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Seven Hills North Public School NEWSLETTER

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Term 2—Week 9



DATES FOR DIARY

TERM 2

JUNE

- 22 Debate—Bert Oldfield
- 23 PSSA
- Reports to Parents
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- 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

AUGUST

- 1 ICAS English
- Festival of Music Recorder
- Opera House
- 3 **DANCE-A-THON**
- OPEN DAY**
- 4 PSSA
- 9 Combined Choir Rehearsal
- 11 PSSA
- Assembly 2pm
- 15 ICAS Maths
- 17 ES1 Excursion Calmsley Hill Farm
- 18 PSSA
- 21 Blacktown Arts Festival
- 22 Blacktown Arts Festival
- 25 PSSA
- Assembly 2pm

From the Principals Desk

Canteen News

We have commenced the required paperwork for the canteen leasing process and hope to have the canteen up and running by the second week of September. The school is currently arranging for someone to run the canteen in the interim period until the tender is finalised. We are hoping that this can be organised for the beginning of Term 3 and we will let you know as soon as we have the details.

Safety on Beethoven Street

Again, I need to mention how unsafe some drivers are in the afternoon when approaching the school. Please do not drive in an unsafe manner if you find yourself in the Kiss and Drop line. It is very unsafe to overtake the line of traffic as visibility on the crossing is very poor and the safety of my teachers and students is imperative. If you arrive late, either wait in the line or park near the park and walk up to the school. Please do not start waiting in Kiss and Drop until 2.45pm and use the three places provided and always move to the front space.

Parent Numeracy Workshops

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended the Numeracy Workshops for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students. Thank you Mrs Otten for your hard work organising the presentations and I am sure the parents were all appreciative of your commitment to Seven Hills North. If you have any questions please ask for assistance to clarify your understanding.

A Stage 2/Stage 3 workshop is scheduled for the beginning of Term 3 for interested parents. A writing workshop is also being planned for Term 3.

Education Week

Education Week for 2017 takes place in Week 3 of Term 3. This year the theme for Education Week is "I Learn, We Learn". It will be a very busy week for the school. On Tuesday 1 August, our Recorder group will perform at the Opera House in the evening after a full days rehearsal. Hopefully we will be allocated the Wednesday for WestPoint performances.

Thursday 3 August will be our Open Day/Dance-a-thon:

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| Open Classrooms | 10.00am-10.30am |
| Recess | 10.30am-11.00am (Morning Tea will be available) |
| Concert | 11.00am-11.45am |
| Dance-a-thon | 11.45am-12.45pm |
| BBQ lunch | 1.00pm- 2.00pm |

Debating

All the best Seven Hills North at your debate today against Bert Oldfield Public School.

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The Festival of Instrumental Music

On Tuesday 27 June our recorder students will attend the Preliminary Rehearsal in preparation for the Banksia Concert on Tuesday 1 August. The concert is the culmination of many hours of practice and dedication from both the students and teachers.

Athletics Carnival

Our K-6 Athletics Carnival is to be held on Friday 30 June, weather permitting. It is the last day of term and will be at Alfred Whaling reserve at Baulkham Hills. Our Year 6 parents will be running a BBQ and we will have some Seven Hills High students assisting the staff on the day. I am sure it will be a fantastic day for all and a lovely way to end the term.

Payment of Invoices

Please be aware that we can no longer accept EFTPOS payments after 2pm as it is a requirement of the new accounts system that all payments are receipted on the day they are made. It is often too difficult to do this as our accounts are all receipted in the morning and then closed off for collection.

Have a great break and enjoy spending time with your family!

Kate Pugh
Principal

KH Report

- KH have been very busy with their learning all term. It is hard to believe that we have almost reached the middle of the year for Kindergarten!
- All students have been eagerly making their animal enclosure dioramas. We have been using all the wonderful recycled materials that families have kindly donated. Thank you for helping us! Each group is currently painting their enclosures. We will be all ready to present each project and student portfolio to our parents at Education Week Open Day on Thursday, 3 August Term 3. We hope to see you there.
- Please remember that each Thursday is our library day. If students have finished reading their borrowed books, they should be stored inside your child's library bags and left in the KH box on Thursday morning. When not reading, please keep the library books safe in student library bags at home.
- The students are completing tricky word and jolly phonics sound revision this week. It is encouraged that all children complete the occasional revision of jolly phonics, reading and counting in the holidays along with a lot of relaxation and play. They are all ready for a long rest.
- Parents are reminded to send in their child's completed pink Athletics Carnival note with either the written online receipt as proof of payment or the money in a plastic zip-lock bag with their name by Monday 26 June. We look forward to experiencing a wonderful day in the last week of the Term.

