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# Seven Hills North Public School NEWSLETTER

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Term 2—Week 5



## DATES FOR DIARY

### TERM 2

#### MAY

- 29 SISA
- 30 ICAS Science
- 31 Combined Choir Rehearsal

#### JUNE

- 1 Debate—Quakers Hill
- 2 PSSA  
Assembly 2pm  
Movie Night
- 5 SISA
- 6 Dental Visit
- 9 PSSA
- 12 **Queens B'Dday Holiday**  
ICAS Writing to 16/6
- 14 Stage 1 Excursion  
- Sydney Aquarium  
Regional X Country  
ICAS Spelling
- 16 PSSA  
Assembly 2pm
- 19 SISA
- 22 Debate—Bert Oldfield
- 23 PSSA  
Reports to Parents
- 26 SISA
- 28 Parent/Teacher Evening
- 30 PSSA  
Athletics Carnival  
Last Day of Term 2

### TERM 3

#### JULY

- 17 Staff Development Day
- 18 **Students Return to School**  
Then & Now Performance
- 21 PSSA
- 27 Debate—Quakers Hill
- 28 PSSA  
Assembly 2pm
- 31 Education Week

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## From the Principals Desk

### Zone Cross Country

Thank you to all our Seven Hills North competitors for your exemplary behaviour and massive efforts on Thursday 18 May at the Zone Cross Country. Thank you to all our supporters who were there to encourage the runners.

### Kiss and Drop

If you are running late due to traffic or reasons out of your control please ring the school to inform us of the situation. The teacher on duty will take the students inside the school gates at 3.15pm and the students will sit on the silver seats outside the library until you arrive.

When using the Kiss and Drop zone please use the 3 designated parking spots and move as far forward as possible. Students will not be allowed to get in the car if not in these spots unless the teacher has given permission.

### Crossing the Road at Beethoven Street

Please ensure that when you need to cross Beethoven Street that you use the crossing provided for the safety of yourself and your children.

### Winter Uniforms

All students are expected to wear winter uniforms from the beginning of June until September. Girls will be permitted to wear navy blue tights under their culottes in winter. No culottes with socks please and they may wear long blue pants. Boys need to wear long grey pants.

### Numeracy Workshop for Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents

We will be running two parent numeracy workshops in June for the parents of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students. An invitation will be sent home next week giving you the option of attending a daytime session or an evening session.

### Movie Night

Don't forget PJ Movie Night is Friday 2 June. Tickets can be purchased from Miss Ricketts or Mrs Otten at school or at the door on the night. All money raised will contribute towards the Year 6 Farewell.

5pm to 7pm Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2—Moana (PG)

7pm to 9pm Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6—School of Rock (PG)

**PLEASE RETURN STEWART HOUSE BAGS FRIDAY 16 JUNE**  
**OUTSIDE DISABLE TOILET NEAR LIBRARY**

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## Stage 1 Excursion to Sydney Aquarium

Students from Years 1 and 2 have an excursion to Sydney Aquarium on Wednesday 14 June notes went home this week. Some notes may have a misprint on the date obviously the year will be 2017 not 2012 but the rest of the date is correct.

The last day for payment of this excursion will be Friday 2 June. No late payments will be accepted as we have to pay Sydney Aquarium entry fees in advance.

Kate Pugh  
Principal

## 1/2H Report

- 1/2H's African safari has gone. Our back wall is slowly being replaced by an underwater mural, which goes with our text, *The Whale and the Snail*, by Julia Donaldson. We are looking at Informative texts this term and we have already made a report about Stingrays and sea horses. For our mural, we have made a cast of crabs, a herd of seahorses, circus of clownfish, a smack of jellyfish, along with our huge, immensely long, grey whale. Please come and see our work in progress.



- We have read *The Twits*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* written by the author Roald Dahl and we have listened to CD's on the BFG. We are now starting *Fantastic Mr Fox*. We have lots of Roald Dahl books to read. 1/2H love his books.
- Maths we have been studying multiplication, angles, volume and fractions.
- For History, we are looking how people celebrate birthdays in our culture and other cultures.
- 1/2H enjoyed the Cross Country and loved receiving their participation ribbons. Thank you Miss Blanch and Ms Mossfield for your organisation. Each week the children do different activities for Sport in Schools. It is most enjoyable.

