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## Habit

### Habit 5 – Seek First To Understand Then To Be Understood:

I listen to other people's ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking.



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Wow! What a fabulous Term 1 we have had ... and what a busy week the final week of the term has been!

Thank you to our wonderful staff who have worked hard all term to provide dynamic learning and engaging class activities.

Thank you, also, to our Executive and Leadership Teams for their amazing support all term. Our school could not run without your dedication and professionalism.

## Cross Country

Thank you to Miss Cole for coordinating our P-6 Cross Country and Sports activities on Monday. What an exciting day it was for the children to participate in a whole school sporting event!

The children were super engaged and enjoyed all of the activities.

Thank you to our teachers and students for giving 100% on the day!

## Easter Hat Parade

On Tuesday, we ran our Easter Hat Parade and Assembly. All classes participated in the Easter Hat competition (and their teachers too!).

Congratulations to Indi, Sosefina and Braxton for winning the competition.

Thank you to Mrs Gatt for organising the special event and to Mrs Mortlock for her wonderful story telling.

## NAPLAN Omnibus

This week, our Years 3 and 5 students participated in the NAPLAN online practice sessions as part of the state's NAPLAN Omnibus program.

Thank you to Miss Cole for coordinating the program and to Mrs Gupta for administering the training in the library.

## Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024

Thank you to our parents and teachers who have given feedback on our school's Strategic Improvement Plan. A copy of the 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan has been uploaded to our school website and can be accessed from:

<https://sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-planning-and-reporting.html>

It has been wonderful to work closely with our parents, staff and students to develop our educational priorities for the next 4 years.

## Annual Report 2020

Our executive team and teachers have been working on our Annual Report for 2020. It is in the final stages of completion and will be published on our school website in Term 2.

I am very proud of our school's accomplishments last year, particularly when you consider the challenges we faced with COVID-19. Thank you to our teachers for their enormous

dedication and professionalism in creating a quality teaching and learning culture at our school.

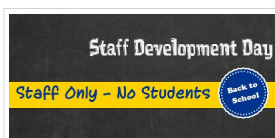
## Welcome to our new P&C Executive Team for 2021

We had a fabulous P&C AGM meeting on the 17th March with 15 parents attending. I am pleased to announce a new P&C Executive Team for 2021:

**President:** Diya Gandhi  
**Vice President:** Meha Raut  
**Secretary:** Sarli Guha  
**Treasurer:** Susan Cooper  
**Auditor:** Rahul Guha  
**Uniform Shop:** Rania Fahel & Kellie White

Together, I know we will create a fabulous school and parent partnership which benefits every student at our school.

## School Development Day – Term 2



Please note that Monday 19th April is a School Development Day.

All staff will be consolidating their training in The Leader in Me program and participate in collaborative curriculum and assessment planning for their classes.

## Wishing You A Wonderful Holiday

On behalf of our staff, I wish you a wonderful Easter Holiday and Term 1 break.

The last day of school will be Thursday 1st April and Term 2 will recommence for students on Tuesday 20th April.

Wishing you a safe, happy and healthy holiday.

## Warmly

**Shanti Clements**  
**Principal**

## 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.

<b>EVERY DAY COUNTS...</b> 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 a 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.

NSW Department of Education

## 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

What a wonderful term it has been!

Yesterday saw our P-6 Cross Country event and the participation from our students was fabulous. It was a hot afternoon and yet we saw a great sportsmanship from our students.

A big thanks to Miss Cole and Mrs Swanson for organising this event. Students qualifying for the Zone carnival will be notified early in Term 2.



I will everyone a Happy Easter and a well-deserved holiday.

**Mrs K Gardiner**  
Deputy Principal

## STAGE UPDATES

### Preschool

It is the end of first term of Preschool! It has been great to see how independent our Emu's and Wombat's have become as they take responsibility for themselves each day.

We are building our friendships with our peers, and learning to work together as a while group.



