

SHWPS SPOTLIGHT



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Term 2 – Week 10

LEADERSHIP HABIT FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Habit 3 – Put First Things First

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means that I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organised.



Key Events

Term 2

Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July – Parent Teacher Interviews (pre-booked)
Tuesday 28th June – ‘Jump Off Day’ Jump Rope for Heart
Wednesday 29th June – NAIDOC performance
Friday 1st July – LAST DAY Term 2

Term 3

Monday 18th July – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 19th July – All Students return for Term 3
Tuesday 19th July – Uniform Shop opening extra day for beginning of term
Wednesday 20th July – P&C Meeting 9.15am Exec Hub
Thursday 28th July – Interrelate – Year 6
Tuesday 2nd August – K-6 Athletics Carnival – Cornucopia Reserve, Glenwood
Thursday 4th August – Story Quest – K-6
Tuesday 9th August – ICAS Writing

Wednesday 10th August – ICAS Digital Technologies
Thursday 11th August – **BACK UP** K-6 Athletics Carnival – Cornucopia Reserve, Glenwood
Wednesday 17th August – P&C Meeting 9.15am Exec Hub
Wednesday 17th August – ICAS English
Tuesday 23rd August – Father’s Day Stall – EMU’s
Wednesday 24th August – Father’s Day Stall – K-2
Thursday 25th August – Father’s Day Stall – 3-6 & WOMBAT’s
Friday 26th August – Father’s Day ‘event’ and catch-up sale of gifts

CALENDAR

Please click on link for the full calendar.

TERM 2 – 2022

Planning Sheet for Term 2 – 2022				
Monday 27	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 1
Parent Teacher Interviews 2nd Rehearsal via Zoom	Parent Teacher Interviews JUMP OFF DAY – Jump Rope for Heart	Parent Teacher Interviews NAIDOC Performance GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!	Parent Teacher Interviews	Parent Teacher Interviews UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am LAST DAY TERM 2 School Holidays
Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8
Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15

TERM 3 – 2022

Planning Sheet for Term 3 – 2022				
Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	ALL STUDENTS RETURN UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am EXTRA DAY	P & C Meeting 9.15am Exec Hub OPEN CAMP COME TO A PLAY ALL YEAR		Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30
Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29
			Interrelate Year 6	Uniform Shop 8.30-9.30

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our Week 10 SHWPS Spotlight!

What a delight it was to end Term 2 with our Transdisciplinary K-6 Project Showcase. It was fabulous to see our students and parents enjoying a fabulous morning. The collaborative project-based student presentations and demonstrations in each class were amazing to view. Huge thanks to our students and teachers for their passion and dedication to making SHWPS such a great place to learn.

Check out the photos below:



Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2023 and Expressions of Interest for Preschool 2023

Our 2023 Preschool and Kindergarten orientation and transition to school programs commence in Term 3.

Please ensure you have completed your enrolment form if you have a child ready to start school in 2023. You are able to complete an enrolment form if your child is turning 5 before July 31st 2023. We are also accepting 2023 expressions of interest for our Preschool.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Semester One Student Reports were sent home to parents last week.

I would like to thank all teachers for their professional commitment and dedication to putting the class reports together.

Thank you, also, to all parents who made a booking for Parent Teacher Interviews in Week 10. We hope that you enjoy meeting with your child's teacher to discuss your child's report and academic progress during Terms 1 and 2.

Student Representative Council Update

Last week our SRC leaders met and had a very productive meeting.

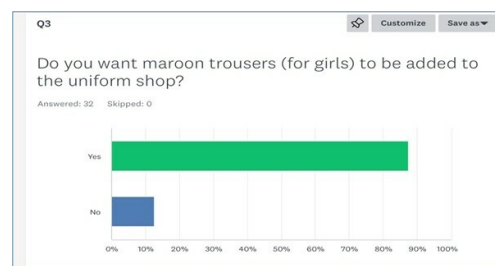
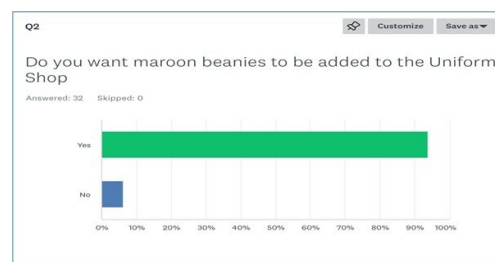
Congratulations to Jasper Singh who was nominated as a new SRC representative for 3/4W.

