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17 February 2021

## Principal's Message

**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.



Our school newsletter 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.

## Our Expectations for Success

At Seven Hills West Public School, we have 4 expectations for success:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be a Quality Learner

These expectations support students in the classroom, playground and during extracurricular activities.

To help our students to achieve these schoolwide expectations, we have implemented The Leader in Me program across the school. This program is underpinned by the 7 Habits for Highly Effective People and encourage students to develop the

positive dispositions needed to achieve expectations for success. The 7 Habits include:

- Habit 1:** Be Proactive = You're in Charge
- Habit 2:** Begin with the End in Mind = Have a Plan
- Habit 3:** Put First Things First = Work First, Then Play
- Habit 4:** Think Win-Win = Everyone Can Win
- Habit 5:** Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood = Listen Before You Talk
- Habit 6:** Synergise = Together Is Better
- Habit 7:** Sharpen the Saw = Balance Feels Best

Together with our school expectations and 7 habits, Seven Hills West Public School is supporting our students in becoming successful leaders and global citizens. The Leader in Me program not only lifts academic results in schools, but also the confidence of students to flourish lifelong. To view more information about The Leader in Me program, please click onto this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oC3SuQeQ84o>

## Kindergarten Best Start Reports

Today, the Best Start reports for our 60 Kindergarten students were sent home to our parents. The parent summaries provide an overview of their child's Best Start assessment results and strategies that parents can introduce at home to support literacy and numeracy programs at school.

## Parent Information Night for Preschool and Support Unit Parents

Our Preschool and Support Unit parents are invited to attend a parent information session to be held this Wednesday 17th February via Zoom. Below are the times for the information sessions.

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

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66201233853?pwd=cmw0ZjUvUjdTUEVsNHJOcUNDRTdidz09>

**Meeting ID:** 662 0123 3853      **Passcode:** 914087

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

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66219539733?pwd=OFpna1VCYkZBd2hTMThMYWt1REJYdz09>

**Meeting ID:** 662 1953 9733      **Passcode:** 186792

It is especially important to attend this parent session as you will be able to meet your child's teacher and learn about their educational program.

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.

## **P&C Zoom Invitation to Attend our Term 1 Meeting – Wednesday 17th February**

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

We are very keen for parents to join our Seven Hills West Public School P&C in 2021. The P&C roles that are up for election include: P&C President, P&C Vice President, P&C Secretary and P&C Treasurer. If you are keen to nominate yourself for this role at the AGM, please email Shanti Clements (Principal) via: [sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## **Online Canteen Launches Next Week with FlexiSchools (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)**

We can confirm that our online FlexiSchools canteen will commence next week (Week 5). An arrangement has been made with Blacktown Subway to provide our online canteen meals for 3 days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

To register for our online FlexiSchools Canteen, please follow these instructions:

### **Set up your account**

Download the FlexiSchools App. Download the app from the App Store or from Google Play.

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notification

### **Register**

Open the FlexiSchools App and click 'Like to register?', enter your email address and click 'Register'. You will be sent a registration email. Follow the instructions in the registration email to finish setting up your account. Once your account is set up, login to the FlexiSchools App, select the Profile icon on the grey navigation bar, select Student and 'Add a student', search for their school name, select their year level and class and enter their details.

### **Top Up Your Account**

To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups.

### **Order**

1. Place your order  
In the FlexiSchools App, swipe up and down to find the service category you are interested in, swipe left and right to find the service you are interested in and select the green 'Order' button.
2. Make your selection  
Select the items you wish to order.
3. Make payment  
Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

***If you get stuck on anything, call FlexiSchools on 1300 361 769.***

## **Introducing the Imagination First Program**

This week, Mrs Gupta, Mrs Chanana and I ran a leadership workshop with our Year 5 and 6 students. The Imagination First program will support our Stage 3 students in learning global leadership capabilities and run successful team projects. We look forward to continuing the leadership journey in Term 1.

## **Parent Guide to the NSW Primary Syllabuses**

At Seven Hills West Public School, our teachers use the NSW syllabuses to design our curriculum programs and learning activities. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) develops syllabuses for these learning areas: English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE - History and Geography), Creative Arts, Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) and Languages.

