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27 October 2021

LEADERSHIP HABIT FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind



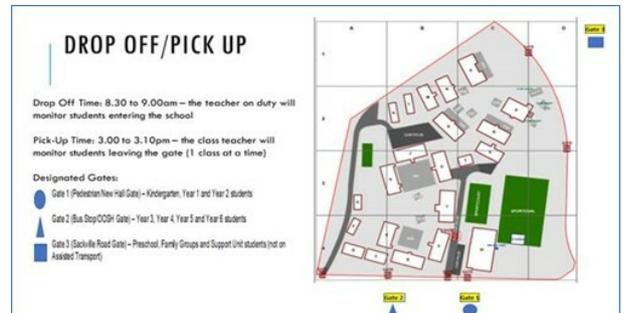
I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my family and contribute our family's mission and vision, and look for ways to be a good citizen.

Principal's Message

Welcome back to our Years 2 to 6 students this week! How wonderful that we now have all of our students back at school after a term of remote learning. To ensure we keep our students and families safe, here's a reminder of our COVID safe guidelines for dropping off and picking up students.

Please use the designated gate for your child/ children:

- Gate 1 (Pedestrian/New Hall Gate) – Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2
- Gate 2 (Bus Stop/OOSH Gate) – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6
- Gate 3 (Sackville Road Gate) – Siblings, Preschool and Support



Drop Off Time: 8.30 to 9.00am – the teacher on duty will monitor students entering the school

Pick-Up Time: 3.00 to 3.10pm – the class teacher will monitor students leaving the gate (1 class at a time)

We request that parents stay 'COVID Safe' near the gates and pedestrian crossings. Please don't crowd around the gates, where possible remain in your car.

When dropping off and picking up children:

- Please ensure you follow COVID social distancing outside gates
- 1.5 metre guidelines
- Wear a mask
- Parents must remain off-site while we are a Level 3+ school. Only Preschool, OOSH and Support Class parents may enter the school site on the provision they are double-vaccinated

New Parent and Visitor Check-In Processes

Please watch the new school check-in process for visitors and parents to support our COVID safe operations:

<https://bcove.video/3AiuHpY>



Our Online Canteen with FlexiSchools returned on Monday 25th October

Blacktown Subway will provide our online canteen meals for lunch delivery Monday to Friday.

To register for our online FlexiSchools Canteen, please follow these instructions:

Set up your account

Download the FlexiSchools App. Download the app from the App Store or from Google Play.

Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notification

Register

Open the FlexiSchools App and click 'Like to register?', enter your email address and click 'Register'. You will be sent a registration email. Follow the instructions in the registration email to finish setting up your account. Once your account is set up, login to the FlexiSchools App, select the Profile icon on the grey navigation bar, select Student and 'Add a student', search for their school name, select their year level and class and enter their details.

COVID Safe Guidelines for Parents

Visit <https://t.co/JmYOZ9ZfNp> for information on:

- Mask requirements
- Ventilation
- Wellbeing resources
- Vaccination information

Please contact our school office if you have any questions.

Digital Child Safety Handbook for Parents

The "NSW Police Legacy Child Safety Handbook" is a comprehensive resource to assist parents, carers as well as teachers on a range of topics essential to child safety. Over the past 10 years most NSW primary schools have received hard

copies of this most important child safety handbook and have distributed them to the parents and carers of their pupils.

The handbook has been updated to include key messages about COVID-19 safety and bush fire safety with Summer just around the corner.

The updated digital edition (see links below) also includes important content updates from: NSW Ministry of Health, NSW Police Force, Fire and Rescue NSW, Rural Fire NSW, Transport for NSW, Sydney Trains, NSW Department of Family & Community Services, eSafety Commissioner and NSW Office of the Children's Guardian.

We urge all parents and carers to download this latest edition and discuss the safety content with your children. Here are also a couple of other links where the digital handbook can be viewed:

NSW Police Legacy – <https://www.policelegacynsw.org.au/resources/>

Child Safety Hub website – <http://nsw.childsafetyhub.com.au/handbook/>

The handbook is also available to download for free on all the App stores.

Join our Preschool and Kindergarten Information Sessions this Week

We invite our 2022 Preschool and Kindergarten parents to join our information sessions this week. It is an opportunity for parents to meet our Preschool and Kindergarten team and to ask questions to support their child in having a wonderful transition to Seven Hills West PS and Preschool next year.