We discussed the following items, which were then taken back to all classes for brainstorming:

- P&C ideas for new school uniform additions: maroon beanie and maroon trousers for girls.
- Sports Shed – ways to monitor and return the equipment
- Toilets – ways to monitor and improve student behaviour

The SRC discussed great solutions to the Sports Shed and Toilets with their classes. These will be implemented in Term 3.

The results from the student survey about the P&C uniform ideas are presented below. It is clear that students are keen to have a school beanie and maroon trousers for the girls.



The Year 6 students also shared their STEMpreneur project ideas with the SRC. These will be school projects which the SRC will support in Terms 3 and 4. These 5 projects are:

1. Cleaner Toilets campaign
2. Creating a Homework App
3. Stop Littering Campaign
4. Bio-Garbo Bin
5. Green Waste Bins

STEMPreneur Success

Last week, we received very positive feedback from Microsoft about the Year 6 STEMpreneur program. The Student Evaluation Summary below shows the wonderful impact the program had on our students' knowledge of design thinking and STEM curriculum.

The following are summarised student response results which demonstrate the percentage improvement from start of the program to end. (Note: the rating scale is a 1 to 7 measure with 1 being lowest through to 7 being highest rating. i.e. 5 to 7 is agree to strongly agree).

These results demonstrate that, overall, the students gained a lot from the program and their time with you. Thank you so much to Mrs Gupta for her incredible support of this program. Woohoo!!!

Rating Area	Before STEMpreneur Rating 5-7	After STEMpreneur Rating 5-7
I understand that learning STEM and entrepreneurship skills are important for my future.	12%	98%

Rating Area	Before STEMpreneur Rating 5-7	After STEMpreneur Rating 5-7
I know what the 6 D's of Design are	12%	94%
I am able to think of creative solutions to problems.	34%	98%
I can communicate my ideas to others.	54%	98%
I feel confident using video-conferencing technology for conversations with professionals.	32%	100%

Student Comments:

- *My favourite thing about the program was sharing my ideas and creating solutions to serious problems*
- *My favourite thing was our mentors giving us advice because it helped*
- *I loved the tower building and asking questions because it was fun*
- *I enjoyed designing a tech solution*
- *The best part was meeting the mentors and getting to know them because it is good to meet new people*
- *I like working with my team on the presentation*
- *I learnt from my mentors to be brave*
- *My mentors taught me how to stay calm during public speaking*
- *My mentors taught me to be yourself and speak up*
- *Our mentor helped us come up with amazing ideas*
- *It was fun x a billion*
- *I had a lot of fun*

Thank you to Mrs Gupta for coordinating this exciting project! It has really made a difference to our Year 6 students.

Excursion Refund Policy

We have just updated our SHWPS Excursion Refund Policy (attached).

Each year teachers plan a number of excursions, guest speakers and various activities which enhance the educational programs being offered in classrooms. School excursions are structured learning experiences provided or managed by the school, conducted on or external to the school site. Incursions are a type of excursion, conducted on the school site.

It is the responsibility of Seven Hills West Public School to follow Departmental financial guidelines when planning and budgeting for school excursions and activities.

These activities usually have a cost associated with them. Payment for an excursion is considered to be a commitment to

attend and an acceptance of all arrangements as outlined in the permission letter.

If a student cannot attend an excursion, and subsequently requests a refund, the following considerations will need to be taken into account. Occasionally, children are disappointed when they are unable to participate in the activity because they are sick on the day etc. In such cases parents often request a refund of the fees that have been paid.

The decision whether to grant a refund request will take into consideration the following:

- Whether a non-refundable amount has been indicated on an excursion. This amount will not be refunded to the student.
- An exception may be made if there are students on a waiting list. Any substitutions will need to occur prior to arrangements being finalised or the closing date of the excursion.
- Substitutions will be made at the discretion of the Principal, Administration Manager and the teacher organising the excursion.
- The costs of the excursion (e.g. transport, levies, etc.) and whether the total costs will be covered by the number of students that did attend.
- Whether advance payments have been made (e.g. accommodation/transport deposits, performances, etc.)
- Whether the reason provided is "justifiable" and after consideration of the above points.

