



A quality education in a caring environment

Seven Hills North Public School NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 2



DATES FOR DIARY

TERM 4

OCTOBER

- 25 Swim Scheme
- PSSA
- Assembly
- 28 Swim Scheme
- 29 Swim Scheme
- 30 Swim Scheme
- 31 Swim Scheme

NOVEMBER

- 1 Swim Scheme
- PSSA
- 4 Stage 3 Camp
- 5 Stage 3 Camp
- Kindergarten Orientation
- 6 Stage 3 Camp
- 7 Steam Team Expo
- 8 PSSA
- Assembly
- 15 PSSA
- 20 Kindergarten Orientation
- 22 PSSA
- Assembly
- 28 Kindergarten Orientation

DECEMBER

- 2 Leadership Speeches
- 2 Election Day
- 4 2020 Kindergarten
- Information Night
- 9 Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 12 Presentation Day
- 16 Class Party Day
- 17 SHNPS Idol
- 18 Last day of term

From the Principals Desk

World Teachers day

World Teachers' Day is being celebrated in Australia on Friday 25 October. The day is a great opportunity for everyone to recognise and appreciate teachers and the important role they play in shaping the next generation.

In 2019, World Teachers' Day will celebrate teachers with the UNESCO theme, *"Young Teachers: The future of the Profession."* The day provides the occasion to celebrate the teaching profession worldwide, to take stock of achievements, and to address some of the issues central for attracting and keeping the brightest minds and young talents in the profession.

At Seven Hills North Public School, we are fortunate to have a team of very dedicated and exceptionally talented teachers. Our teachers work long hours and give up much of their own time to ensure that teaching and learning at our school is of the highest standard. They also provide a number of extra-curricular opportunities for our students, offering them success in a variety of pursuits.

On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank our teachers for the nurturing environment they provide for our students and acknowledge what a privilege it is to work with such an outstanding team of professionals!

Public Speaking Competition

This week, our school Public Speaking Competition winners delivered their speeches at the Blacktown Learning Community Schools' 2019 Public Speaking Competition. Our four representatives did an outstanding job as they confidently delivered their entertaining speeches to a large audience of students, staff and parents from 28 local schools. Our school representatives were Jaxson (Year 3), Ava (Year 4), Bethany (Year 5) and Kaitlyn (Year 6).

A special congratulations to Jaxson and Ava, who both won their divisions. On behalf of our school community, I would like to congratulate these students on their wonderful effort!



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Book Character Parade

Our Book Character Parade was held during the last week of Term 3 we were thrilled to see such a fantastic display of characters! Thank you to all those parents and friends who attended this event and to all the children and their parent helpers for the effort that was put into preparing the costumes for the Book Character Parade. A special 'thank you' to Mrs Sinai for organising the event. The children looked fantastic and had a great time showing everyone their costumes!



School Disco

Last Friday we held a School Disco as a fundraising event for our Year 6 Farewell. The event was extremely well-attended and we had a fantastic night of dancing! Thank you to all those parents who assisted in preparing for the event and for providing a food and drink stall on the night. Thank you to Miss Risi and Mr Toohey for organising this event. We have some very talented dancers amongst our students and staff!



School Band

We are currently looking at beginning a combined school band in 2020. The band would be comprised of students from local schools and will be coordinated by Schoolband Australia. At present, we are still finalising the organisation and structure of the band, but it is likely that interested students would be involved in a combined rehearsal at Seven Hills High School one afternoon a week. The tutorials, run by the Schoolband Australia tutors, will be run at our school.

Schoolband Australia will be coming out to our school to run a demonstration session in front of a Year 3 to 6 assembly on Friday, 1 November. This is a 15 minute 'performance' which allows the children to see and hear the instruments of the Band. All children attending will receive a flyer which directs them to the School Bands Australia website for an Expression of Interest enrolment. Upon collecting the completed registration forms, Schoolband Australia will then come out to each school for a registration day where the students can try different instruments, nail down their instrument of choice and get officially enrolled in the program.

Further information will be provided to parents following the demonstration day. Parents can also visit the website <https://schoolbands.com.au/> for further information.

Raising Grievances and Concerns

From time to time, parents or other members of the school community may need to approach the school in order to raise grievances or concerns. Our school is committed to addressing issues or concerns and encourages parents to seek resolution by discussing any grievances with our staff. By taking the time to raise your concerns with appropriate staff, this enables us to address the issue and implement any restorative processes in a professional and timely manner. This also prevents issues from escalating and from becoming casual or unconstrained conversations within our school community, which may involve details which are not confirmed as true.

