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17 March 2021

Habit 4 – Think Win-Win:

I want everyone to be a success. I don't have to put others down to get what I want. It makes me happy to see other people happy. I like to do things for others. When a conflict arises, I help brainstorm a solution. We can all win together!



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

What a busy term it has been! I would like to thank our staff, students and P&C for their support of our school's improvement journey. Over the past 8 weeks, we have taken time to conduct staff surveys, focus groups and evaluations of our school's profile against the NSW School Excellence Framework. I am very proud to share that out of the 14 elements of the framework, that our school is Sustaining and Growing in 6 elements and Delivering in 8 elements. These results show that our school's focus on quality education delivery is improving teaching, learning and leadership practices across our school.

Community Consultation on our Draft Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024

This week our school completed the first draft of our Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021-2024. We will be focusing on 3 strategic directions, which encompass 8 key project initiatives to drive a high performing learning culture across the school. Our strategic directions and key initiatives are:

1. Growth and Attainment

Visible Learning and Assessment in Literacy

Visible Learning and Assessment in Numeracy and Science

Practice Changing Practice – Professional Learning Community

This strategic direction will optimise student learning outcomes in literacy, numeracy and other key learning areas by delivering evidence-informed educational best practice that is responsive to the learning needs and aspirations of our students in every classroom.

2. Student Voice, Engagement and Wellbeing

Increasing student voice and learning engagement in every classroom

Enriching student wellbeing and resilience at school

This strategic direction will grow and sustain a culture of learning, wellbeing and engagement for our students, staff and parents by implementing programs that enable every person to connect, thrive and flourish.

3. Leadership for School Excellence

Growing and Sustaining a Culture of Leadership Efficacy

Enriching Student and School Leadership Through the Leader in Me Program

This strategic direction will embed a strategic, distributed and capacity-building mentoring and coaching culture across the school to deliver P-6 educational leadership for school excellence.

We are hoping for parent feedback on our draft Strategic Improvement Plan. Please click on the link to view the draft document.

If you would like to provide feedback, please click on this SurveyMonkey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z9KHDFQ>

Harmony Day Celebrations - Tuesday 16th March 2021

Harmony Day is a day where we celebrate Australian multiculturalism in our community. Harmony Day promotes inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Harmony Day was celebrated at Seven Hills West on **Tuesday, 16th March**. On this day, students were invited to dress in cultural clothing or wear the colour orange. The colour orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. To celebrate inclusion and belonging and promote a celebration of diversity, throughout the week, students will also engage in unique learning activities in their classes around this year's Harmony Day theme: Everyone Belongs. We had a memorable and exciting day!

Thank you to Mrs Moon and Mrs Chhugani for coordinating our Harmony Day celebrations!

FINAL REMINDER NOTICE: P&C AGM and Meeting – 17th March 2021

Our next meeting on 17th March 2021 is our Annual General Meeting where all P&C executive positions are voted on. If you would like to be eligible to vote for people who have nominated to executive positions or to nominate yourself to an executive position, please ensure you are a financial member before this meeting.

You can leave your \$1 P&C member payment with the office in a clearly marked envelope with your name. We will provide this to the P&C. Please ensure any payments are made prior to March 16 so that you can vote.

If you would like to nominate yourself for any of the executive roles (President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary), please send your nomination and a brief bio to Shanti Clements, via this survey monkey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RQLHFKD>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/61382300963?pwd=Vi9ZUThUNW41amZWSnVHekoZcDBZUT09>

Meeting ID: 613 8230 0963

Passcode: 715659

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 family a healthy, safe and inspirational fortnight of learning.

Warmly

Shanti Clements
Principal

Register for our FlexiSchools Canteen

We can confirm that our online FlexiSchools canteen will be running full-time (5 days a week). An arrangement has been made with Blacktown Subway to provide our online canteen meals and we have received very positive feedback from parents about the healthy menu and quality of the food. Please note that Subway are following the NSW guidelines for Healthy Canteens, which supports nutritious and healthy foods for our students.



