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LEADERSHIP HABIT FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Habit 2



Habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind: I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my family and contribute our family's mission and vision, and look for ways to be a good citizen.

Principal's Message

This week our school has seen an increase in students attending school and we have attendance levels that are significantly above other schools in Sydney.

I want to remind all our families that there is minimal supervision on site at our school for those students who cannot be educated at home, for example if their parent or carer is an essential worker. All students and families will be supported with learning from home materials and resources.







If you are working from home, and your child is able to be educated from home, please keep them at home.

I want to thank all the families who have continued to support our community by keeping their children at home to minimise movement in the community. Get in touch with your teacher to discuss any additional needs for your child or family to support you to continue learning from home.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Celebrating Education Week 2021

Today we finish celebrating Education Week 2021 – celebrating virtually this year of course.

This week we have seen lots of innovative and creative learning from our students in every Google Classroom. Our students have certainly embraced this year's theme of 'Lifelong learners'.

Education Week is a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge our students, staff, school and NSW public education while celebrating the achievements of students.

I would like to express my appreciation to our students, teachers, school leaders and school support staff.

In spite of the tough times, you all continue to show strength, resilience and a commitment to ensuring the best outcomes for our students and young people.

Virtual Learning Stars

Congratulations to our Virtual Learning Stars for Week 3. To check out the Virtual Learning Stars assembly, please click on:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pJewDZVLSFQ

KL - Elindra

KM – William

KV - Darsh

1G - Sana

1N - Krishan

2A - Nitya

2R - Shanaya

3P - Era

3/4R - Caitlin

4B - Aras

5C - Noah

6C - Chelsea

K-6A - Reagan

K-6D - Harvey

K-6M - Oliver

K-6W - Archie

3-6C - Shiza

ICAS update

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The Parent Payment System is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

The web link is:

https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps

Our school's unique access code is: ORQ507 Online payment closes Sunday 19 September, 2021.

Below are the details for each test:

Subject	Week of assessment	Cost (Includes GST)
ICAS Writing	Tuesday, 5 October 2021	\$21.45
Year 3-Year 6	to	
	Friday, 15 October 2021	
ICAS Digital Technologies		\$17.05
Year 3-Year 6		
ICAS English		\$17.05
Year 2-Year 6	Tuesday, 5 October 2021	
ICAS Science	То	\$17.05
Year 2-Year 6	Friday, 29 October 2021	
ICAS Spelling Bee		\$17.05
Year 2-Year 6		
ICAS Mathematics	7	\$17.05
Year 2-Year 6		

Staffing Update

I would like to official welcome Jee Kim, Tim Larkin and Laura Payne to Seven Hills West Public School:

Jee Kim - our new Assistant Principal of Years 3-6 and Specialist Programs comes to us from Auburn West Public School.

She led an exciting STEMS whole school program and has designed science curriculum with the NSW Department of Education.

Welcome, Jee!

Tim Larkin – our new Year 6 teacher. Tim was recently a Deputy Principal in Victoria and comes highly qualified as a teacher, leader and Student Welfare coordinator.

We wish you a wonderful start at Seven Hills West PS, Tim.

Laura Payne – our new School Chaplain, has joined us from the Generate School Chaplaincy program.

She will be working closely with our Learning, Wellbeing and Support Team to assist our student wellbeing programs.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful fortnight of learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, staff and school.

Stay safe and well.

Warmly

Shanti Clements Principal

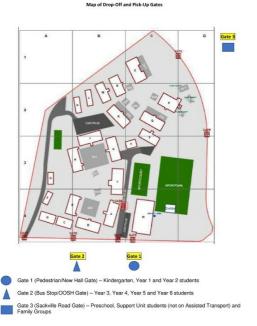
Check out the Seven Hills West Public School Website

https://sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/



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.

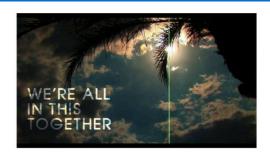


PLEASE NOTE:

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





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.

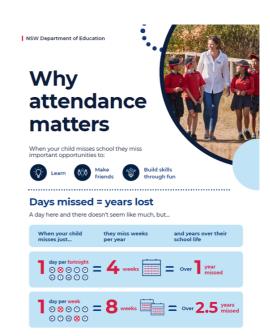
Absences are recorded in the class roll and this roll is admissible as evidence in a court of law.

- 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.



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.



ZOOM LEARNING



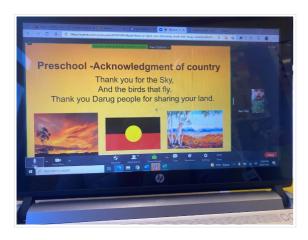
Deputy Principal's Message

Here is a little something that our Student Learning and Support Officer (SLSO) shared with me this week and I wanted to share this with our community.

We are all in this together.



I am fortunate to be added to all our student Google classrooms and I had the pleasure of joining the Preschool Zoom catch-up.



