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15 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 wonderful Father's Day virtual celebration! It was fabulous to see our Dads get involved in our SHWPS Fitness Challenge! We hope you had an amazing Father's Day celebration. Thanks to Mrs Mortlock, Miss Cole, Miss Roche, Ms Kim, Mrs Neylan and Mrs Gardiner for your amazing support in filming the Fitness Challenge videos.

Road Map for Face to Face Learning for Level 4+ Schools

Next term some schools are due to return to face-to-face learning either through a 'full return' or 'staged return' depending on NSW Health conditions in their area.

Seven Hills West Public School is a Level 4 plus school and will continue learning from home until Blacktown LGA is removed from the areas of concern.

Areas of concern (Level 4 plus) - applies to schools in the following local government areas (LGAs) of concern: Bayside, Blacktown, Burwood, Campbelltown, Canterbury-Bankstown,

Cumberland, Fairfield, Georges River, Liverpool, Parramatta, select suburbs within the Penrith LGA, Strathfield.

Other schools in Greater Sydney and other areas operating under Level 4 restrictions as at 25 October will return to school under Level 3 plus settings as detailed in these guidelines. Staged return (Level 3 plus) - applies to areas where stay-at-home rules are still in place but other community vaccination and transmission conditions are met. This is a staggered return for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling and limited on-site activities.

Full return (Level 3) - applies to areas across NSW that are removed from stay-at-home rules. This is a full return for all cohorts to schools, with reduced mingling and on-site activities.

The COVID Safe Operations infographic provides an overview of the COVID restrictions for each Level of school – please click on this <u>link</u> to download.

SASS RECOGNITION WEEK – 6th to 10th September, 2021

The Public Service Association Recognition Week was celebrated last week. As part of Recognition Week, we acknowledge the amazing contributions of all SASS members, including School Learning Support Officers, School Admin Managers, School Admin Officers, Aboriginal Education Officers and Business Managers. We also celebrate those in other non-teaching roles in schools such as our wonderful General Assistants, School Psychologists, Student Support Officers, Community Liaison Officers and many others who all make significant contributions to the school community. Through fire, flood and pandemic, you keep our schools running and continue to support students, teaching staff and our community. Thank you to our amazing SASS team at SHWPS!

Check out our SASS Recognition Celebration video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYV0QxCETXM

Practical Parenting in a Pandemic

Thank you for joining with the NSWPPA to engage with the wonderful **Maggie Dent** in her webinar **Practical Parenting in a Pandemic.**

Over 400 schools and their families participated in the event and thousands of families have benefited from Maggie's very wise and common sense approach. Participation in this event included free resources, a comprehensive handout and a recording of the webinar. These will be available for a month after the event for parents to access. The links for these resources are below and are available for you to share with your community.

Webinar recording:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DI9S14pf80I

Maggie Dent resources:

https://www.maggiedent.com/covidresources/

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.



Have a Safe and Happy Term 3 Holiday

I wish you all a wonderful Term 3 holiday and hope you and your family stay safe, healthy and happy. With the restrictions on our Blacktown LGA, please remember that our students will be returning to the Remote Learning Program on Tuesday 5 October 2021 when Term 4 commences.

Warmly

Shanti Clements Principal

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 their 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.



Check out the Seven Hills West Public School Website

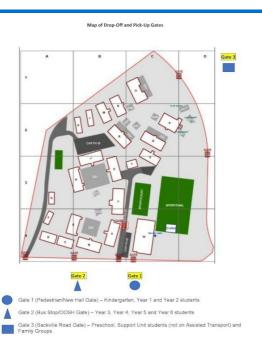
https://sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/



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.

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



Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:
Facebook
Schoolzine
Seven Hills West website



We're all in this together

We're all in this together.pdf(embed)

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

Support Unit Families

Thank you for your time to meet with your class teacher, school counsellor and myself to complete review meetings. We will be finalising these this week.

A friendly reminder about the transport service. If you are currently taking up this service, I have been able to automatically roll this over for next year. If you are wanting to apply for this service, I need the completed form by the 17th September 2021.

If your child is going to High School in 2022, please contact the High School ensure your child is on their list for transport.

Should anyone needs support with any of the above information, please contact me, Mrs Gardiner – 9622 2136.

Home Learning and our wonderful support staff

I would love to share with you the amazing efforts of our students who have been working hard with our Learning and Support team.

Learning Support and EALD teachers: Mrs A Soriente, Mrs A Zollinger and Mrs K Bax.

Over this last term, many boys and girls have been Zooming their MulitLit lessons with either Mrs Soriente or Mrs Zollinger. They are very pleased with the progress the students have made both with the program, accessing technology and following the timetables of when to Zoom with them. Parents are encouraged to support their child being on time for each MultiLit lesson.

Mrs Bax has also shared that she has been able to support many families with accessing the digital program and has been working closely with the SHW teaching staff to ensure the Google slides have many visuals and modelled lessons to support all our students and the community to access these programs.

