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TERM 1 - WEEK 9 23 March 2022

LEADERSHIP HABIT FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Habit 4 – Think Win Win



I want everyone to be a success. I don't have to put others down to get what I want. It makes me happy to see other people happy. I like to do things for others. When a conflict arises, I help brainstorm a solution. We can all win together!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents

What a busy term it has been! I would like to thank our staff, students and P&C for their support of over the past 9 weeks.

Harmony Day Celebrations - Monday 21st March 2022

Harmony Day is a day where we celebrate Australian multiculturalism in our community. Harmony Day promotes inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Harmony Day was celebrated at Seven Hills West on Monday this week. On this day, students are invited to dress in cultural clothing or wear the colour orange. The colour orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. To celebrate inclusion and belonging and promote a celebration of diversity, throughout the week, students also engaged in unique learning activities in their classes around this year's Harmony Day theme: Everyone Belongs. Thank you to Mrs Gupta, Miss Roche, Mrs Rosario, Mrs Radhakrishnan and Mrs Bax for coordinating our Harmony Day celebrations!

Check-In Assessments for Years 4 and 6 Students (Week 9)

This week we have been conducting the NSW Check-In Assessments for our Years 4 and 6 students in the Tech Hub. Check-in assessments are online assessment for students in Years 3 to 9. They are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. There are two assessments: Reading and 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 information is mapped against the National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions. 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. Thank you to Mrs Kim for coordinating the Check-In Assessments for our school.

P&C AGM - Welcome to our 2022 Executive **Team**

Last Wednesday we held our 2022 P&C Annual General Meeting where all P&C executive positions are voted on by our parent community. I would like to congratulate our 2022 **Executive Team:**

- President Miss Kellie White
- Vice President Mrs Minal Gandhi
- Treasurer Mrs Susan Cooper

- Secretary Shailendra Karki
- Auditor Mr Rahul Gupta
- Uniform Shop Mrs Susan Cooper

A Parents and Citizens' Association (P&C) is a group of community minded people, parents and citizens, who take on a more formal role to assist the school in providing: feedback on school policies and activities, additional resources to be used to enhance student learning and parents with opportunities to be involved in their child's education.

Our SHWPS P&C meets once a month and we invite all interested parents to join our committed group of parents.

Wishing you a wonderful fortnight of learning

Thank you for choosing Seven Hills Public School for your child. On behalf of our wonderful staff, I wish you and family a healthy, safe and inspirational fortnight of learning.

Warmly

Shanti Clements Principal

Our Online FlexiSchools Canteen is open 5 days a week

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Check out the Seven Hills West Public School Website

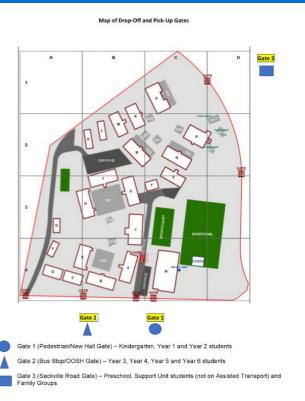
https://sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/



For all up-to-date newsletters, policies, calendar events and class information, please regularly visit the school website (hosted by NSW Department of Education).

We also upload the school newsletter each fortnight and send it to parents via the SchoolZine service.

GATES



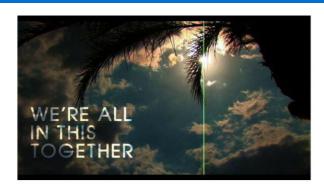
PLEASE NOTE:

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

COVID-Safe School Operational Plan



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.



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.



Assembly Award Recipients - CONGRATULATIONS

Each fortnight we would like to share with the community the Certificate of Achievements award recipients.

We would like to congratulate the following students on receiving a Merit of Certificate.

Kindergarten	Stage 1 (Year 1&2)	Stage 2 (Year 3&4)	Stage 3 (Year 5&6)	Support Unit
Adam KC	Charli 1C	Nitya 3P	Amara 5/6R	Oliver K-6G
Akshayaa KC	Aiden 1C	Delinda 3P	Subaksanaa 5/6R	Huziafa K-6D
Zakaria KV	Vivaan 1/2G	Toshant – 3/4W	Jenolin 5 /6 L	Wayne K-6M
Retal KV	Lau 1/2G	Sosefina – 3/4W	Jad 5/6 L	Mahasvin K-6J
	Aarav 2R	Era 4T		Macayla 3-6 A
	Jasmeh 2R	Ashwath 4T		

STAGE UPDATES

Preschool

ELLA Spanish on the Ipads

The preschool children are loving to learn Spanish as we start to explore ELLA App 2 – as we visit the beach. We are starting to learn new vocabulary of colours and sea creatures in Spanish. We have been learning new vocabulary as a class group on the digital whiteboard. The Emu's and Wombats are also loving being independent in learning Spanish as they choose the different mini app games to explore.



