



Seven Hills West Public School

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

Early Stage 1 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Caregiver,



Welcome to Seven Hills West Public School and to Term 1. We trust that your child is ready for an exciting and busy term, full of engaging learning activities and opportunities at Seven Hills West Public School! The following overview will outline the wide variety of content and activities to be covered across the key curriculum areas, reminders and general explanation of procedures for Term 1.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Andrea Dziubinski, as the Relieving Principal for Term 1 and congratulate our former Principal Ms Kylie Becker on her amazing achievement as a foundation Principal! This is such a great accomplishment and we wish her all the best on the exciting journey ahead.

We look forward to a great year of collaboration and success in your child's development and achievements.

STAGE TEACHING TEAM

Assistant Principal	-	Mrs Katie Gardiner
KC	-	Miss Amber Craig
KZG	-	Mrs Alainya Zollinger (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Katie Gardiner (Thurs-Fri)
RFF/LaST	-	Mrs Anshu Radhakrishnan, Miss Jisna Saji, Mrs Brigitte Conlin





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KEY CURRICULUM TOPICS/FOCUS AREA

English	Students will be exploring rich texts, subject-based texts and multimodal type texts through the implementation of L3. This program support the explicit teaching of key aspects of reading through the development of informed, systematic, explicit instruction. This term students will also develop their writing skills.												
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Science	<p style="text-align: center;">Living World</p> <p>In this science unit of work, students will be provided with practical, hands-on experiences to develop their understanding of all the basic needs of living things – food, water, shelter and air. Students will be afforded opportunities to recognise how people look after a pet to meet its basic needs. Focus questions help identify what senses the animal uses to help meet those needs. Students use the experience to create a model of a pet and identify how they would meet its needs. Through caring for a class pet/s as well as growing seeds, students observe firsthand how to meet the needs of animals and plants and consider the consequences of their needs not being met. Students analyse their own needs and are guided to recognise that sometimes wants are confused with needs. They are also guided to see that all basic needs must be met, not just some of them. Finally, students extrapolate what they have learned to an animal that lives in the wild. They consider how bilbies have to provide for their own needs and also learn about the senses that help them to do so. A class science journal is used as a tool for recording the students' learning journey and provides for meaningful literacy modelling.</p>												
Personal Development and Health (PDH)	<p style="text-align: center;">Personal Identity</p> <p>During Physical Development and Health, students will be investigating how their individual uniqueness shapes who they are. This unit aims to provide opportunities for students to reflect upon and describe personal strengths and achievements that contribute to their personal identity. Throughout the term, students will describe and practise ways to develop caring and respectful relationships with others to make them feel valued.</p>												
Physical Education (PE)	<p style="text-align: center;">Gymnastics – Fit Futures - Mondays</p> <p>This term students will participate in Gymnastics with trained educators from 'Fit Fitness'. This program specialises in building the confidence of all children in the area of gymnastics. Students will be provided with a firm foundation of the fundamental loco-motor and non-loco-motor gymnastics skills, and give them the opportunity to progress at their own pace. High quality specialised equipment is provided including a huge carpeted foam floor, trampoline, bars, rings, beam and wedges to ensure safety and appropriate execution of skills.</p>												





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Creative Arts and Performing Arts (CAPA)	Music This term, students will be engaging in music through singing playing and moving to simple songs and speech rhymes. They will keep the beat and sense of rhythm to known music and with tapping sticks and with their own body percussion. Through exploring percussion instruments with familiar songs, students will recognise and keep the beats, recognising verse and chorus.
Geography	In Geography, students will explore the geographical inquiry process and identify the importance of places that students belong to and why they are special. Through investigation of a local geographical issue, students will examine why people need to take care for these places. Students use the geographical concepts of place and space to develop geographical understandings and geographical skills by observing, collecting, recording and representing geographical data and information to answer inquiry questions. This unit provides opportunities for guided fieldwork in the school grounds using data collection techniques of observing, taking photographs, drawing pictures and creating story maps. Opportunities exist for the use of spatial technologies such as Google Earth.
Library	During Library students will be exposed to high quality texts, participate in the borrowing of Library books.

LIBRARY

Please note: these days are subject to change. Notice will be given if this occurs.

KC – Friday

KZG – Friday

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Class sports days for weeks 2-11 are as follows:

Kindergarten – KC and KZG – Fridays 2-3pm

Students will participate in a cost free NRL Program during weeks 3 and 4. NRL will occur for all students on a Tuesday.

