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LEADERSHIP HABIT FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Habit4

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

Thank you for your understanding with the changes to school operations for the start of Term 3.

The updated advice from the NSW Department of Education as announced by Premier Gladys Berejiklian at Saturday's press conference is that:

***"Parents must keep children – of all ages, across primary and secondary schooling and early childcare – home if they can. Students will be supported to learn from home. Schools and early childhood education and care services, including Out of School Hours Care services are open for any child that needs it. Thank you for your support."* (NSW Department of Education)**

Please understand that if there is an adult at home during the day then children must be supported to learn from home, and only attend school if supervision is required.

With the recent positive COVID reports linked to Seven Hills, we urge our families to remember the importance of keeping children at home wherever possible, and to minimise mobility to stop the spread of the virus. We encourage all students

to participate in their Home Learning program for their safety during these challenging times.

Please note that as part of the government restrictions, there will be reduced staff on site each day. With the restricted staff and students on site during this phase of the Level 4 lockdown, **Gate 1 will be the only gate opened for students to enter and leave the school grounds.** A teacher will be on duty to monitor the students at the gate. We request that parents wear face masks and following social distancing guidelines when dropping off and picking up their children.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding during this challenging time as we try to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and keep our community safe.

Virtual Learning 'Stars'

It has been amazing to see the fabulous engagement and participation of our students and families during Week 1 and 2

So much great learning has been happening every day with every student in every class.

Thank you for your amazing support. Thank you, also, to the dedication and hard work of our educators. Throughout the holidays and this week, they have designed rich and exciting learning tasks for our students.

At the end of Week 1, we celebrated our Virtual Learning Star Students! These students were exceptional in completing their online home learning activities. Please click on the link below to view the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mG4YbQCNiZQ>

Congratulations to our Week 1 Stars:

KL – Akshithaa
KM – Zion
KV – Kael
1G – Salsabeel
1N – Pihu
2A – Abdalla
3P – Kelley

3/4R – Subaksanaa
5C – Prerana
6C – Dooa
K-6D – Hadiya
K-6W – Edwin
K-6A – Leon
K-6M – Mikael
3-6C - Tye

We look forward to celebrating our Week 2 Virtual Stars this Friday.

Thank you!

We appreciate your support during this difficult and complex time where the situation and guidelines are constantly evolving.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school via email at sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone (02) 9622 2136.

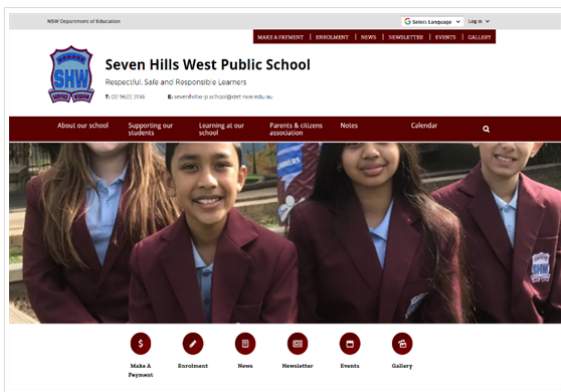
We encourage all families to regularly check the Seven Hills West Facebook, school website, SchoolZine and their class communication platform (Google Classroom/Story Park) for further updates if there are changes to school operations related to COVID-19 health recommendations.

Warmly

Shanti Clements
Principal

Check out the Seven Hills West Public School Website

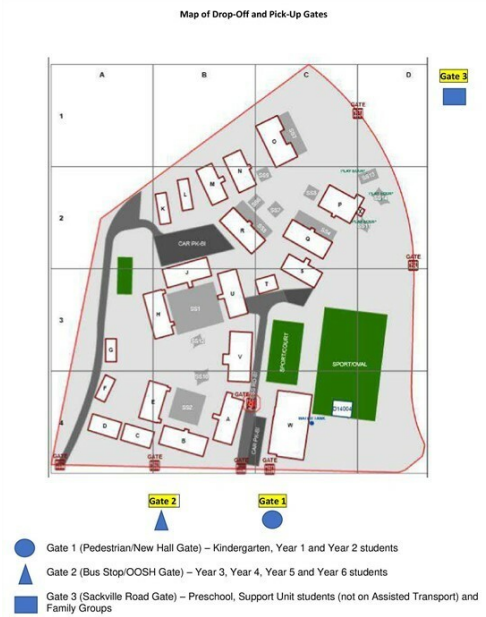
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For all up-to-date newsletters, policies, calendar events and class information, please regularly visit the school website (hosted by NSW Department of Education).