Mrs Hilly

## 3H Report

- This term we are participating in Sports in Schools on Monday afternoons. The children are really enjoying the inside and outside activities and are encouraged to wear joggers and bring drink bottles.
- Homework has begun again after the break we had with NAPLAN. The homework is handed out on Monday and needs to be returned by Friday. Please encourage your child to complete the spelling and maths activities and then return the completed work to school.
- Our literacy unit this term is—*Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl. This is a wonderful book to read, full of very interesting characters. We are also doing lots of art and craft based on the text.
- In Maths we are spending the first 15 minutes of each lesson doing mental maths questions. Many children found this difficult to begin with, however are challenging themselves to get better results. We are looking at the 6x tables, fractions and angles this week.
- In writing we have looked at narratives and persuasive writing and soon we will be concentrating on information reports.
- Our weekly topic talks are going really well. The children are researching the topics and then becoming more confident when presenting their talk each week.

Thanks and enjoy your week.  
Mrs Patteson and Mrs Hollins

## 3/4H Report

- A number of students in 3/4H have registered to complete a series of ICAS tests. These tests will take place progressively throughout this term.
- Congratulations to the Year 3 students who remained calm and focused during the recent NAPLAN tests. Results will be provided to parents in Term 3.
- Both Year 3 students and Year 4 students have received their CCT assignments for this term. Year 3 students will be focussing on constructing arcade games and Year 4 students will be working on Rube Goldberg devices. We look forward to seeing the final products on Tuesday 27 June. Students will be using the 'Six coloured thinking caps' journal as they work through their design project.
- We have been enjoying our CCT crunches in class, including the backward quiz and word tennis.
- Congratulations to all students who participated in the recent Zone Cross-Country carnival. There were some outstanding efforts.
- In our History lessons we are currently looking at famous world explorers as well as the departure, journey and arrival of the first fleet in 1788. We are learning that many people were transported to Australia for the smallest of crimes !
- Please remember to send in your note and money for the Year 6 fundraiser movie night on Friday 2 June. The primary classes are watching 'School of Rock'!

Mr Hilly



## 4H Report

- It has been a busy start to Term 3, with a new student joining our classroom – welcome Helena.
- Last week we had several 4H students represent our school in Zone cross-country. Congratulations to all the students who participated.
- In class this term, 4H will continue to explore Maths concepts, looking specifically this week at Measurement, Geometry and Number. We continue to practise our times tables every day and are using a number of hands-on activities to gain greater understanding of Maths concepts. Please remind your children that they can access Mathletics at home to practise their Mathematics. They all have their own login and passwords.
- In literacy this term 4H are exploring a new book 'The Secret of the Swords'. We have only just begun to read this together and the students have already made predictions about what will take place. We are also continuing to develop our Persuasive writing and looking intently at the language conventions and structure of a number of persuasive types.
- In Geography, we continue to investigate Australia and its neighbours, and are looking closely at the differing weather and climate types in both Australia and neighbouring countries. We will also be exploring a variety of maps and mapping techniques as well as the importance of place and protected areas.
- As it is now getting colder, students are to be reminded to wear their jumpers in the mornings.

Mrs Sargeant

## Message from the P&C

### Mother's Day

Thank you to everyone for all the generous donations. We hope that all mums received something wonderful and were very spoilt! The stall was a great success and we raised just under \$1400.

### URGENT

**We really need more helpers at the Bunnings BBQ which is this SATURDAY MAY 27TH (Abbot road store)**  
**Please add you name to the sign up sheet on the school notice board or contact Kristen 0425 214 837 with your availability.**

### Upcoming Events

Please keep in mind that Father's Day is fast approaching. We will be asking for gift donations in August for our stall so keep a look out when you are shopping. **DO NOT MAKE DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE YET PLEASE WAIT TILL AUGUST.** Things you could include are chocolates, socks, aftershave etc. We ask if these donations can be wrapped in clear cellophane if possible. Please note do not donate alcohol as we are not allowed to sell this to your children.

Thank you for your continued support,  
P and C fundraising committee.

## Stage 3 Report (S3O/S3R)

- This term in Literacy, Stage 3 are studying the concept of context. We are exploring this concept through reading historical fiction such as Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes and Yoko's Diary. Students are engaged in learning about stories of children around the world.
- In week three our year 5 students sat their NAPLAN tests. They worked hard and should be proud of themselves. During NAPLAN the Year 6 students started painting a mural to represent their time here at Seven Hills North. They had lots of fun painting and reminiscing about their younger years.



