (Google Classroom/ Seesaw/ Class Dojo/ Edmodo) for weekly updates and information about our school policies.

## Wishing you a Wonderful Term 1

Thank you for choosing Seven Hills Public School for your child. On behalf of our wonderful staff, I wish you and your child/ children a happy, safe and inspirational Term 1.

Warmly

**Shanti Clements**  
**Principal**

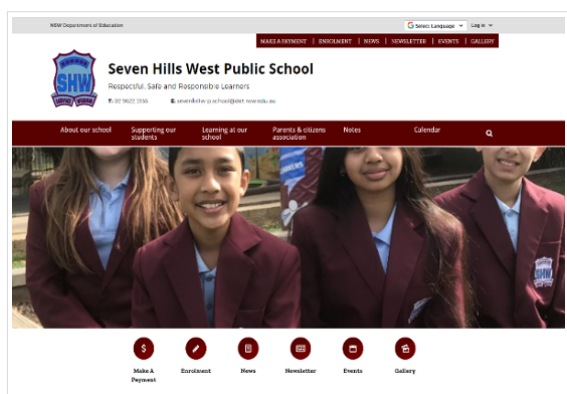
## Check out the Seven Hills West Public School Website

<https://sevenhillsw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

For all up-to-date newsletters, policies, calendar events and class information, please regularly visit the school website (hosted by NSW Department of Education).

We have on average over 844 website hits per week and encourage parents to search the latest NSW DEC policies and information on the site.

We also upload the school newsletter each fortnight and send it to parents via the e-news service.



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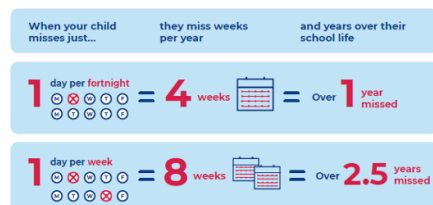
## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



## Deputy Principal's Message

Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our existing families at Seven Hills West Public School. I hope you have all had a safe and restful holiday.

I have been impressed by how settled the return to school has been. I think the students are incredibly eager to get back into the learning and I know our teachers have been working extremely hard on their teaching and learning programs.

Kindergarten will officially start on Wednesday, 3rd February and we are very excited to have them join our school. The Best Start interviews are going very well and the Kindergarten team thank all parents/ caregivers on their prompt arrival and support during these interviews.

Our preschool children are too settling in and our stagger start has proven to be very beneficial to all as they transition into their new play-based learning environment.

Please ensure if you have any concerns, please contact your child's classroom teacher via the school office to arrange an appointment. Regular attendance is extremely important so please ensure you and your child commence the school year establishing good routines so they can be on time and sustain the day of learning and fun!

Looking forward to the year ahead.

**Mrs K Gardiner**  
**Deputy Principal**

## STAGE UPDATES

### Preschool

Welcome to our Preschool families and children. As the new Early Childhood Teacher at the Seven Hills West PS Preschool, I am very excited to be working with our families, children and great staff.

It has been an exciting week as we meet all our new Preschoolers who have started in the Emu and Wombat groups.

We are learning our new routine, where we put our bags, and meeting our new teachers and friends. It will be a busy term as we find our place of belonging at Preschool.

I am looking forward to meeting you each day and supporting your child's transition into Preschool. Don't forget that our Preschool Information session will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 3.30pm via Zoom. The details re in the Principal update in this newsletter.

Wishing you a great two weeks!

**Miss Natalie Roche**  
**Early Childhood Teacher**

### Early Stage 1

On behalf of our Kindergarten team (Miss Sarah Luc, Mrs Anna Vlahopoulos and myself), I welcome our Kindergarten families and students to Seven Hills West PS. The past 3 days have been exciting with our Kindergarten teachers meeting individually with each student to conduct the Best Start interviews.

The children have been wonderful and we anticipate a very positive Day 1 at school on Wednesday.

**Mrs Rebecca Mortlock**  
**Kindergarten Teacher**

## Stage 1

Welcome back to Seven Hills West for Term 1. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. The stage 1 teachers Miss Louise Gatt, Mr Daniel Nunan, Mr Matthew Asplin and Mrs Anshu Radhakrishnan would like to welcome our returning and new students and their families to our school.

We trust that your child is ready for an exciting and busy term, full of engaging learning activities and opportunities at Seven Hills West Public School! We look forward to a great year of collaboration and success in your child's development and achievements.

**Mrs Anshu Radhakrishnan**  
**Year 2 Teacher**

## Stage 2 and 3

Welcome to our new and returning families! We hope everyone enjoyed a safe and happy break over the Christmas and New Year period.

The Stage 2 teachers (Mrs Noreen Rosario, Miss Therese Pham and Mr Rob Blood) and Stage 3 teachers (Miss Alison Cole and myself) would like to welcome our returning and new students and their families to Seven Hills West PS.