There may be times when you need to make an appointment to speak with relevant staff in order to:

- Discuss the progress or welfare of your own child.
- Express concern about actions of other students.
- Enquire about school policy or practice.
- Express concern about actions of staff.

It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible, so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. Complaints or concerns should be raised in the appropriate forum with appropriate members of the school staff. The best results usually flow from working together.

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere. This assists to:

- ensure that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, staff and parents are respected and upheld.

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- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution.

Our staff are available to speak with parents before and after school. We encourage parents to make an appointment to speak to the relevant staff member:

Regarding the academic progress of your own child:

- Directly contact the child's teacher either by note, by phone or at an appropriate time to discuss any issues.
- For minor issues directly contact your child's teacher to clarify information.
- For more serious concerns, contact the office. State the nature of concern and arrange a suitable time to talk with class teacher or appropriate staff member.
- To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.

Actions of other students:

- Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.
- Contact the class teacher or principal for playground problems.

Issues concerning School policy or practice:

- Contact the office. State nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal and/or appropriate member of staff.

Issues concerning the actions of a staff member:

- Contact the teacher directly in the first instance.
- Contact the office. State the nature of concern and make an appointment to see the principal.

We appreciate your support in adhering to these procedures and in ensuring that student wellbeing is a priority for all members of

our school community. A guide for contacting the school has been included in this newsletter.

Crossing Safety

Recently we have become concerned about the unsafe way in which our students are using the pedestrian crossing on Beethoven Street. Drivers have expressed concerns that students are running across the crossing without stopping to check that they have been seen and that cars have stopped to give way. We routinely teach road safety to our students and would appreciate parents also having conversations with their children about how to use the pedestrian crossing safely. Please remind your children that before they cross the road:

- Look before you cross. Just because someone else decides to cross, doesn't mean it's safe for you
- Unplug your earphones and put away your phone
- Never assume that an approaching vehicle can see you, or will stop for you – wait until all vehicles have stopped before you step off the kerb

We appreciate your support in helping us to keep your children safe.

Renai Diamond
Principal



- **Swim School** continues next week as well (last day Friday 1 November)
- **Stage 3** Camp Behaviour Agreements due **Friday 25 October**
- **School Leader** Nomination Slips due **Friday 1 November**

EMERY SHIELD MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Emery shield is an award presented by the P&C each year at our presentation night to recognise an outstanding contribution to the school community. The Emery family donated the shield in 1985 when they moved interstate. The Emery's were active members of the P&C and provided additional support and help to the school.

Since then the Shield has been presented to an individual or group of students, parents, or staff who have made a significant contribution to our school, or displayed outstanding achievements in the school. This can be within the year or over a number of years.

If you would like to nominate a parent, community member or staff member for this award, please indicate on the form below and drop it into the 'Note' box in the foyer by Friday 8 November 2019.

✂ _____

EMERY SHIELD NOMINATION

I would like to nominate _____ to receive the Emery Shield
for the following reasons: _____

Nominated by: _____

Date: _____

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Kindergarten Farm Excursion

Kindergarten prepared for a wet and miserable day in our raincoats but the weather turned out to be marvellous at Calmsley Hill City Farm and smiles were on the faces of all our students during the bus ride!



We saw some unique and cuddly animals!



The tractor ride was a hit! We saw lots of animals around the farm and had held on safely during our bumpy ride.



The farmer showed us how to milk a cow...

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...then we all had a try!



During our farm tour, we heard about different animals on the farm and the food they provide us.

We marvelled at the whip cracking skills from our SHNPS students!



Thank you to the Kindergarten teachers and helpers who made our farm excursion a day to remember!

Class of the Week: Kinder Yellow



K Yellow have come a long way in Reading Groups! We are enjoying working our way through our text and activities and have made significant progress.



We have also enjoyed learning to access Google Classroom and complete Google Slides projects by submitting online.



"The Evolution of Dance" and lead the singing our Music Count Us In piece, "We Are" with the entire school. The dance and the song was a great hit with the audience!



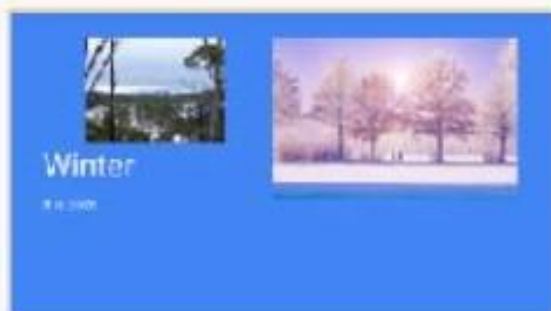
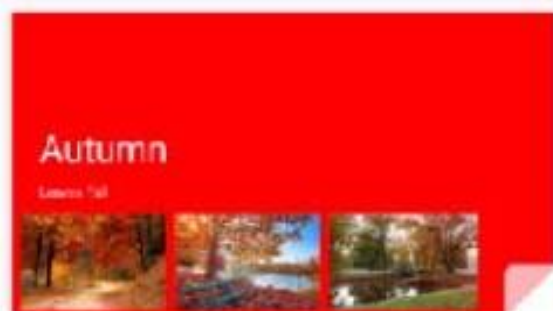
Kindergarten had a highly enjoyable experience at Calmsley Farm. The bumpy tractor ride was definitely the highlight! K Yellow also enjoyed patting the animals, milking the cow, watching the sheep sheering and dog show. Some lucky students got to learning how to crack a whip!

