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## Habit

### Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

Sharpen the Saw means preserving and enhancing the greatest asset you have--you. It means having a balanced program for re-energising yourself in the four areas of your life: physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Feeling good doesn't just happen. Living a life in balance means taking the necessary time to renew yourself. It's all up to you. You can renew yourself through relaxation.



## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

To all our students and families who have been commemorating Ramadan, I wish you a wonderful Eid al-Fitr celebration on Thursday 13th May. Eid al-Fitr is known as the Feast of Fast-Breaking and it marks the end of Ramadan. Eid al-Fitr is a joyous occasion but its underlying purpose is to praise God and give thanks. Old wrongs are forgiven and money is given to the poor. Special foods are prepared and friends or relatives are invited to share the feast. Gifts and greeting cards are exchanged and children receive presents. What a very special time for many of our families.

## NAPLAN Online

This week, our Years 3 and 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN Online Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy. The test window for NAPLAN Online is nine days, compared to three days for paper-based NAPLAN. This extended test window allows schools more flexibility in scheduling and accommodates schools that have fewer devices than students. See the full test timetable or download the NAPLAN Online test window infographic (PDF 1.1 mb).

The NAPLAN Online test window is nine days. Day 1 is a Tuesday and Day 9 is the Friday of the following week. Students who are absent when their class participates in the tests can sit catch-up tests later in the test window.

The writing test must be scheduled within a two-day test window and schools must schedule writing from the first day of the appropriate two-day test window. For Year 5, the writing window is day 1 and 2. The tests need to be taken in a specific order. Individual students are not permitted to sit the online tests after Day 9.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test (on day 1 only) Year 5 must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only)	Year 3: 40 minutes Year 5: 42 minutes	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	To be completed <b>before</b> the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 50 minutes	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Conventions of language	To be completed <b>after</b> the reading test	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 45 minutes	This test assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	To be completed <b>after</b> the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 50 minutes	This test assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

On behalf of our whole school, I wish our Years 3 and 5 students all the best with NAPLAN over the next 9 days. I thank our teachers and parents for their amazing support of our students.

## Muffins with Mum

Thank you to our Mums and Grandmums who attended Muffins with Mum on Friday. Due to the weather, we were fortunately able to host the session outside of the hall and comply with the COVID-19 safety guidelines. We had over 200 orders ... which is the first successful P&C and school fundraiser held since Term 1 2020.



Thank you to our 2021 P&C Executive Team for their amazing support. Thank you to Mrs Neylan for coordinating the organisation for Muffins with Mums.

## Playground Upgrade

You may have noticed that our playground has recently had an upgrade with a range of literacy and numeracy activities added for our children to play on. Our students and teachers are very excited by the colourful and engaging playground games.

Thank you to Mrs Bruce for coordinating this special project with much love!

## Reminder: 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>

I wish everyone a wonderful fortnight of learning. Take care and stay safe.

Warmly

**Shanti Clements**  
**Principal**

## Automated Pedestrian Gate 1

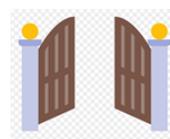
Our new automated pedestrian gate at Gate 1 is now in operation.

Please be aware that Gate 1 will be open from 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm daily.

Should you need to enter the school at other times during the day – please press the buzzer – wait for the Admin office to respond – then wait until the gate opens before entering.

**Please DO NOT push or pull on the gate.**

You will also need to press the buzzer when exiting and wait for the Admin office to respond – again, please wait until the gate opens before exiting.



## 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.

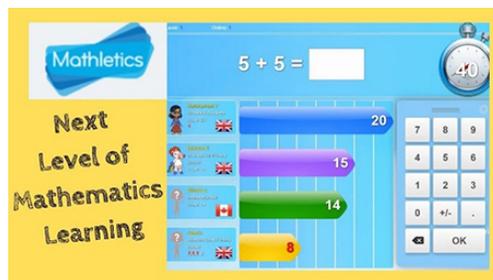
- Students, who are constantly late to school, miss the morning lesson introduction and this can lead to gaps in learning.

**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!**

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday



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

## STAGE UPDATES

### Preschool

#### Preschool happenings - Going on adventures to school

Our preschoolers are becoming more independent!