This year we will be introducing some new resources to our students. We will be using Maths textbooks in the classroom and online programs for our homework. These online programs will also provide opportunities for our students to further develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of both mathematics and reading. Thank you to those families who have already paid for these resources. We appreciate your support. If you require another copy of the note, there are spare copies in the office that your child can bring home.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child or Stage 2 and Stage 3 events this year, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's classroom teacher. I am also available to assist you as needed.

The Stage 2 and 3 team are looking forward to a terrific Term 1!

**Mrs Sherie Curran**  
**Assistant Principal 3-6**

## Support Unit

I would like to welcome our new families to Seven Hills West PS who are joining our Support Classes and welcome back to our existing families.

It has been an extremely settled start to our classes and a credit to our families for having your children prepared and ready for the new school year.

Our teaching staff are excited for the year ahead. There are 5 support classes in 2021, and our teachers are: Mrs Wendy August, Mrs Peta Swanson (job sharing), Mrs Komal Chhugani, Mrs Sneha Dias, Mrs Monika Arora and Mrs Megan Moon.

We look forward to our Class Information session afternoon, via zoom in week 4.

**Mrs Gardiner**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Library News

Hello everyone! Welcome back to school, the books have missed you.

We have a wonderful range of new books to borrow and so many ideas to share!

### Our Vision

Our library is dedicated to fostering a love of reading and learning through inquiry.

We strive to provide activities and resources that will support students and staff to become effective critical thinkers.

Our focus is on reading both for pleasure and information.

We encourage all students to borrow from our school library every week!

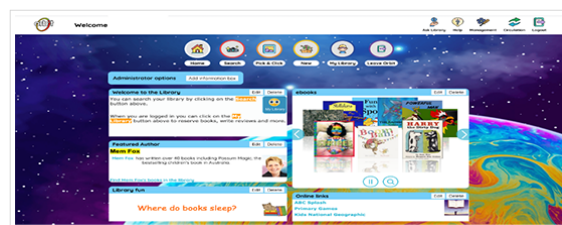
### Our collection

We maintain a balanced and current collection with a diverse range of materials which meet the learning needs of our staff and students.

Our books are carefully selected to meet students' reading interests and abilities.

### Our Catalogue

Students can access our full catalogue via their Portal by clicking on the School Library link.



### Borrowing

COVID restrictions and safety procedures are still in place, however, all students will visit our school library each week for borrowing, literature enrichment and research. Research tasks are carefully matched with class topics and follow the NSW Information Skills Process. All students have a one-week loan period. Please remember to bring your library bag if you wish to borrow!

Grade	Loan Limit
Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2	1
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	2

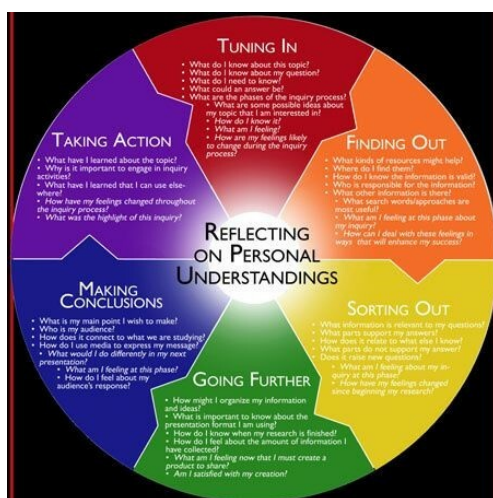
## Classes in the library

For our youngest students, the emphasis is on the enjoyment of literature. The main learning goals for senior students (years 4-6) are to use Information Process Skills as well as extend their research skills.



Our library program incorporates Future-Focused learning. This is a new pedagogy which aims to facilitate information literacy in an ever-changing world. Future-Focused learning is personalised and allows students to take control of their own learning. Personalised learning means that students:

- understand how they learn,
- own their learning
- co-design their curriculum and their learning environment.



## Scholastic Book Club

Twice each term we send home brochures from Scholastic Australia. Participation is optional but it can be an easy way to add more books to your own shelves at home. Very soon you will be receiving order forms...

So excited to see you all in the library!