Have a happy and safe holiday!
Miss Hinds

3H Report

- Homework is going well and most children are completing it and remembering to hand it in. Please remember the topic talks the children present is part of their homework and they need to research the topics and make palm cards.
- Just a reminder our parent teacher interviews are on Wednesday June 28 and you can make an appointment online if you have not already done so.
- Athletics carnival is on Friday June 30 at Baulkham Hills. Notes and money needs to be back at school by Monday. Parents are very welcome to attend.
- Our class has loved reading Fantastic Mr Fox and have completed various tasks to do with the text. We also watched the movie and are currently working out the differences between the text and the movie. Next term our literacy unit is James and the giant peach by Roald Dahl.

Enjoy the rest of your week.
Mrs Patteson and Mrs Hollins.

3/4H Report

- We are looking forward to all our design project assignments being brought in next Tuesday 27 June. Students may bring their devices and games directly to the classroom before school from 8.30am onwards.
- Tomorrow (Friday 23 June) we have a visiting performer at school for NAIDOC week. Students may wear or bring black, red or yellow clothing to school. The NAIDOC performance will be in the school hall at 2.00 pm.
- Our school athletics carnival is being held on the last day of term, Friday 30 June. Students attending will need to return their permission note and payment by Monday.
- Have a great mid-year holiday and we look forward to a productive Term 3.

Mr Hilly

1B Report

- Stage 1 enjoyed a fantastic day out last week to Sydney Aquarium. The students were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of the amazing sea life we have been learning about in class.
- Next Friday is our Athletics Carnival. If you have not already, please return the pink permission note attached with \$10 by Monday 26 June. Year 1 students will be competing in a running race, followed by a range of different games and activities. All parents are welcome to come watch and cheer on all competitors.
- 1B have been working very hard this term, and have made some great progress. Next Wednesday is Parent-Teacher interviews, where I look forward to sharing with you, some of their achievements. If you have not already made an appointment, please do so online.

Miss Blanch

2G Report

- Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic day last week at the Aquarium. It was great to see all the sea life we have been learning about in class.
- Next Friday is our Athletics Carnival and all children need to return their pink note with \$10 by Monday to be able to attend. (Those not attending still need to return the note as well.) Parents are welcome to come and cheer on our competitors.
- 2G children have been working very hard this term and I am very proud of their achievements. I look forward to talking to parents next Wednesday at Parent/Teacher interviews. Please make an appointment if you have not already done so.
- Next term I will be taking 6 weeks long service leave to travel overseas to Great Britain. My leave will begin on Friday 21 July. 2G will be taught by Mrs Fullerton from Monday to Wednesday, and Mrs Fletcher on Thursday and Friday. I know the children will have a wonderful time with these two great teachers. I will look forward to sharing my travels with them when I return.

Have a great break.
Mrs Goodman

KB Report

- The children have worked exceptionally hard this term, and I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you all next Wednesday to discuss their progress after the reports go home on Friday.
- This term we have been focusing on risk taking in our learning environment. This means stretching our self to try to do something we are not sure we will get right first time. This could be sounding out a word to spell it properly, or reading a book that looks harder than we have read before. The children are embracing this, so please keep encouraging them at home to read words in the environment around them, or maybe help write a shopping list.
- Don't forget to get your athletics carnival notes in by Monday 26 June. The infants will participate in a series of tabloid events as well as the age champion race. Regardless of place, the children always have lots of fun, and certainly try their very hardest.
- The sounds homework has finished for now, and I will just be sending home weekly tricky words to practice. The children are able to change their home readers everyday except Tuesday and have access to Reading Eggs, Maths Seeds and their typing program should you wish them to be doing more.

Have a great holiday!
Mrs Blume

Stage 3 Report

- This term has flown by! The students have enjoyed learning about Hiroshima through studying *Sadako's Paper Cranes* and *Yoko's Diary*. They have been working very hard in mathematics this term too and should ensure that they revise the concepts they are unsure of at home and ask for extra help when needed.
- In creative arts the students have enjoyed music and playing the ukulele and creating amazing artworks. We are finding that the students like the mix of boys/girls in these subjects.
- The students really enjoyed planting trees/shrubs and grasses on Monday/Tuesday. Their behaviour was excellent and they should be commended on it.
- Next term we will start lessons on the Human Body and the changes that they undergo as they grow up.