Justifiable Reasons for a Refund

- Illness/Injury – if medical certificate is provided
- Hospitalisation, medical appointments – if supporting documentation is provided
- Bereavement in the family

Unjustifiable Reasons for a Refund

- Change of mind
- Personal reasons
- Being sent home during the course of an excursion due to misbehaviour

Note: The above are examples only and all requests will be judged according to their merits.

If a refund is applicable, it cannot be issued in cash but is placed on your student's profile as Fees in Advance (FIA), which can then be used for future events.

Creating a Safe Environment at SHWPS

Our school is committed to building a safe and happy environment for students, staff, parents and the broader community.

We encourage parents and carers to advocate strongly on their child's behalf and, as part of this, expect them to raise concerns about their child. Sometimes these concerns may relate to the

way a child may have been treated by another student at this school.

It is natural for parents and carers to feel protective of their children.

However, you must not raise any concerns you have about behaviour of another child directly with that child (or his or her parents while they are at school) but should instead report your concerns to the principal or a member of the executive team. Your concerns will be taken seriously and responded to promptly.

2021 Annual Report and 2022 Strategic Improvement Plan

Our Executive team have finalised our 2021 Annual Report and 2022 Strategic Improvement Implementation and Progress Measures. We are proud of the journey that SHWPS progressed in 2021 and are very excited about our 2022 educational programs and initiatives.

The Annual Report will be published this Friday 1st July and can be accessed from our school website:

<https://sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/school-planning-and-reporting.html>

Term 3 School Development Day and First Day Back for Students

Our last day for Term 2 is Friday 1st July.

Teachers will be attending the Term 3 School Development Day on Monday 18th July.

The first day back at school for students will be Tuesday 19th July.

Staffing Update

I would like to say thank you to Mrs Fiona Sutherland-Ready who will be returning back to her substantive position at Dawson Public School at the start of Term 3. On behalf of the school, we wish her all the best and hope that she enjoys her new specialist teaching role.

Mrs Ashleigh Soriente and Mrs Alainya Zollinger will take on the Relieving AP Support position for the rest of the year. We congratulate them on taking on this exciting leadership role. They will be leading both the Support Unit and the Learning, Wellbeing and Support Team.

On a personal note, last week I informed the P&C that I am currently facing a serious health condition. As a result, I will be taking leave in Term 3 to manage my health and medical plan to resolve the issue.

During my absence, Mrs Belinda Barber will be Relieving Principal. She is an experienced senior leader who is currently Deputy Principal at Vardys Road Public School. I encourage our community to give her a very warm welcome when she commences at the start of Term 3. Seven Hills West Public School will be in wonderful hands under her leadership and I know she has the support of our Executive team and staff.

Thank you for a wonderful Term 2. I wish everyone a safe, healthy and relaxing holiday break.

Warmly
Shanti Clements
Principal

STAGE UPDATES

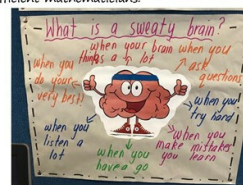
Stage 2

3/4W Class News

It has been a busy term in 3/4W, we have been working hard to show that we are 'putting first things first' and 'synergising' to meet our learning goals.

Over the past few weeks we have busily been preparing our "Personal Journeys" videos to present at our transdisciplinary showcase. We have learnt many new skills in using Canva which has been both fun and a challenge at the same time.

During Mathematics, we have been getting our brains sweaty and have been learning lots of new strategies to help us become efficient mathematicians.



We are looking forward to a busy and rewarding Term 3!

Mrs Waters
3/4W Classroom Teacher

This week 4T worked very hard on their transdisciplinary projects! They used Canva online to make a video/presentation on their personal journey and history. This project is part of their inquiry learning theme of: 'Where We Are in Place and Time'. 4T are very excited to showcase their projects in week 10!



Mrs P Thomson - Classroom Teacher

This week 3P has been working on their poem writing skills. Students have been exploring different modes of poems and have come up with some fantastic work. We also had the opportunity to be a part of the School's Multicultural Public Speaking competition. The finalists chosen from our class were Ridhvi, Yamin and Nitya. They did a fantastic job. Our class was lucky enough to have Nitya chosen to represent and attend the next stage of the competition in Blacktown.