School Chaplain: Miss L Payne

Miss Payne, our recently appointed school chaplain, has commenced making some connection with our families. We are highly encouraging all our families to get involved in the wellbeing activities that Miss Payne is posting on your child's Google slides.

She has also started a 'games' session at recess and lunch times on: Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Miss Payne has been able to phone many families and offer individual support and will continue working with SHW in Term 4.

A transition to high school program will be running in Term 4 and we look forward to sharing this with you early in the term.

Intensive Learning Support Program (ILSP tutors): Miss O Tarantolo, Mr A Glew and Miss B Marshall

Our tutors, who are all studying a Bachelor of Education at Australian Catholic University, have been working very closely with classroom teachers to support our students throughout this year. Targeted students are involved in small group intensive learning support and have made very pleasing gains.

Over the past three terms, they have been able to support students in Year 2 through to Year 6. In Term 4, we will be targeting students in Kindergarten and Year 1.

Our tutors have been a great asset to our school and the students have been very respectful and receptive to their support- congratulations SHW!

Mrs K Gardiner
Deputy Principal

STAGE UPDATES

Preschool

A BIG thank you to all our families who have supported online learning this term. What amazing writing and discovery we have had across this term. We are building our whole body, early literacy and numeracy skills. We have loved celebrating the special weeks- Science week, and Book week.



For the last two weeks the Emu's and Wombat's have joined together for a combined zoom!!!

We have loved having all our families join us on zoom as we sing, read stories and share our amazing work.

Another BIG thank you to everyone who has dressed up for wellbeing Wednesday on our special zoom. We hope you have been enjoying our Preschool online sessions.



Thank you,

Miss N Roche & Mrs S North - Early Childhood Teachers

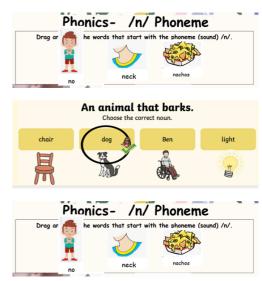
Early Stage 1



Throughout this term, Kindergarten has been learning how to access Google Classroom and zoom to complete their work.

They have been learning how to drag and drop items to complete activities on their slides.

This skill is showing how our students are becoming 21st century learners.



Mrs A Vlahopoulos - KV Teacher

Stage 1

Over the last two weeks, Stage 1 teachers and students have been very busy being involved in their end of the term assessments.

Students have been working very hard with their Speaking and Listening, Mathematics, Spelling, Comprehension, Reading and Writing Assessments and trying their best. All the teachers in Stage 1 have been very impressed with the excellent standard of work being produced via Google classrooms despite the varying challenges encountered during the current situation.

It has also been wonderful to see the increased parental support throughout the past weeks and this is greatly appreciated. We are all a big team working together!

The stage 1 teachers would like to wish you all a wonderful school holidays and we will see you in Term 4.

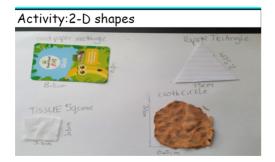
Please view below some beautiful work submitted by our students.





We used apples instead of cupcakes. One apple in half and one apple in quarters.



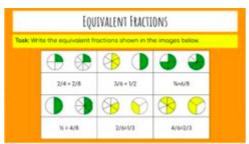


Mrs Radhakrishnan - 2R Teacher

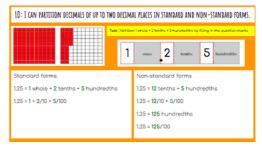
Stage 2 and 3

Mathematics

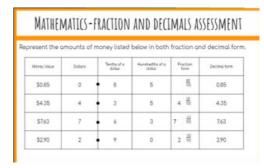
In Mathematics, students in Stage 2 have been focussing on Fractions and Decimals where they have learnt to write equivalent fractions and to count and represent amounts of money in fraction and decimal form. Stage 3 have been also been focussing on Fractions and Decimals where they have learnt to convert fractions to decimals and write numbers in percentage, fraction and decimal form.



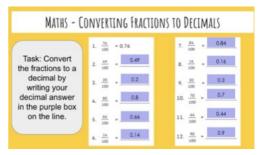
Isabella 3P



Daniel 3/4R



Dev 4B



Mansi 5C

MATHS - Convert each fraction to a decimal in the table below. Use the examples and videos on the previous stides to help you. You can also use this link to help: COMMENT						
1/4	0.5	2/2	1			
1/4	0.25	3/4	0.75			
15	0.20	3/10	0.30			
2/4	0.50	%	0.80			
2/10	0.20	3/5	0.60			

Amara 6C

Miss P Moteea

Support Unit

We are nearly at the end of Term 3. It has been a very different term for all our support children. All of us have put the best foot forward to adapt this new method of learning remotely and digitally.

Each and every child has put through their diligence and hard work in continuing their efforts to learn new concepts. Our special thanks to the parents/ carers and families for supporting us during these challenging times.

The zoom meetings were enjoyed by everyone as we continued to play various games to develop our sound structures and gross motor skills. The children also participated in lot of discussions about the seven habits, recycling, and worked through different literacy and numeracy concepts.