Preschool Information Session for Parents – Zoom Invitation (6pm Wednesday 27 October)

Join the Zoom Meeting via this link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/69643103413?pwd=R2wrcE80UEN3c3R5K0pVVDdocUdWQT09>
Meeting ID: 696 4310 3413
Passcode: 940952

- **Kindergarten Information Session for Parents – Zoom Invitation (6pm Thursday 28 October)**

Join the Zoom Meeting via this link:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/62311780919?pwd=M3drYVl6S3NRL1VKNEU3VEdwazhK>
Meeting ID: 623 1178 0919
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Opportunity Class Placements for 2022

Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions this year's Opportunity Class Placement Test has been rescheduled to Wednesday, 17 November 2021. It has been agreed by the Minister that the test will be administered as a computer-based test in a process similar to the Check In assessments. The change of date will require students attending NSW public schools to be tested at their own schools with teaching staff administering the test. This approach will ensure placement of students in opportunity classes on Day 1, Term 1, 2022.

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 year your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 a 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

It has been lovely to have the whole school back onsite this week. I would like to share some of the following events occurring in our school over this term.

Colour Run

We are excited to share that we will be hosting a Colour Run school fundraising event on November 24th November 2021. Please take some time to read the initial letter about our Colour Run. In 2019, the Colour Run was a huge success with all students participating and enjoying the event. We raised just under \$4,000. We would love to match or achieve higher than this target in 2021.



Thank you so much for continuously supporting our school, especially through fundraising. This term, we are hosting a **Colour Explosion School Fun Run** to raise money for upgrading of resources and play equipment.

Start fundraising today. Did you know? Students raise 3x times more when they fundraise online! Visit myprofilepage.com.au to create your child's cybersafe fundraising profile. Instructions are in your child's sponsorship booklet. You have until 23 November 2021 to fundraise, so make sure you get cracking!

The big day is coming! We are so excited to host our Colour Explosion School Fun Run on Wednesday **24th November 2021**. On the day, make sure your child brings a white shirt for the Fun Run! They will be covered in non-toxic, high quality colour powder from head to toe! They will also need a water bottle and their hat. Sunscreen will be provided. Unfortunately, due to the COVID level restrictions we can not have parents on school site for this event. We will post photos on our Facebook page throughout the day.

How do prizes work? Help your child fundraise more by setting a prize goal! It's okay if they change their mind – you order their exact prizes later. You can order your child's prizes online at myprofilepage.com.au between 1st November 2021 and 24th November 2021. Alternatively, complete the back page of your sponsorship booklet when you return your cash donations. Students can choose a prize based on the total amount of dollars raised, or mix and match smaller prizes.

Share in \$200,000 worth of extra prize credit! Achieve bigger prizes by helping your child earn bonus credit on their online profile. By reaching fundraising milestones online, you can share in \$200,000 of extra prize credit!

Become a Fundraising MonSTAR! Collect all virtual badges on your online profile page and receive your own Fundraising MonSTAR bag tag.

Class Reward Prize. Teamwork counts! If your class creates the most online profile pages each student will receive a Fundraising MonSTAR handball.

FundRazor of the Year Award. Do you think you can top the national leader board? Australia's highest fundraising student in Australia will win a Razor Prize Pack, worth \$4,900!

If you have any questions about the Colour Explosion School Fun Run please contact the office of [Australian Fundraising](http://AustralianFundraising.com.au) on 1300 133 022. Thanks for supporting our school and we hope to see you at the event.

Happy Fundraising
Mrs K Gardiner
Deputy Principal

P&C Committee

Year 1 Phonics

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check will be conducted this week by the Year 1 classroom teachers. Please take some time to read through the infographic from the Department of Education.

NSW Department of Education
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check: Supporting students learning to read

We are strategically developing high impact online literacy assessments, which embed learning progressions and align with what works best – quality assessment and explicit teaching – to ensure strong literacy outcomes for all students, in all NSW schools.

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check aims to support increasing reading outcomes for all students, as strong literacy skills are the foundation for success to become lifelong learners. We do this through a robust cycle informed by ongoing evaluation of student strengths, weaknesses and skills before planning explicit instruction.

