

SHWPS SPOTLIGHT



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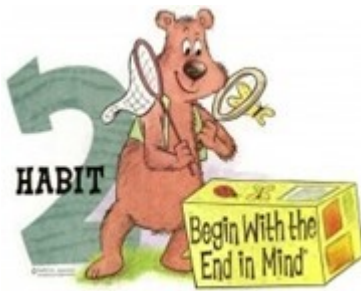
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TERM 4 – WEEK 10

LEADERSHIP HABIT FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Habit 2 – Begin with the End in Mind



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

Key Events

Friday 16th December – LAST DAY Term 4 for STUDENTS

TERM 1 – 2023

Friday 27th & Monday 30th January – Staff Development Days
– NO STUDENTS

Tuesday 31st January – Years 1 to 6 commence

Tuesday 31st to Thursday 2nd February – Kindergarten Best Start (allotted times)

Friday 3rd February – ALL KINDERGARTEN students commence

Tuesday 7th February – Swimming Carnival – Years 3-6
COMPETITORS ONLY

Wednesday 8th February – My First Day Photos – EMU's

Thursday 9th February – My First Day Photos – WOMBAT's and Kindergarten

CALENDAR

TERM 4 – 2022

Planning Sheet for Term 4 ~ 2022				
Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14 YEAR & FAREWELL DINNER	Thursday 15	Friday 16 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30-9.30 LAST DAY TERM 4 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
10				
Monday 19 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Tuesday 20 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23
Monday 24 BOXING DAY	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30
Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6

TERM 1 – 2023

Planning Sheet for Term 1 ~ 2023				
Monday 30 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	Tuesday 31 Students Years 1 to 6 COMMENCE Best Start Appointments for Kindy	FEBRUARY Wednesday 1 Best Start Appointments for Kindy	Thursday 2 Best Start Appointments for Kindy	Friday 27 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY Friday 3 Kindergarten 2023 FIRST DAY! UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am
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2				

		Best Start			
3	Monday 6	Tuesday 7 Swimming Carnival	Wednesday 8 Footsteps Dance – Years 3-6	Thursday 9 MY FIRST DAY PHOTOS – WOMBAT'S & Kindergarten	Friday 10 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am
4	Monday 13	Tuesday 14	Wednesday 15 Footsteps Dance – Years 3-6	Thursday 16	Friday 17 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am
5	Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22 Footsteps Dance – Years 3-6	Thursday 23	Friday 24 UNIFORM SHOP 8.30am-9.30am

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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we come to our final newsletter for the year, I would like to thank you for a wonderful 2022 and for your support all year. Not only do I say 'goodbye' to our students who are heading onto the school holidays, but I also farewell our Year 6 students.

Our students are a wonderful group of young people who enjoy learning and taking on new challenges. I am immensely proud to be their principal and to support them in their future successes. Thank you to every student at SHWPS for striving and doing their best all year.

For those of you who will be ending your association with SHWPS at the end of the year, I extend to you my best wishes for the future. If your child is leaving Seven Hills West PS prior to graduating from Year 6, we certainly wish that they were remaining with the school and we are sorry that they will not benefit from the excellent variety of challenging academic, social, cultural, and physical programs on offer.

To our graduating Year 6 students, you are now in the final days of 7 years of Primary School education. The excitement of High School is just around the corner and the transition will present you with many exciting challenges and situations which I hope you accept and involve yourself fully in high school life.

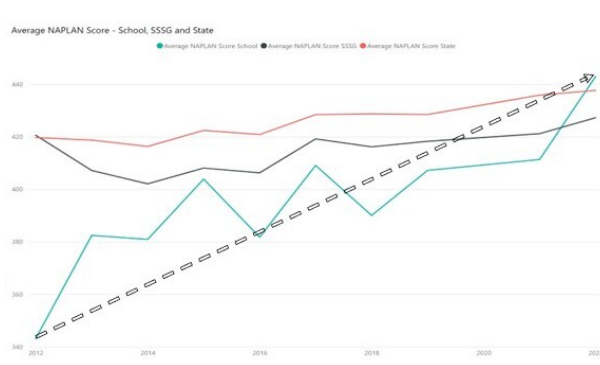
Celebrating our Students, Staff and School at our 2022 Presentation Day

2022 was a challenging but wonderful year for Seven Hills West PS, with our children engaging in quality learning every day at school. I would like to congratulate every child who received an award at Tuesday's Presentation Day ceremony. I also want to say 'well done' to every child – whether they received an award or not. If you have done your best throughout the year, then you are a winner and should be very proud of yourself.

Despite the challenges of COVID-19, our students flourished academically, and our wellbeing surveys showed that the majority of our students felt safe, happy and connected at our school. I am particularly proud of our NAPLAN results for 2022, where for the first time in our school's history we achieved student performance results above the state average. It is a

credit to our students, staff and school leadership for these exceptional results.