This parent guide provides an overview of our K-6 syllabus documents, the time expectation for each key learning area and the NESA standards that all teachers follow:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/25cb2fe5-c5f4-4ce8-920c-6b4b108bb30a/parent-guide-to-the-primary-syllabuses.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID>

## **Scripture**

At Seven Hills West Public School, students can participate in Special Religious Education (SRE). These lessons are delivered

by authorised representatives of approved religious groups. An SHWPS teacher is present at all our SRE classes. Currently, Catholic and Protestant scripture classes are the only SRE available.

Students who are opted out of Scripture will attend Non-Scripture classes where they will be supervised in an area separate from SRE. Students have the option to read, do a private study or complete homework. No lessons will be provided.

Parents may change their child's SRE selection in writing at any time during the school year.

Scripture classes start next week and take place on Thursdays after recess at 11:30 a.m.

### Wishing you a wonderful fortnight of learning

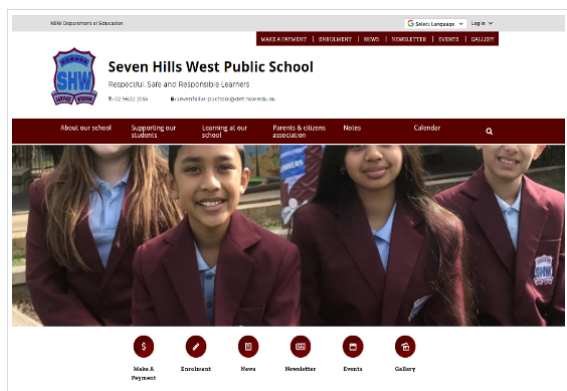
Thank you for choosing Seven Hills Public School for your child. On behalf of our wonderful staff, I wish you and your child/children a happy and safe fortnight of learning.

## Warmly

**Shanti Clements**  
**Principal**

### Check out the Seven Hills West Public School Website

<https://sevenhillw-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 also upload the school newsletter each fortnight and send it to parents via the SchoolZine service.



## Deputy Principal's Message

Wow! Can't believe we are in Week 4 already. Our students and teachers are working extremely hard both in the classrooms and of course just recent success with the School Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all our competitors and those who are representing SHWPS at school at the Zone Carnival.

I have visited all classrooms over the past fortnight and have been fortunate to see such great work samples in all classrooms. I enjoy seeing the each and every child's learning journey and how hard they are working to achieve their own goals.

## Collaborative Partnerships



As we move into the next fortnight, teachers will be arranging meetings with parents to support a collaborative approach to developing Individual Learning Plans and Personalised Learning Plans. We look forward to having the parent/carer and student input into developing these plans.

## Attendance

### Arrival to school in the morning

The school's supervision roster starts at 8:30am. Teaching staff are not available to ensure safety of your children in the playground prior to that time. If you are having difficulties finding supervision, our school does have a Before and After School Care service, Wesley Mission. Opening from 6am -9am and from 3pm to 6pm, Monday – Friday. Please contact Wesley Mission for an enrolment form:

<https://www.wesleymission.org.au/find-a-service/families-and-children/wesley-out-of-school-hours-care/seven-hills-west/>

Whatever arrangements you make, please understand that you remain legally responsible for your child prior to 8:30am when supervision begins. We would therefore ask that you ensure that your child is not left unsupervised at school before 8:30am anymore.

### Kindergarten Arrival

It is highly encouraged, for Term 1 that Kindergarten children arrive at school from 8:45am. As of Week 4, Kindergarten students are now asked to enter the school walk to the school COLA area independently.

### Preschool Arrival and Exit via Gate 3

Preschool children are to enter and exit via Gate 3. A friendly reminder that Preschool hours are:

9am -3pm and the nominated parent/ care MUST sign your child in and out of the preschool. We cannot have children left in the morning and not have a parent/ care sign them in.



## Late Arrivals



Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day;
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine;
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class;
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. So let's get our children to school on time to start the school day.