We also upload the school newsletter each fortnight and send it to parents via the SchoolZine service.

GATES



PLEASE NOTE:

During LEVEL 4 lockdown – **GATE 1** (Lucas Road – at School Hall) is the **ONLY** gate for entering and exiting the school.

COVID-Safe School Operational Plan

Level	Overview	Guidance on mask wearing
Level 1	School operating in a COVID-safe environment... <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimised open-to-the-air community sport activitiesStaggered start and end timesStaggered drop-off and pick-up timesStaggered dismissal timesStaggered lunchtimesStaggered school bus arrivalsStaggered school bus departuresStaggered school bus arrivalsStaggered school bus departures	Full face covering is required for all staff and students
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We're all in this together



Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:

Facebook

Schoolzine

Seven Hills West website



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!**

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

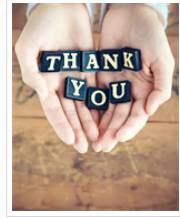
Deputy Principal's Message

Remote Learning

A huge thank you to our families and staff for all your efforts with Remote Learning.

The staff are using Google Classroom as a consistent digital platform across the school to continue to support your child/ren and deliver an educational program that is interactive and user friendly.

We are all in this together, so please make sure you contact your child's class teacher for support.



Staffing

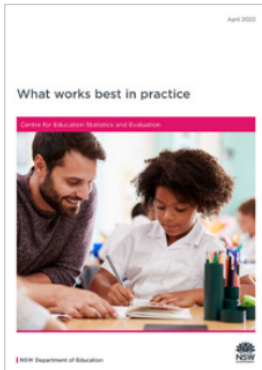
Mrs Karen Bax is our newly appointed EALD teacher.

Our teachers are now checking in with all classes via Zoom and Mrs Bax would very much like to see all your faces and introduce herself to you all.

Mrs Bax has already begun to contact families to offer support and provide resources to help our families with English as a second language.



Teacher Professional Learning



Our teachers have been continuing to engage in Professional Learning to enhance their teaching and support reaching our Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) school targets.

This month teachers are working through the CESE 'What Works Best: 2020 Update' modules. As a staff we are focussing Collaboration, Effective feedback, High Expectations and Use of Data to Inform Practice.



Our Executive team have been engaging in further Professional Learning on The Leader in Me and using this to training to enhance our school culture and leadership team, as in our school Strategic Direction 3: Leadership for Excellence.

Finally, please take care during this time where we need to support one another and look out for you and your family's wellbeing.



Mrs K Gardiner
Deputy Principal

STAGE UPDATES

Preschool

Thank you for your continued support as we move to our new digital online learning program.

We are loving the engagement from the Preschool community!

Please keep sharing your work samples and photos.



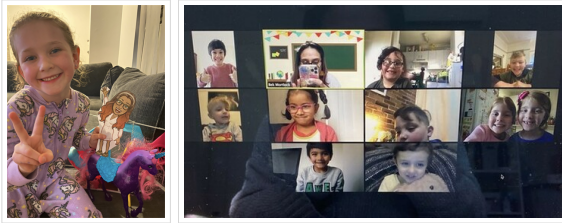
Thank you for sharing your work samples and photos as we all learn from home during these challenging times.

Please stay safe,

Miss Natalie Roche and Mrs Sharon North
Early Childhood Teacher

Early Stage 1

Kindergarten has had a wonderful time learning from home! Our students have had the opportunity to engage in online Zoom sessions with the teachers and have been taking lots of photos to share!



A big thank you to the community for rallying together during this time of uncertainty!