Here are some academic highlights from our 2022 NAPLAN performance results below.



Year 3 Average Results – 2012-2022

- NSW Results improved from 417.5 in 2012 to 425.7 in 2022 = +8.2 points
- SHWPS Results improved from 361.1 in 2012 to 420.3 in 2022 = +39.2 points
- Our 2022 Overall Literacy Result is the 2nd Highest in the School's History
- The school has achieved growth for the last 3 NAPLAN Tests

2022 Year 3 Reading Result is the Highest in the School's History

- The 2022 average result is 31.6 points higher than in 2021 (previous highest)
- The average result for the school is ABOVE the state average for the 1st time!

2022 Year 3 EALD Reading Result is the Highest in the School's History

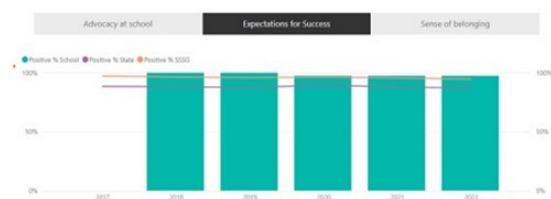
- The 2022 average result is 64.8 points higher than in 2021
- The average result for the school is ABOVE the state average by 31.1 points!

2022 Year 5 Writing

- 2022 Year 5 Writing Result is the 2nd Highest in the School's History
- The 2022 average result is 8.5 points higher than in 2021.
- The result for the school continues its ongoing 10-year improvement, reducing the gap below state to only 3.3 points.

Our school's *Tell Them From Me* data also shows that our students' wellbeing and perception of bullying or negative behaviours at SHWPS is tracking well in comparison to similar school groups and NSW state results. The snapshots from our students' 2022 Tell Them From Me data demonstrates that our strong wellbeing approach at SHWPS has supported our students, despite the challenges of COVID throughout the past year. In the data below, it is consistent and clear that our wellbeing results are higher than similar schools groups and state results.

Tell Them From Me – 2022 Results



Advocacy at School

- SHWPS results – 92%
- Similar School Group results – 89%
- NSW state results – 71%

Expectations for Success

- SHWPS results – 97%
- Similar School Group results – 95%
- NSW state results – 87%

Sense of Belonging

- SHWPS results – 77%
- Similar School Group results – 67%
- NSW state results – 63%

Congratulations to our Student Leadership Team for 2023

Every year, students from Year 2 to 5 vote for the 12 student-elected leadership positions. These positions are:

School Captain (2), School Leaders - Vice Captain (2), Prefects (2) and House Captains (6).

I congratulate all students who have been elected in these positions for 2023. They will have an opportunity to take on leadership roles and responsibilities as part of The Leader in Me program, so that they learn diverse leadership skills and experiences next year.

Our 2023 student leadership team are:

Sport Captains

Koalas – Naman Chahal and Riya Patel
 Kookaburras – Mahir Sheikh and Subaksanaa Gowrikan
 Kangaroos – Kourosh Narimani and Aisha Fawad

Prefects

Aman Chahal and Diya Ghandi

Vice Captains

Ian Kang and Abeesha Jaya Silan

School Captains

Aras Malak and Jenolin Pieris



Thank you, also, to our amazing 2022 student leadership team who have done a brilliant job. Congratulations to our outgoing school captains (Daniel Krstic and Subhali Guha), Vice Captains (Darsh Ohri and Shuva Khanom), Prefects (Tate Bolton and Emele Vatuniaruku) and Sports Captains (Edwin Jaison, Viniisha Arulnathan, Kachul Saad, Prerana Deshkulkarni, Jayke Fielding and Mansi Kaur).

Kindergarten 2023 and Best Start Interviews

Our Best Start Interviews for Kindergarten 2023 students will be held at the start of Term 1 across three days (Tuesday 31st January to Thursday 2nd February 2023).

The first official day of Kindergarten will commence Friday 3rd February 2023.

The Best Start Interviews run between 9.00am to 3.00pm. Interviews are strictly 30 minutes. To book your time for the interview, please go to:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/fmdya>

Reminder - School Development Day for Term 4 and Start of the 2023 School Year

A gentle reminder that the last day of school for our students will be this Friday 16th December, as our School Development Days for Term 4 will be held on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December with all staff.

Our Term 1, 2023 School Development Days will be held on the Friday 27th January and Monday 30th January.

School will return on the Tuesday 31st January for Years 1-6 students.

After the Best Start interviews, the first official day of Kindergarten will commence Friday 3rd February 2023.

Thank You

Many elements combine to make Seven Hills West the excellent school that it is, namely our wonderful teachers, students and parents.

Firstly, a highly professional and dedicated staff team work together to provide a nurturing and quality teaching environment where all students are encouraged to achieve their personal best in all that they do.