We do this by:

- 1 Deepening the evidence base**
Deepening the evidence base to lift student literacy outcomes. A robust, embedded and responsive approach which complements existing strategies to identify students' progress in developing foundational literacy skills. Quality assessment data that informs and differentiates phonics instruction, in an ongoing teaching and learning cycle, is key for the reading success of all students.
- 2 Embedding high impact professional learning**
Developing, delivering and embedding high impact professional learning across the NSW education system. Underpinned by global research, and aligned with the NSW English K-10 syllabus, the Effective Reading suite of professional learning deepens the expertise of our teaching profession. Building capacity of explicit and systematic teaching of phonics, which is a critical part of reading instruction, along with Phonological Awareness, Vocabulary, Fluency and Comprehension is the aim of the high impact learning.
- 3 Supporting teachers to amplify assessment practice**
Ensuring that teachers are supported to use their expert knowledge to make informed and strategic decisions about student learning. Teachers are able to interpret and analyse the information on student's progress so that they can provide instruction for students to successfully progress in reading. High quality student assessment supports teachers to monitor student progress, inform next steps, and to determine the effectiveness of explicit teaching strategies.
- 4 Acknowledging critical reading components**
Acknowledging that phonics is a critical component of learning to read. Phonics is the relationship between printed letters and the sounds they represent. Early proficiency in phonics strongly predicts achievement in reading and writing success. Understanding that the most effective way to teach students phonics skills is through explicit instruction ensures that we maximise the chances of reading achievement.

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check aims to provide reliable diagnostic information on a student's phonics development and inform targeted high-quality instruction through:

- Providing opportunities for students to demonstrate what they know and can do.
- Ensuring teachers are able to gather specific evidence to inform targeted reading instruction.
- Complementing existing strategies to identify student's progress in reading.
- Ongoing professional learning and quality resources to support classroom instruction.
- Monitoring and tracking student progress using the Literacy Progression and PLAN2.
- Providing reliable information to support systematic and explicit phonics instruction.

Check in Assessment

Year 4 and 6 will be participating in the Check-in assessments during Week 6 (November 8th, 9th & 10th).

Check-in assessments are online assessment for students. They are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. There are two assessments:

- Reading
- numeracy

Each assessment is designed to be quick and easy to administer, consisting of between 40 to 50 multiple choice questions.

Schools can access feedback soon after the completion of the assessment. Student assessment feedback from the Check-in assessments, including links to teaching strategies will be available in Scout. Student assessment information is also mapped against the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions and can be accessed in PLAN2.

The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Have lovely fortnight

Mrs K Gardiner
Deputy Principal

STAGE UPDATES

Preschool

Preschool happenings Term 4!

A big welcome back to our Preschool friends for term 4!

We have loved to get back with our Preschool friends and get into the Preschool environment. Outside we have loved that the weather is warmer so that we can get out the boats and do water play. We have also been making sure that our plants have lots of water.



Look at how we build our balancing and climbing skills as we explore the challenging obstacle course. We are loving being back with our friends at Preschool.



This term we will also be learning to use technology as we learn to code and direct the Beebot robots. We had lots of fun making digital artworks this week as the robots that we gave a program to draw onto our papers.



At Preschool we are also learning about looking after our world as we learn to reduce, reuse and recycle. At Preschool we will be collecting plastic bread bag tags which can be recycled and melted down at a special factory to make new plastic bowls. The Emu's and Wombats have been asked to collect the plastic bread tags for Preschool.



Thank you,

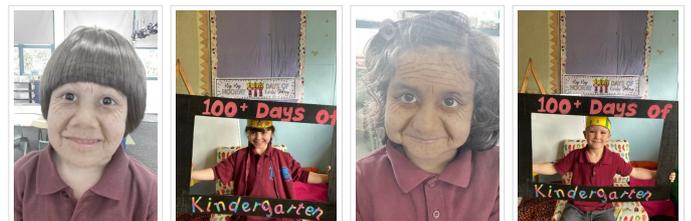
Miss Natalie Roche and Mrs Sharon North
Early Childhood Teacher

Early Stage 1

Kindergarten celebrated 100+ days at school on Friday!

They had lots of fun writing about what they would do when they were 100 years old.

They even got to take pictures of themselves as old people!



Mrs R Mortlock – Assistant Principal

Stage 1

Mathematics

In mathematics students have been learning about place value. Students participated in activities that developed their knowledge of the value of numbers in their place within 2, 3 and 4 digit numbers using concrete materials. They rolled dice to generate numbers and show these numbers using MAB blocks. They wrote numbers in their expanded and simplified form.