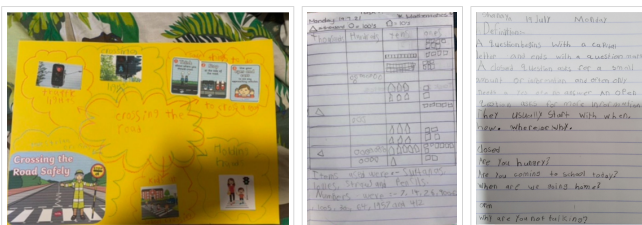
Mrs R Mortlock
Relieving Assistant Principal

Stage 1

Welcome back to Seven Hills West for Term 3. We hope you had a safe and restful break.

Given the challenges of the current lockdown situation, our stage 1 teachers have been busy preparing *Remote Learning activities* for all our returning and new students. This term we will be focusing on Information reports; Number, Algebra, Measurement and Geometry; History; PDHPE and Music.

The daily tasks will be assigned to students through Google Classroom. It has been amazing to see our students well engaged in their learning despite working from home and many have produced beautiful work.



Well done Stage 1 - Miss Gatt, Mr Nunan, Mr Asplin and Mrs Radhakrishnan are so proud of you! Keep working hard and be safe.

Mrs Radhakrishnan - 2R Teacher

Stage 2 and 3

Miss Pham, Mrs Rosario, Mr Blood and Miss Hussain have been so impressed with how the Stage 2 and Stage 3 students have adapted to learning from home.

In the first week all students were tasked with writing an information report about an Olympic country, sport or athlete. Here are some of the fabulous examples that our students created throughout the week.

OLYMPIC BOXING
Boxing is a combat sport in which two people usually wear protective gloves and other protective equipment such as hand wraps and mouthguards. They throw punches at each other for sometimes in a boxing ring.

Olympic style boxing is a very different sport to the professional boxing most people are used to watching it on tv. As the sport is normally much faster and the scoring is focused on these skills.
An olympic boxing match for box men and women lasts three rounds, each for 3 minutes.
Five Judges sit at the side of the ring. They watch the fight and each award points for what they think to be successful hits.
The referee can end a match if someone is hurt and a doctor says the match should be stopped. A match can also end if a competitor receives three warnings.
Boxing has since been popular when it was first introduced to the olympics by st.louis USA 1904.

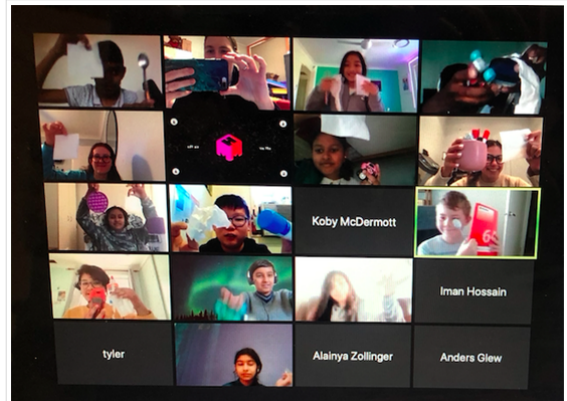
China
China is a country that has the population of 1.4 billion people and is well known for their Great Wall and Beijing is its capital city. China is universally the leading source of all consumer electronics and produces more high technology and low range products than any other country. They are known for their low cost gadgets and toys. They use the renminbi as their main form of currency, which is also used in Burma, Hong Kong and Macau, until 2009 and was used as well in North Korea.

China's events are the lantern festival, Chinese New Year, Duamw festival and more. The colour red in China symbolizes happiness. The main language in China, Mandarin, is used by a whopping 92 percent of its population, the rest speaking other hundreds of languages. Did you know that China is the largest Asian country by land mass? They are huge! But what attracted me to China are the animals that they have. In China there are many unique animals, such as the red panda and the giant panda and the chinese alligator. There are even rare animals found there that I haven't even heard of and didn't know of until I read about them, namely:
- The white-flag dolphin that used to be at the Yangtze river but is feared to have been fully wiped out already.

Stage 3 Zoom

This week 5C and 6C have been joining on some Zoom meetings to check in with their teachers, go through the activities for the day, have question time and have a little bit of fun along the way with a scavenger hunt.

