

Seven Hills West Public School

Respectful, Safe, Responsible Learners

Preschool Newsletter

Term 3



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We welcome new families and families previous to Term Three back to Seven Hills West Preschool. The children enter Semester Two with much progress and growth in their skills and knowledge from semester one. We are now seeing the benefits of learning, discovery, and development. This is evident and significant in their developmental areas.

Our preschool team for Term 3

Classroom Teacher

Mrs Grace Condello

Educator

Mrs Sharon North

RFF

Mrs Shalini Gupta, Ms Jenny Johnston & Mrs Karishma Kenyon

Duty Teachers

Miss Amber Craig, Miss Rebecca Pizzaro

Educators Duty

Mrs Leisa Tindiglia and Ms Vanessa Shearer

Online platform

We will be changing the Preschool online App from Seesaw to Storypark. Storypark is an App that enables us to work closely together to share your child's learning potential and outcomes. You can access our Philosophy, Policies, Newsletters, and your child's learning journey. Look out for an invitation via email to join.

Unit of Inquiry

The children have been talking about their holiday happenings and the cold weather. We have done some winter pictures, threading in winter colours and made snowflakes. We noted how some leaves haven't grown back on the trees.

Valuing the connections between home and preschool life is an important part of our program. This term we will acknowledge Father's Day and the children will be involved in making a gift for their father or significant person in their life. When children are involved in this kind of activity, we witness them being immensely proud of what they have produced. This is a simple but effective way of recognising this relationship and building upon it.

Parent participation

At preschool we highly value parent participation and recognise it as being an important part of a child's life. There are many ways that families can contribute to the preschool experience as we realise how busy life can become.

- Look at the experiences sent via our online App, where you can add comments, make suggestions, give feedback to the program that is provided for your children.
- Inform us of relevant information that may impact on your child's day at preschool. We can have a brief informal chat at the start of the session or a longer teacher/parent conversation is welcome by appointment.

Library

Arrangements are made for preschoolers to attend the library. Restrictions are currently in place regarding the borrowing of library books. Watch this space and we will keep you posted of any new developments.

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Reminders and general procedures

- Provide warm clothing appropriate for the winter weather. Pack a set of spare clothes in their bag.
- Please label all items of clothing, the 2 food containers (lunch and snack) and the drink bottle. It does make it difficult to return them when they are not labelled.
- Remember to send additional items for lunch/snack that are needed, like a spoon for yoghurt or fruit cups.
- Check and empty your pockets daily please.
- Please ensure that you collect your child at 3.00pm. Teachers have commitments and meetings after school at 3pm and are required to attend promptly.
- Parents/caregivers are encouraged to check the school's website http://www.sevenhillwp.schools.nsw.edu.au and Facebook page for reminders and upcoming events.
- An appointment needs to be made if you would like to discuss any concerns with your child's class teacher. Please contact the front office to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Drop off / pick up arrangements

Students will continue using their allocated gate before and after school until further notice. Gate 3 is for Students who have siblings, Support Unit and Preschool students. Parents and community members are asked to arrange an appointment with the front office if they wish to visit the school for any purpose. Any Parent entering from Gate 1 (front gate) prior to 3 pm must go to the office first.

Home activities

It would be appreciated if you could continue to provide your child with lots of opportunities and encouragement at home to complement what they are doing at preschool. They How to Hold a Pair of Scissors could: -

- draw (reinforcing the correct pencil grip)
- recognise and practise writing their name
- cut with child safe scissors reinforcing the correct scissor grip (thumb at the top) scissors pointed away from their body
- Read together daily 10 minutes a day can increase your child's language development, thinking and learning skills tremendously.
- Turn taking games and this could be as simple as taking turns at having a conversation
- Responsibility for their environment and others by engaging them in cooking activities, setting the table, folding clothes, bringing clothes to their room and assisting to put things away

Upcoming events

August 10th

Tell them from me survey opens. Notes will be shared for parents to complete.

August 17th

Whole School Photos- Emu group and K-6 students

August 20th

School Photos- Wombat group

September 25th

Last day of Term 3

Classroom resources

Classroom supplies are replenished each term, please donate the following supplies to your child's classroom teacher:

Wet wipes, Tissues, newspapers, Clean recycled materials for craft like yoghurt tubs and magazines.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive term.

Ms S Clements

Mrs G Condello

Mrs S North **Educator/ SLSO**

Principal 07.08.20

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