Our favourite parts of the day are playing and exploring our indoor and outdoor environment, helping to garden and singing songs. This term some of our favourite digital stories and songs have been Pete the cat - I love my white shoes, the colours of Australia and the gingerbread man.

Thank you to everyone for the comments and suggestions on Storypark. Please keep us posted with any current interests at home. What a fantastic first term!

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

### Early Stage 1

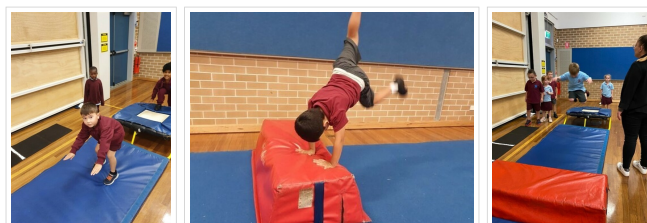
#### On Fridays we do Gymnastics!



Gymnastics is a fun learning experience that the whole school participates in. On Fridays it's Kindy's turn!

Each week the experiences differ to meet their fundamental movement skills requirement in a fun and engaging way.

Gymnastics is also a great way for Kindy to learn social skills and work as a team to balance, roll and jump through each activity!



**Mrs A Vlahopoulos – KV Teacher**

### Stage 1

#### 1N

The end of term one is fast approaching, but lots of work is still being done in the 1N classroom!

Our focus on informative texts has continued over the previous fortnight and students have progressed to starting to write their own informative reports independently.



This week Mr Nunan was very impressed with the facts students were able to write about their favourite planets. Wishing all families a happy and Safe holiday and look forward to returning in Term 2.

**Mr D Nunan – Teacher**

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a very busy few weeks. Congratulations to all the Year 2 students who participated in this week's Cross Country event.

This week also marks our annual Easter Hat Parade and it was fantastic to see the students proudly wearing some very colourful and imaginative Easter hats.

As part of our Geography unit, Year 2 has been busy designing and creating their own suburbs in small groups and it has been very pleasing to see the level of co-operation and collaboration amongst the students as they have been planning their suburbs.

The students have also been continuing work on Information Reports in writing and have been developing their research, note taking and report writing skills. Students have written various reports relating to our Modelled Reading/Writing and Geography units.

As part of our Mathematics, we have been learning about Patterns and Algebra and also Chance.

Last week we concluded our four week Tri Skills (Gymnastic) program and it was very pleasing to see the students make continual improvements in all facets of their gymnastic skills.

Mathletics and Wushka will still be online over the break so students are encouraged to continue reading and reinforcing their mathematical knowledge.

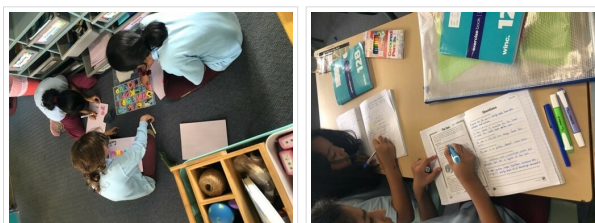
We would like to congratulate all the Year 2 students on their effort and work throughout the Term 1 and we are very excited about what is to come in Term 2.

We wish all our students and their families a very happy and safe Easter holidays.

**Mr M Asplin and Mrs A Radhakrishnan - Teachers**

## Stage 2 and 3

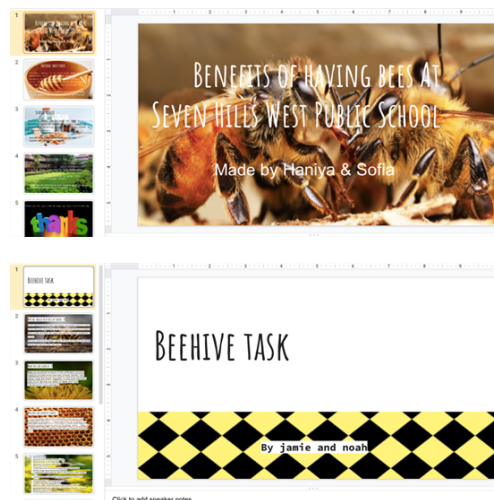
In 5C we have been working hard to improve our literacy knowledge by participating in word work activities to enhance our phonemic awareness, to improve our comprehension and to work on our writing.



