



Seven Hills West Public School

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Term 3, Preschool – Welcome Back Letter

Preschool

Emus and Wombats

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Preschool for Term 3 of the 2023 school year. We are very excited to be back and settled into our routine after the holiday break.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead, as we jump right back into our learning. The Preschool team continue to see such amazing growth from all students across all developmental domains. This newsletter is to remind you of school and class routines and to help you prepare your child for the term ahead.

Please check the SHWPS “Spotlight” newsletter, Facebook and our school website for school updates and information.

School Hours

Preschool hours are between 9:00 am to 3.00pm sharp.

The Emus will now attend on Mondays and Tuesdays for Term 3 and Term 4.

The Wombats pick up a day and attend on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

For duty of care reasons, please note that students must be signed in and out by a parent or carer at drop off or pick up.

Preschool starts promptly 9.00am and finishes promptly at 3:00pm. Please ensure your child is at school by this time so we can start our learning straight away! If you do happen to arrive late, please go to the school office, via Gate 1 (the main school gate) to sign your child into the premises and get a late note. This will register your child as being on the school grounds. You will also need to sign your child into preschool on the preschool sign in/out sheet once walking them down to the preschool classroom.

Drop off /Pick up Arrangements.

As COVID restrictions and requirements have now ceased, we can happily invite you back into the Preschool space for morning drop off. Please feel free to enter the classroom, assist your child to conduct their morning routine of unpacking their bags and washing their hands and sign your child in on the sign in/out sheet. This process can occur after the Preschool teacher has invited you into the building, and we kindly ask for you to remain waiting in the playground area with your child until this invitation has been given. This ensures that we are always meeting duty of care for all students.

For duty of care reasons, please note that children must also be signed in and out by a parent or carer at drop off and pick up. If you have organised a friend or family member to pick up your child, please ensure they bring photo I.D.

If you need to leave early for an appointment, please pick up an early leaver’s pass from the office.

If you are going to be late to pick-up, after 3 pm, you will need to contact the office on 9622 2136, prior to the 3pm bell. Any children left at Preschool after 3:10PM will be taken to the office for collection.



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Absences

If your child is going to be absent from preschool, please contact the office via phone 9622 2136 or email sevenhillw-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to let Preschool know that your child will be absent for the day. As part of our student-led curriculum focus that is aligning with the K-6 cohort, Preschool will be working on 4 learning goals under the “Goal Getters” initiative. These goals will have a reading, numeracy, wellbeing, and attendance focus. As such, we please ask that our Emus and Wombats attend preschool on their given days to help them to meet their attendance goal.

Recess and Lunch

Please remember to pack healthy food in your child’s lunch box.

Following our preschool vision to be sustainable in all of our practices, we encourage “nude” (package free) food – some ideas to include could be: cut up fruit, vegetables, popcorn, yoghurt or cheese for morning tea and a sandwich, salad, sushi or pasta for lunch.

Please note that we are a NUT AWARE service – please do not pack nuts or nut-based products in your child’s lunchbox. We have students enrolled in preschool who have nut allergies. We also have students who are allergic to poppyseeds. We kindly ask you to assist us in ensuring the safety of students with allergies, by attempting to not send foods to preschool that contain poppy seeds.

Please only send drink bottles with water. Preschool foods posters are available for parents to view should you require further ideas.

To assist us in maintaining a streamlined morning and lunch routine, please place your child’s morning tea and lunch into separate, labelled containers. Once at Preschool your child will unpack his/her own bag by putting these items on the appropriate lunchbox trollies.

Birthdays at Preschool – If you would like to send a treat with your child to Preschool to celebrate their birthday, we ask that food items being sent, don’t contain nuts, and are also individually wrapped. Students will be given the treats to take home and enjoy.

Library

Our Preschool children have the opportunity to visit and borrow from the Seven Hills West Public School library. Each child has received a library bag with their name on it. Please return the book each week so that your child will be able to borrow a new book to take home.

Important Information

- Notes explaining your child’s absence are required when students are absent from school. Students who are taking extended leave need to notify the Principal in advance, via the school office.
- Parents/caregivers are encouraged to check StoryPark, SHWPS ‘Spotlight’ newsletter, the school’s website <http://www.sevenhillw-p.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.