It was lovely to start the day with the 'Acknowledgement to Country'.

The feedback from our students is they are really enjoying the Zoom sessions and being able to talk and see their peers and teachers. It is a great place to ask questions and have the teachers talk through the learning for each day.

I look forward to joining all classes this week via Zoom!

NCCD

Seven Hills West Public School has completed the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD). Please see parent/caregiver letter.

NCCD



Mrs K Gardiner
Deputy Principal

STAGE UPDATES

Preschool

The Emus and Wombats have been busy over the last few weeks as they learn from home.

We have received so many photos, drawing/ writing samples and videos. As we move to home learning it is so great to see the life-long learning that is happening.

Last week was 'Early Learning Matters Week', a week to celebrate learing before students turn 5. It has been a pleasure to watch the amazing thinking and learning continue as together we help to grow great human beings - everyday!

The students and teacher have also loved building connections as we join together for our Preschool Zoom sessions.



We have loved being able to share stories, dance and sing songs together. It has been so beautiful to watch as the students spot their friends and say 'hi'. As we use Zoom the students are learning to greet each other, communicate with their peers and learn to tell stories.

Even though we are apart, we can be together during these challenging times.

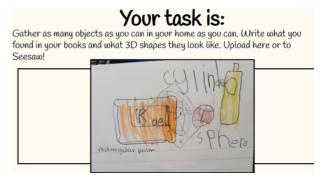
Stay safe,

Miss Natalie Roche and Mrs Sharon North Early Childhood Teacher

Early Stage 1

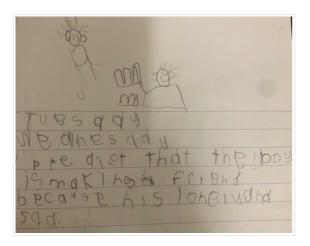
In Kindergarten, students have been learning a lot of new skills such as how to mute their mics and raise hands on Zoom. Kindergarten have also been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, using objects from around their houses to find objects that look like those shapes.

Kael's work sample (KV):

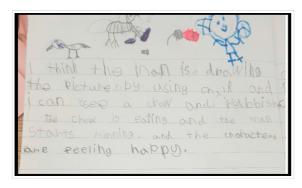


They have also been learning how to make a prediction based on the cover of the text they're looking at. This week the text was 'Chalk Boy' by Margaret Wild and Mandy Ord.

Noah's work sample (KM):



Shamyudha's work sample (KL):



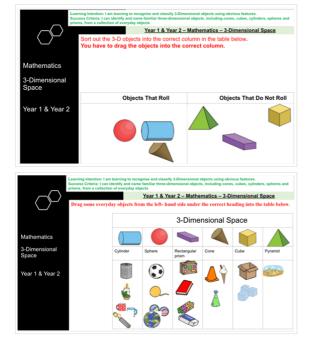
Early Stage 1 Teachers

Stage 1

Mathematics

In Mathematics, students in Stage 1 have been learning about 3-Dimensional objects and sorted a variety of household items into different headings. They determined which 3-dimensional shape each object would best fit into and also investigated which shapes can and can't roll.

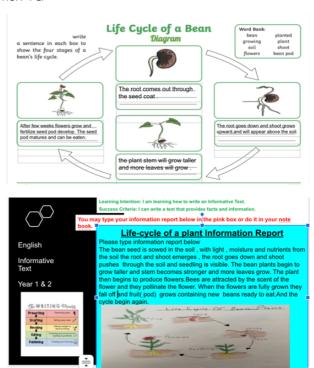
William 1G



English

In English, students have been reading the informative text Wonder Earth which explores what it means to belong to our Earth home. They are learning how to write information reports and how to draw life cycles. Stage 1 investigated the life cycle of a bean plant and produced an informative text that included a 'Life cycle of a Bean Plant' information report and diagram.

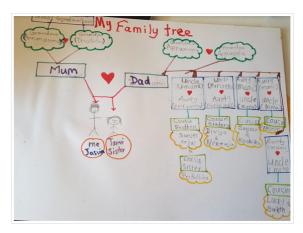
Jasmeh 1G



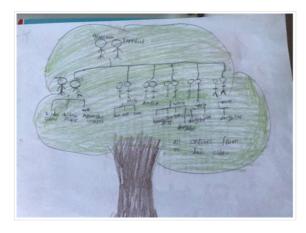
History

In History, Stage 1 have been learning how to identify differences in family structures today and in the past. They studied the family structure of an indigenous boy named Dante and answered questions about his family. Students also examined the structure of their own family and drew a pictorial representation.

Jasvin 1N



Anoosha 2A



Health and Physical Education

In Health, Stage 1 students have been learning how to stay safe and healthy. They created a healthy meal plan and drew pictures of healthy food they can eat. In Physical Education, Stage 1 students have been learning about how to increase their fitness and coordination by performing fundamental movement skills.

