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# **Seven Hills North Public School** NEWSLETTER



## **DATES FOR DIARY**

#### **TERM 4**

#### **NOVEMBER**

- Kindergarten Orientation PSSA 20
- - Assembly
- Kindergarten Orientation

#### **DECEMBER**

- **Leadership Speeches**
- **Election Day**
- 2020 Kindergarten Information Night
- Assembly
- Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- Parent Helper Morning 10 Tea
- **Presentation Day**
- School Picnic
- Class Party Day
- SHNPS Idol
- Last day of term

#### 2020

### TERM 1

## **JANUARY**

- Australia Day
- Staff Development Day Year 1-6 students return
- Kindergarten Best Start
- Kindergarten Best Start
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## **FEBRUARY**

- Kindergarten students first day
- **Swimming Carnival**

## From the Principals Desk

## **External Validation**

Once during a five-year cycle, schools undergo an external validation of the evidence of their school self-assessment. Last week our school participated in External Validation, where an independent panel determined whether the evidence our school presented supports the school's assessment.

Our school staff worked collaboratively to develop an outstanding External Validation submission, which was commended by the panel and Director Educational Leadership NSW. I would like to congratulate all our staff for their hard work and valuable contributions to the submission.

At our school, self-assessment is a key component in our school planning and reporting cycle. We will be using aspects of the external validation report to produce the annual report and to create our new three-year school plan for 2021-2023.



### **School Chaplain**

We have recently made an application for funding through the National Chaplaincy program to continue our Chaplaincy role in 2020-2022. I am pleased to announce that we were successful and we will be able to continue this valuable program in 2020 and beyond. Mr Daniel Tuckwell will continue in his vital role, supporting the emotional and social wellbeing of our students, staff and parent community.

## Community Helpers Morning Tea... save the date!

On Wednesday 10 December we will be holding our Community Helpers Morning Tea. This is an opportunity for our staff to thank all our parent and community volunteer helpers who have assisted us throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you and having the opportunity to thank you for helping us make our school the great place it is!

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### **STEAM Team Showcase**

Recently, our STEAM team travelled to Seven Hills High School to take part in the Blacktown Learning Community STEAM showcase. The event was attended by 28 other schools in the Blacktown area and showcased the coding and robotics programs schools were undertaking. Our students took along their amazing 'Smart Home' project to demonstrate to students, parents and community members from the local area. There was a lot of interest in the creative and interactive way in which our students presented their project. Our students were also highly commended on the way they spoke about the process they had undertaken to design, code and create the Smart Home.

This was the culmination of a year's worth of hard work. All students deserve to be congratulated on their effort throughout the year and the mature way in which they represented our school at the showcase evening. A huge 'thank you' to Miss Ricketts for her great guidance of this project throughout the year.









## How to Help my Child with Anxiety

On Friday 29 November, our school will be holding a parent information session on ways to help their children with managing feelings of anxiety. This session will be presented by Daniel Tuckwell, School Chaplain and Brooke McIntyre, School Counsellor. The session will be held from 9.15-10.00am in the Library and will include the following Information:

- What is anxiety?
- When is it a problem?
- Ways of supporting your child.
   Explanation of the BRAVE program.
- Supporting your child at home.
- Time at the end to talk to Mr Daniel or Miss McIntyre This session is open to all parents and we look forward to seeing you there.

## **Kindergarten Transition for 2020 Students**

Our Kindergarten Transition program has continued this week, with our newest enrolments attending on Wednesday morning. Our 2020 Kindergarten students enjoyed another visit to classrooms, engaging in craft activities with their new peers. This week, parents engaged in an information session on school curriculum and procedures and listened to valuable information from guest speakers, such as our School Chaplain, P&C, SHNOOSH, Commonwealth School Banking Program and the Healthy Lunchbox program.





### **Presentation Day 2019**

You are invited to celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students at our...

Save the date...

2019 Presentation Day

Thursday, 13 December ~ 9.15am

Students who are receiving awards at our Presentation Day will be receiving letters home soon, inviting parents and friends to attend the event. We look forward to seeing everyone to share in the achievements of our students.

### **Gift Giving Tree**

Once again, we are asking our school community to provide gifts for our chosen charity, Common Groundz at Lalor Park. Common Groundz are a not-for-profit organisation who directly support families in need within our local area. Gifts provided will delivered to families in need at their annual Christmas luncheon. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Court Orders - Important information**

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children's education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders. Parents can also reach agreement about issues such as contact in a parenting plan. If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders or plan that could impact on your child's education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education.