Love Poem by Anraj
Mrs T Capizzi – Classroom Teacher

Home Poem by Aanya

Stage 3

During CAPA lessons, 5/6s have been busy learning about the 'Blues' music genre. They have been working on using a variety of different musical instruments such as the ukulele, drums, piano and the guitar to create a 12 bar composition in small groups. Each student has taken on a role in their band and the vocalists have created their very own 'Blues' song using the AAB pattern. While playing in a group, 5/6s have also learnt the skill of 'improvisation' in order to ensure the music flows throughout the entire performance.



Ms S Lee – Classroom Teacher

5-6R

ENGLISH

Students have been exploring the structure of a narrative and literary devices that help to communicate ideas effectively.

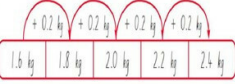


Literary Devices

- Simile
- Metaphor
- Imagery
- Symbol
- Alliteration
- Irony
- Hyperbole
- Personification

MATHS

Students have been learning how to create increasing and decreasing number patterns with whole numbers, fractions & decimals

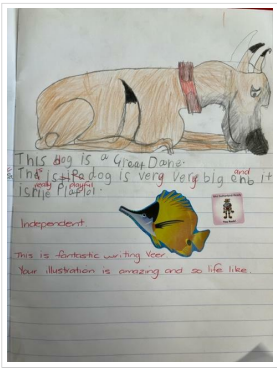


HISTORY –STUDENT LED LEARNING

Students investigate the causes for the movement and migration of people from Britain and Ireland to the new Australian Colonies.



Mrs N Rosario – Classroom Teacher



Mrs F Sutherland-Ready – Rel. Assistant Principal Support

K-6G have had a wonderful time this semester studying about living things and the life cycle. We have been making observations about features of living things and their environment. The students have spent the previous week caring for and observing the growth of their sunflower seeds. They have been using their narrative writing skills to create their own short stories on the life cycle of a sunflower.



Ms A Chung – Classroom Teacher

P & C News

Did you know that the P&C are selling sports shorts again in the uniform shop? Maroon in colour, the poly-cotton knit shorts feature a drawstring and zip pocket. Now available in sizes 4-16 (with other sizes available by special order), and priced at only \$15, these are really good value!

SUPPORT

In K-6J we have been exploring our ability to write independently about stories read in class.

This writing was based on the book 'Dogs' by Emily Gravett.

Coming in term 3 from SHWPS P&C!

The return of our Fathers Day Stall

Cost: Items priced \$1-\$10
Days: Tuesday 23rd August, afternoon: Emus only
 Wednesday 24th August, morning: K-2
 Thursday 25th August, morning: 3-6 & Wombats
 Friday 26th August, starting from 8:15am: Open sessions for families and students

Our inaugural Father's Day Event

Cost: \$5 per head
Day: Friday 26th August

Silly Socks and Sausage Sizzle Day

Cost: \$5, TBC.
Day: Thursday 22nd September

Beanies

A new addition to our range, these polar fleece beanies—complete with school logo—will keep your kids heads warm and stylish! Available early term 3.

Reminders & FYIs!

We now stock maroon sports shorts in sizes 4-16, \$15
 We now accept card payments, including Tap-and-Go
 We will be open on the first day of term 3, 8:30-9:30am
 You can order uniforms online at any time, <https://shwpc.square.site>

home with your child, perfect for busy parents, or those who can't make it in during our hours. When placing orders, please remember to add your child's name and class as either the contact, or as a comment to the order, to assist us in getting your orders home. As always, if you order the wrong size, items with tags still attached can be exchanged.

<https://shwpc.square.site/>

If you wish to pay via cash or direct deposit, you can attend during our opening hours, or leave your order form (with cash if appropriate) in a payment envelope at the office.

BSB: 082-365

Account No: 271631859

Account Name: Seven Hills West Public School Uniform Account

Reference: *Your child's name and class.*

Order forms are available from the link below.

<https://sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/pandc-association/uniform-shop.html>

The SHW P&C Uniform Shop is open Friday mornings between 8:30am and 9:30am.

Fundraising



**Help us turn
BREAD BAGS into
SCHOOL PLAY
EQUIPMENT**

Our school is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RSHS equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school earns!