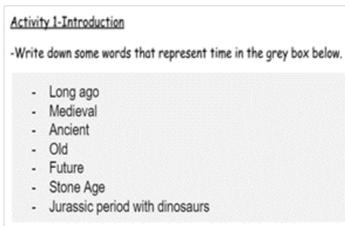
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History

In History, students have been learning about how to sequence time by using words to describe the past, present and future. They looked at the images and words in the eBook and a video to identify events, people and objects that did not belong in a particular time.

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Ms L Gatt – Classroom Teacher

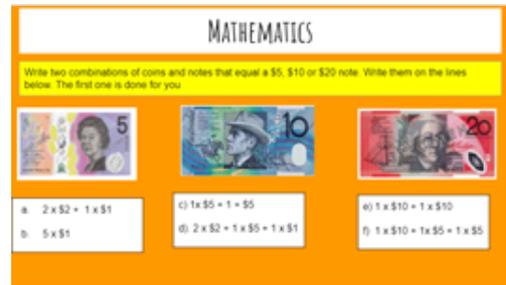
Stage 2 and 3

All stage 2 and 3 teachers would like to give a warm welcome back to all students next week!

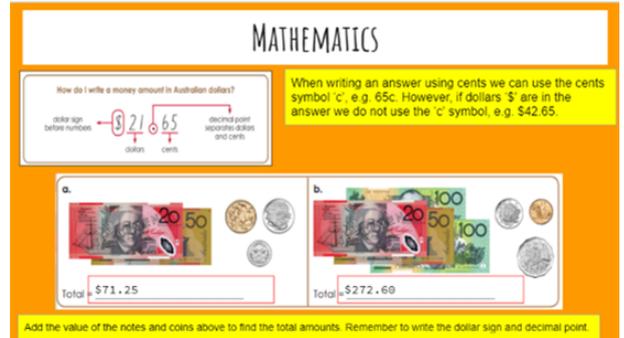
Mathematics:

Stage 2:

Students in stage 2 are learning to solve problems involving purchases and the calculation of change to the nearest five cents. They have been learning to represent money values in multiple ways and count the change required for simple transactions to the nearest five cents.



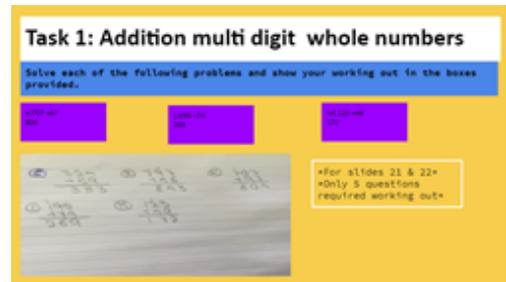
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Stage 3:

Students in stage 3 are learning to add numbers with different numbers of digits. They are using efficient mental and written strategies to solve problems, record the strategy used to solve addition and subtraction word problems and check solutions to problems, including by using inverse operations.



Amara 5C



Monisha 6C

English:

Stage 2:

In writing, students are writing a variety of information reports about the solar system and planets. They are developing their knowledge to research and plan, using dot points, to gather Very Important points (VIPs) to use in their writing.

Science and Technology:

Stage 2:

Stage 2 are learning about different planets and the Sun's place in our solar system. They have created digital Canva posters about a chosen planet and are using branching to make questions to create a quiz about the sun.

MODELLED WRITING - Research Skills-Note Taking			
<p>Read each paragraph from the text about the Solar System. Next to each paragraph, write at least 3 dot points of key information. Hint: Dot point notes should be a few words only, not full sentences. First one has been done for you.</p>			
<p>Just like how the Earth orbits the sun, the Moon orbits Earth. Mercury and Venus are the only planets in the solar system which don't have any moons at all (Saturn has 62 moons).</p>	<p>Dot Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth orbits sun Moon orbits Earth Mercury & Venus no moons Saturn 62 moons 	<p>Earth takes 24 hours to do a full rotation - one Earth day. Water is abundant on the surface of Earth and it is the only known planet to have animals. And plants living on it.</p>	<p>Dot Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth takes 24 hours full rotation Earth is known to have animals
<p>Mercury is the smallest planet in the solar system with a diameter of 4,879 km and is one of five planets that is visible to the naked eye. After the Earth, Mercury is the second densest planet. Mercury is very dense because it is composed mainly of heavy metals and rock.</p>	<p>Dot Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mercury is the second densest planet Mercury smallest in the solar system 	<p>The sun is by far the largest object in our solar system. It sheds most of the heat and light that makes life possible on Earth and possibly elsewhere. Planets orbit the sun in oval-shaped paths called ellipses. NASA has a fleet of spacecraft observing the sun to learn more about its composition.</p>	<p>Dot Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sun is the largest object in our solar system Light that makes life possible on earth

