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1 September 2021

## LEADERSHIP HABIT FOR THE FORTNIGHT

## 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

Thank you for a fabulous Book Week! It was amazing to see our students and teachers dress up and participate in our Virtual Book Week Parades.

Thank you to Mrs Gupta, Mrs Kim and Mrs Mortlock for coordinating our Book Week. Our students loved the engaging activities and especially enjoyed the stories read by their class teachers.

# SHWPS Father's Day Celebration - This Friday@12pm (via Zoom)

We invite all Dads and kids to join us for special SHWPS Father's Day Celebration this Friday between 12pm and 12.30pm.

It will be an exciting Zoom session and we encourage all Dads to participate in the fun SHWPS 'Father's Day' Challenge!

We look forward to see our Dads in action this Friday. Join the Zoom Meeting:

https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/67590498552?pwd=UIR0a3N 00WVZMXIFTHpHSnpQTIhsUT09

> Meeting ID: 675 9049 8552 Passcode: 499384

# Supporting Our Students Through Our Learning and Assessment Fortnight

As we move into the final weeks of Term 3, our teachers will be implementing a Learning Assessment focus during Weeks 9 and 10.

This is an opportunity for teachers to conduct assessment activities across all key learning areas to support the monitoring and reporting of student learning. There will be a range of digital assessments that encompass literacy, maths and wellbeing surveys. This will ensure timely assessment interventions so that we know how each and every child is progressing throughout the COVID-19 extended lockdown.

We encourage all children to participate in the assessment activities so that we can also prepare them for their return to school in Term 4.

# Supporting families' health and wellbeing during "stay at home" times

Keeping active and healthy is important for our physical and mental wellbeing, particularly at this time when we are required to stay at home. To support the health and wellbeing of our families, we will be sharing "Healthy@Home" tips every newsletter.

The Healthy@Home tiles provide families with practical ideas and resources for being active, eating well, staying connected and supporting mental wellbeing.

Tip 1: Physical activity – Right click & open link to download

Tip 2: Brain break – Right click & open link to download



# Enrol Now and Join Our Kindergarten 'Virtual Orientation' Program

If your child has already turned 5 this year or will be turning 5 before 31 July 2022, they are eligible to start school next year.

We would appreciate if parents of our local area and of siblings of currently enrolled students could submit their applications as soon as possible.

Please let your friends and family know that if your child has already turned 5 this year or will be turning 5 before 31 July 2022, they are eligible to start school next year.



# Enrol Now and Join Our Preschool 'Virtual Orientation' Program

If your child has already turned 4 this year or will be turning 4 before 31 July 2022, they are eligible to start Preschool next year.

Register your interest to enrol at our Preschool and join the Preschool Orientation Program.



# Additional Learning Support For Students During Remote Learning

The Department of Education has approved an offer from the Cluey Learning Foundation to provide a program of free online tuition to support qualifying schools affected by COVID-19 stay at home rules within Greater Sydney.

The service will be delivered by Cluey Learning. Each school is being offered 4  $\times$  30-minute free online tutoring sessions for students in years 3-10. These 4 half hour sessions are for literacy and or numeracy and for 1  $\times$  30-minute session per week. We will organising for students to participate in this free program to support our students who need additional support during the Remote Learning program.

Thank you to everyone for a brilliant fortnight of learning. I would also like to recognise the excellent efforts of our SHWPS – Hall of Fame - Virtual Learning Stars!

Stay safe and well.

Warmly

Shanti Clements Principal

#### Check out the Seven Hills West Public School Website

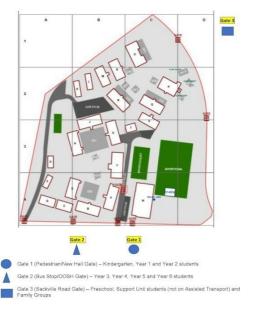
https://sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/



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.

### Map of Drop-Off and Pick-Up Gates



# We're all in this together



# **Everyone Stay Safe**

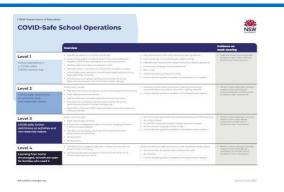
Stay updated via: Facebook Schoolzine Seven Hills West website



### 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**



# 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.

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 car achieve is
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ 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

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**

#### **Support Unit Review Meetings**

Week 7 and Week 8 our annual Support Unit review meetings will be held for Years 1, 2,3,4 and 6. We had previously held Kindergarten and Year 5 meetings in Term 2.

This is a meeting to discuss your child's placement at Seven Hills West PS. Staff that attend the meeting is our school counsellor Edwin Tse, classroom teacher and myself. The offer is there for parents / caregivers to have your child's therapist join.