We also focussed a lot on Wellbeing which is all about being Healthy and happy. The children have been talking about taking regular breaks, taking a nap, playing with mum/ dad and watching TV.

We would love to see you all continue to Sharpen the Saw and have balance at home with your remote learning.







Mrs G Chanana and Ms S Judge - Class Teachers

COVID-19 VACCINATION – Let's Do This

Let's do this - book your COVID-19 vaccination today

People across NSW are getting vaccinated in extraordinary numbers. Even during these challenging times, people are working together to protect themselves, their loved ones and our community. Each vaccination brings us closer to getting back to doing the things we love.

But our work is not yet done. We need many more people to step forward and get vaccinated now. COVID-19 vaccination with two doses reduces the chance of you spreading the virus to those around you and gives you around 90% protection against hospitalisation and death. It's also a way you can support our healthcare and essential workers who are caring and providing for those who need it most.

How to book your vaccination

Everyone 16 and over can get a COVID-19 vaccine. Appointments are available at more than 2,000 GPs, pharmacies, Aboriginal Medical Services and NSW Health vaccination clinics across NSW. Speak to your local GP or pharmacist or visit nsw.gov.au to make a booking. Appointments are also now available for those aged 12 - 15 who are National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants, have health conditions, identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or who live in a rural area.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and free.

Don't delay

The risk of COVID-19 in the community is high. It can cause serious illness and death. You can't predict who will get very unwell.

For the latest information visit nsw.gov.au or contact the National COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline on 1800 020 080, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For a free telephone interpreter, ring TIS National on 131 450 (24-hour helpline) and say the language you need. Ask the interpreter to connect you to the COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline.

The sooner we are protected, the sooner we can get visitors to our regions, travel, and get family back home and our state back to business. Let's do this, together.



LIBRARY NEWS

STEM Think Lab Project



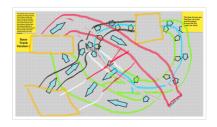
A huge thanks to all SHWPS students for working enthusiastically on their "Country

Research" project. In the past few weeks, we have started a new project: "STEM Think Lab".

At SHWPS, we strive to create a school culture where STEM is recognised and valued. This is important because it allows students to achieve their maximal potential by fostering the development of 21st-century skills across all key learning areas.

Currently all stages are working on developing real-world task-based projects, for example, Stage 3 is building a car to find solutions to cleaner fuel whilst Kindergarten students are working as food-tech specialists. These projects foster the development of essential 21st-century skills, such as critical thinking and problem-solving in a fun and supportive environment.

I hope all the parents are also having fun working with their children on these projects.



CBCA Book week celebration and virtual book Parade:

Congratulations to all virtual book parade winners.

It was huge success and altogether approximately 200 participants joined us in the two zoom meetings to share their beautiful costumes and books virtually.

It was a great experience!



Premier's Reading Completed with great success



Congratulations to all SHWPS students for completing the Premier's Reading challenge!

For the first time at SHWPS 100% students have complete the challenge. With remote learning this seemed impossible, however, with modified rules, posting books online and support from the class teacher and parents, we achieved it!

All students will receive their certificates in Term 4 for completing the challenge.

Thanks Mrs. Gupta

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Keeping our community updated on school photos – we had initially had our photos booked for beginning of this term.

However, due to the Covid restrictions, we naturally had to cancel the booking.

We are awaiting information from the Dept of Education as to whether we will be able to have photos re-booked for Term 4. This will depend on any new Covid restrictions that will be in place, once students return to school.

We will keep you updated as we hear the outcomes.

CALENDAR



TERM 4 - 2021

1	OCTOBER Monday 4 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOUDAY	Tuesday 5 LEARNING FROM HOME TERM 4 RETURNS FOR ALL STAFF & STUDENTS	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8
2	Monday 11	Tuesday 12 @ Welcome To Our School Kindy & Preschool Orientation jpm-2-45pm SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	Wednesday 13 @ Welcome To Our School Kindy & Preschool Orientation 1pm-2.45pm SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	Thursday 14 & Welcome To Our School Kindy & Preschool Orientation 1pm-2.45pm SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	Friday 15
3	Monday 18	Tuesday 19 @ Welcome To Our School Kindy & Preschool Orientation 1pm-2.45pm SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	Wednesday 20 @ Wednesday 20 @ Wednesday 20 @ Wednesday 20 ### Wednesday 20 Kindy & Preschool Orientation 1pm-2.45pm SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	Thursday 21 « Welcome a To Our School Kindy & Preschool Orientation 1pm-2.45pm SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS	Friday 23

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

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,

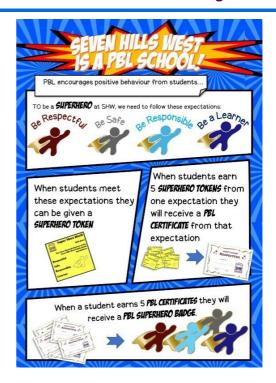
peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut muesli bars.

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

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.

Community News



PRESCHOOL 2022





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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.