This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school. If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained. These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children's learning and support and related issues.

### **School Band**

We have been overwhelmed by the response to our School Band and currently have 42 students who have registered interest. A band 'fitting' day was held, where students were matched to their preferred instruments within the concert band. We will soon be providing information on the hiring of instruments.

There is still time to express interest and register for participation. Parents should visit the webite <a href="https://schoolbands.com.au/">https://schoolbands.com.au/</a> for further information.

## Seven Hills North SMILES - Week 4 Winners

At our Week 4 assembly, we drew two winners in our Seven Hills North SMILES draw. Congratulations to Islah and Noah. These students have been demonstrating our schools' expectations of being safe, being a friend and being a respectful learner. Remember, the more SMILES a student has, the greater their chance of being drawn as a winner. Good luck everyone!



## **Enrolments 2020**

Are You Moving In 2020? If you are intending to leave the school at the end of this year, could you please notify the office in writing, as soon as possible (excluding Year 6 of course). Accurate numbers are important for our class planning and staffing for 2020. Also, if you are taking an extended holiday and will not return at the start of the school year, please advise the Office as soon as possible so that we can hold a class placement for your child. Any families who are taking extended leave are required to come to the Office to complete an Extended Leave Application Form.

## Request For All School Maintenance Local Trades Providers and Suppliers

The NSW Government has committed the largest investment in planned maintenance at public schools in the history of NSW. A record \$1.3 billion is being spent on an ambitious delivery program, focused on employing local businesses and contractors across the state.

To assist in addressing regional school maintenance issues and at the same time provide work for local trade's persons and suppliers across the Greater Western Sydney region encompassing South Western and Western Sydney, over \$100 million is being invested to upgrade and maintain our school infrastructure.

Given this record spend by School Infrastructure NSW, you are invited to an Asset Management Unit industry breakfast briefing. This will provide information to existing and new contractors on how you can get involved.

To find out more by attending our Industry breakfast register at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/industry-engagement-information-session-tickets-81879669295">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/industry-engagement-information-session-tickets-81879669295</a> or contact your AMU on 8867 9201.

Kind regards, Mrs Renai Diamond Principal

## **SHNPS IDOL**

## **Auditions**

Auditions for Seven Hills North Idol will be taking place across the stages next week. Please make sure students who require music have it available on USB for their audition.

## **IDOL Day**

Idol will be held on **Tuesday 17 December from 9.15am to approximately Lunch**, there will be the normal recess break as an intermission.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

There will not be a schedule of performances please do not contact the office to find out what time your child is performing.



## **NRMA Science & Road Safety Day**

This week Seven Hills North was lucky to have a free visit from the NRMA Science & Road Safety Program. Students were engaged in a variety of activities to increase their awareness of Road Safety.

<u>Key safety messages and safety strategies</u> that were communicated to students through the activities included:

- Wearing seatbelts
- Booster seats (K-2)
- Front seat travel (K-6)
- Correct fitting of helmets (all age groups)
- Helmet care/safety (All ages)
- Helmet selection (All ages)
- Using the safety door to get into a vehicle (All ages)
- Driveways and car parks
- Crossing the road (All ages)
- Being a distracting passenger (All stages)
- Distracted pedestrians (Years 3-6)

Thank you to all those parents who were able to come along and support the day.



BOOKCLUB DUE FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER
PLEASE PAY VIA LOOP

# Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the LOOP, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

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3 Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.



## **MESSAGE FROM THE P&C**

## **Giving Tree**

The P&C will again have a Giving Tree up in the school foyer, kindly decorated by each class. Families will be able to donate a gift wrapped in Christmas paper with a tag indicating the age and gender that the gift is suitable for. These gifts will be donated to the local charity "The Common Grounds Community Cafe" at Lalor Park

in time for their Christmas luncheon for families in need.

Please start thinking about sending in your gifts, your generous donations will be much appreciated by these families in need.

## **Family Picnic Day**

As the year draws to an end it is nice to catch up with families before the holidays. This year's End-of-Year Family Picnic will be held from 5-7pm on Thursday 12 December. Please bring a plate to share, there will also be a BBQ on the night with a gold coin donation to the Bush Fire Appeal.

There will popcorn and fairy floss for sale on the night, as well as some small novelty stalls for the kids.

We look forward to seeing you and our new 2020 families there on the night.

## Canteen

Last day for Canteen is Friday 13 December. Thank you to all volunteers who have assisted throughout the year.