Munch and Move

During our Preschool year at SHWPS we are helping to build our 12 movement skills needed to be active as we grow up. This week we have been building our throwing and catching skills as we have been learning to play a new game – 'Grip Ball.' In this game we take on two rolls -the thrower and the catcher. As the thrower we learn to aim and throw a ball with direction and control and as the catcher we build our hand eye coordination to catch the ball using the grip pad. The Emus and Wombats are showing great turn taking skills as they swap the different roles with their friends.



Miss Natalie, Mrs Sharon Miss Zoe and Miss Jessica Early Childhood Teachers

Stage 1

We had a fantastic fortnight in 1C!

This Wednesday, 1C received the Best Class Award at assembly.... TEDDY BROWN!



One fun activity this week we performed was learning to subtract using a ten frame in Mathematics. We were given dice and ten frames with counters placed on top. We rolled dice to get the number of counters to take away, and then we counted how many were left.



We also learned how to use the term "groups of" when multiplying. We used MAB blocks to create collections of objects and then organised them into groups that would match a multiplication problem. For example, we would create three groups of four, or two groups of five. This helped us visualise multiplication problems as well as practice skip counting.



Mrs T Capizzi - Classroom Teacher

During Mathematics lessons, students in 1/2G have been using concrete materials such as buttons, counters and dinosaurs to show the connection between multiplication and repeated addition.





Mrs L Gatt - Classroom Teacher

Stage 2 and 3

This week, 4T planned and drafted their 7 Habit artworks!

They thought about which habit means the most to them and symbolised it in their drawings.

In our writing lessons, 4T have been learning to write persuasive texts on the topics: 'it is ok to make mistakes' and 'it is important to show empathy to those around us'.





Mrs P Thomson - Classroom Teacher

Support Unit

As part of our Transdisciplinary Program K/6M have been learning about the life cycles of plants and animals.

We planted cress seeds in cups with wet cotton balls. We were amazed to see how quickly they grew in one week. We decided if the seeds had been planted in soil and were outside, they would have grown even more.







We have investigated that our families are all different and that we are all unique and we make positive contributions to our community in our own individual way!







SPORTS REPORT

Sports Updates

Seven Hills/Wentworthville Zone Swimming Carnival 2022

The following students from Seven Hills West Public School attended the 2022 Zone Swimming Carnival that was held at Blacktown Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 8th March;

Ivy - 3/4W Jenolin – 5/6L Mansi - 5/6R Tate - 5/6R

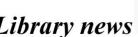
Congratulations to these students for representing our school with pride and enthusiasm at the Zone Carnival.

A special mention to Tate from 5/6R who has progressed to the Sydney West Swimming Carnival. We all wish you the best of luck!

Thankyou to Mrs Zollinger and Mrs Sutcliffe for attending the carnival.

Mrs Waters Sports Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS





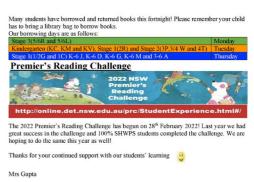
Library news

A delightful week of library learning! Students have been confidently applying their knowledge to code using Lego Spike, Tynker Cad and Micro bits. They have been knowledge to code using Lego Spike, Tynker Cad and Micro bits. They have been investigating and using their problem-solving and research skills to find solutions of various real-world problems. All stages have taken the next step to use inventor robotic kits to learn more about the Living World. Kindergarten students explored electric circuits and conductivity in living things by using Makey Makey kits. Stage I creatively used technology to explore the living world. Stage 2 used coding and robotics to create environmentally focused technology to design automated recycling center and Stage 3 extended their coding and robotics skills by applying biomedical engineering concepts to develop a prosthetic arm.



nder that the book club orders are due this week. Book Club provides families with an affordable and convenient way to bring the best in children's literature into their homes. Each issue contains curated, age-appropriate titles that have been carefully selected and levelled by a dedicated team of professional booklovers.





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.



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY



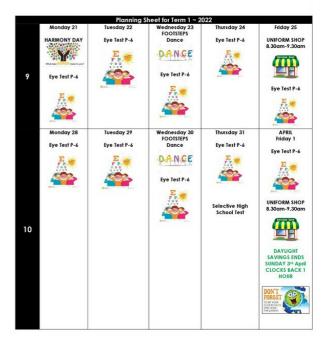
One week to go: the countdown is on!

National Ride2School Day is Australia's biggest celebration of active travel and one of the best days on the school calendar. It is a day full of fun and colour where we discover the joy of riding and kick-start healthy habits for the future.

National Ride2School Day will be on Friday 25 March 2022. This weekend you may like to check that your bike and helmet are "ride ready"!

CALENDAR

TERM 1 - 2022





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

P & C News

Your P&C Association held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 16th.

