



# Seven Hills West Public School

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## COVID-19 Update 24.3.2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

With a number of updates and changes to the way we normally conduct our lives, some further changes to our school management and programs is inevitable. I would like use this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all our teaching and non-teaching staff for their ongoing professionalism and commitment to providing quality educational experiences to our students.

The Government and Department are encouraging you to keep your child at home from Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March to contribute to supporting the community response to COVID-19. The school's doors will remain open for those students whose parents are in the essential services or who are vulnerable. With absences expected to be fairly high, some classes may be combined within reason, still ensuring social distancing is possible. Please be assured that we are doing our best in trying times to plan and provide equitable education for those students attending school as well as those who are at home. To assist us with our duty of care to ensure students are where they should be, please notify your child's teacher or the school office when your child is not attending school.

Please note that the same learning will be expected of students whether they are at home or at school for their learning. We are currently working on some 'learning at home' programs to complement the online learning resources provided by the Department of Education, which will be sent home later this week. The Department has developed and will continue to develop resources and offer professional learning to help teachers with this task. In the meantime, please refer to the attached 'Activities to Try' and this link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-to-parents-and-carers> for home learning ideas and activities. If accessing online learning presents a problem for your child, please let your child's teacher know.

Whether your child is at school or at home, the aim is for all students to access the consistent learning content provided by our school. This may mean sending work home, either with physical materials or by email, or by making use of one of our online platforms at our school. Please keep in mind that traditional learning will be different for all students for the rest of the school term. Your children will be looking to you for guidance on how best to act in these times of stress and change. Spending quality family time together, reading books and exploring your child's interests can be productive and reassuring.

Late last week it was announced that NAPLAN testing was not going ahead this year. In addition to previous information about cancelled school assemblies and events, the following programs are not going ahead for the remainder of Term 1, with a review expected closer to the start of Term 2:

1. Scripture lessons
2. Library borrowing
3. Home reader borrowing
4. Breakfast Club
5. Canteen services
6. After school NRL program
7. Sporting activities that require the sharing of equipment

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The Easter raffle is still continuing, with money and tickets sold to be sent to the office instead of the canteen. The P&C will draw the raffle as advertised on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April and raffle winners will be notified with a phone call to come and collect the prize.

As previously advised, we continue to encourage all members of our school community to use safe cough etiquette, wash hands regularly and stay home if unwell. I ask that parents do not arrive too early or linger on the school grounds before or after each school day to assist us further in keeping everyone as healthy as possible.

Please keep checking in with the school website, Facebook page and Schoolzine app for updates as we have experienced a period of rapid change in advice and school operating procedures lately.

As we work together as the Seven Hills West school community, I am confident that we are doing a great job in keeping everyone as safe as can be under very unusual circumstances. I thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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Relieving Principal  
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# Some activities and ideas for home for parents of primary and early learners

Make or do a jigsaw puzzle



Try some origami

Create an obstacle course

Bake or cook something

Learn a magic trick

Paint or draw a picture



Make a joke book

Take photos of 10 living things



Build a blanket fort

Plan and hold a picnic

Make your own kite

Try a new board game



Play indoor mini-golf



Play Limbo

Write a letter to your future self

Potato sack race with pillow cases

Hold a tea-party



Make a time capsule

Hold a Karaoke concert



Play hide and seek

Open a pretend store

Blindfolded taste test

Look at photo albums

Have a paper plane contest



Play Pictionary

Play dress up



Play Restaurant

Try Yoga

Make a shoebox diorama

Learn a new card game



Put on a play

Make or play an instrument



Create a treasure hunt

Write or recite poem

Have a talent show

Make handmade presents

Choreograph a dance



Read a new book from the library

Play water bottle bowling

Play life-size Noughts and Crosses

Build the tallest tower