Thank you to every staff member for their wonderful commitment to the children at Seven Hills West Public School.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of my Executive and Admin Team in 2022: Nicole Neylan, Alison Waters, Bek Mortlock, Louise Gatt, Ashleigh Soriente, Alainya Zollinger, Reg Kennedy, Jo Burgess and Jason Hogg. They have supported our school and guided their teams with vision, generosity and commitment. I would also like to personally thank each and every teacher, SASS and SLSO staff member at our school. Our school has thrived in 2022 because of your love, care and dedication.

Our school is so very fortunate to enjoy outstanding levels of P&C support. Schools can operate without parental help; however, they do not operate as efficiently nor effectively without this help. On behalf of Seven Hills West Public School, many thanks to our P&C who have worked extra hard behind the scenes to support our school and P&C projects during 2022:

President:	Kellie White
Vice President:	Ashley Chapman
Treasurer:	Susan Cooper
Auditor:	Rahul Guha
Uniform Shop:	Susan Cooper

It is a wonderful feeling when parents, students and staff work together to create a quality teaching environment that enables our children to obtain the best possible education. This is certainly the situation at Seven Hills West.

As we say goodbye to 2022, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of several staff who are taking on new career or family opportunities in 2023.

Farewell to Alison Waters, Bek Mortlock, Marianne Semaan, Therese Capizzi, Anna Vlahopoulos, Grace Provide and Rebecca Hussain. We wish you all the best in 2023 and thank you for the great job you did to support our students and school during 2022.

From all of us at Seven Hills West Public School, be safe and enjoy the school holidays. For those who celebrate Christmas, I wish you a very Merry Christmas. May you all also have a Happy New Year and start of 2023!

Warmly

Ms Shanti Clements
Principal

STAGE UPDATES

STAGE 2

3P

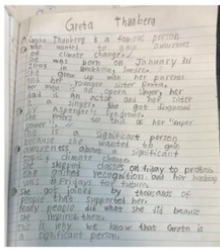
3P has been having a wonderful time learning about inspirational people as part of our English Unit. They have been using their research and writing skills to write wonderful biographies.

They also enjoyed visiting the Madame Tussauds museum and seeing some of their favourite inspirational people that they had learned about!



3P using laptops for research & completing their online assessments!

Ms G Provide



Biography on Greta Thunberg by Annika Prasad



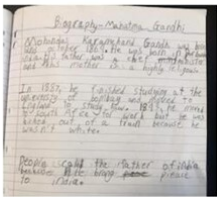
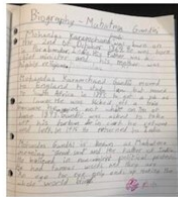
Biography on Anne Frank by Nirvith Kuruguntla

3/4W

It has been a busy and exciting term in 3/4W.

In English we have been learning about inspirational people – some of the people we have learnt about includes Marie Curie, David Attenborough, Malala Yousafzai, Mahatma Ghandi, Greta Thunberg and Anne Frank. This learning culminated with our amazing visit to Madame Tussauds.

We have been focusing on informative texts and have been mastering the skill of researching and writing biographies.



Mrs A Waters

4T

Madame Tussauds excursion:

This term Stage 2 had a wonderful time exploring Madame Tussauds wax museum!

They were able to see some inspirational people they have been learning about in their English unit, such as Barack Obama and Mahatma Gandhi.

Stage 2 were also able to see some superheros at the museum such as Superman!



This term in Stage 2, 4T have enjoyed conducting research on inspirational people for their English unit, by using their laptops. 4T have also enjoyed playing outdoor sport games such as basketball and throw and catch!



Mrs P Thomson – Class Teacher

STAGE 3

Students in 5-6R have been very busy partaking in end of year assessments and participating in fun activities as shown below:

In English, students prepared Jelly and Fairy Bread and wrote a detailed and well-structured procedure of the same.



Students of Year 6 enjoyed baking Graduation Cookies with Miss Payne.



Students of 5-6R get creative as they design their own hats on Mrs Rosario's end of year gift to them.



From : Mrs N Rosario
(5/6R)

ICAS RESULTS

ICAS 2022

This year SHWPS had 113 entries for *International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)*. Our school had 7 Distinctions, 20 Credits, 7 Merits and 79 Participation awards. Congratulations to all awardees. Listed below are the respective certificates awarded to all participants:

Jasmine (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Science Participation English Participation Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Participation	Kanishk (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Science Participation English Participation Digital Technology Credit Mathematics Participation
Peyton I (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Credit	Larissa (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Credit
Muhammad (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Science Merit English Participation Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Merit	Khayanshi (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Merit Science Participation English Participation Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Participation
Emily (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Participation	Bianca (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Mathematics Participation
Avleen (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Mathematics Participation	Sheba (Y2-2022) Mathematics Participation
Salsabeel (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Science Participation English Participation Mathematics Participation	Zain (Y4-2022) English Participation Mathematics Participation
Anvi (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Participation English Participation Mathematics Participation	Mahir (Y5-2022) Writing Participation Spelling Bee Participation Science Participation English Participation Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Participation
Jasmeh (Y2-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Science Merit English Merit Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Credit	Dev (Y5-2022) Writing Credit Spelling Bee Distinction Science Credit English Participation Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Credit
Nitya C (Y3-2022) Writing Credit Spelling Bee Distinction Science Distinction English Credit Digital Technology Distinction Mathematics Distinction	Diya (Y5-2022) Writing Distinction Spelling Bee Distinction Science Participation English Merit Digital Technology Credit Mathematics Credit

Ridhvi (Y3-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Participation	Subaksanaa (Y5-2022) English Credit Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Credit
Annika (Y3-2022) Writing Credit Spelling Bee Participation English Credit Mathematics Credit	Riya (Y5-2022) Writing Participation Science Credit English Credit Mathematics Participation
Swara (Y3-2022) Writing Participation Mathematics Participation	Manmeet (Y5-2022) Writing Participation Spelling Bee Participation Science Participation English Participation Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Participation
Laya (Y3-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Science Participation English Participation Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Participation	Mansi (Y6-2022) Writing Participation Spelling Bee Participation Science Participation English Participation Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Participation
Yamin (Y3-2022) Spelling Bee Participation Mathematics Participation	Amara (Y6-2022) Writing Distinction Spelling Bee Participation Science Participation English Credit Digital Technology Participation Mathematics Participation
Nirvith (Y3-2022) Science Participation	Shuva (Y6-2022) Writing Participation Spelling Bee Participation Science Participation English Participation Mathematics Credit

Mrs A Radhakrishnan
ICAS Co-Ordinator



Hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop – every Friday 8.30am to 9.30am.

P & C News & Uniform Shop

The opening hours will then return to every Friday morning. Online ordering is also available at shwpc.square.site, and orders placed over the holidays will be distributed on the first day of Term.

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!

LIBRARY

Library news

STEAM and solutions to environmental catastrophe

All stage 2 and 3 students worked enthusiastically on their design and thinking projects. In term 4, stage 2 students designed solutions to reduce the impact of Earth's weathering processes. Students used Lego Prime robotics kits to build wind speed indicators and schematically test and iterate on the designs. They also discussed use of wind indicators as green energy.



Stage 3 students worked on the "Storm Survivors" unit, using Lego WeDo2 robotics and Tynker Cad platform for 3D designing. During this project, students created images to represent the aftermath of flooding. They also discussed the impact of severe weather events and natural disasters within New South Wales. Students used WeDo2 to visualise a step-by-step sequence and create floodgates. Some other creative and imaginative solutions included magnetic fields which may shield houses and people from the floods. An excellent term of creative, futuristic thinking and learning!



K-6 classes

Students participated in differentiated and creative coding activities to find a solution for climate change. Taking inspiration from the Peter's Brown book "The Curious Garden", students designed and created their community garden. They also developed their creative thinking and explored basic concepts of environment conservation through Graeme Base's book "Uno's Garden". All students participated actively, pushing boundaries of knowledge, and created interesting solutions for this environmental issue.



Premier's Reading challenge was completed with great success



Congratulations to all SHWPS students for completing the Premier's Reading challenge! Many students received their Gold and Platinum awards for completing the challenge for four and seven years. All students have received their certificates for completing the challenge. Congratulations to all! Thank you once again to all parents and teachers for supporting PRC.

Thanks
Mrs. Gupta

Presenting the two latest additions to our uniform range!



Available from the uniform shop from Friday 22nd July, or online from Monday 25th.

<https://shwpc.square.site>

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 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.

Get started below.

<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/uniform-shop.html>

SCHOOL HATS

Many students are coming to school without school hats.

Please ensure your child has a school hat and brings it to school every day.

No Hat – No Play

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



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: \$
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ RECEIPT NO:

P & C Committee

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

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

<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

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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.

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



We're all in this together



Everyone Stay Safe

Stay updated via:

Facebook

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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



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

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and Returning Students
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Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO TURN UP. WE DO NOT TURN KIDS AWAY. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.

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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.



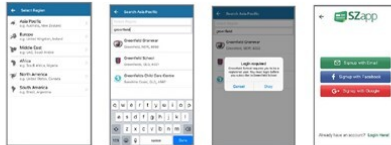
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INSTALLING SZapp



- Apple devices:**
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 2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
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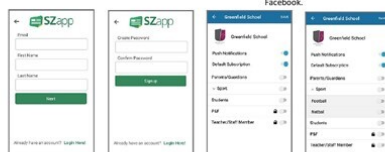


1. FIND YOUR SCHOOL

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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