Equipment required for this term

Could each child supply the following:

- Labelled spare underwear and a change of clothes (including socks) to be kept in their school bag in case of accidents.

Please label all clothing as well as water bottles and containers.



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Special Events at Preschool this term

Thursday 3rd August 2023	Story Quest Incursion
Friday 4th August 2023	Aboriginal Children's Day
14th-18th August 2023	Science Week
21st-25th August 2023	CBCA Book Week- Monday 21 st Whole School Book Week Parade (Emus Included) Thursday 24 th Wombats Book Week Parade
Thursday 14th September 2023	Wombats Session for Healthy Harold
Monday 18th September 2023	Emus Session for Healthy Harold
Tuesday 19th September 2023	Last day of Term 3 for Emus
Friday 22nd September 2023	Last Day of Term 4 for Wombats



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SEVEN HILLS WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL - PRESCHOOL -

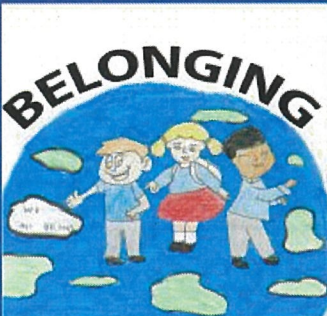
OUR VISION

At Seven Hills West Public Preschool, our vision is to grow great human beings every day. To do this, we provide a engaging and nurturing learning environment which fosters our children's curiosity, confidence and creativity.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

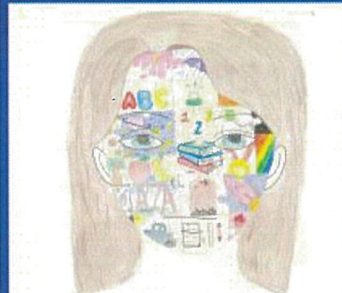
'Growing Great Human Beings Every Day' is integral to the delivery of our P-6 inclusive school approach. In honouring the Early Years Learning Framework and ethos of Belonging, Being & Becoming, our preschool philosophy has been collaboratively designed by our children, families and educators.

Our philosophy reflects the cultural inclusiveness of the Eastern and Western values our families share. We strive to establish an authentic and connected learning environment to support our children's emotional, social, cognitive and spiritual growth and wellbeing.



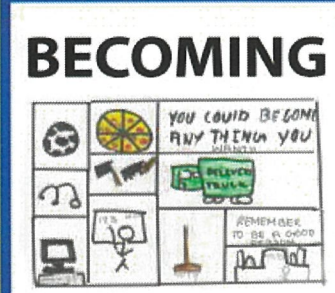
BELONGING

We achieve our philosophy through a quality play-based learning environment that is stimulating, warm and culturally inclusive to ensure every child thrives.



BEING

Our preschool program nurtures our children's curiosity, confidence and creativity as they explore, experiment and connect with each other.



BECOMING

"It takes a village to raise a child", and our approach, reflects the Inclusive Eastern and Western cultural values our families share. Together we support the learning and developmental needs of each child.

OUR COMMITMENT

Our educators are committed to providing a stimulating, warm and culturally inclusive atmosphere for every child to thrive. We understand that parents want the very best for their children so we ensure our preschool program enables every child to explore, experiment and connect with each other and the world through our holistic, early years learning curriculum.



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A checklist for your Child's day at SHWPSPreschool -

Label, label, label everything - Please write your Child's name on everything.

<p>Backpack</p>	
<p>Lunch box with ice brick</p>	
<p>Drink bottle with water only</p>	
<p>Healthy Morning Tea/fruit snack - 1 piece of fruit and other snack i.e. yoghurt or cheese and biscuits</p>	
<p>Healthy Lunch- - Sandwich/roti/rice/curry/pasta And small snack.</p>	
<p>Complete change of clothes (Underwear, t-shirt, shorts/long pants, Jumper and socks.) Please check and replace when used and at the end of each term for fit.</p>	
<p>Sunsafe hat (Kept at Preschool)</p>	