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

Set up your account

1. Download the FlexiSchools App. Download the app from the App Store or from Google Play. Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notification
2. 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.
3. 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.

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...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

Deputy Principal's Message

Zone Swimming Carnival

I had great pleasure in attending our Zone swimming carnival with four of our students; Aditi, Taylah, Ivy and Alex.

The carnival had a great atmosphere and they all competed so well, with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

We all enjoyed the watching and cheering each other on. They were great role-model and represented our school with pride. Congratulations!



Homework

We look forward to commencing our online homework this week as all teachers have distributed log in details for the following:

K-2 including support: Wushka reading

3-6: Epic reading

K-6 including support: Mathletics

Please see your child's class teacher for any further support or information you may need in accessing these programs.

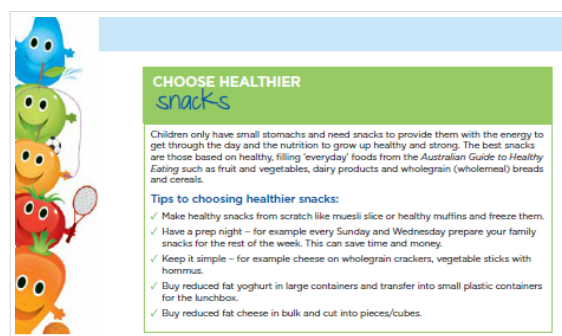
Mrs K Gardiner
Deputy Principal

STAGE UPDATES

Preschool

Preschool Happenings during term one-

Over the past two weeks the Preschool children have been learning about everyday food as we explore which food we can eat every day and which food we can eat sometimes.



Eating everyday foods is one of the 6 key messages of 'Munch and Move'. We have been talking about the great healthy snacks that we can eat at morning tea - First we eat our fruit or veggies and then we can have our cheese, pikelets, yoghurt or popcorn. Here are some great snack ideas from Munch and Move.

We have loved talking about the rainbow coloured fruit and veggies that we love to eat as we talk about the rainbow colours of the fruit and vegetables that we eat. We have even exploring drawing our favourite everyday foods. We have also loved investigating where our everyday food comes from as we have planted more seeds in our garden including lettuce, parsley, carrots and more. We cannot wait to watch to see what grows.

We loved reading the stories about everyday food as we explored the magic lunchbox and the very hungry caterpillar.



Please check out this story to read together

<https://www.healthpromotion.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Magic-Lunchbox-Book-updated.pdf>

We have loved all the great healthy foods that we have been seeing at Preschool each day.

Thank you,

Miss Natalie Roche and Mrs Sharon North
Early Childhood Teacher

Early Stage 1

As part of our music program, Kindergarten created musical instruments to make their own soundscapes. Using materials such as rice, elastic bands, paper and water, students were able to make soft and loud sounds using their musical creations!



Miss S Luc
Kindergarten Teacher

Stage 1

Students from 1G enjoyed getting involved in Clean UP Australia Day by helping to tidy up our school.



Students from 1G had lots of fun participating in Tri Skills Gymnastics. They are developing each their ability to perform movement sequences, combining effort, space, objects and people.



Ms L Gatt – 1G Teacher

Over the past two weeks there has been some quality learning happening in 1N.

While maintaining the theme of 'Space' students have transitioned from learning about imaginative texts to informative texts. This week students were able to create their own piece of informative writing about their favourite planet in our solar system.

Mr Nunan is very proud over everyone's efforts.

Mr D Nunan – 1N Teacher

2R students have been busy bees over the past two weeks.

In Mathematics, we have been studying about Fractions and how to show half and quarter of a collection. We even made a fraction wall in our books.

During Literacy we have been learning about different types of verbs. We also have all been having a lot of fun. 2R created "Starry Skies" by using sponge and paint.

Beautiful work 2R, Mrs Radhakrishnan says well done!



Mrs A Radhakrishnan – 2R Teacher

2A have been very busy over the last two week. The students successfully presented their global world cruise advertisements where they had to plan a cruise covering every ocean and continent and select a port from each continent and include various attractions. I was very proud of every student as standing in front of an audience and speaking can be daunting.

