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Habit 6



I value other people's strengths and learn from them. I get along well with others, even people who are different from me. I work well in groups. I seek out other people's ideas to solve problems. I know that "two heads are better than one". I am a better person when I let other people into my life and work.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 2. It has only been a week and already we have had such an exciting Term.

Congratulations to Hrishaan Parikh (2R) and his family who won a \$100 gift voucher from our School Uniform Shop for being the winner of the Voluntary School Fee Contribution lucky draw competition. Well done, Hrishaan!

Welcome

With the start of Term 2, we have great news to share about new staffing positions at our school. Welcome to:

Mrs Amanda Le Couteur for taking on the role of Relieving Assistant Principal (Support)

Mrs Bek Mortlock for taking on the role of Relieving Assistant Principal (K-2)

Mrs Ashleigh Soriente for taking on the role of Learning and Support Teacher on Monday and Tuesday each week. Congratulations Mrs Le Couteur, Mrs Mortlock and Mrs Soriente on your appointments and dedication to our school.

Check In Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy

This week, our Years 4 and 6 students have participated in the NSW Check In Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy. Thank you to Mrs Gupta for administering the Check In Assessments in the library, and to our students for doing their best efforts.

Muffins with Mum

We are extremely excited about running our first fundraiser for 2021 - our **Muffins with Mums** (Mother's Day celebration). Don't forget to RSVP for our **Muffins with Mums** event and join our school celebration on Friday 7th May.



P&C

Thank you to our 2021 P&C Executive Team for their amazing partnership and hard work during the two weeks since they have been elected. Together we will lift the quality of our school's educational programs and support every child in reaching their full potential.

We would like to congratulate our 2020 P&C Vice President, Sarah Brown, on the recent birth of Dusty. On behalf of the students and staff at SHWPS, we send Sarah, Jai, Jordy, Stella and Dusty our best wishes. Welcome to the world, Dusty!

Parent Workshops – The Leader in Me Program

With the 2021 implementation of **The Leader in Me** program, we are keen to find out if parents would like to attend a workshop about the 7 habits and ways to support the program at home. If you are keen to attend a parent workshop, please let us know via this SurveyMonkey link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5QLYDRP

Our Term 2 School Development Day

What a great Term 2 School Development Day we had with our staff. We participated in a range of workshops to support student self-regulation and wellbeing in our classes. Staff took part The Leader in Me Core 1 training, which focused on the fundamentals of teaching the 7 habits and engaging student voice. They also spent time working on collaborative programming for the Term 2 class programs. As part of the programming, teachers shared illustrations of practice to support K-6 thematic planning and assessments.

Annual Report 2020 and School Improvement Plan 2021-2024

Our Annual Report 2020 and Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021-2024 have been published on the school website. Thank you to our students, staff and parents for their feedback during the consultation process. Thank you to our P&C for their endorsement of our educational priorities over the next 4 years.

Thank you for a fabulous start to Term 2. We wish you a wonderful term ahead.

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.

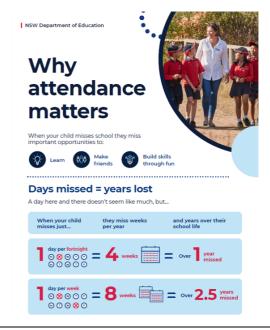
Absences are recorded in the class roll and this roll is admissible as evidence in a court of law.

- 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.

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1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishin Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 % years of school	Equal to finishin Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishin Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Please endeavour to maximize your child's attendance at school to ensure that they have the best start possible, every day!

If you are intending to take leave for more than three days, and you know in advance, it is important that this be discussed with the school as an application for leave may be required. If your child is absent for longer than three days it is important that you contact the school to let them know the reason for the absence.



Intensive Support Program

As part of the Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional funding has been provided to schools to provide supplementary support to some students. A note was sent home today to those students selected for this additional support program. We are fortunate to have 2 COVID tutors join our school, Ms Marianna Raffoul and Mr Anders Glew who will work alongside our Learning and Support teachers.

Australian Early Development Census

In the coming week our Kindergarten teachers will begin the Australian Early Development Census. The census helps to build a nationwide picture of our children's health and wellbeing as they begin school. Teachers answer questions about five key areas that are important for children's development:

- Physical health and wellbeing
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive skills (school based)
- Communication skills and general knowledge

To find out more about the AEDC, please read the frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at the link below or phone 1800 092 548.

https://www.aedc.gov.au/parents/faqs



Mrs K Gardiner Deputy Principal

STAGE UPDATES

Preschool

Welcome to Term 2 for Preschool. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead of learning and fun.

In ELLA this term we are excited to be learning the different fruits and also to count from 1-10 in Japanese as the Polyglots go on adventures to the zoo and at the birthday party!

As part of our Munch and Move program we will also be starting to build our fundamental movement skills (FMS). Over the next month we are learning about running and jumping. We showed great direction and control as we moved our arm and legs together while looking in the direction we needed to go. You might like to practice these skills at home

We are also continuing to read stories from the Premier's Reading Challenge. If you have read any great stories at home

please send the book into Preschool so that we can share it together. Shared reading is such an important part of building our early literacy skills.

On May 19th for Wombats and 21st May for Emus, we will be joining in simultaneous story time by reading - Give Me Some SPACE.



Please remember to tell us at drop off/ pick up or on Story Park if there is any interest that your child has that we can follow up at Preschool.

What a busy term we will be having.

Miss Natalie Roche and Mrs Sharon North Early Childhood Teacher

Early Stage 1

Kindergarten attended their first whole school Anzac Assembly on Friday.

In the lead up, teachers used the text Anzac Ted to teach the students about the meaning of Anzac Day in a child friendly way.