Ananya 3P

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Subaksanaa 3/4R

JUPITER Facts

- Eleven earths could fit across Jupiter's equator! If Earth were the size of a grape, Jupiter would be the size of a basketball.
- Jupiter orbits about 484 million miles (778 million kilometers) or 5.2 Astronomical Units (AU) from our Sun (Earth is one AU from the Sun).
- Jupiter rotates once about every 10 hours (a Jovian day), but takes about 12 Earth years to complete one orbit of the Sun (a Jovian year).
- Jupiter is a gas giant and so lacks an Earth-like surface. If it has a solid inner core at all, it's likely only about the size of Earth.
- Jupiter's atmosphere is made up mostly of hydrogen (H₂) and helium (He).
- Jupiter has more than 75 moons.
- In 1979 the Voyager mission discovered Jupiter's faint ring system. All four giant planets in our solar system have ring systems.
- Nine spacecraft have visited Jupiter. Seven flew by and two have orbited the gas giant. Juno, the most recent, arrived at Jupiter in 2016.
- Jupiter cannot support life as we know it. But some of Jupiter's moons have oceans beneath their crusts that might support life.
- Jupiter's Great Red Spot is a gigantic storm that's about twice the size of Earth and has raged for over a century.

Diya 4B

Stage 3:

Students are writing information reports about Earth. The students have been using their research skills to plan for their draft before writing. They have been using the plan to expand on their ideas for a draft. Finally, they have been revising and editing their draft to improve on their writing based on the learning intention and success criteria.

Use the table to plan to answer the following questions.

<p>How large is planet Earth?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the fifth largest of the eight planets in our solar system and the earth is about 12,756 km or 7,926 miles in diameter. 	<p>How was Earth formed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the solar system settled into its current layout about 4.5 billion years ago, Earth formed when gravity pulled swirling gas and dust in to become the third planet from the Sun.
<p>What is the structure of the Earth? What is it made of?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth has 4 main layers. The first one is the crust, then comes the mantle, outer core and last comes the inner core. 	<p>What is Earth's position in the solar system?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth is the 3rd planet from the sun and is between Venus and Mars.
<p>How long does it take to rotate?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Earth Rotation takes 23 954 hours so we always round it up to 24 hrs! It takes 365 solar days for planet earth to move around the sun. This is why there are 365 days in one year. 	<p>How fast is it travelling in space?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 kilometers per second, or 67,000 miles per hour.
<p>Any other important or interesting information?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 10 Million Species of life on Earth. Total number of animal species currently known is 1.5 million. More than 6 billion human beings. There are 24 time zones. An Earth Rotation takes 23 954 hours so we always round it up to 24 hrs! Antarctica is the coldest recorded place on earth. 	

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Use the table to plan to answer the following questions.

<p>How large is planet Earth?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using those measurements, the equatorial circumference of Earth is about 24,901 miles (40,075 km), however, from pole to pole the meridional circumference of Earth is only 24,860 miles (40,008 km) around. Our planet's shape, caused by the flattening at the poles, is called an oblate spheroid. 	<p>How was Earth formed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the solar system settled into its current layout about 4.5 billion years ago, Earth formed when gravity pulled swirling gas and dust in to become the third planet from the Sun. Like its fellow terrestrial planets, Earth has a central core, a rocky mantle, and a solid crust.
<p>What is the structure of the Earth? What is it made of?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The earth is made up of three different layers: the crust, the mantle and the core. This is the outside layer of the earth and is made of solid rock, mostly basalt and granite. There are two types of crust, oceanic and continental. 1)crust- it is the outermost layer of earth. It is rich in silica. 2)mantle- the layer below crust also called asthenosphere. It is composed of molten rocks. 3)core- it is the innermost layer of earth. It is composed of mainly nickel and iron. 	<p>What is Earth's position in the solar system?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earth is the third planet from the Sun at a distance of about 93 million miles (150 million km).

Mansi 5C

MARS

- Mars is found in the solar system.
- Mars is the second smallest planet.
- Mars is also called the red planet.

Mars is 227.9 million Km from the sun.