2A have also been learning about fractions in maths last week investigated time using a calendar. Reading groups have been moving along very successfully with each student having the opportunity to read orally and complete various activities based on their books.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their first week of TriSkills Gymnastics and I am looking forward to their continued levels of gymnastics prowess.

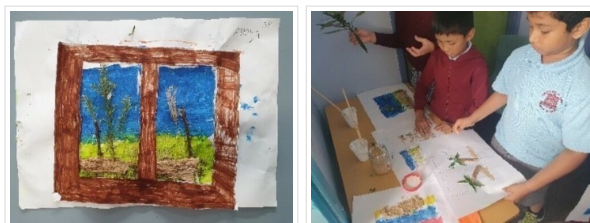
Over the last two weeks we have continued our theme in art based on Space and the students have produced some very fine artwork.

Mr M Asplin – 2A Teacher

Stage 2 and 3

3P has made a great start this year with all students being engaged and enthusiastic learners. We're working hard in Year 3! Check out some of our highlights below

ART



We had a great time creating some very unique artworks this week. We were inspired by the book *Window*, by Jeannie Baker. We explored her illustrations and how she makes them using real materials. Students used materials such as leaves, bark, sand and paint to create 'windows' of what they see outside at home, or used their imagination and visualised what they would like to see. What would you like to see outside your window?



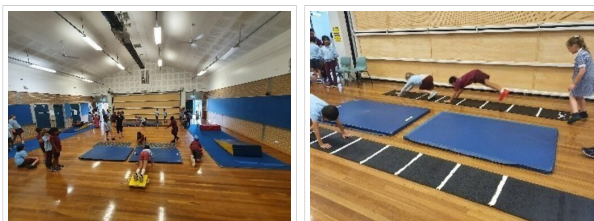
MATHS



Greetings fellow mathematicians! 3P have really shined as we focused on multiplication this week. Fun and interactive activities such as games, hundreds boards, counters and playing cards were used to make our maths skills really stick! Strategic thinking, problem solving and cooperation played big parts in our learning.



GYMNASTICS



Students participated in Tri-Skills this week with Miss Patricia. 3P were engaged and enjoyed developing their core strength, balance and co-ordination. We keenly embraced the challenges of moving through spaces in various ways, including rolling, jumping, springing, pushing up and even adopting body shapes like the pencil, tuck and motorbike shape.



Support Unit

The highlight of the fortnight for our support classes along with the whole school has been the commencement of the weekly Tri Skills Gymnastics. It was a treat and a sheer delight to watch the students thoroughly enjoy their work out sessions. It was the first exposure of our junior support students to Tri Skills Gymnastics but we must acknowledge that they were all performing extremely well and were very happy.

In K-6D we work 'Hand in Hand' and love the 'Hands-on' activities.

We have all settled well into our daily school routine. We adopt the Seven Habits principles in our class and are seeking to create a culture of trust and engagement.

We have been working on Habit 1: Be proactive - We're learning to take charge of ourselves, and Habit 3: Put First things First - We work first and then play.

We love our school SHWPS and cherish learning at school.



SRC

The past fortnight has been a very exciting time for students elected into the SRC for semester one 2020.

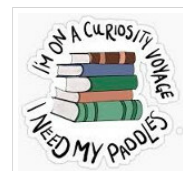
At our assembly class teachers were very honoured to present students with their badges.

This week the SRC meet for their first meeting. Ms Clements, Mr Gardiner and Mr Nunan were very impressed with some of the ideas and concepts which were discussed during the meeting.

Mr D Nunan

LIBRARY NEWS

Robotics exploration in SHWPS Library



All classes and stages participated enthusiastically in the learning design challenge. Stage 2 and 3 students were able to create different prototypes by using We Do 2. They also evaluated these prototypes through the PMI (positives, minuses and interesting points) system. Stage 1, kindergarten and all K-6 classes coded instructions for Dash robots and Blue Bots. What an exciting week of robotics investigations...



Library Lessons

Each class will have a weekly timetabled library lesson where they will borrow books, focus on a variety of library skills, information literacy skills and read for enjoyment.