Thank you so much for all our parents/ caregivers who have attended so far via Zoom. These meetings have demonstrated how far we have come as a community when using technology and being able to connect and communicate with each other and continue to support our families.

Our parents have been fantastic in being punctual to the meeting. Again, I thank you all and look forward to this week's meetings.

Mrs K Gardiner Deputy Principal

## **STAGE UPDATES**

## Preschool

It has been a busy two weeks at Preschool as we celebrated two very special events - Science week and Book Week!

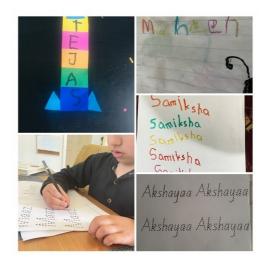
For science week: we had lots of families share their investigations - look at what we investigated and discovered as we explored - Making balloon rockets, investigating how germs get onto our hands and even made a storm in a jar!! We loved to watch and even conducted our own experiments. This week we also learnt about being curious! The Kimochi Cat taught us that 'It's ok to be curious, but be safe and kind.



A big 'thank you' to everyone who joined us for book week. We have loved sharing the CBCA nominated stories and having our Preschool friends dress up as different characters from books. We love reading stories and were excited to be a part of this whole school zoom session.



Thank you families for sharing all your great name writing practice! The Emus and Wombats are building their skills to identify and write the letters in their names. Letter recognition is helping to build our early literacy skills as we learn about the letters in our names.



Thank you,

Miss Natalie Roche and Mrs Sharon North Early Childhood Teacher

## Early Stage 1

In Week 7, Seven Hills West celebrated Book Week! Kindergarten were lucky enough to study one of the shortlisted books: Anemone is not the Enemy by Anna Mcgregor. As part of the unit, they looked at how people and things work together symbiotically and become friends. They also linked it to our Habit of the Week: Habit 6 – Synergise! Students then made their own little anemones in celebration of friendship!



Kindergarten has also been hard at work practising their dance moves throughout the term!

As part of our 'Dance' program for Creative Arts, students created dance moves to represent a story told to them by Mrs V! Click the link below to view our amazing Kindergarten students and their fantastic interpretations through dance:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lzSMQG4xT\_jYnnsvsPokH8Vr uVc-KJcs/view?usp=sharing Ę

Stage 1 has been very busy being involved in their remote learning activities, which has been excellent to see.

Our daily zoom lessons have demonstrated the ever-growing technological understanding and passion our students hold. It is great to see that despite uncontrollable circumstances, everyone is still united as a class and school.

The past fortnight Stage 1 has transitioned from a focus on informative texts to a focus on persuasive texts.

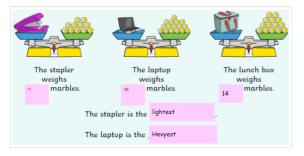
Stage 1 teachers have been thoroughly impressed with students' abilities to comprehend and create informative texts; thus we will now progress to persuasive for the second part of the term.

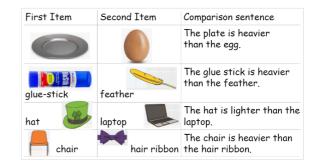
We are loving the persuasive work we have seen so far and can't wait to build on it.

Topic: H	ow to save our Oceans.
I strongl	believe that Each and every person, community and government should take the following steps to save the ocean.
Firstly:	We should support the ben single-use plexits. We should also reduce the use of single-use plexits. Reduce the production or single-use plastic: we should also try to recycle the single-use plastic as much as we can.
Secondly	Cour school should organize a coastal cleanup day we should organize a fundraising event to support the ocean cleanup. We can also support the cleanup by pulling rubbish in the bin.
Thirdly:	The government should make the rules very strict regarding the fishing and producing animal products, we should also find a way to protect the animal spoces living in the occan.
In conclu	We should support the ban of single-use plastic, organize a coastal cleanup and trid a way to protect the sea animals.
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	we don't help out our oceans we won't be able to swim in coceans will be full of rubbish and dead sea animals and th

Weeks 7 and 8 saw Stage 1 take on the mathematical concepts of fractions, decimals and mass.

The level of commitment which has been shown in the set remote learning activities is something that students of all classes should be proud of.





Mr D Nunan – Classroom Teacher 1N

### Stage 2 and 3

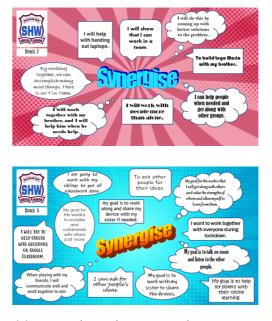
#### Habit 6: Synergise

This week, Stage 2 and 3 have been focusing on Habit 6: Synergise, from the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

Synergise is the habit of creative cooperation, teamwork, open-mindedness, with a focus on how we can work together in groups to achieve more than we can do ourselves. Each of us has set personal and academic goals around the habit of synergise which we can see featured in the speech bubbles.