Collections close 9th September.

Tip for collecting:
Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

Did you know?
Our school is now in the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from the soft plastic we collect!

LET'S GET COLLECTING!

*Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag @wonderaustralia #wonderrecyclingrewards to share all your recycling champion stories!





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

ORDER FORM

Please return to office with payment in an envelope

CHILD'S NAME: CLASS:

ORDER: SIZE: \$.....
 ORDER: SIZE: \$.....
 ORDER: SIZE: \$.....
 ORDER: SIZE: \$.....
 ORDER: SIZE: \$.....

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$..... RECEIPT NO:

P & C Committee

Uniform Shop

In case you missed it: Online ordering of uniforms is now available! All orders placed through the website can be paid for with card, will be filled during our regular shop hours and send

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2023



ENROL NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2023



If your child is turning 5 before 31st July 2022 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 WAIT LIST 2023



PRESCHOOL WAITLIST FOR 2023 OPEN!



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

Please contact Seven Hills West Public School to register your interest and to complete a waitlist form.

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

LIBRARY NEWS



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Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

CBCA Book Week Live Performance 2022 - Story Quest

STORY QUEST

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Students at Seven Hills West will have a wonderful opportunity to join the artists from Perform Education for the live Story Quest. Join Marley on her new STORY QUEST adventure as part of CBCA Book Week 2022 to celebrate the CBCA Book Week 2022 theme: "Dreaming with Eyes Open...". Students will be immersed into the storytelling and interaction with the books featured in the CBCA 2022 Shortlist through an engaging, original narrative filled with music, adventure, and intrigue!

A NOTE FROM THE WRITER OF STORY QUEST!
Craig Christie
When exploring the CBCA's 2022 theme "Dreaming with Eyes Open..." I set out to create a story that explores how storytelling traditions of both First Nations and Western cultures can coexist and create exciting new narratives when misunderstanding and ignorance are overcome. The idea of a quest or adventure is a beloved theme central to Western storytelling. One of the things I wanted to feature in this year's show Story Quest is how this idea that we are so familiar with might play out when superimposed upon the existing storylines that run throughout Australia and its First Nations people and Dreamtime.

CBCA Book Week dates
Saturday 20th August to Friday 26th August

Book Week LIVE Performance
Date: Thursday 4th August 2022

Time:
Preschool (Wombats) to Year 2: 9:30 am
Year 3 to Year 6: 11:40 am

Suitability:
Junior version - Preschool to Year 2
General version - Year 3 to Year 6

Cost: \$6 per student

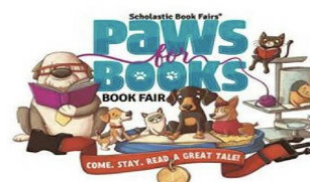
Students will view the live performance, as well as discuss CBCA books with artist. The cost for this activity is \$6. Please make payment to the school by Friday 29th July. Please see over for payment options. This event has the approval of the principal.

Ms S. Clements
Principal
27/06/22

Mrs S. Gupta
Story Quest Coordinator



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Did you know that reading 20 minutes a day with your child is the best investment your family can make for their future? Research shows that children who read at least 20 minutes per day score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Come to the SHWPS Book Fair to stock up on the books your child will love reading and ignite their home reading habits. Please visit our Book Fair and discover your child's next favourite book! Some book fair profits are returned to the school to purchase books and activities for classroom and library use.

Save the date:

Book Fair dates: **September 15th through to September 21st.**
Shopping hours: 8:00am - 8:55am and 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Before the book fair we will share the **Book Fair eWallet!** Let your child shop the Scholastic Book Fair cash-free with our NEW digital payment option.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our SHWPS Book Fair! Happy reading!

This event has the approval of the principal.

Ms S. Clements
Principal
27.06.22

Mrs S Gupta
Book Fair Coordinator



READ 20
A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

typically scores in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987

Positive Behaviour for Learning

SEVEN HILLS WEST IS A PBL SCHOOL!

PBL encourages positive behaviour from students...

TO be a **SUPERHERO** at SHW, we need to follow these expectations:

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be a Learner

When students meet these expectations they can be given a **SUPERHERO TOKEN**

When students earn 5 **SUPERHERO TOKENS** from one expectation they will receive a **PBL CERTIFICATE** from that expectation

When a student earns 5 **PBL CERTIFICATES** they will receive a **PBL SUPERHERO BADGE**

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.