**Mrs Gupta**

## REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES

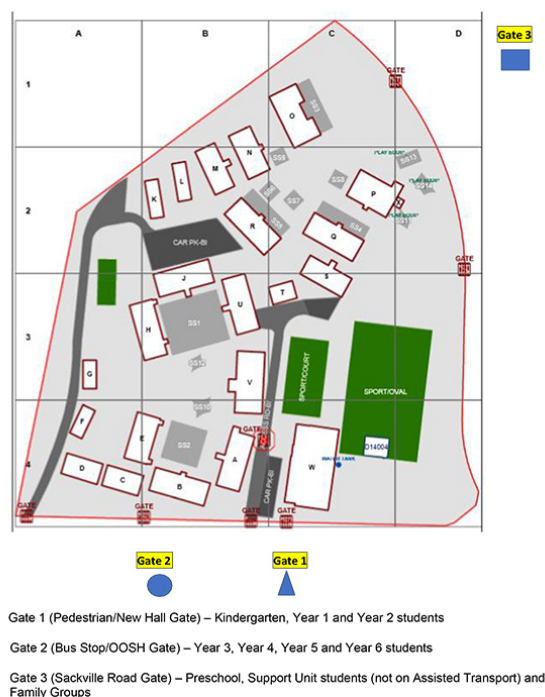
With the hot weather now returning, please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle each day so they can stay hydrated during our summer weather.



Additionally, a frozen popper in the lunch box will defrost by lunchtime and be refreshing for your child to drink.

## Map of Drop-Off and PickUp Gates

Map of Drop-Off and Pick-Up Gates



## OOSH PICK UP/DROP GATE

### SEVEN HILLS WEST OOSH

Parents who are dropping off or collecting students from OOSH please remember to use Gate 2 entrance.

Please **DO NOT USE** driveway gate.




# Managed return to school for families guidelines

NSW Department of Education

	PHASE 0	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4
<b>At all times</b> Schools are safe places for students, teachers and staff All students engage with a single unit of work Keep up-to-date with your school's communications to make sure you receive important messages about timetable changes Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with health advice, including temporary school closures where necessary	<b>Schools are open for families who need it</b> Families are encouraged to keep their children at home whenever possible with no student to be sent to school Students who attend school are supervised only in their regular classes No excursions or other school activities Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements	<b>Students at school at least one day per week</b> Schools have discretion for maintaining school group entities on school days with a preference to group entities where the majority of students are supervised Students who attend school are supervised only in their regular classes Students are split across different classes and break times can be staggered Excursions and other school activities Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements	<b>Students at school two days per week</b> Schools have discretion for maintaining school group entities on school days with a preference to group entities where the majority of students are supervised Students who attend school are supervised only in their regular classes Students are split across different classes and break times can be staggered Excursions and other school activities Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements	<b>Students at school five days per week, with some planning measures</b> Students continue to learn at home in school Students who attend school are supervised only in their regular classes Students are split across different classes and break times can be staggered Excursions and other school activities Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements	<b>Students at school five days per week, with all school activities</b> Normal school buses and entry/exit processes will resume Infection control procedures will continue to be followed by school staff, students, and families regarding NSW Health advice will continue Continued communication to the Early Childhood Education sector regarding NSW Health advice
<b>Learning from home</b> Additional resources and guides to support students are available at the department's Learning from home hub	<b>You must continue to</b> Keep your child/children at home Support your child/children to continue learning at home Communicate with your school as usual and phone whenever possible Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell	<b>You must continue to</b> Keep your child/children at school one day a week You are encouraged to keep your child/children at school for the rest of the week whenever possible Check with your school as usual Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell	<b>You must continue to</b> Keep your child/children at school two days a week You are encouraged to keep your child/children at school for the rest of the week whenever possible Check with your school as usual Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell	<b>You must continue to</b> Keep your child/children at school five days a week You are encouraged to keep your child/children at school for the rest of the week whenever possible Check with your school as usual Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell	<b>You must continue to</b> Keep your child/children at school five days a week You are encouraged to keep your child/children at school for the rest of the week whenever possible Check with your school as usual Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell

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## We're all in this together



## Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:

Facebook

Schoolzine

Seven Hills West website



## 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.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

### SEVEN HILLS WEST IS A PBL SCHOOL!

PBL encourages positive behaviour from students...

TO BE A **SUPERHERO** at SHW, we need to follow these expectations:

**Be Respectful**

**Be Safe**

**Be Responsible**

**Be a Learner**

When students meet these expectations they can be given a **SUPERHERO TOKEN**

When students earn **5 SUPERHERO TOKENS** from one expectation they will receive a **PBL CERTIFICATE** from that expectation

When a student earns **5 PBL CERTIFICATES** they will receive a **PBL SUPERHERO BADGE**

## 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.

Additionally – our supplies for Years 3-6 have also depleted (shorts/skorts/shirts/underwear).

Any donations of clothing (not jumpers) for students K-6 would be greatly appreciated.