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

## STAGE UPDATES

### Preschool

Dear Families,

What a busy two week we have had! We now have 20 children coming to preschool each day – Emus - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Wombats - Thursday and Friday.

As we settle into Preschool we are learning the daily routine and our teacher's name – Miss Roche and Mrs North, and the names of our friends. The Emus and Wombat are also learning to find their names on the digital whiteboard as they help to sign in each morning.

We have all loved building our listening and whole-body coordination as we dance to the different action songs- we are requesting different songs each day.

Please follow your child's educational journey on Storypark. We still have a few families to sign up. Important messages will also be posted to you via the community post/announcement section.

Don't forget that our Preschool Information session will be held on Wednesday 17th February at 3.30pm via Zoom. The details are in the Principal update in this newsletter.

Thank you,

**Miss Natalie Roche and Mrs Sharon North**  
**Early Childhood Teacher**

## Early Stage 1

Kindergarten 2021 is in full swing and the children have settled into their classes very well!

They have completed lots of tasks including; painting, reading, writing and learning about our four superheros!

The kindergarten teachers are looking forward to a lot more learning with our new students!



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

## Stage 1

Over the past two weeks 2R have been on a journey to explore Earth's relationship to Space through their literacy activities. They have read texts such as Moonwalkers, Kissed by the Moon and Here we are and identified various common and proper nouns within these texts.

2R students have been also been busy mathematicians trying to count, add and subtract by using concrete materials. They enjoyed working both in groups and individually.

Well done 2R, Mrs Radhakrishnan is so proud of you!



In week three, 1N students started their exploration of the outer space concept across the learning areas of literacy and Creative Arts. Students used star shaped sponges to design and create reorientations of star constellations.

Beautiful artwork, Mr Nunan is proud of you.



2A has made a wonderful start to 2021, it has been a pleasure teaching such an engaged and motivated group of students.

The students have all settled in well and are asking questions and working independently and collaboratively.

Over the last few weeks we have commenced our Geography unit focussing on Australia and its place in the world.

We have commenced our guided reading groups and it has been very pleasing listening to hear all the children read. We have been reading as part of our modelled writing and shared reading time 'Moonwalkers' which has provoked some interesting conversation. We have commenced our Narrative writing and I have been very impressed with the student's level of imagination and writing style.

This week in mathematics we have been looking at Place Value and various 2D Shapes examining their properties as well as looking at various types of lines and investigating parallel lines in the school environment.

### **Matthew Asplin**

Students in 1G have been practicing spelling rules by practicing their spelling words daily.

They have also been using the super 6 reading strategy of 'predicting' to write what they think the book 'Moonwalkers' could be about.



### **Louise Gatt**

## **Stage 2 and 3**

### **Growth Mindset in 6C**

6C have been learning what a growth mindset is and how it helps us in our learning.

"A growth mindset is when you have a positive mind, self-esteem, are willing to change and learn new things. People with a fixed mindset focus on things that they find easy and simple. You can change to a growth mindset by doing challenges, thinking more positively and learning new things."

### **Niya**

"I have a growth mindset. A growth mindset is when you expand your knowledge and put in a lot of effort. If you have a fixed mindset you can have a growth mindset by trying new things."

### **Taylah**

"Brains are like muscles because when you practice and challenge yourself your brain improves and you get better at it."

### **Sanchanaa**

"I have a growth mindset. When you are faced with challenges, a fixed mindset gets annoyed while a growth mindset finds a way around it. Like muscles, if your brain struggles, it learns and grows. You can have a growth mindset by doing new things."

### **Fil**

### **Mrs Sherie Curran**

### **Assistant Principal 3-6**

## **Support Unit**

In Support Unit, we have had an amazing start of the year 2021.

The students are doing a great job at getting to know their new teachers, peers and are settling in with their new school routine.



### **Mrs M Arora**

## **SRC**

In week 5 across Seven Hills West Public School, all classes will be taking time to elect students to represent them as Student Representative Council (SRC) members.

Guided discussions will take place to ensure students are aware of the roles and responsibilities of SRC members prior to students nominating themselves for election.

Students elected will partake in an induction ceremony in week 6 prior to commencement of the position.