Throughout the term, we have been learning about persuasive texts. Over the last few weeks, we have been putting out writing

knowledge into action and have been trying to develop a digital text with a partner.

Students from 5C have also been working really hard on developing a digital text about the benefits of getting a beehive at Seven Hills West.



**Ms A Cole - 5C Teacher**

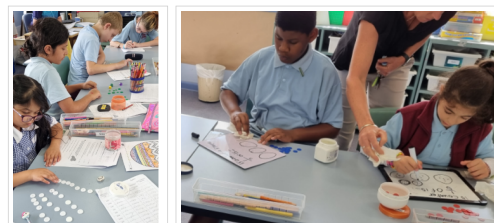
## Support Unit

What a fantastic term it has been for 3/6C! There has been so much new learning and lots of fun.

This term in literacy, we have commenced structured writing tasks. The students worked hard to build their background knowledge and vocabulary so that they could construct informative texts. All students have been busily learning about animal classifications, habitats, diet, appearance and breeding. I have been very impressed with their work, and they should be very proud of themselves.

In Mathematics, we have spent a lot of time learning about number, time, patterns and algebra, fractions, 2D shapes and 3 D objects. We will continue to learn about more complex mathematical concepts.

Strategic thinking, problem-solving, and cooperation played significant parts of our learning.



**Mrs K Chhugani – 3-6C Teacher**

## SRC

The past fortnight has seen the year 6 leaders and fellow SRC members come to a conclusive decision about the direction they would like the school to progress in.

During Term 2, students will work collaboratively to create and lead a Multicultural TLIM (The Leader In Me) Olympics. Countries will be chosen before research is conducted on their

history, culture and sports activities as well as being aligned with one of our 7 Habits.

This is an exciting time, and all parties are looking forward to participating in this come next term!

**Mr D Nunan**

## P & C News

The AGM for the P&C was held on Wednesday 17th March 2021.

Our new committee consists of:

President – Minal Gandhi

Vice President – Meha Raut

Secretary – Sarlii Guha

Treasurer – Susan Cooper

Auditor – Guha Rahul

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator – Rania Fahel & Kellie White

We thank these parents for taking on these important roles and welcome everyone to the P&C and thank you for supporting our wonderful school.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st April at 9.15am in the Exec Hub and via Zoom.

Please try and join us – your input and assistance in any way to help our school is always greatly appreciated.

## 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.

### NEW DAY FOR UNIFORM SHOP

As from Term 2 – the Uniform Shop will be open on TUESDAYS 8.30am to 9.30am.

We thank Ms M Fawcett for her support with the uniform shop, and now welcome Ms R Fahel as our Uniform Shop coordinator.

## UNIFORM SHOP

### NEW HOURS

Uniform Shop will be open

**EVERY TUESDAY**

8.30am to 9.30am

Alternatively, completed uniform orders, with cash payment, can be sent to the office, and we will fill the orders on a Tuesday morning and distribute to the student.



### P & C Committee



### 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.

- ## Order

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

## Calendar

TERM 1 – 2021					
Planning Sheet for Term 1 – 2021					
10	Monday 27	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 31	APRIL Thursday 1	Friday 2
	UNIFORM SHOP & 3.00am – 9.00am	F-4 Easter Hall Parade	Supertower Assembly	LAST DAY TERM 1	GOOD FRIDAY  Dewlight Savings PAGS Sunday 4P Clocks SACK ONE HOUR
	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9
	EASTER MONDAY				
	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16