Attendance

Student attendance records will be closely monitored. If your child is absent, it is important that a note/certificate explaining their absence is given to the classroom teacher when your child returns to school. Parents/Carers will be given a letter if an explanation is not provided for the student's absence and this must be completed and returned to the classroom teacher so that the student's attendance records will be updated accordingly.

Student Absences

The Department of Education deems that all students must attend school every day. Families are also advised that holidays should be taken during school holiday periods.

If your child is absent from school please notify the school in writing by either sending an email to the school email or sending a note to the class teacher explaining the absence.

If your child is sick for one day, you **DO NOT** need to ring the school but can send a note to school with your child on the following day.

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

- Partial absences are also recorded in the roll, where a child arrives late to school or leaves school early.
- If a student is late to school, a parent should escort them to the office so they can give the reason for the late arrival.
- Students, who are constantly late to school, miss the morning lesson introduction and this can lead to gaps in learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS...
A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ 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

Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

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:

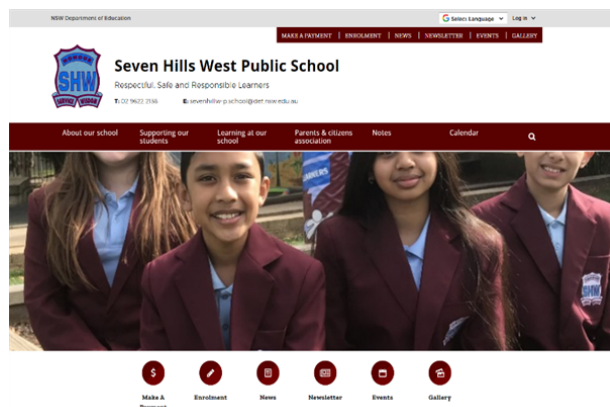
- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

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

Check out the Seven Hills West Public School Website



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.

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.



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

1. Download the FlexiSchools App. Download the app from the **App Store** or from Google Play. Note: for iPhone and iPad please select 'Allow' notification
2. 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.
3. Top Up Your Account
To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups.

Order

1. 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.
2. Make your selection
Select the items you wish to order.
3. 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.

Our Online FlexiSchools Canteen is open 5 days a week

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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.

Birthday Cakes

As restrictions are now slowly changing, we are pleased to advise the following:

Pre-packaged individual muffins, cakes, lolly bags or ice creams are now permitted in classrooms.



Home-made cakes or lolly bags are **not permitted**.

We welcome the change to be able to celebrate birthdays in the class.

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.

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.

Additionally, with the cooler months now approaching – students of ALL AGES can experience getting unexpectedly wet when the rains set in.



Please remember to pack raincoat/umbrella/jumper/jacket as the weather is so unpredictable.



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

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.

COVID-Safe School Operational Plan

NSW Department of Education

COVID-safe operations for schools

Students return to face-to-face learning in staged cohorts. COVID-safe operations are maintained through high rates of staff and student vaccination, safe rostering and physical distancing.

Department Preschools, Kindergarten & Year 1 18 October Drop-offs and pick-ups will be by staggered groups and all entrances and exits will be used to start and finish school days. Please follow the physical distancing rules, avoid gathering outside gates, remain off school grounds and wear a mask, (some exceptions made for vulnerable students). Try to stay in the car. This does not apply to COVID-19. Sign-in procedures are required. From 18 October, students sitting their HSC exams will be able to access their school full-time for revision and study sessions. Students should be at school from the date indicated for their year group unless they are unwell.	Drop-offs and pick-ups Drop-offs and pick-ups will be by staggered groups and all entrances and exits will be used to start and finish school days. Please follow the physical distancing rules, avoid gathering outside gates, remain off school grounds and wear a mask, (some exceptions made for vulnerable students). Try to stay in the car. This does not apply to COVID-19. Sign-in procedures are required.	Vaccination All adults on school sites must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including employees, contractors, volunteers and essential visitors. Students aged 12 or above are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination. Parents and carers can book in a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine now.	Visitors Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites. All visitors are required to wear a mask and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.
All other years 25 October Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air than in spaces with less ventilation. Outdoor settings will be used where practicable.	Masks Masks will be required for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above while they are indoors and outdoors on school sites unless eating or exercising. Masks are strongly recommended for primary students both indoors and outdoors unless eating or exercising. Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case. Masks are also required for all travel on public transport for children 13 years and older.	Hand hygiene & cleaning Students will be reminded to wash their hands often. Sanitizers, soaps, paper towels and other essential items will be readily available for students. Enhanced cleaning will continue on our school site.	