## **Uniform Shop**

Last day for Uniform Shop is Tuesday 10 December. The Uniform Shop will be open everyday of the first week back in 2020 for limited hours first thing in the morning.

## STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING



LAST DAY FOR BANKING IS

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

BANKING WILL BEGIN AGAIN

IN 2020 ON

**THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY** 

(If your child is eligible for a prize please note this will carry over to next year.)

We have been working hard to learn about how to write persuasively.

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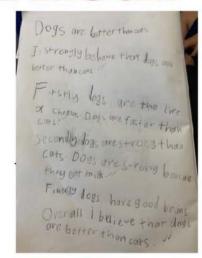
We love our music sessions with Mr Evans learning about beat and tempo!



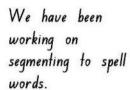


We used clay to make a sculpture of different food that we can eat during special celebrations.











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In Science, we are learning about forces. We made catapults to learn about push and pull and set them off!



It has been a huge year for Kindergarten Red who have all grown in so many ways. Thank you to our parent helpers who have worked in partnership with us this year. 🖈 1

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# Class of the Week: 5/6 TURQUOISE!



Term 4 has been both good and bad and there is still so much more to come. I think of this term as a closer step to much more, Year 6 are going off to high school and other year group are getting one step closer. Camp was a wonderful experience for most of Stage 3, as we canoed across Narrabeen Lake and rode down a flying fox from a high ropes. Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Camp was a wonderful experience to get closer to the outdoor and have fun.

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I've really enjoyed Term 4 and I am excited to head off to high school.

By Ivy

This term we have participated in many fun activities such as: Camp at Narrabeen where we enjoyed many fun activities, challenged our fears and pushed our bodies to the max. The food was nice and it was Liam's Birthday. The cabins were nice and comfortable.

This week in maths we have been learning about volume and surface area we have been measuring, estimating and comparing irregular prisms. We also learnt the skill of drawing 3d shapes perfectly.

Our morning routine consists of Read to Self, Read to someone, Word Work, Work on writing and every fortnight we have a project to present to the class.

- By Atilla and Liam





Daily Program Extended child minding hours 8am-5.30pm



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## **CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

## New Student School Uniform Fittings

- Uniform Fitting appointments available Saturday 30/11/19, Sunday 01/12/19, Saturday 07/12/19 and Sunday 08/12/19 from 9am - 4pm.
- Go to https://chsus.acuityscheduling.com Only available appointment times will show so please book as early as possible to secure the time slot that suits you best.
- We will also be open during the following times on a walk up basis but to avoid possible lengthy queues we strongly recommend you take advantage of our appointment
- Refer to Crestwood High school website, facebook and instagram for updates

#### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS 2019 - 2020

#### DECEMBER 2019

8am - 10am
9am – 4pm by appointment
9am - 4pm by appointment
2.30pm - 6pm
7.30am - 10.45am
9am - 4pm by appointment
9am - 4pm by appointment
7.30am - 10.45am
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#### JANUARY 2020

Wednesday 22/01/2020	7.30am - 2.30pm	
Thursday 23/01/2020	2pm – 7pm	
Friday 24/01/2020	7.30am - 1.30pm	
Tuesday 28/01/2020	7.30am - 1.30pm	
Wednesday 29/01/2020	7.30am - 1.30pm	
Saturday 01/02/2020	9am – 1pm	

USUAL OPENING HOURS:

EVERY WEDNESDAY 7.30AM – 10.45AM DURING SCHOOL TERM FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 9AM – 1PM DURING SCHOOL TERM ONLY WE ACCEPT MASTERCARD, VISA AND EFTPOS NO CHEQUE

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**Nutrition Snippet** 

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# ne simp<mark>v</mark>est way

... to use spring vegetables.

Fruit and vegetables are tastiest and cheapest when they are in season.

During Spring, mandarins, pineapples, berries, asparagus,

cucumber, green beans, zucchini, mushrooms and peas are all in season.

Here are some fruit and veg filled, spring ideas:

- Green frittata
- Fattoush salad
- Moroccan lentil salad
- Tofu Korma
- Zucchini and turmeric salmon patties
- Healthy banana split pots
- Yoghurt rice pudding
- Frozen fruit puree

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## **WANT TO SEE WHAT CHEER** IS ALL ABOUT? ALL AGES WELCOME

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5pm - 7pm Friday 22nd November Friday 6th December

2020 Full and Semi Competitive Team Placements Saturday 14th December Everybody makes a team!

10/10 Hudson Avenue. Castle Hill Contact us for more information: admin@cheerenergyaustralia.com.au 0426 767 469