Students are to wear sport uniforms and appropriate footwear on their sports day.

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REMINDERS AND GENERAL PROCEDURES

Students will be allocated time each week to attend the library. Students must have a library bag in order to borrow. The bag can be as simple as a plastic bag in order to protect the book on its journey home and back to school. Students are kindly reminded to return their book each week in order to continue to borrow. Library borrowing days.

Homework

- Homework for all classes is due Friday. The homework policy can be found using the following link <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/homework-policy>. We are happy to hear your feedback on this policy by emailing us at: sevenhilw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Notes

- It is important that parents/caregivers read the notes sent home thoroughly as late payments cannot be accepted from the front office. If you require financial assistance, please speak with your child's classroom teacher before the required due date.
- Notes explaining your child's absence are required when students are absent from school. Students who are taking extended leave **must** notify the Principal in advance, via the school office.

Social Media

- Parents/caregivers are encouraged to check the school's website <http://www.sevenhillw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/sevenhillswestpublicschool/> for reminders and upcoming events, including fortnightly and PBL Badge Assemblies.

Appointments

- If you would like to discuss any queries or concerns with your child's class teacher please contact the front office by phone (9622 2136) or email sevenhilw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to make an appointment. Classroom teachers attend professional development meetings before and after school hours, therefore making an appointment is necessary.

Absences

- **Please contact the school if your child is absent from school or alternatively you will need to write a letter to the classroom teacher explaining the absence, the next day your child returns to school.**



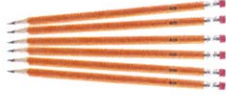







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CLASS SUPPLIES

Students are encouraged to bring their own stationary items to school. Please ensure that all supplies are clearly labelled with your child's name. We ask that classroom supplies be replenished each term. Please donate the following supplies to your child's classroom teacher:

Lead pencils (4 per term) 	Wet wipes (1 per term) 
Tissues (1 per term) 	Newspapers 
Glue stick (1 per term) 	Sharpener 

Pick Up Arrangements

It is important that your child knows who is collecting them from the school grounds and also where to meet you. Please inform and remind your child each day on who is picking them up and where they should be meeting. If your child attends the Out of Hours School Care please notify their classroom teacher to ensure there is no confusion.

Interruption to Routine

We please ask that during the hours of 9:00am to 3:00pm, parents and visitors **do not enter** the classrooms. If you need to give something to your child that they may have forgotten, please go to the office where our lovely staff will ensure your message gets through. If you wish to speak to the teacher, please make contact with the office or send a note with your child to arrange a mutually acceptable time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Volunteers for Breakfast Club

Parents and Volunteers are more than welcome to help serve students at SHWPS breakfast. The Super Kids Breakfast Club will operate every Tuesday and Thursday during the school terms, from 8:30 – 8:50am. Breakfast will be served outside the **School Canteen**.

To apply for a **free** Working with Children's Check please register using the link below.
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

Donations of bread, long life milk and cereal are greatly appreciated.

Cnr Lucas Road and Sackville Street Seven Hills NSW 2147
Telephone: 9622 2136 Facsimile: 9831 6437 Email: sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



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Assembly

ASSEMBLY WILL NOW BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 2:00PM TO 3:00PM.

All assemblies take place in the hall located next to the canteen.

P-6 Assemblies occur in weeks 4, 6, 8 and 10.

Superhero Assemblies will occur in weeks 6 and 10.

Your child will be given a letter if they are receiving a PBL badge, before the assembly.

Please note that these dates and times are subject to change.

Upcoming Events

Please note that these dates are subject to change. Notes with further details will be available closer to the date.

11/02/20 - NRL Program	19/02/20 – P-6 Assembly
13/02/20 – Kindergarten Photos	04/03/20 – Superhero Assembly
18/02/20 – NRL Program	01/04/20 – Superhero Assembly
19/02/20 – Meet the teacher: Kindergarten	

We trust that your child is ready for an exciting and busy term, and would like to thank you for working in partnership with the teachers and staff at Seven Hills West Public School.

Mrs A Dziubinski
Relieving Principal
12.02.20

Mrs K Gardiner
Assistant Principal

Miss A Craig and Mrs A Zollinger
Classroom Teachers