- In Science this term, we are learning about stormwater management. We were lucky enough to attend an excursion at Blacktown Showground to get hands on experience with the topic. They learnt about what stormwater is, where it goes and what is best practice regarding stormwater management. Students had so much fun testing water quality!



- Year 6 students are busy organising another fundraising event for their farewell, the movie night on Friday 2 June. Don't forget to purchase tickets!

Miss Ricketts and Mrs Otten

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## 1M Report

- Firstly congratulations to all the students in 1M who have been working so hard all year. The children are proving to be eager learners and wonderful caring friends. We welcome a new girl to our class, Aditri, who came at the beginning of the term. Welcome.
- We hope every mother had a wonderful Mother's Day. Your children thoroughly enjoyed making your special gifts, and trying to keep it a secret!
- This term 1M have been learning about Fiction and Non-fiction books. We have been learning about the differences of each, and what we would find in each book. We have also been learning about AAAA Alliteration!! Ask your child about the song.
- In History we are learning about different families and the past and present. In Health about our bodies and in Science, we are learning about solids, liquids and gases. 1M are fantastic at sharing all they know about everything.
- Maths we have been learning about sharing and 3D shapes. We have also been playing lots of Maths games to help improve our maths.
- Yesterday we joined in "National Simultaneous Reading Day" by reading a book called "The cow tripped over the moon". It is a funny book about perseverance!
- Well done to everyone who walked to school last Friday during "Walk safely to School Day".
- Notes have been sent home about our Stage 1 Excursion to "Sydney Aquarium". The children are very excited. Please return permission note and money no later than Friday 2 June.
- Also a reminder that the Year 6 "Movie Night" is on Friday 2 June. Cost is \$5.00 and includes popcorn and a milo. It will be lots of fun.
- 1M have also been enjoying Sports in School every Monday. Lots of sports and dancing. A reminder that the school Athletics Carnival is coming up at the end of this term.
- Thank you to all the students who continue to do their homework every week. Well done!

Ms Mossfield

## KH Report

- KH have been very busy enjoying their learning this term and have made lots of progress. It is great to see that some students can already tie their shoelaces using a knot and a bow. Double bows are very reliable as they are hard to come undone.
- In our Jolly Phonics program, we have learned 35 sounds and have learnt 32 tricky words since the beginning of the year! Well done! Please keep revising all sounds and tricky words as these are the key ingredients when learning to read books. Most importantly, it is highly encouraged that parents read to their children as this is an enjoyable and relaxing learning opportunity.

- KH students are enjoying lots of fun activities in maths and integrating their counting skills into other areas of mathematics. We enjoy playing short, focused and frequent games during break time to keep our skills fresh. Math Seeds is a great opportunity for the children to practice at home and revise their learning. Just type in your child's reading eggs password and enter the Math Seeds section of the website to find out more.
- Currently, KH is participating in a creative and critical thinking project. Our driving question for the project is, "How can we provide the best shelter for an animal?" Currently we are researching our animals but soon we will design and make a diorama shelter for a lion, bear or zebra, all whom are characters from our literacy studies this term. If you have any washed, recycled items, please feel free to bring a small bag of them to school. This will help KH when it is time to make our shelters. Any small boxes, towel rolls (not toilet paper rolls), plastic bottles, lids, etc. would be greatly appreciated.
- Please remember to pack your child's hat every day. Even though it is becoming cooler, it is still just as important to wear your hat to be safe and protected from the rays.

Miss Hinds

## KB Report

- The children have settled back into school routines after the holiday very well. Please can you ensure that all jumpers, jackets etc are labelled as with the cooler mornings and warmer days, they are being taken off and not always placed back in their bags or tote trays.
- We are now changing our home readers most days. Please can you ensure that the purple card is filled out with the name of the book that the child has read so that I can check all books have been returned. Now there is no need to add on additional books that the children are reading at home.
- The various groups are getting into the swing of changing their homework on their reading days. Groups are fluid and changing along with the various developmental changes in the children, so while you might know now what group your child is in, there is the possibility that it might change as the term progresses.
- Over the next couple of weeks I will be introducing the children to a new computer program called typing.com, it is designed to teach students the skills of touch typing in a fun environment. I will send home user names and passwords so that the children can access this program from home if they wish.