At the end of Term 1 and beginning of Term 2 the Emus and Wombats have been enjoying going out the Preschool gate to visit the School. Special events we are a part of include cross country, Easter hat parade and ANZAC Day Assembly. Both groups have been learning to walk together as we safely explore the playground.

The Wombats were very excited to go on a special adventure to the oval to use the soccer nets and to explore our parachute. We cannot wait to go back to the Yarning circle and Oval again.

We are looking forward to an exciting Term 2. Please remember that on 19th May for Wombats and 21st May for Emus we will be joining in simultaneous story time by reading – 'Give me some SPACE'.

Please also remember to tell us at drop off/ pick up or on Storypark if there is any interest that your child has that we can follow up at Preschool. What a busy term we will be having.



Thank you,

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

### Early Stage 1

Students in Kindergarten have enjoyed learning about the meaning behind ANZAC. As part of their learning experience, students participating in the making of ANZAC biscuits. They first created their procedure and then followed it through. The students were then able to take their little dough ball home and enjoy it amongst their families!

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

### ONLINE HOMEWORK

A friendly reminder that all students have access to online homework.

If your child is not able to log in, please contact their class teacher. We are looking forward to seeing all students participate.





## Stage 1

Students in 1N have been working very productively over the past fortnight. As a class we have constructed a mission statement to drive and guide our learning and development going forwards throughout the rest of the year.

“In 1N we are safe, respectful and responsible learners who try our best every day. We are not afraid to make mistakes when we are learning, playing or being friends. Every day we try to make each other smile!”

We hope all 1N mothers had a great mother’s day and enjoyed their cards students made for them.

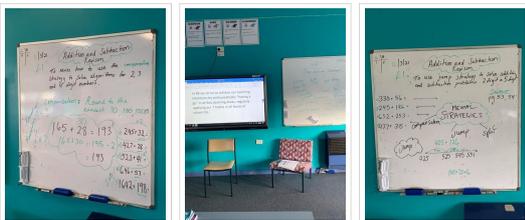
**Mr Nunan – 1N class teacher**

## Stage 2 and 3

### 4B

In 4B, we have looked back at past successes in Term 1. These were Learning Intentions and how we can be organised and resilient learners, striving for excellence.

Creating our “Mission Statement” together as classmates was a definite highlight of the first three weeks of Term 2 and we would like to share it with our school community.



## Mission Statement 4B – 2021

In 4B we strive to achieve our Learning Intentions by enthusiastically being “proactive” in all Key Learning Areas, regularly applying the 7 Habits in all facets of school life.

**Mr R Blood – 4B Teacher**

## Support Unit

What a busy start to the term we have had! Here in K-6 W we have been busy getting to know each other as we start the new term with a new teacher.

This term we are focusing on our Mathematics and using our skills in everyday situations. This has included keeping a chart to document the weather, playing games to increase our fluency with numbers as well as addition and subtraction activities. We have all had so much fun that we often loose track of time and get surprised by the bell for recess or lunch.

Over week 3 class K-6W worked hard on a special craft activity for Star Wars Day (May the 4th). Everyone worked hard colouring, cutting and gluing to make their own set of Yoda ears. The class was so proud of the finished product we decided to visit and surprise Ms Clements.



**Mrs A Le Couteur**

**Support Assistant Principal & K-6W Teacher**

## P & C News

Attached is a copy of the Agenda for our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 19th May at 9.15am in the Exec hub and via zoom.



	Agenda Item	Timing
1	Welcome - by President (Minal Gandhi) (Welcome of Zoom and face-to-face attendees)	5 min
2	Member contribution (\$1 for voting rights) (update on new financial members)	1 min
3	Minutes of last meeting (April 2021)	2 mins
4	Correspondence received (Sarli Guha)	
5	Outstanding Action Items: • Financial and audit updates (Rahul Guha)	10 mins
6	Treasurer's Report (Susan Cooper) - Projections and planning for 2021 - Donation to the school	10 mins
7	Principal's Report (Shanti Clements)	10 mins
8	Events & Fundraising Planning for 2021 o Father's Day o Colour Run o School Disco	10 mins
9	Any Other Business	5 mins

## 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.

#### 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.
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.**

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.