Wishing you all a very safe and restful holiday
Miss Ricketts and Mrs Otten

★ SHNPS SUPER STAR ★



This is **Ainsley** who has recently competed in 4 ice-skating competitions winning first place in each one. The most recent competition was held at Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink where she competed against 27 other ice skaters in her division from all over Australia and New Zealand. Congratulations Ainsley you are a super star.

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4H Report

- This week, 4H have been exploring Mass with a number of hands-on activities to investigate kilograms and grams. Next week our focus will be on further developing our skills in measurement with investigations into mapping. 4H has also been improving upon their multiplication skills and are becoming faster at recalling their times tables and more proficient. Remember that each student has access to Mathletics and are encouraged to log on at home to complete the activities.
- Early this week, 4H were very lucky to take part of a tree planting excursion provided by Western Sydney Parklands. The students thoroughly enjoyed planting trees and contributing to the preservation of our endangered woodland.
- Next week will be a very busy week as we count down to the school holidays. The athletics carnival will be held on Friday and all money and permission notes need to be returned by Monday. Thankyou to those who have already returned their money and notes.

Mrs Sargeant

1M Report

- The children have worked exceptionally hard this term, and I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you all next Wednesday for parent teacher interviews.
- Reports will be going home this Friday.
- This term we have been focusing on sea animals. 1M has had a great time making our room into our own underwater ocean. We have seahorses, whales, jellyfishes, crabs, starfishes, the list goes on. We have also made our own information reports on "Tiger Sharks".
- A reminder that it is NAIDOC Day tomorrow and the children are encouraged to wear mufti in black, red, yellow colours. We will be watching an Indigenous performer tomorrow afternoon.
- Stage 1 thoroughly enjoyed our Excursion to Sydney Aquarium last week. The children were completely engagement with the sea life. All of 1M were beautifully behaved. I was so proud to be their teacher. Well done 1M.
- Our Athletics Carnival is on the last day of term. Don't forget to get your athletics carnival notes by Monday 26 June. It is a great day for all.
- Please remember to do lots of reading during the holidays.

Have a great break!

Ms. Mossfield

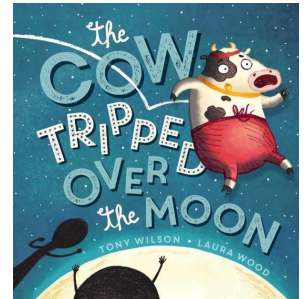


Library Gossip

The end of term is here again and what a busy term it has been. We joined together with 6,129 schools to read "The Cow Tripped Over the Moon" for National Simultaneous Storytime. I believe all enjoyed this time.

Donated books from the Book Fair have now been borrowed by those who donated them and new books will be available next term. Happy reading.

Enjoy your holidays
Mrs Sinai



Students Work

Year 6 students have been undertaking a literature study based upon gothic styled narratives. They have also been learning to use fronted adverbials to make their writing more exciting and descriptive. Here is a sample of work for you to enjoy!

Mrs McKewen

Cooper P

Grey and foreboding, the castle stood on top of the hill overlooking the tiny town. In the highest turret window a boy sat with his face pressed against the frosty glass.

The boy's name was Prince Jeff and he lived in the turret of the castle. Prince Jeff leaned hard against the glass and watched the sun setting. He peered down upon the pile of snow below. The glass was so cold he thought he might get frostbite. He looked down at his unwashed clothes and sighed. Out of the blue, the glass started to crack. It shattered and he fell face first into the freezing snow. He couldn't breathe properly because he was buried so deep.

Villagers tried to pull him out but it was no use – he was stuck. The local townspeople held a huge funeral for the Prince. The whole town felt great sympathy for him and at the same time anger because he had remained locked away in the castle for years, refusing to help anyone in need. A witch appeared at the funeral and revealed to the entire town that she had cast a spell on Prince Jeff which caused the glass in the window to shatter. The witch announced that no ruler should ever abandon their Kingdom and not care for their people.

NAIDOC DAY

Every year at Seven Hills North Public School we celebrate NAIDOC Day. NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee.

This year we are celebrating NAIDOC Day on **Friday 23 June (TOMORROW)** with a mufti day and an indigenous performer here in the hall 2pm school, parents are welcome to attend.

Children may wear red, yellow and black clothes to represent aboriginal colours.

AQUARIUM VISIT



TREE PLANTING



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NAIDOC FAMILY FUN DAY

AND OPEN DAY

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

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

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