Class of the Week:

Kinder Yellow



Google Slide of the Seasons by Khang



Google Slide of the Seasons by Gabriella

Class of the Week: 2 Purple!



In Maths we have been learning about graphs this week and have enjoyed playing a game to gather data about shapes. We then graphed the results and answered questions about our graphs!



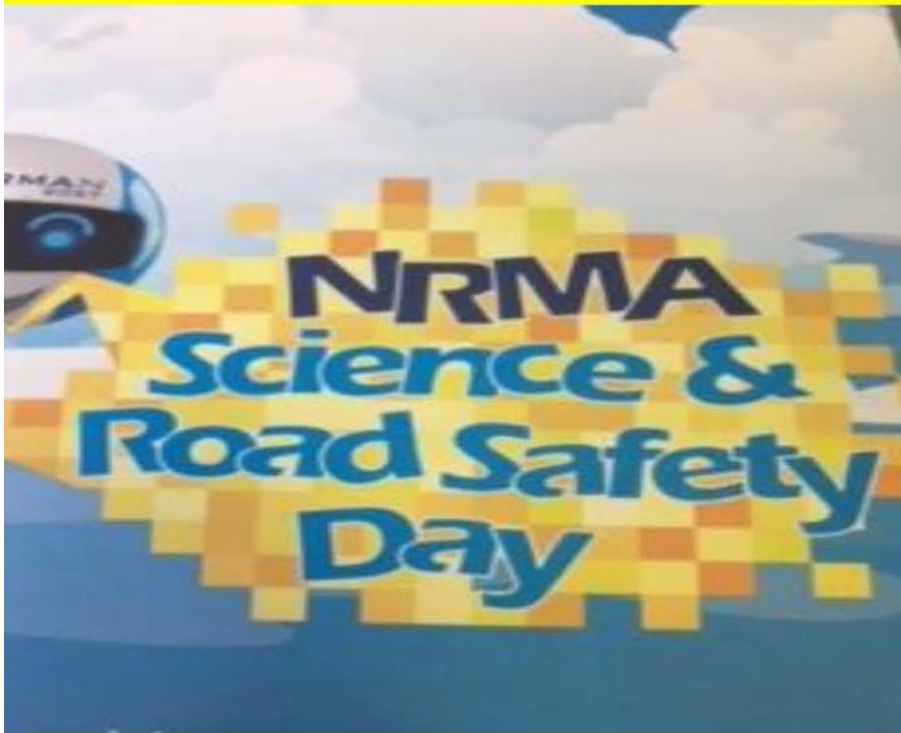
In 2 Purple, we LOVE Australia!



In English we have been reading a book called 'Why I Love Australia' by Indigenous children's author and illustrator, Bronwyn Bancroft. We had a go at drawing Uluru using oil pastels, and then used paint to add dots in the Indigenous style. We looked at the artwork of Danny Eastwood to give us inspiration!



SEVEN HILLS NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL



Session Times

Session 1:
Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)
50 minutes
Starts: 9:05am

Session 2:
Early Stage 1 &
Stage 1 (K-2)
40 minutes
Starts: 10:05am

Session 3:
Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
60 minutes
Starts: 11: 30am

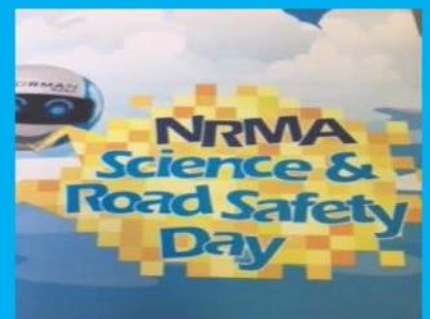
NRMA SCIENCE & ROAD SAFETY DAY

When: Monday 18th November 2019

Where: School Hall

Remember to bring your bike helmet!

Parents/Carers welcome!



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Seven Hills North Public School is held on Mondays from 8:00am to 8:50am, starting on 14 October 2019.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, please email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au
For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.