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Stage 3:

Stage 3 are focusing on Earth and Space concepts and participating in the Big History Junior program that focuses on the beginning of the universe to the current world we live in. They have learnt about the Big Bang and what came out of the Big Bang, how stars form and what different chemical elements there are and what they are used for.

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 at the link below 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.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19-vaccination-nsw/get-your-covid-19-vaccination-nsw>

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.



CALENDAR

TERM 4 - 2021

Planning Sheet for Term 4 - 2021					
	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29
4	ALL STUDENTS RETURN FOR FACE TO FACE LEARNING		PRESCHOOL 2022 PARENT INFORMATION ZOOM 6pm-7pm	KINDERGARTEN 2022 PARENT INFORMATION ZOOM 6pm-7pm	Halloween Dress Up
5	NOVEMBER Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5
6	Monday 8 Years 4 and 6 Check-in Assessments	Tuesday 9 Years 4 and 6 Check-in Assessments	Wednesday 10 Years 4 and 6 Check-in Assessments	Thursday 11	Friday 12
7	Monday 15	Tuesday 16	Wednesday 17 P&C Meeting 9.15am via Zoom Opportunity Class Placement Test	Thursday 18	Friday 19
8	Monday 22	Tuesday 23 Year 6 High School Orientation Day	Wednesday 24 COLOUR RUN	Thursday 25	Friday 26
9	Monday 29	Tuesday 30	DECEMBER Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3

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.



ONLINE AND OFFICE ORDERS

Should you wish to place an order, please download the order form from our website – or see attached – and send to the office.



Seven Hills West Public School
Uniform Shop, Price List

P&C Association.
Price list effective for 2022.
Uniform Shop Hours: Tuesday mornings 8.30am to 9.30am.
Cash, Cheque (no EFTPOS or credit cards).
Or by filling in the order form below with correct money in an envelope to the office.

UNIFORM - ALL Size 4-16	SPORTS UNIFORM - ALL Size 4-16
SKY BLUE POLO SHIRT - with SCHOOL EMBLEM \$20.00	MAROON POLO SHIRT \$24.00
BOYS GREY SHORTS \$19.00	MAROON SPORT SHORTS \$15.00
GIRLS MAROON SKORTS \$25.00	HOUSE COLOUR SHIRTS \$ 8.00
GIRLS MAROON SKIRT/SKORT \$21.00	KOALA - RED
GIRLS SUMMER DRESS \$21.00	KANGAROO - YELLOW
	KOOKABURRA - GREEN
WINTER UNIFORM - ALL Size 4-16	ACCESSORIES
SKY BLUE POLO LONG SLEEVE - with SCHOOL EMBLEM \$23.00	MAROON SCHOOL HAT - with SCHOOL EMBLEM
BOYS GREY LONG PANTS \$21.00	SLOUCH - small/medium/large \$15.00
MAROON FLEECE V-NECK JUMPER - with SCHOOL EMBLEM \$24.00	LEGIONNAIRE - one size \$10.00
MAROON FLEECE ZIP JACKET - with SCHOOL EMBLEM \$27.00	CAP - one size \$10.00
MAROON TRACKPANTS DOUBLE KNEE \$24.00	SUNGLASSES \$15.00
	MAROON SCHOOL BAGS (until sold out) \$35.00
	HI-VIZ SCHOOL BAG \$30.00

Pre-loved uniforms for sale from \$1.00 donation. Donations of pre-loved uniforms ALWAYS accepted.
DIRECT PAYMENT - BSB 082-365 ACCOUNT NO: 271631859 - SHWPS P&C Account

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ORDER FORM

Please return to office with payment in an envelope

CHILD'S NAME: CLASS:

ORDER: SIZE: \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ RECEIPT NO:

Payment can be made either by cash or direct payment into the P&C Account (please add receipt number to your order form):

BSB: 082-365

Account No: 271631859

Account Name: Seven Hills West Public School Uniform Account

Once the order has been filled we will either give it to your child or phone and advise it is ready for collection.

P & C Committee



Flexischools is back up and running.

Please read the attached information regarding registering and downloading the app.

Register for our FlexiSchools Canteen

We can confirm that our online FlexiSchools canteen will be running full-time (5 days a week). An arrangement has been made with Blacktown Subway to provide our online canteen meals and we have received very positive feedback from parents about the healthy menu and quality of the food. Please note that Subway are following the NSW guidelines for Healthy Canteens, which supports nutritious and healthy foods for our students.

