



Seven Hills West Public School

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Welcome Back to Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 2. I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy term ahead. As we commence the new term, I would like to officially farewell Mrs Shannon Barber, Mrs Angela Mitchell, Mrs Katie Rout, Mrs Maria Rajan, Miss Joanne Selman and Mrs Emma Savage as they depart our school. We thank them for their dedication and wealth of expertise that they shared with all of the students, parents and staff at Seven Hills West Public School, and wish them all the best as they commence their new roles.

On behalf of our staff, I would like to congratulate Miss Amber Craig on gaining permanency as a teacher at Seven Hills West during the school holidays. We are also very fortunate to welcome Ms Sherie Curran, Mr Michael Blume, Miss Nikki Kiddle, Mrs Sinead James and Mrs Grace Condello – who are all highly experienced teachers:

- Ms Sherie Curran – who will be the relieving Assistant Principal (Stage 3) and teacher of 6B
- Mr Michael Blume – who will be relieving class teacher on 1/2M
- Miss Nikki Kiddle – who will be the relieving junior IO class teacher
- Mrs Grace Condello – who will be the relieving preschool teacher
- Mrs Sinead James – who will be the relieving 2S class teacher

Also, Mrs Naomi Franciscus will be returning in Week 4 for two days per week, and Mrs Peta Swanson will increase to three days in Term 2.

In addition, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Andrea Dziubinski for her exceptional leadership as Relieving Principal during Term 1. We are very lucky that Mrs Dziubinski will continue her leadership role as Deputy Principal at Seven Hills West PS during Term 2.

Weeks 1 and 2

Term 2 commences for students this week on Wednesday 29th April. Learning from Home Packs will continue in weeks 1 and 2 and, as also announced by the NSW Premier, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home. During these two weeks, students will continue to learn from home as they did at the end of Term 1. The canteen will remain closed and we will inform you when the canteen will be reopened later this term.

Collection of Learning from Home Packs

Learning from Home Packs are available to be collected from the school hall on Wednesday 29th April between 8am - 4pm. All families are to collect and sign for the packs. **Please also return your child's/children's Term 1 Learning Pack for marking and feedback.**

All parents/carers will be asked to also complete a quick **QR survey** to help inform the organisation of the Phased Managed Return of students from Week 3 onwards.

If you cannot collect the Learning from Home Pack tomorrow, please call the office to arrange an alternative appointment.

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Instructions for Drop-Off and Pick-Up

School will continue to commence at 9.00am for students. Supervision before school will continue to commence from 8.30am, as per normal procedure.

Drop-off at the start of the day – Students will enter the school through the following designated gates:

Gate 1 (Pedestrian/New Hall Gate) – Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students

Gate 2 (Bus Stop/OOSH Gate) – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students

Gate 3 (Sackville Road Gate) – Preschool, Support Unit students (not on Assisted Transport) and Family Groups

Pick-up at the end of the day – Students will exit from the same gate as the morning. We request that parents meet their child outside the designated gates and follow the COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

Please note that students receiving Assisted Transport will continue their normal drop-off and pick-up routines.

Weeks 3-10 – Phased Managed Return to School

NSW Public Schools are looking to increase face-to-face teaching through a gradual return to school for students during Term 2. This will be done through a staged approach to balance the needs of students and staff, their families, personal circumstances and workplaces during the pandemic. From Week 3, every student will have the opportunity to start attending school one day a week, with around 25% of students in attendance on any given day. Schools will manage the structure of this Phased Managed Return for their context. The Premier and the Department of Education (DoE) expects that every school will do this differently.

During the first two weeks of Term 2, our staff will work through the Premier's operational guidelines to create a model for Seven Hills West Public School that will be communicated to you. The Premier has stated that in Phase 1 children should be kept at home except for their 'rostered day' and has asked parents to respect the guidelines that will be established by the school. Please note that this does not apply to students who need to attend. All families will be asked to regularly check the Seven Hills West Facebook, school website, Schoolzine and the class communication platform (Google Classroom/ Seesaw/ Class Dojo/ Edmodo) for further updates.

We understand these are challenging times and only ask that families do their best. The health and wellbeing of all families is our key priority and we encourage you to aim for a balanced approach to learning at home.

We are incredibly appreciative of the support and understanding that we have received from parents during these unprecedented times in education. We look forward to doing everything possible in supporting you while we take on this home learning journey. We are all in this together.

Sincerely,

Ms Shanti Clements
Principal
28.04.20

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