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TERM 2 - WEEK 6

SHWPS SPOTLIGHT

LEADERSHIP HABIT FOR THE FORTNIGHT



Habit 1 – Be Proactive:

I have a "Can Do" attitude. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods. I don't blame others. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.

Key Events

Term 2

Thursday 2nd June – K-2 Sydney Zoo excursion Monday 13th June – Public Holiday

Wednesday 15th June - Sydney West Cross Country Monday 27th June to Friday 1st July - Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 27th June – BFoPA – 2nd rehearsal via zoom 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

CALENDAR

Please click on link for the full calendar.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

After discussions with our P&C, our newsletter will now be published twice per term and renamed 'SHWPS Spotlight'. In this weeks issue, we will showcase Preschool to Year 2 student work samples, while in Week 10, we will showcase Years 3-6 student work.

As we are increasingly using SchoolZine and Facebook for daily messages, it means that the SHWPS Spotlight provides a high-level summary of our school events and progress twice a term. We hope you like the new format!

Reconciliation Week (May 27th to June 3rd)

This week is National Reconciliation Week. The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change", is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for National Reconciliation Week are the same each year - May 27th to June 3rd - commemorating two significant dates in the reconciliation journey— the 1967 referendum, and the 1992 High Court Mabo decision.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Please check out the Reconciliation Week video:

You Can Sit With Me



On Friday June 3rd, Seven Hills West Public School will celebrate the YOU CAN SIT WITH ME program and annual kindness day. YOU CAN SIT WITH ME is an inclusive and kindness campaign for students across schools. Students wear a yellow t-shirt or a simple wristband with a life changing message: YOU CAN SIT WITH ME. By wearing this wristband, they show that they welcome anyone to sit with them and that they are inclusive.

YOU CAN SIT WITH ME fosters and strengthens friends with children of all grades and ages. Here are some great photos of our students showing kindness to each other as they celebrated acts of care, friendship and compassion across our school.

Sydney Theatre Company – School Drama Program

Congratulations to Mrs Radhakrishnan, Mrs Rosario and Miss Luc for being selected to participate in the Sydney Theatre Company's School Drama Program – which will commence in Term 3.

The School Drama program involves one-on-one professional learning experiences in the classroom with expert instruction from experienced Teaching Artists at the Sydney Theatre Company. There are four hours of pre-program professional development workshops with STC and The University of Sydney, followed by 7 weekly in-class workshops.

Ongoing research and evaluations illustrate that the co-mentoring model between the teacher and STC Teaching Artist is a powerful professional learning experience, with teachers continuing to use their new knowledge long after the Teaching Artist has left the school. A wealth of research studies has shown the following benefits for students:

- Increased student academic achievement in literacy and English
- Improved student confidence
- Increased student engagement and motivation
- Significant improvements in class collaboration
- Positive shifts in empathy

Blacktown Learning Community – Learning Exchanges

Next Thursday 9th June, Seven Hills West Public School will be supporting colleagues from the Blacktown Learning Community of Schools to conduct Learning Exchanges and training in Instructional Practices Inventory.

The BLC Learning Exchanges are an opportunity for Principals, Senior Leaders and Middle Leaders to connect, collaborate and create exciting learning exchanges across our community of schools. The aim is to align the Visible Learning research and What Works Best Toolkit through the use of Instructional Practices Inventory (IPI) learning walks. All staff at Seven Hills West Public School are trained in how to use IPI in the classroom and it is exciting that we can share our knowledge with other schools.

The aim of the BLC Learning Exchanges are:

- To introduce a way to evaluate Visible Learning and student engagement in the classroom
- To improve teaching skills that enhance higher order student learning and deep knowledge
- To support school leaders in using IPI rounds in their schools
- To improve the quality of school-wide evaluation of lesson observations and learning walks

We look forward to running the workshop and supporting our BLC schools in learning about IPI and participating in the learning exchanges.

Reminder to Book your Term 2 Parent Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during Week 10 (Monday June 27th to Friday July 1st). Parents are requested to make bookings via School Interviews website. Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. To book your time for the interview, please follow these instructions:

Go to http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/zrxbw (CODE: zrxbw)

- Enter your details
- Select the teachers you wish to see
- Select the appointment times that suit your family best
- When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling.
- Update your details if the email address is incorrect.
- DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.
- REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Friday 24th June at 4pm

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au (CODE: zrxbw)

 and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

Reminder: Invitation to our Parent Workshops – The Leader in Me Program (9.15am – 16th June)

With the implementation of **The Leader in Me** program, we will be running a parent session on The Leader in Me program and 7 habits for highly effective people on Wednesday 25th June at 9.15am in the Executive Hub. The workshop will focus on ways to support the program at home. If you are keen to attend this parent workshop, please let us know via this SurveyMonkey link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5QLYDRP

Finally, I wish everyone a wonderful fortnight of learning. Take care and stay safe.