To register for our online FlexiSchools Canteen, please follow these instructions:

Set up your account

- Download the FlexiSchools App. Download the app from the **App Store** or from Google Play. Note: for iPhone and iPad please select "Allow" notification
- Register**
Open the FlexiSchools App and click 'Like to register?', enter your email address and click 'Register'. You will be sent a registration email. Follow the instructions in the registration email to finish setting up your account. Once your account is set up, login to the FlexiSchools App, select the Profile icon on the grey navigation bar, select Student and 'Add a student', search for their school name, select their year level and class and enter their details.
- Top Up Your Account**
To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups.

Order

- Place your order**
In the FlexiSchools App, swipe up and down to find the service category you are interested in, swipe left and right to find the service you are interested in and select the green 'Order' button.
- Make your selection**
Select the items you wish to order.
- Make payment**
Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.

If you get stuck on anything, call FlexiSchools on 1300 361 769.

Lunches are delivered to the school, where we will then distribute to the class.

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.

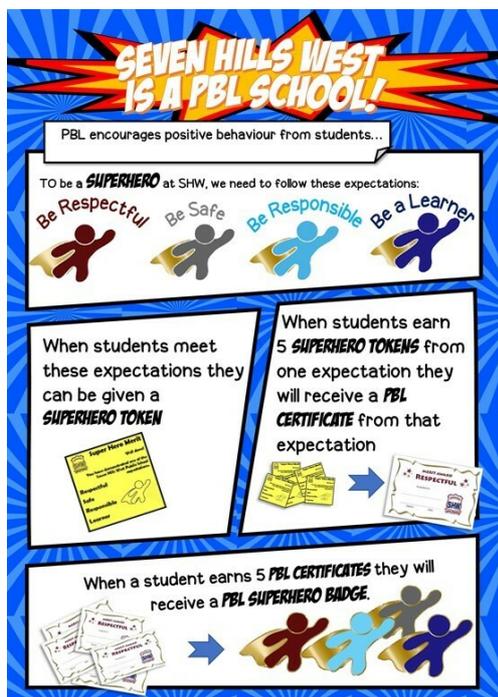
Your understanding and support in this very important health issue are greatly appreciated.

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.

KINDERGARTEN 2022



HONOUR SHW SERVICE WISDOM

ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2022

If your child is turning 5 before 31st July 2021 you can enrol them now in your local school.

Please contact Seven Hills West Public School between 8:30am and 3:15pm to complete an enrolment form.

For more information please contact our school office on 9622 2136 or email sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

PRESCHOOL 2022



HONOUR SHW SERVICE WISDOM

ENROL NOW FOR PRESCHOOL 2022

Are you looking for a high quality Preschool for your 4 year old?

Please contact Seven Hills West Public School to register your interest.

Growing Great Human Beings Every Day at Seven Hills West Public Preschool

For more information please contact our school office on 9622 2136 or email sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Community News

School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew](#) or [update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback

GIRRAWEE HIGH SCHOOL – SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school. Entry is via the Selective High School Placement Test that is run by the Department of Education's High Performing Student's Unit.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions we will be unable to hold an information evening at our school this year.

The below link is posted on our website :

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnXxEpAPUWVOHRMg5PUp-c-DYAcZwF0F2>

This link contains information about our school. In addition to our HSC results outlines below, GHS has an extensive range of cocurricular programs on offer. Examples of cocurricular programs can be found on our website at :

https://girraween-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/g/girraween-h/rules-and-policies/Girraween_High_CoCurricular_Book.pdf

Online applications will open on 19 October 2021 and will close on 17 November 2021. (Late applications will not be accepted).

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in making this information available to interested students and their parents.

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Girraween High School on 9636 7293

Schoolzine



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INSTALLING SZapp

Apple devices:

1. On your device, open the App Store.
2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

Android devices:

1. On your device, open the Play Store.
2. Search the Play Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

1. FIND YOUR SCHOOL
Select your school's region.
Search for and select your school.

2. REGISTER A USER
Before you can add your school, you will need to register. Register your Email, or sign in with Google or Facebook.

3. REGISTER A USER
Enter your email and name and then create a password.

4. MANAGING NOTIFICATIONS
Choose which groups you would like to receive notifications from. Groups with arrows indicate that there are sub-groups, which you can join.

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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'



Step 4: Like

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.