On our Zoom calls, we have discussed how we could synergise remotely – and we have realised that we don't need to be in the same location to work together! We have been learning a lot of new skills from each other, particularly with technology!

I have seen many students help each other with various questions on how to do things in Google Classroom, in our workbooks or even how to use tools in Zoom. We have felt comfortable to ask each other for help and I can see students proactively showing their peers new or more effective ways of doing things. We have even spoken about how we can synergise at home with our families.



By synergising, we have become a lot more comfortable working with digital tasks and using Google Classroom. We have come such a long way since the start of the term. A big shout out to all students and I'm really proud of all of us! With synergy, there's nothing we can't achieve!

Miss T Pham – Classroom Teacher 3P

# **Support Unit**

In K/6M we learn by observing, listening, exploring, experimenting, and asking questions.

As we are a As Leader in Me Lighthouse school, our class worked together to develop our Class Mission Statement. A class mission statement is a document that demonstrates our classroom culture, class values and goals. This document keeps our class accountable for the goals we have set.

Our Class Mission Statement is :- In K/6M we take responsibility for our own actions, we are friendly and kind, we listen to each other, work hard, follow the rules, help others, we learn, and it is okay to make mistakes.

During home learning we have continued to follow our Mission Statement by completing tasks both online and written and during our online meetings.

This term has enabled us to learn new skills, specifically with technology, typing and navigating around different sites. Our Zoom Meetings are especially important to us as it is a time to both learn and to catch up with our friends.



Without the ongoing support and understanding of our families we would not have been able to maintain our level of learning. K/6M are still interested, motivated, and engaged with their learning. Thank you to all our wonderful families.

During this lockdown we have still managed to participate in a variety of activities, including the Olympics, Cosmic Yoga, Body Percussion, Crazy Hair Day, and Wellbeing Wednesdays to name just a few.

#### K/6M and Mrs M Moon

## P & C News

Hoping that all our families are staying safe and well.

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

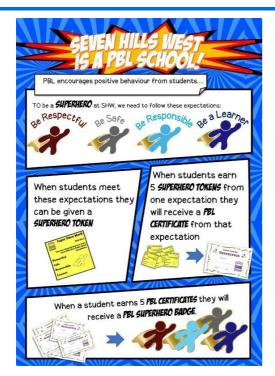
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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

## **KINDERGARTEN 2022**

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.

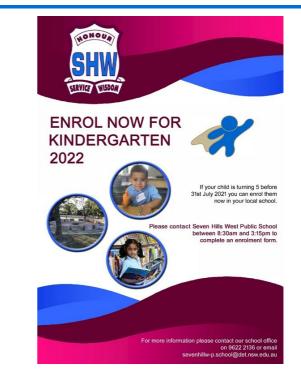
It will also allow the office staff to have correct numbers, permission notes and money organised before the day of the activity or excursion.

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.



## PRESCHOOL 2022



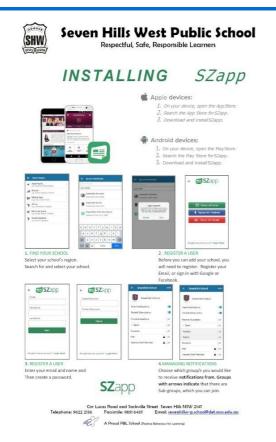
Please contact the office for more information.

## **Community News**

Ball Ball	Seven Hills West Public School Repetiful Safe, Responsible Learners		
Junior Cricket - Ages 8 to 16	SEVEN HILLS WEST IS ON FACEBOOK! Stay connected and up-to-date with news and upcoming events		
Kids who want to get more involved can play	at Seven Hills West Public School.		
traditional formats of cricket on Saturday mornings. All Girls Junior Cricket - Ages 7-15 Where everyone gets a go. Played on a Saturday afternoon. Season runs from October until March. No games over Christmas and January school holiday period	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'		
Woolworths Cricket BLAST- Ages 5 to 10 Entry level program to teach children the basics of the game in a fun, safe environment. 8 Week Programs Fridays – Best Rd Seven Hills Junior Blasters – Basic skills Ages 5-7. October 2021 Master Blasters – Modified games ages 7-10 February 2022	Seep 4: Like		
More information is on our website. Krish Roy 0402 192 043 email sevenhillscricket@gmail.com	information, notes and notices.		
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**Facebook** 

## Schoolzine



#### 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.