<h1 style="text-align: center;">TERM 2 – 2021</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Planning Sheet for Term 2 – 2021</h2>						
1	<b>APRIL</b> <b>Monday 19</b> <b>STAFF</b> <b>DEVELOPMENT</b> <b>DAY</b>	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23	
		<b>ALL STUDENTS RETURN</b>  Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30	<b>P&amp;C Meeting</b> 9.15am			
2	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	
		Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30			Zone Cross Country	
3	<b>MAY</b> <b>Monday 3</b>	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	
		Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30				
4	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14	
		Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30				
5	Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	
		Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30	<b>P&amp;C Meeting</b> 9.15am			

## REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES

## 00SH PICK UP/DROP GATE

## SEVEN HILLS WEST OOSH

Please **DO NOT USE** driveway gate.

## Managed return to school for families guidelines

**NSW Department of Education**

**At all times**

- Ensure you are engaged in the work with students and staff.
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- Bring up the difficult conversations to the appropriate level of the school or system.
- Any identified cases of child sexual abuse or child sexual exploitation must be reported to the appropriate authorities immediately.

**Learning from home**

Phase 0

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Phase 1

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Phase 2

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Phase 3

- Ensure you are engaged in the work with students and staff.
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Phase 4

- Ensure you are engaged in the work with students and staff.
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- Bring up the difficult conversations to the appropriate level of the school or system.
- Any identified cases of child sexual abuse or child sexual exploitation must be reported to the appropriate authorities immediately.



## We're all in this together



### Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:

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Schoolzine

Seven Hills West website



## Important Reminders

### ALLERGY ALERT

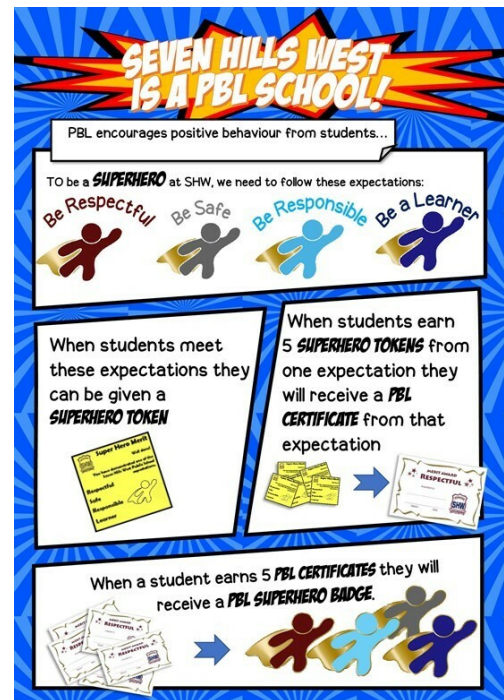
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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



## 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.

## 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.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Remember, Daylight Savings will be ending during our School Holiday Break – Sunday 4th April.

Turn your clocks BACK ONE HOUR

## 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 31<sup>ST</sup> 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.








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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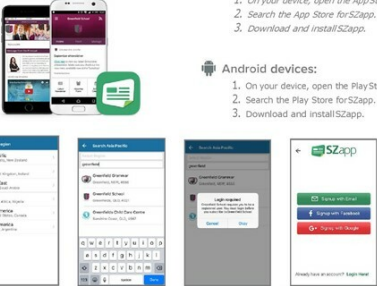
### INSTALLING SZapp

**Apple devices:**


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

**Android devices:**

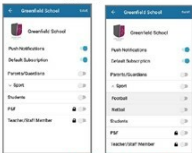
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**1. FIND YOUR SCHOOL**  
Select your school's region.  
Search for and select your school.



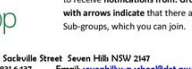
**2. REGISTER A USER**  
Before you can add your school, you will need to register. Register your Email, or sign in with Google or Facebook.




**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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## Facebook



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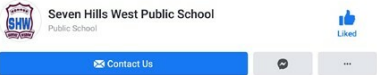
### SEVEN HILLS WEST IS ON FACEBOOK!


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.sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/) for more information, notes and notices.

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