6C, 5C, 4B, 3/4R & 3P have their library day on MONDAY.
1N, 1G, 2R & 2A have their library day on TUESDAY.

K-6A, K-6D, K-6M, K-6W & K-6C have their library day on WEDNESDAY.

KM, KL & KV have their library day on THURSDAY.

Opening Times

If students have overdue books, they may return these before school and during lunchtime in addition to their regular library lessons. The library is open during lunchtime on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for board games, drawing, reading, computers and some fun clubs! Please come and join us for:

Robotics -Tuesday, Book Club -Wednesday and Chess -Thursday



Premier's Reading Challenge

All students are encouraged to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge which runs from March 1st to August 20th. K-2 students must read 30 books and 3-6 students must read 20 books in their challenge level. Remember that all level-specific PRC books will count towards your challenge and you are allowed to include five books of your own choosing as well! Students are able to record their reading through the PRC logbook available via the [PRC student experience website](http://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/StudentExperience.html#).



Reading: It's the way to grow!

Mrs Gupta

ZONE SWIMMING WRAP UP

A special shout out to some of our amazing SHW students who participated in the Seven Hills/Wentworthville Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at Blacktown Aquatic Centre.

Alexzanda Bolton – 6C

Aditi Nigul – 6C

Taylah Young – 6C

Ivy Young – 3/4R

These students represented our school with pride and should be congratulated on their efforts.

Miss Cole
Sports Coordinator

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							
Signpost 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
WUShKA 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 2-5)	N/A	N/A	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Fountas & Pinnell (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
Interrelate 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	80.46	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 1st 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 Lucas Road and Sodeville Street Seven Hills NSW 2147
Telephone: 9622 2336 Facsimile: 9631 6437 Email: sevenhills@p.school.nsw.edu.au

A Proud PBL School (Positive 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.

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.

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
At all times <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.All students engage with a single entry point.Keep up to date with your school's communication to ensure you receive important messages about changes.Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with temporary school closures where necessary. Learning from home <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will continue to learn from home if they are unable to attend school.Students will continue to learn from home if they are unable to attend school.Students will continue to learn from home if they are unable to attend school.	Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.	Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.	Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.	Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.Students will only arrive for students, teachers and staff.

A managed return to school
Guidelines for families

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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				
Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17	Thursday 18	Friday 19
8 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am		P&C AGM 9.15am	ItiSkills Gymnastics	ItiSkills Gymnastics
Monday 22	Tuesday 23	Wednesday 24	Thursday 25	Friday 26
9 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am			ItiSkills Gymnastics	ItiSkills Gymnastics
Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	APRIL Thursday 1	Friday 2
10 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am	P-6 Easter Hat Parade		LAST DAY TERM 1	GOOD FRIDAY Daylight Savings ENDS Sunday 4th -> Clocks BACK ONE HOUR
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 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!

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday
Sunday

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

Good news to all parents to be allowed onto school grounds once again, and to have the COVID rules starting to ease.

Hoping all your children have settled into their 2021 routines and its great to see new parents coming with their children.

Uniform Shop

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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

PRESCHOOL 2022

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRESCHOOL 2022

If you have a child, or know of someone in the area (a neighbor, friend etc) who has a child turning 4 in 2022 (born **BEFORE 31ST JULY 2018**) - 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.



FREE EVENT

VISA
☒ Approve
☒ Denied

PARENT VISA FORUM

Parent Visa presentation from migration specialist
Migration Agent
SANJAY DESHWAL
 followed by Q & A
 Learn about Conditions, Timeframes, Costs

Pop Up Community Hub
 CRN will provide information and flyers about local services

ENJOY CHAI TASTING
 Tea is the international drink that is said to be the cure of all problems.
 We can't guarantee that but we can have some fun.
 How well do you know your teas? Come and have a go at Chai (tea) Tasting

SAT 20 MARCH 2021
10.00AM - 12.30PM
 Venue: Glendenning Neighbourhood Centre
 Golding Drive, Glendenning 2761

Hear from a specialist and learn about the **My Aged Care** scheme and the benefits it offers you