Good luck all students wanting to the honour and privilege to represent their class!

### **Mr D Nunan**

## **LIBRARY**

What an exciting and successful week of learning in our school library!

Stage 3 and Stage 2 students explored various texts to develop their information literacy skills and started to plan their PBL projects. Meanwhile, Kindergarten and Stage 1 students immersed themselves in wonderful, fantastical worlds through our amazing range of books.

To be digitally capable individuals, they also started their ICT lessons by using iPads and laptops.



Well done to all students for being involved and enthusiastic learners!

Library Reminders

Many students have borrowed and returned books this fortnight! Please remember your child can only borrow a book if they have a library bag.

Our borrowing days are as follows:

Stage 2(3P,3/4 R and 4B) and Stage 3(5C and 6C)	Monday
Stage 1(1G,1N,2A & 2R)	Tuesday
K-6 A and K-6 D, K-6 W, K-6 M and 3-6 C	Wednesday
Kindergarten (KM, KV and KL)	Thursday

I look forward to seeing you all in the library!

Mrs. Gupta

SCHOOL FEES & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

A reminder that our school fees and voluntary contributions are now due – please refer attached note.



Seven Hills West Public School  
Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

Payment Reminder: School Fees & Voluntary School Contributions

Dear Parent/Carer/giver

School contributions are an important part of our school budget and your assistance helps us to support our learning programs. In 2021, we are asking parents to contribute \$60 for class learning packs (\$35.00) and online subscriptions for literacy and numeracy homework programs (\$25.00). The school will be covering the gap between what parents can pay and the full educational costs of the programs outlined below.

	K	YR 1	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4	YR 5	YR 6
Learning Packs/ Online Subscriptions							
Sigson Maths	N/A	15.96	15.96	15.96	15.96	15.96	15.96
Mathletics	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
WUSKKA Home Reading K-2	10.00	10.00	10.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
EPIC Home Reading Years 3-6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cars and Stars (Years 2-6)	N/A	N/A	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Fourstar & Pinwell (Years 3-6)	N/A	N/A	N/A	66.50	66.50	66.50	66.50
Reading A-Z (K-6 online readers)	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Student Stationary Packs	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Interstate Years 5 & 6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.00
Forge Wellbeing	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
Maths Games (Extension Years 4-6)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.00	5.00	5.00
ACER PAT Assessments (K-6)	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Tech Hub Upgrade (60 Chromebooks)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
	62.50	78.46	88.46	140.96	145.96	145.96	162.96

The 2021 Voluntary School Contribution will be \$40.00 per student with a maximum of \$60.00 per family. These funds will be used to replace K-6 library resources, as well as to purchase additional supplies to support Key Learning Areas. Please note that the Voluntary School Contribution is not compulsory but your support will allow us to provide greater resourcing for your children.

The Voluntary School Contribution may be paid in one lump sum or by instalments. Families who have paid the full amount of the Voluntary School Contribution by 17 April 2021, will be entered into a lucky draw. The major prize being a \$100 credit at the School Uniform Shop.

Please complete the attached payment slip and return it together with your School Fees and Voluntary School Contribution payment in an envelope clearly labelled with your child/ren's name. Payment can also be made via our website 'make a payment', stating your child/ren's name and what fees you are paying. Receipts will be issued in due course and should be kept as proof of payment, as well as for tax purposes.

Thank you, in advance, for your support.  
Sincerely

Ms Shanti Clements (Principal)

Our Lanes Road and Sackville Street Seven Hills NSW 2147  
Telephone: 9422 2156 Facsimile: 9431 6437 Email: [sevenshills@sevenshills.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sevenshills@sevenshills.nsw.edu.au)

A Proud PBL School (Public Behaviour for Learning)

All voluntary fees paid before 1st April 2021 are entered into the draw for a \$100 voucher to spend at our Uniform Shop.

REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES

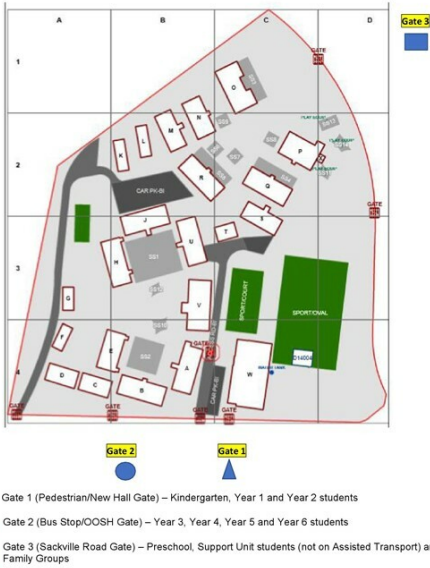
With the hot weather now returning, please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle each day so they can stay hydrated during our summer weather.



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

**At all times**

- Students are split into groups for drop-off and pick-up.
- Students are kept in a safe area until their parent/carer arrives.
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**PHASE 0**

**PHASE 1**

**PHASE 2**

**PHASE 3**

**PHASE 4**

A managed return to school

Guidelines for families

NSW



## We're all in this together



### Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:

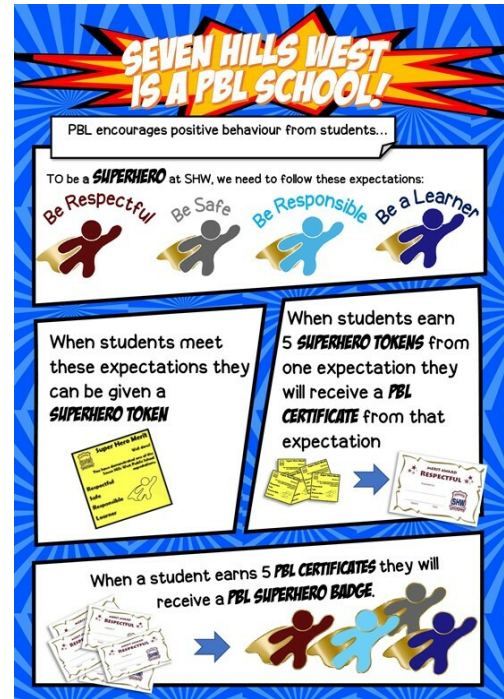
Facebook

Schoolzine

Seven Hills West website



## Positive Behaviour for Learning



## 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.

## 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					
Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	
4	UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am	P&C Meeting 8.15am		Zone Trials	
Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	
5	UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am				
Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	Thursday 1	Friday 2	
6	MARCH Monday 1 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am		TriSkills Gymnastics	TriSkills Gymnastics	
Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	
7	UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am		TriSkills Gymnastics	TriSkills Gymnastics	
Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19	
8	UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am		TriSkills Gymnastics	TriSkills Gymnastics	
Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26	
9	UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am		TriSkills Gymnastics	TriSkills Gymnastics	
Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	APRIL Thursday 1 LAST DAY TERM 1	Friday 2 GOOD FRIDAY	
10	UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am				
Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9	
EASTER MONDAY					
Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16	

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

## Notes and Payments

Please be advised that all school notes and written communication are now placed on our website for your easy access. Families that have requested multiple copies will now need to access the website. We are encouraging the use of technology @ SHWPS!

## Important

It would be appreciated, if when completing permission notes, you could include **the child's FULL NAME (Given Name and Surname) AND CLASS**, in order for the office to correctly identify the student who is participating in the special activity.

## Sending money to school

If paying by cash or cheque, payment envelopes are available to allow office staff to quickly record details for our students.

**A reminder: A permission note must be completed for every student in the family for all activities. Please note the office does not carry change. Please provide the correct money with your payments. We encourage families to pay using our POP – Payment online system via our school website.**

## Collection of Money and Permission Notes

To ensure that students' needs are met on excursions, extra curricula activities and for visiting performances, it is necessary to have procedures in place regarding payments and permission notes. These procedures allow teachers to:

- Ensure that the correct number of teachers are allocated to an activity or excursion
- Buses are ordered for the right number of students
- Book correct numbers for all activities on excursions
- Organise supervision for students not involved in these activities
- Cancel activities if numbers are too low, within a reasonable timeframe.