Positions are as follows:

President - Kellie White

Vice President - Minal Gandhi

Treasurer - Susan Cooper

Secretary - Shailendra Karki

Auditor - Rahul Guha

Uniform Shop - Susan Cooper

Keep an eye out for tickets coming home soon for our first post-COVID Easter Raffle, to accompany the Easter Parade. As we did in previous years, we are once again asking for donations from our families, so that more of the funds raised can be put directly back to helping the school. Your P&C appreciates all donations and assistance we receive from the community, no matter how big or small.



Please keep updated via Schoolzine and FaceBook.

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 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 childs 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.

Get started at: 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:

https://sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/pandc-association/un

iform-shop.html

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







Uniform Shop, Price List

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	KANGAROO – YELLOW KOOKABURRA – GREEN	
GIRLS SUMMER DRESS	\$21.00	KOOKABURKA - GREEN	
WINTER UNIFORM - ALL Size 4-16		ACCESSORIES	
SKY BLUE POLO LONG SLEEVE - with SCHOOL EMBLEM \$23.00		MAROON SCHOOL HAT - with SCHOOL	EMBLEM
		SLOUCH - small/medium/large	\$15.00
BOYS GREY LONG PANTS	\$21.00	LEGIONNAIRE – one size	\$10.00
		CAP – one size	\$10.00
MAROON FLEECE V-NECK JUMPER			
EMBLEM	\$24.00	SUNGLASSES	\$15.00
MAROON FLEECE ZIP JACKET - with SCHOOL EMBLEM		MAROON SCHOOL BAGS	\$35.00
	\$27.00	(until sold out)	
MAROON TRACKPANTS DOUBLE K	NEE \$24.00	HI-VIZ SCHOOL BAG	\$30.00

	ORDER FORM			
Please return to	office with payment in an envelope			
CHILD'S NAME:	CLASS	CLASS:		
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P & C Committee

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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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS SOON

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR



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

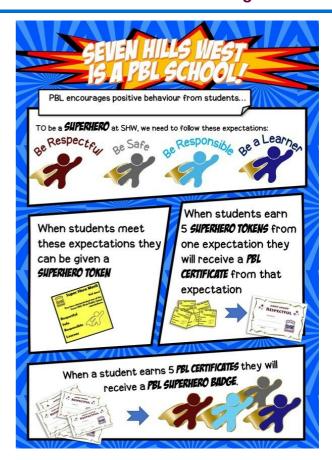
In the interests of the health and safety of all our students please ensure that your child does not bring anything to school for recess or lunch which contains nut and/or egg products. This will include peanut butter or Nutella spread on sandwiches, peanut butter dippers, snack packs with nuts and nut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

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

Notes and Payments

Please be advised that all school notes and written communication are now placed on our website for your easy access. Families that have requested multiple copies will now need to access the website. We are encouraging the use of technology @ SHWPS!

Important

It would be appreciated, if when completing permission notes, you could include the child's FULL NAME (Given Name and Surname) AND CLASS, in order for the office to correctly identify the student who is participating in the special activity.

Sending money to school

If paying by cash or cheque, payment envelopes are available to allow office staff to quickly record details for our students.

A reminder: A permission note must be completed for every student in the family for all activities. Please note the office does not carry change. Please provide the correct money with your payments. We encourage families to pay using our POP – Payment online system via our school website.

Collection of Money and Permission Notes

To ensure that students' needs are met on excursions, extra curricula activities and for visiting performances, it is necessary to have procedures in place regarding payments and permission notes. These procedures allow teachers to:

- Ensure that the correct number of teachers are allocated to an activity or excursion
- Buses are ordered for the right number of students
- Book correct numbers for all activities on excursions
- Organise supervision for students not involved in these activities
- Cancel activities if numbers are too low, within a reasonable timeframe.

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

These procedures include any area where money is paid to the school e.g. Excursions, visiting performances, sporting events, book club etc.

For this to be implemented correctly all money must be paid to front office by the DUE DATE, there will be no exceptions.

Permission notes, fully completed with child's name and class, must be given to the front office once you have made your payment online, or at the same time as money is presented.

In cases of financial hardship, the school *may* be able to assist by contributing a part payment.

Please contact the office for more information.

Community News



Schoolzine





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Telephone: 9622 2136 Facilmile: 9831 6437 Email: sevenHillhu-p.school@det.nuw.edu.ar
A Proud PBL School (%active Behaviour for Learning)

Facebook



Seven Hills West Public School Respectful. Safe. Responsible Learners







SEVEN HILLS WEST IS ON FACEBOOK!

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

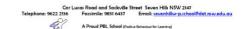
Step 1: Log into your personal Facebook account.

Step 2: Search 'Seven Hills West Public School'

Step 3: Click on 'Pages'



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



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.