Devaani 2R

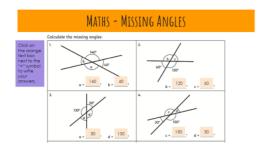


Stage 1 Teachers

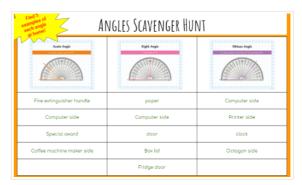
Stage 2 and 3

Mathematics

In Mathematics, students in Stage 2 and 3 have been focusing on measurement and geometry and angles. Stage 2 have been learning about different types of angles and have found examples of each type of angle at home. Stage 3 have been learning about adjacent and vertically opposite angles and how to calculate the size of missing angles.



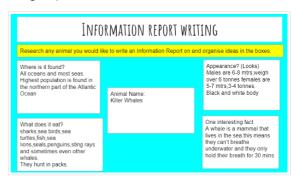
Noah 5C



lan 4B

English

In English, students have been are learning how to write information reports. They are researching about chosen animals and planning their ideas. Stage 3 have used this information to create a digital presentation.



Jordy 3-4R



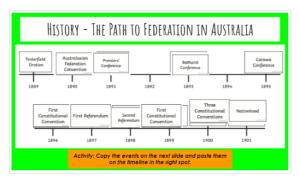
Antonio 5C

History

In History, Stage 2 have been learning about local Aboriginal heritage, the significance of Country and Place to Aboriginal people and formulated questions about the local Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander language of the local area. Stage 3 have been learning about Australia's path to federation. They studied the main events leading to federation and completed a timeline to represent this.



Gabrielle 3P



Mansi 5C

Ms J Kim Assistant Principal

Support Unit

K-6A students have been working amazingly hard to continue their learning journey from home. Every day they start fresh and put in their best efforts to complete set daily tasks and upload pictures and videos on either google classroom or seesaw to make Mrs Arora proud.

Students have been enjoying class zoom sessions where they get opportunities to virtually be a part of K-6A's morning circle and greeting their teachers and peers. During these zoom meetings, they have been focusing on building confidence and turn taking skills by engaging in 'Speaking & Listening' sessions.

In one of our zoom lessons, students shared their favourite toy/pet and took turns to ask inquisitive questions.

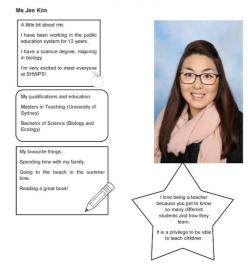


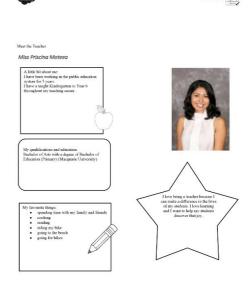
Mrs A Arora - Class Teacher K-6A

MEET THE NEW TEACHERS

Please read the attached information regarding our new teachers working at Seven Hills West PS

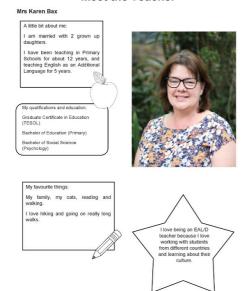
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Mrs A Radhakrishnan (ICAS Coordinator)

LIBRARY NEWS

Three cheers for SHWPS tech savvy students and parents!



It is great to see how quickly our students at SHWPS have adapted to this new learning environment during this unprecedented time.

During the lockdown period, our country research project-based learning has continued. It is great to see how students are using their imagination to complete their projects. All stages and classes are working on various creative projects which involve using natural and recycled material to make

imaginative art pieces. Well done for working and researching diligently. All students should be proud of their achievements!





Premier's Reading Challenge Continued...



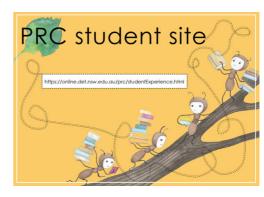
Congratulations to all students who have already completed their Premier's Reading challenge!



If you are still working on your challenge, please continue to keep reading and exploring fantastical worlds.

Remember that there are lots of exciting titles available. Unfortunately, we cannot lend physical books, however, online books are available through the links provided in the Google Classrooms.

If you have access to eBooks or other electronic mediums, you can continue your reading journey there as well. Please click on the PRC site link and you can see all titles and rules there. The date to complete PRC is extended to 3rd September.



Thanks Mrs Gupta

P & C News

Hoping that all our families are staying safe and well.

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.

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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

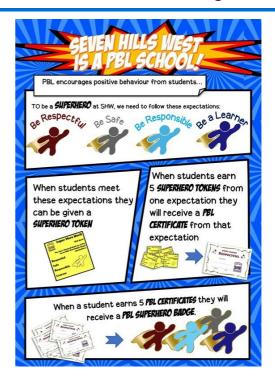
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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



ENROL NOW FOR 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

Schoolzine



Facebook



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.