We're all in this together



Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:

Facebook

Schoolzine

Seven Hills West website



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 5 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.



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.

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.

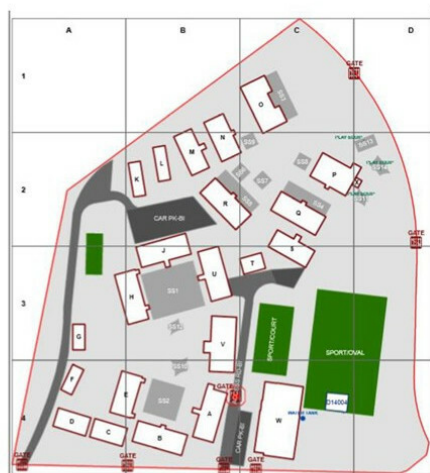
Should you need to enter the school at other times during the day – please press the buzzer – wait for the Admin office to respond – then wait until the gate opens before entering.

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.

GATES

Map of Drop-Off and Pick-Up Gates



- Gate 1 (Pedestrian/New Hall Gate) – Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students
- ▲ Gate 2 (Bus Stop/OOSH Gate) – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students
- Gate 3 (Sackville Road Gate) – Preschool, Support Unit students (not on Assisted Transport) and Family Groups

PLEASE NOTE:

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

Community News

Transport for NSW
Careers

We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors

Help protect our vibrant school communities.

Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.

Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.

Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

Casual roles available in Blacktown LGA – 69681

- Blacktown LGA

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- Shifts will fall between 8:00am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm with a minimum of one hour shift as required.

Apply today

Applications close Wednesday 6th July 2022

See jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 69681** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact
Lisa Schreiber
lisa.schreiber@transport.nsw.gov.au
P: 02 9983 3823

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KIDZ BLITZ

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

\$34.50 per child per day

Kidz Blitz is the most fun the kids will have these school holidays! Each day includes a different theme and activities.

For children aged 6 - 12 years

Water activities included everyday

Monday 4 - Friday 15 July 2022
7.30 am - 6.00 pm daily
(Excludes weekends and public holidays)

Creative Kids Voucher Accepted*
4-8 July 2022

- \$100 voucher = 2 days enrolment
- \$100 voucher plus \$3.50 = 3 days enrolment
- \$100 voucher plus \$38.00 = 4 days enrolment
- \$100 voucher plus \$72.50 = 5 days enrolment

Blacktown City Council

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badbookings@blacktown.nsw.gov.au blacktown.nsw.gov.au/bac

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Permanent Part Time roles available in Parramatta & Western Suburbs – 66516

- All Saints Liverpool
- Mount Pritchard Public School
- Seven Hills West Public School

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
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Days and hours

- 20-hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8:00 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today

Applications close Wednesday 29th June 2022

See jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 66516** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

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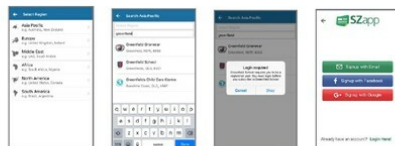


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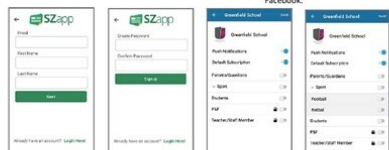
INSTALLING SZapp



- 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 group/s you would like to receive notifications from. Groups with arrows indicate that there are Sub-groups, which you can join.



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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.

Facebook



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SEVEN HILLS WEST IS ON FACEBOOK!

Stay connected and up-to-date with news and upcoming events at Seven Hills West Public School.

Step 1: Log into your personal Facebook account.

Step 2: Search 'Seven Hills West Public School'

Step 3: Click on 'Pages'



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Please also visit our website www.sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ for more information, notes and notices.

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