## ZONE CROSS COUNTRY



On Friday 30th April Mrs Zollinger and I accompanied 34 of our Seven Hills West superstars to the Seven Hills/Wentworthville Zone Cross Country Carnival which was held at Alwyn Lindfield Reserve in Glenwood.



Congratulations to all the students from Seven Hills West who participated in the Zone carnival.

EVENT – 8/9 Yrs Boys	EVENT – 8/9 Yrs Girls
Cooper 2A	Delinda 2A
Keenan 2A	Senawata 3/4R
Abdalla 2A	Caitlyn 3/4R
Ian 4B	Ivy 3/4R
Shivam 4B	Anaya 3P
EVENT – 10 Yrs Boys	EVENT – 10 Yrs Girls
Naman 4B	Charumeena 4B
Aras 4B	Shuva 5C
Aman 4B	Mansi 5C
Awumb 5C	Prerana 5C
EVENT – 11 Yrs Boys	EVENT – 11 Yrs Girls
Kachul 5C	Haniya 5C
Josiah 5C	Viniisha 5C
Tate 5C	Amara 6C

Jayden 3-6C	Subhali 5C
	Emele 5C
	Taylah Young
EVENT – 12/13 Yrs Boys	EVENT – 12/13 Yrs Girls
Alexander 6C	Sanchanaa 6C
Thomas 6C	Chelsea 6C
Benedict 6C	
Koby 6C	



**Miss A Cole**  
**Sports Coordinator**

## Calendar

### TERM 2 – 2021

Planning Sheet for Term 2 – 2021					
	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13	Friday 14
4		Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30			
5	Monday 17	Tuesday 18 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30	Wednesday 19 P&C Meeting 9.15am Eye Test – EMU's	Thursday 20	Friday 21 Winter PSSA begins Eye Test – WOMBAT's
6	Monday 24	Tuesday 25 Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30	Wednesday 26 Superhero Assembly 2pm 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 QUEENSLAND BIRTHDAY 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 Superhero Assembly 2pm Pyjama Day P-6	Thursday 24	Friday 25 PSSA LAST DAY TERM 2
	Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 1 JULY	Friday 2
	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	Wednesday 7	Thursday 8	Friday 9

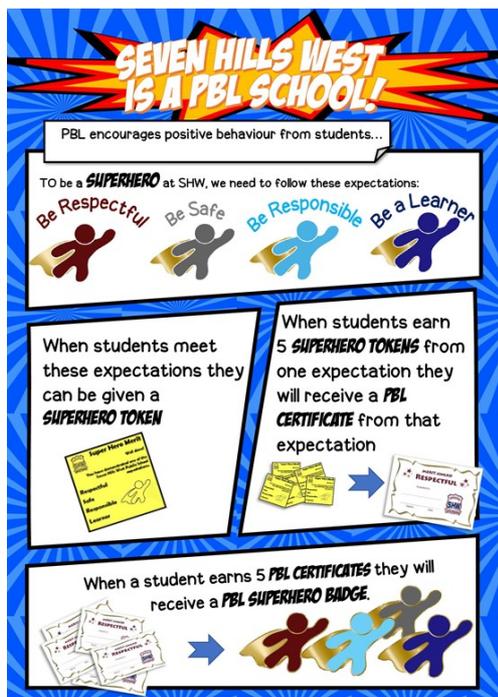
Dates and activities are subject to change. Please review newsletter, our Facebook page and/or our school website, for any changes.

## REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES

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



## 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.

## 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.



## Community News

### Schoolzine



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### INSTALLING SZapp

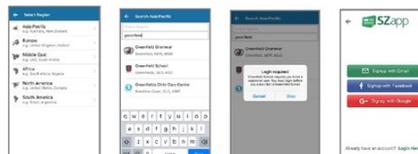


Apple devices:

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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## 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'



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Contact Us

Step 4: Like

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

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## Important



Please note, SHWPS Facebook page is for informing parents of up-coming events/changes in dates/event cancellations and also showcasing photos of students and their events.

**DO NOT use this forum to request appointments**/interviews with teachers or ask about upcoming events. Should you need to contact a teacher or have a question, please ring the school on 9622 2136 to assist you with your enquiries.

Thanks.