The students were reverent and respectful during the assembly and had further discussions when they went back to class.

Mrs R Mortlock Assistant Principal

Stage 1

1N

Welcome to Term 2, 1N!

This week in 1N students wrote excellent recounts of their holidays.

It was lovely hearing about all the interesting and exciting activities students did in the holidays.

Students respectfully attended and participated in the ANZAC Day assembly at school and where able to make great links to the theme of cultural diversity which we are looking at in literature this term.

Mr Nunan is looking forward to seeing everyone grow and learn throughout term 2!

Mr Nunan

1G

Students in 1G warm up to thinking mathematically by using concrete materials to play targeted early numeracy games.



Students use counters, dice and ten frames to represent numbers in between 10 and 20. They roll dice and continually add on until they reach 100 using hundreds charts.

Miss Gatt

2A & 2R

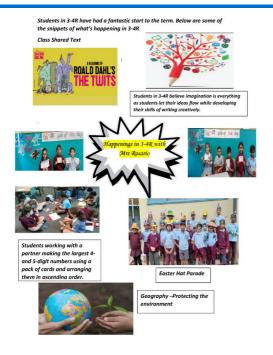
Welcome back. We trust that everyone in Year's 1 and 2 had a wonderful and relaxing holiday.

This week already has been very busy. As a school we commemorated ANZAC Day and spent some time reflecting and learning about the importance of service and sacrifice to our past and present servicemen and servicewomen. The students created a wreath and did various activities to mark the occasion.

2A has had a change of library time and is now on a Friday and 2R will stay the same and have their library lesson on Tuesday.

Mr Asplin and Mrs Radhakrishnan

Stage 2 and 3



All students performed the role respectfully and responsibly. The SRC coordinators are very proud of their efforts.

SRC meeting will commence in the coming weeks and have a focus on planning the 'Multicultural Olympics' for the end of term.

Mr D Nunan

P & C News

Welcome back!

Hope everyone had a wonderful school holidays. Looking forward to a fun filled and educational Term 2.

A 'BIG CONGRATULATIONS' to the winner of the lucky draw (Voluntary School Fee Contribution) Hrishaan from 2R who won a \$100 gift voucher from School Uniform Shop.

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 and Ms K White as our Uniform Shop coordinators.

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

SRC

This week the SRC members had the very important responsibility of laying their class wreaths during the ANZAC day assembly.



Please be mindful – if sending food with students that requires a spoon or fork – kindly ensure you send utensils with your child. We are unable to supply these to the students.

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

- 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.

 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.
- 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.



Calendar

		Plannina	Sheet for Term 2 ~ 20	21	
2	Monday 26	Tuesday 27 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30 Zone Cross Country
3	MAY Monday 3	Tuesday 4 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7 Winter PSSA begin
4	Monday 10	Tuesday 11 Uniform Shop 8.30+7.30	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14 PSSA
5	Monday 17	Tuesday 18 Uniform Shop 8.30-7.30	Wednesday 19 P&C Meeting 9.15am Eve Test - EMU's	Thursday 20	Friday 21 PSSA Eye Test – WOMBAT's
6	Monday 24	Tuesday 25 Uniform Shop 8.30-7.30	Wednesday 26 Choir Rehearsal 1 9-12	Thursday 27	Friday 28 PSSA
7	Monday 31 Interrelate	JUNE Tuesday 1 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4 PSSA
8	Monday 7 Interrelate	Tuesday 8 Uniform Shop 8,30+9,30	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11 PSSA
9	Monday 14 QUEENS EIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Tuesday 15 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30	Wednesday 16 P&C Meeting 9.15am	Thursday 17	Friday 18 PSSA
10	Monday 21 Parent/Teacher Interviews	Tuesday 22 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30	Wednesday 23 Pyjama Day P-6	Thursday 24	Friday 25 PSSA LAST DAY TERM :

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

REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle each day so they can stay hydrated during the school day.



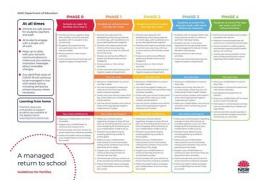
Additionally, a frozen popper in the lunch box will defrost by lunchtime and be refreshing for your child to drink.

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.

Managed return to school for families guidelines



We're all in this together



Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via: Facebook Schoolzine Seven Hills West website



Important Reminders

ALLERGY ALERT

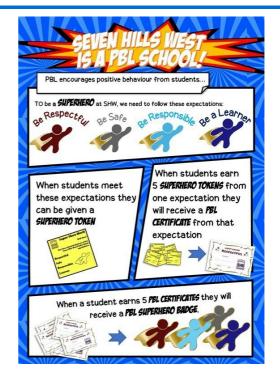
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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

PRESCHOOL 2022

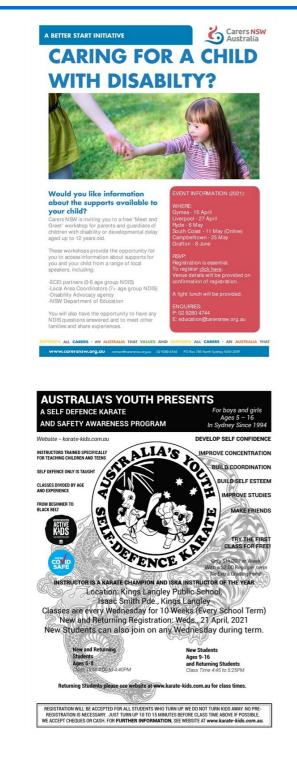
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PRESCHOOL 2022

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.



Community News



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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.

Important

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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.