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<u>Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity</u>	<u>Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world</u>	<u>Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing</u>	<u>Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners</u>	<u>Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children feel safe, secure, and supported • Children develop their emerging autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience, and sense of agency • Children develop knowledgeable and confident self-identities • Children learn to interact in relation to others with care, empathy, and respect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation • Children respond to diversity with respect • Children become aware of fairness • Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing • Children take increasing responsibility for their own health and physical wellbeing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination, and reflexivity • Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, enquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching, and investigating • Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another • Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes • Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts • Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media • Children begin to understand how symbols and pattern systems work • Children use information and communication technologies to access information, investigate ideas and represent their thinking



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Key Curriculum: Early Years Learning Framework

KEY CURRICULUM TOPICS/FOCUS AREA FOR TERM 3		
English	Rhyming and sounds Reading and Viewing	Writing our names Drawing Grapheme recognition (names of the letters)
Mathematics	Shapes Numeral recognition One to one counting	Sorting and grouping Rote counting Subitising
Science and STEM	Robotics when visiting the school library ELLA language program- Learning a language. Scientific explorations and experiments with Mrs Linder on Wednesdays.	
Personal Development and Health (PDH) and Physical Education (PE)	Fine and gross motor development. Munch and Move program.	
Creative Arts	Music and movement Being creative at every opportunity – drawing/ painting	

Goal Getters

Throughout Term 3, our Student Representative Council for the K-6 cohorts of Seven Hills West Public School, devised a way to address student led goals through the “goal getters” initiative. Students in K-6 create 4 goals each term (in partnership with their class teacher) with a reading, numeracy, wellbeing and attendance focus.

This term, the Preschool team will be extending this initiative to our Preschool students. Miss Roche and Mrs North will work with each of our wombats and emus to think of a goal to work on for each of the four focus areas. Reading and numeracy goals will support early literacy and early numeracy skills that will assist a smooth transition for our preschoolers into kindergarten, next year.

Should you have any suggestions for goals you would like your child to work on under the reading, numeracy, wellbeing or attendance foci, please do not hesitate to reach out and speak to the Preschool team.

SHWPS
GOAL GETTERS!

Name: _____ Class: _____

READING GOAL

NUMERACY GOAL

WELLBEING GOAL

ATTENDANCE GOAL

Growing Great Human Beings @ SHWPS



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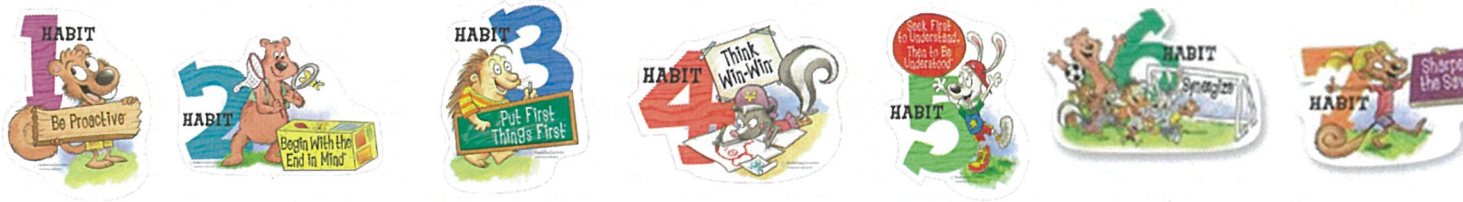
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The Leader In Me- 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.








At Seven Hills West Public School, we embed 7 habits into our learning. Your preschoolers are currently being exposed to and exploring these 7 habits. Please see below the 7 habits for your own reference.

The Leader in Me program provides schools with a leadership model and process that supports every child’s physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being, all of which are factors that can contribute to or hinder academic success.

An overview of our 7 Habits focus for Term 3 is outlined below:



OVERVIEW

			
Weeks 1 & 2	Weeks 3 & 4		Weeks 5 & 6
To focus on empathy and develop active listening skills		To develop authentic collaboration and team-work	
To take initiative and be responsible for their actions		To reinvigorate, reenergize and encourage self-regulation.	
			
Weeks 7 & 8	Weeks 9 & 10		
To set goals, develop resilience and work hard with a growth mind-set.			

Once again, thank you for your support,

Ms S Clements
Principal

Mrs A Soriente
Assistant Principal

Miss N Roche and Mrs S North
Preschool Educators