It will also allow the office staff to have correct numbers, permission notes and money organised before the day of the activity or excursion.

These procedures include any area where money is paid to the school e.g. Excursions, visiting performances, sporting events, book club etc.

**For this to be implemented correctly all money must be paid to front office by the DUE DATE, there will be no exceptions.**

**Permission notes, fully completed with child's name and class, must be given to the front office once you have made your payment online, or at the same time as money is presented.**

In cases of financial hardship, the school **may** be able to assist by contributing a part payment.

Please contact the office for more information.



## Attendance

Student attendance records will be closely monitored. If your child is absent, it is important that a note/certificate explaining their absence is given to the classroom teacher when your child returns to school. Parents/Carers will be given a letter if an explanation is not provided for the student's absence and this must be completed and returned to the classroom teacher so that the student's attendance records will be updated accordingly.

### Student Absences

The Department of Education deems that all students must attend school every day. Families are also advised that holidays should be taken during school holiday periods.

If your child is absent from school please notify the school in writing by either sending an email to the school email or sending a note to the class teacher explaining the absence.

**If your child is sick for one day, you DO NOT need to ring the school but can send a note to school with your child on the following day.**

Absences are recorded in the class roll and this roll is admissible as evidence in a court of law.

- Partial absences are also recorded in the roll, where a child arrives late to school or leaves school early.
- If a student is late to school, a parent should escort them to the office so they can give the reason for the late arrival.
- Students, who are constantly late to school, miss the morning lesson introduction and this can lead to gaps in learning.

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 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 1/2 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!**

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

Welcome everyone to 2021.

**We have an AGM (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING) coming up on March 17th 2021.**

As we will be electing a new committee and we would love to see new faces and ideas to raise funds for our school to provide necessary equipment.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

## Uniform Shop

### 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

**TRANSCEND**  
Guitar School

Learn with the best!

**GUITAR LESSONS SEVEN HILLS**

All Ages  
All Levels  
Fun & Safe  
Music Reading  
All Guitar types  
Great for Kids

Registered & Qualified Teachers

Call or Text to Enquire: 0422149459  
www.transcendguitarschool.com  
30 Carrington Street, Seven Hills 2147

**Lourdes Football Club Registrations are now open for Season 2021**

- Go to Playfootball/Register to register your interest for this season. All ages are open from Under 5 to All Age men and Over 35s.
- Before registering make sure you have your Active Kids Voucher Handy ready to go. This can be obtained through Service NSW
- Contact the club Via our Facebook page for more info.
- You can also email our club secretary on secretary@lourdessoccer.com
- Our club phone number is 0411917780
- Let's get everyone on the park for season 2021

**SHAMROCKS NETBALL CLUB**

**\$30 off for the first 50 registrations**

**FEES**

- Skills - \$93
- NetSetGo - \$195
- Junior - \$220
- Senior - \$275

**ONLINE REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW**

Season begins 24th April 2020. Visit our facebook page or email shamrocks.registrar@gmail.com for more information.

**2021 Sponsors**

**REGISTER NOW TO PLAY SOCCER IN 2021!!**

Pre-season activities begin in March, with the 2021 Soccer Season kicking off in April.

- GREAT FAMILY CLUB
- UNDER 5'S TO SENIORS
- ALL GIRLS TEAMS AVAILABLE
- OPEN GOALS PROGRAM
- WOMEN'S LEAGUE
- ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Home Ground - Lynwood Park, Blacktown  
Register - www.playfootball.com.au  
For more info - www.lourdesfootballclub.com.au  
For more info - 0422149459  
registrar@lourdesfootballclub.com.au

**ardent** Insurance Solutions  
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**CHERRY** APPOINTMENT  
**HOME IMPROVEMENTS**  
**HEALTHYEDGE**  
**IDEAL STAIRLIFTS**  
**SYDNEY HEATERS & PIZZA OVENS**

Register Here

**SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**

**Open Night Year 7 2022**

**Wednesday 24 February**

We invite the parents/carers of current Year 6 students, interested in their child attending Seven Hills High School in 2022, to attend our Year 6 into 7 'Open Night'.