Warmly

Shanti Clements Principal

STAGE UPDATES

Preschool

At Preschool we have been building our creativity as we explore drawing our families. We have been talking about the different parts of our bodies that we need to draw to make a person – head, body, two legs, two arms, two eyes, a nose and a mouth. Drawing and giving children the opportunity to build their skills with a range of different materials is important for developing her creativity.

Ursula Kolbe the early children's artist explains "It starts with the joy of making marks and lines. Gradually lines begin to 'speak' to the imagination. Children become aware that lines can represent things- not only people and objects, but also moments and sounds" As children draw they are discovering one of their '100 languages.' to express their understanding of the world. The Wombats and Emus were so proud of the pictures of their family.



This week we have be learning about 'Sorry Day' and Reconciliation week. We have been learning about the

importance of the three colours on the Aboriginal flag and what the colours symbolise;

Red: is for the land which is at the bottom of the flag

Black: is for the people and the sky which goes at the top, and

Yellow: is the sun which is for life and goes in the middle of the flag as a circle.

We have been singing one of our favourite songs – Red, black and yellow by Aunty Wendy as we learn the importance of these colours. We have also made special hearts to make a sea of hearts for Reconciliation week which we will take for our adventure to the Yarning circle this week.

Thank you for reading,

Miss Natalie, Mrs Sharon, Miss Zoe, Miss Jessica and Miss Bec.

Early Childhood Teachers

Early Stage 1

Kindergarten has been practising their skipping skills for our Jump Rope for Heart! They have learnt all about keeping their hearts healthy through rigorous movement daily. They are currently learning to move the skipping rope around them jump at the same time.























Mrs R Mortlock - Assistant Principal

Stage 1

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This week in Mathematics, we learned to represent 3-digit numbers using concrete materials such as MAB blocks. This really strengthened our understanding of place value, by bringing numbers on paper to life by visualising and manipulating digits into different concrete combinations. We also learned about the concept of division as "equal sharing" to improve our understanding of division. For example, we were given word problems such as dividing selections of tasty treats between different numbers of people! Yum!

In English, we have been learning about narratives and their structure. We have been creating story maps, which are visual organisations that outline the beginning, middle and end of the narrative. We created a story map which summarised the main events that occurred in the story it's a Mirroccoll! This provided a scaffold to help us learn how to identify the key elements of a story and organise information efficiently. We are also working on our own narratives and are really excited to become published authors @

We were able to link our story mapping skills with HSIE in our Transdisciplinary program. We have been learning about how people use spaces and environments, and the different types of activities we engage in. We created a story map of what we would do on one day of our weekend. The story map started from when we wake up and continued right until we go to bed, to tell a narrative about our journey on the day. We created some really interesting and creative stories!

Well done Stage 1 on another exciting fortnight of learning







P & C News

Fundraising



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.

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

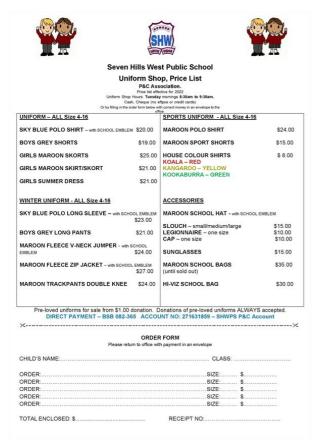
Reference: Your child's name and class.

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.



P & C Committee

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENT 2023



PRESCHOOL WAIT LIST 2023

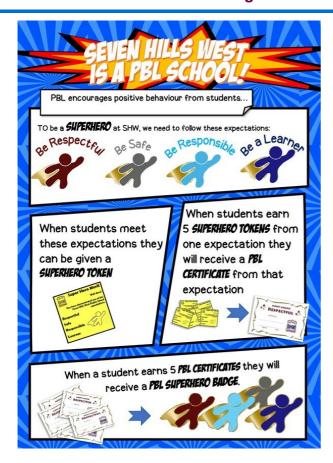


JUMP ROPE 4 HEART





Positive Behaviour for Learning



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.



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.



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.

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

We can confirm that our online FlexiSchools canteen will be running full-time (5 days a week) from this 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
- 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.

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.

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 <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.

COVID-Safe School Operational Plan



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

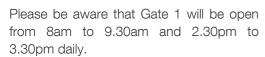
SEVEN HILLS WEST OOSH

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.





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



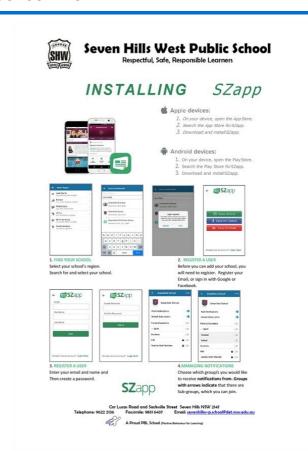
PLEASE NOTE:

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

Community News



Schoolzine



Facebook



Important



Please note, SHWPS Facebook page is for informing parents of up-coming events/changes in dates/event cancellations and also showcasing photos of students and their events.

DO NOT use this forum to request appointments/interviews with teachers or ask about upcoming events. Should you need to contact a teacher or have a question, please ring the school on 9622 2136 to assist you with your enquiries.

Thanks.