For more information, contact info@icsa.net.au
 Registrations - Go to <https://parentvisaforum.eventbrite.com.au>

Part-Time Work

1x Permanent part time position - Colyton Public School & St Josephs Primary School - Schofields - 9339

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
- Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

School crossings for St Joseph's Primary School - Schofields require 20 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 8.00am - 9.00am and 2.00pm - 3.00pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

School crossings for Colyton Public School require 10 hours of supervising per fortnight. Shifts fall between 2.30pm - 3.30pm, Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- Reliable in good or bad weather
- Good communication skills
- Community spirit
- Positive energy

If it does, visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au to apply today!
 Applications close Sunday 21st March 2021



COVID-19

FREE TESTING

NO REQUEST FORM REQUIRED

Laverty Pathology are supporting the local community and schools with our COVID-19 collection service.
 If you do not have a request form we can easily organise one for you - The important factor is to GET TESTED to reduce infection - it doesn't matter how often, or how many times.

We are available at the following locations for easy, convenient and compassionate testing.

Location	Address	Service
Laverty	156 Best Road	Seven Hills (Walk in)
Laverty	148 Great Western Highway	Westmead (Walk in)
Carpark	213 Forrester Road	St Marys Drive-through
Carpark	Gate C Eastern Road (Sportspark)	Rooty Hill Drive-through

- We welcome students of all ages, parents and teachers.
- No appointments and no referrals are required - just come along and be tested.
- The test is bulk billed / no charge to you.
- We will collect your specimen.
- All results will be sent to your doctor.
- Negative results are available to you via SMS within 24-48 hours.
- You will need to show your ID, Medicare card and pathology request form (if you have one).

laverty.com.au

OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED

The Children's Hospital at Westmead's Emergency Department has moved to the Westmead Health Precinct's newest building.

When travelling down Hawkesbury Road, turn left, when you see the Children's Emergency sign. It is also just a 250m walk up Hawkesbury Road from our main entry. You can also access the Emergency Department from inside the Hospital.

Parking is available underneath the building, as well as a 15 minute drop-off and pick-up zone, located outside the front doors.

Walking route from our current Hospital to the new building

SEVEN HILLS FESTIVAL

Saturday 27 March | 10 am to 4 pm | Grantham Reserve, Seven Hills
blacktown.nsw.gov.au

THE HILLS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL



YEAR 7 - 2022
Talented Sport Program Trials


AFL, Athletics, Baseball, Cricket, Cheerleading, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Girls 7's Rugby, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Touch Football (Girls) Water Polo.
Become a part of the Hills Sports High School as we work hard every day to "Strive for Success."

Submit your application today!

APPLICATIONS: hillsport-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
MORE INFORMATION: School Office - (02) 9622 7300

APPLY NOW

BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



cordially invites
**Year 6
Parents and sons**
to the
**Year 7 2022
Information Afternoon**
on
Thursday, 29 April, 2021
at
4.00 to 5.30pm
**Blacktown Boys' High School Library
Fifth Avenue
Blacktown**

- Explore the best choice for your son's future.
- Consider the benefits of a boys' school, which values learning, respect and safety.
- Gifted and Talented Program information available.
- Selective High School admission test information.
(Blacktown Boys' is a partially selective high school)

For further information or to confirm attendance for catering purposes, please contact the school:
Phone: 9622 1558 Fax: 9831 2282
Email: blacktownb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you.

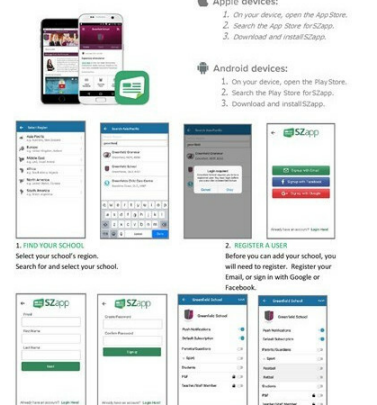
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INSTALLING SZapp

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.

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'



Step 4: Like

Please also visit our website www.sevenhillsw-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.