Mrs Blume

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## 1B Report

- Firstly congratulations to all the students in 1B who have been working so hard all semester. It is very encouraging to see how enthusiastic students of 1B are towards their learning.
- We hope all of our mothers had a beautiful mother's day and got spoilt rotten by your child. Students thoroughly enjoyed making things to give to you.
- This term, 1B have been learning about the differences between Fiction and Non-Fiction texts. Students have loved reading Non-Fiction texts, and learning about some of nature's wonderful things! We have also been learning all about Alliteration and Similies!
- In History we are learning about different types of families and linking this to the past and the present, which students are heavily interested about.
- In Mathematics this term we have been playing lots of Mathematic based games to help improve our math, specifically focussing on counting by 2's, 5's and 10's and addition. Students are encouraged to continue practicing these skills. Additionally, we have been focusing on counting on, counting back, sharing, 2D and 3D shapes, addition and subtraction.
- Students in 1B will be attending an excursion to 'Sydney Aquarium'. Notes have been sent home, and it would be greatly appreciated if you could please return these no later than Friday 2 June.
- 1B have also been enjoying Sports in School every Monday. Students have loved having the opportunity to participate in a range of different sports and dancing.

Miss Blanch

## Blacktown Festival Combined Choir Rehearsal

On **Wednesday 31 May**, the Years 3 and 4 Choir will be attending their second combined rehearsal at Shelley Public School. Accompanying the choir to the venue will be Miss Hinds and Mrs Kennedy. Students are to meet in KH (Miss Hinds' room) at **8.30am sharp**. We will leave on the bus at 8.45am as we will be sharing a bus with another school. The rehearsal will finish at 11.30am and the choir will arrive back no later than 12.15pm, returning to class for the rest of the day.

All students are required to bring their blue folders equipped with their music lyric booklet.

Each child will need to bring their food and a drinks as we will eat recess at the venue and eat lunch at normal time back at school.

Please remember to pack your hat and a raincoat incase of bad weather. No umbrellas for student safety reasons.

We look forward to another wonderful choral experience!

Miss Hinds  
Years 3-4 Choir Coordinator

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

**All orders must be completed by Friday 2 June**

**NO CASH PLEASE**

**Bookclub will be coming home today with your child.  
If you wish to place an order this can be done online  
through Scholastic LOOP Orders.**

**[www.scholastic.com.au](http://www.scholastic.com.au)**

## 2G Report

- 2G are very excited about our excursion to Sydney Aquarium in a few weeks time. We have been reading a book called 'The Snail and the Whale' in English and we are busy making an ocean mural on our back wall.
- Sport in Schools on Mondays is going really well with the children enjoying lots of fun sport activities as well as dancing
- All the children did a great job at the Cross Country a few weeks ago. I was proud of the way the children all participated and did not give up!
- The children are doing a great job with their topic talks each week for news and I have seen a big improvement in those children who are preparing their talk well and practising it at home. Thank you for your efforts here.
- We have welcomed two new students to our class this term. Jacynda and Zhyar, they are settling in well and we are enjoying getting to know them.
- Thank you to those students who continue to do their homework and home reading diligently each week, and to those who remember it every Friday. Our Homework Heroes chart is filling up.

Mrs Goodman







## KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

### RE-TUNE 4 JUNE!

*presented by Dr. Nicole Sleeman*

A series of 4 FREE talks aimed at improving the health & wellbeing of kids & teens:

- healthy eating – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June @ 6.30pm
- exercise - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June @ 6.30pm
- mental health - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June @ 6.30pm
- hygiene - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June @ 6.30pm

Parents are encouraged to attend with their teenage children & must attend with children under 15 years. Bicycles to be won in 2 age groups: up to 10 years & 11 – 18 years.

Prizes for parents too!

**Limited places: call 8822 3000 to register**

**36 Kildare Road, Blacktown 2148  
(next to Westpoint)**

## Live WELL COMMUNITY FAIR



**SATURDAY 3rd June 10AM - 3PM**

@ BERT OLDFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL  
(1A Oldfield Road, Seven Hills)

- Fun for the kids ▪ Jumping castle ▪ Face painting ▪ Enviro-craft ▪ Food stalls
- Free workshops and demos ▪ WSU Solar Car
- Aboriginal Culture talk ▪ Woodturning
- Lots of fun and discovery for all!



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