It has been lovely to see all of the students who have been able to join us and we hope this is a nice way of getting to connect with your teachers and classmates in a virtual way.



I would also like to provide a special shout out to Miss Pham, Mrs Rosario, Mr Blood and Miss Hussain who have worked around the clock to ensure our students are able to have meaningful and engaging activities for our students to complete while learning from home.

I am extremely grateful to be surrounded by such a supportive and hard-working team who have learnt so many new skills themselves and have given up weekends and the holidays to get our digital daybooks up and running.

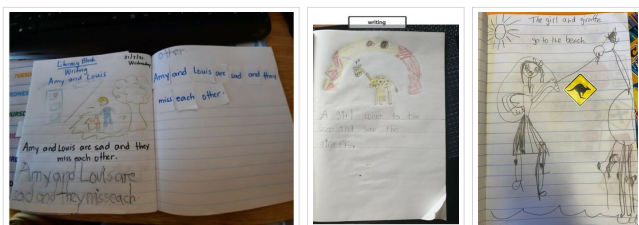
We can't wait for when everyone can return to school safely and we can be back learning together in our classrooms but for now keep working as hard as you have been on your digital workbooks.

Miss Cole - 5C Teacher

Support Unit

Thank you for your continued support as we move to the online google classroom.

We are taking the opportunity to continue our learning and build on our typing and computer skills. All the students are working very hard. Thank you to our families for sharing your learning and work samples.



Please stay safe

Mrs M Moon, Miss S Judge, Mrs G Chanana , Mrs M Arora & Mrs S Dias – Class Teachers

EYE TESTING

Due to the current Covid 19 restrictions in force, the eye testing has been cancelled this term.

We will advise of the new date for next term when it is confirmed.

P & C News

July's P&C meeting has been cancelled.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18th August 9.15am.

Please keep updated via Schoolzine and FaceBook.

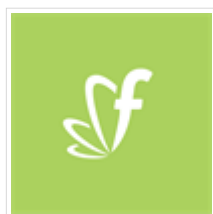
Uniform Shop

Our Uniform Shop is temporarily closed.

We will communicate when it is can re-open.



P & C Committee



Flexischools is temporarily not operating.

We will communicate when it can re-commence operation.



Food for school

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.



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.

Please **DO NOT USE** driveway gate.

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.

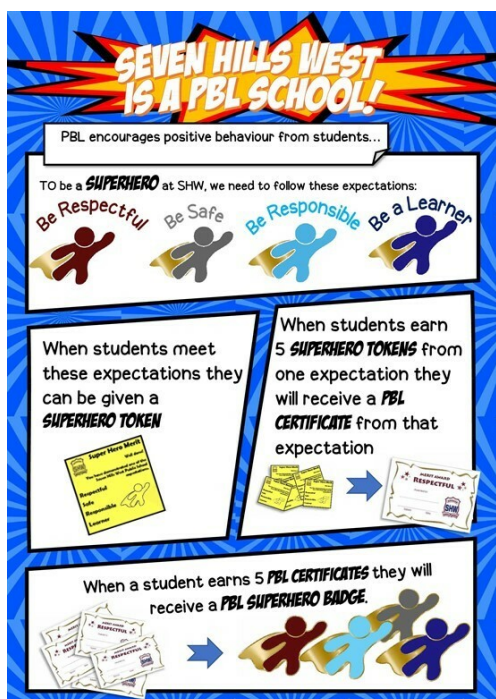
Your understanding and support in this very important health issue are greatly appreciated.

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.

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

Schoolzine



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INSTALLING SZapp

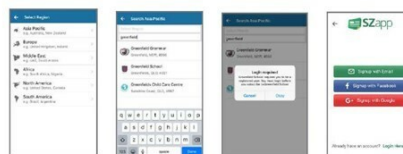
Apple devices:

1. On your device, open the App Store.
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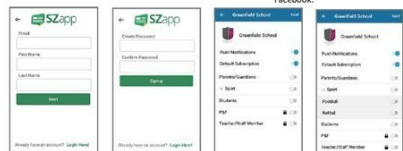


1. FIND YOUR SCHOOL

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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PRESCHOOL 2022

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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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Please also visit our website 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.