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

### TERM 1 – 2021

Planning Sheet for Term 1 ~ 2021					
	JANUARY Monday 25	Tuesday 26 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Wednesday 27 Staff Development Day	Thursday 28 Staff Development Day	Friday 29
1					YRS 1-6 START KINDY BEST START
2	FEBRUARY Monday 1 EMU preschool – refer starting date KINDY BEST START SWIM CARNIVAL – Yrs 3-6 7.45am-12pm	Tuesday 2 EMU preschool – refer starting date KINDY BEST START	Wednesday 3 ALL EMU's attend ALL KINDY START	Thursday 4 WOMAT preschool – refer starting date	Friday 5 WOMAT preschool – refer starting date
3	Monday 8 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10 MY FIRST DAY EMU PHOTOS	Thursday 11 MY FIRST DAY WOMBAT PHOTOS & KINDERGARTEN	Friday 12
4	Monday 15 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17 P&C Meeting 9.15am	Thursday 18	Friday 19
5	Monday 22 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26
6	MARCH Monday 1 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5
7	Monday 8 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12
8	Monday 15 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19

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.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**  
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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 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

*Give your child every chance to succeed...* **Every day counts!**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

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.

## P & C News

### Uniform Shop

Completed uniform orders, with cash payment, to be sent to the office, and orders will be filled and distributed to students on a Monday.

# UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open

**EVERY MONDAY**

8.30am to 9.30am

Parents may proceed directly to the Uniform Shop to make a purchase - but must leave school grounds as soon as transaction is completed.

Alternatively, completed uniform order, with CASH payment, can be left at the office, and we will arrange for the orders to be filled and distributed to your child.



**P & C Committee**

## Community News

### AUSTRALIA'S YOUTH PRESENTS A SELF DEFENCE KARATE AND SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

For boys and girls  
Ages 5 – 16  
In Sydney Since 1994

Website - karate-kids.com.au

INSTRUCTORS TRAINED SPECIFICALLY  
FOR TEACHING CHILDREN AND TEENS

SELF DEFENCE ONLY IS TAUGHT

CLASSES DIVIDED BY AGE  
AND EXPERIENCE

FROM BEGINNER TO  
BLACK BELT



DEVELOP SELF CONFIDENCE

IMPROVE CONCENTRATION

BUILD COORDINATION

BUILD SELF ESTEEM

IMPROVE STUDIES

MAKE FRIENDS

TRY THE FIRST  
CLASS FOR FREE!

Only \$14.00 Per Week  
With a \$2.00 Rego per term  
No Extra Grading Fees!

INSTRUCTOR IS A KARATE CHAMPION AND ISKA INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

Location: Kings Langley Public School,  
Isaac Smith Pde., Kings Langley

Classes are every Wednesday for 11 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Weds, 20 January, 2021

New Students can also join on any Wednesday during term.

New and Returning  
Students  
Ages 5-8  
Class Time 4:00 to 4:40PM

New Students  
Ages 9-16  
and Returning Students  
Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au) for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO TURN UP. WE DO NOT TURN KIDS AWAY. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT [www.karate-kids.com.au](http://www.karate-kids.com.au).

**"Act, Create, Communicate"**

The difference is dramatic....  
Boost your child's creativity, confidence,  
communication skills & self-development  
through drama  
**Students 5 - 17**  
**Enrolling for 2021**

Classes held at Dural, Castle Hill, Quakers Hill,  
Bella Vista, Kellyville and Rouse Hill.

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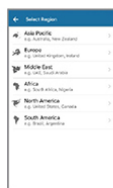
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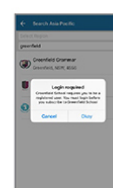
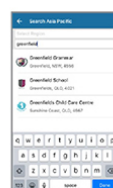


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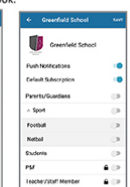
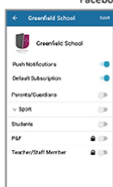
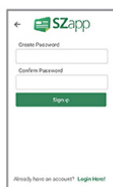
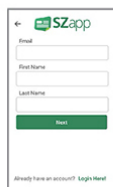
1. On your device, open the Play Store.
2. Search the Play Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.



1. **FIND YOUR SCHOOL**  
Select your school's region.  
Search for and select your school.



2. **REGISTER A USER**  
Before you can add your school, you will need to register. Register your Email, or sign in with Google or Facebook.



3. **REGISTER A USER**  
Enter your email and name and  
Then create a password.

4. **MANAGING NOTIFICATIONS**  
Choose which group/s you would like  
to receive notifications from. Groups  
with arrows indicate that there are  
Sub-groups, which you can join.

**SZapp**

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# Facebook



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### SEVEN HILLS WEST IS ON FACEBOOK!

Stay connected and up-to-date with news and upcoming events at Seven Hills West Public School.

Step 1: Log into your personal Facebook account.

Step 2: Search 'Seven Hills West Public School'

Step 3: Click on 'Pages'



Seven Hills West Public School  
Public School



Contact Us

Step 4: Like

Please also visit our website [www.sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) for more information, notes and notices.

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## 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.