The evening will provide information on the educational opportunities available to students, outline programs and initiatives and provide an overview of school facilities.

We will be conducting three sessions on the night:

- 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- 6.30pm - 7.30pm
- 8.00pm - 9.00pm

To assist us in accommodating as many families as possible, we ask that only one parent/carer from each family attend the evening.

In line with current COVID-safe school guidelines we will be limiting each session to 90 people.

Those wishing to attend please contact the school on 96243329 or register at [tinyurl.com/5b9lkaz](http://tinyurl.com/5b9lkaz) to reserve a seat.



## Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School

11 February 2021

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Over the past several years Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has been implementing High Potential and Gifted Academic Program, (previously known as Gifted & Talented Program), the entry to which has become extremely competitive.

Selection into this academic program is based on an entrance examination. This year, for Year 7, 2022 placement, we will be conducting a Higher Ability Selection Test (HAST).

Testing will occur on **Tuesday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2021**, from 9.00am to 1.00pm at Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School in the school hall. There will be four (4) tests which will include:

- Reading Comprehension
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Written Expression
- Abstract Reasoning

There will be a short break between tests.

Your child will be required to arrive at Northmead CAPA High School at 8:45am on the day of the exam for a 9.00 AM commencement and will need to be collected from school at 1.00pm. Transport to and from Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School is the responsibility of the parent/carer. Your child will need to bring recess, drink and stationery as indicated in follow up documents which will be provided prior to exam. Primary School uniform needs to be worn on the day.

Candidates who arrive late for the first test will be admitted only at the discretion of the supervisor, and additional time will not be allowed.

Please note that this program is for selection to the High Potential and Gifted Academic Program, not the Creative and Performing Arts stream through the audition process. However, application can be made separately for the Creative and Performing Arts stream. The cost to parents for this HAST examination is \$80.00 payable on application and is **non-refundable**.

Placement in the HP & GA Program will be in consideration of placements available as local students have first priority for enrolment.

Payment for the test can be made on line via the school website: [northmead-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://northmead-h.schools.nsw.gov.au) under the 'make a payment' tab noting payment type as "other" and description as 'HAST Test'. Alternately payments can be made at the school front office between 8.00 AM & 12.45 PM. No over the phone payments.

Yours faithfully

*N Vazquez*

N Vazquez  
Principal  
Ordinator

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High Potential & Gifted Academic Program Co-

Ph: 9630 4116 [www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.northmead-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) email: [northmead-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:northmead-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Campbell St. Northmead NSW 2152

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# Northmead

Creative and Performing Arts High School

Audition Information for Parents and Students

## Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.

CAPA Auditions – Monday 22nd March - Friday 26th March 2021

### AUDITIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2022 (AND FOR YEARS 8-11, 2021)

Talented students in Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, Music and Circus are encouraged to apply for positions in the 2022 specialised pathways in either Dance, Drama, Music, Visual arts or Circus.

Local (In Area) students wanting to be part of our selective Creative and Performing Arts program **MUST** also audition.

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has a long tradition as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts. An exciting opportunity is available for talented students to audition for placement in our outstanding CAPA programs.

Students in the specialised streams are afforded a wide range of opportunities to excel in their chosen field with extensive co-curricular programs and a whole school approach to fostering our gifted students' talents.

Auditions will be held for Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Circus on Monday 22nd March to Friday 26th March 2021. The cost of auditions is \$50.00.

Applications close and forms need to be submitted to NCAPAHS by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Please register your interest via our school website or contact Mrs Stepic on 9630 4116  
Email [june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:june.stepic@det.nsw.edu.au)

Audition Application Forms can also be downloaded from our school website.

**Principal:** Narelle Vazquez  
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## Facebook



## Seven Hills West Public School

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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'



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.

Our Lucas Road and Sackville Street Seven Hills NSW 2147  
Telephone: 9622 2136 Facsimile: 9631 6437 Email: [sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
A Proud PBL School (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

## Schoolzine

## 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.



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### INSTALLING SZapp



**Apple devices:**  
1. On your device, open the App Store.  
2. Search the App Store for SZapp.  
3. Download and install SZapp.

**Android devices:**  
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.



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