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Term 3—Week 10



DATES FOR DIARY

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER

27 **Last Day Term 3**
PSSA

TERM 4

OCTOBER

14 **First Day Term 4**
15 Extraordinary P&C Meeting 7.30pm
17 Regional Athletics
18 PSSA
21 Swim Scheme
22 Swim Scheme
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24 Swim Scheme
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
8 PSSA
Assembly
15 PSSA
20 Kindergarten Orientation
22 PSSA
Assembly
28 Kindergarten Orientation

DECEMBER

4 2020 Kindergarten Information Night
9 Year 6 Farewell Dinner

From the Principals Desk

Public Speaking Competition

Throughout Term 3, teachers and students have been working hard preparing for the Public Speaking Competition. Students in all grades were involved in internal class competitions, where finalists were chosen from each grade.

On Wednesday, grade finalists competed in our school Public Speaking competition. The speeches were judged and a grade winner from Year 3-6 was selected to go on to represent our school at the Blacktown Learning Community finals.

A huge congratulations to all of our grade finalists below, who presented an extremely high standard of speeches. The competition winners were: Kindergarten – Edward; Year 1 – Kingston; Year 2 – Elise; Year 3 – Jaxson; Year 4 – Ava; Year 5 – Bethany; Year 6 – Kaitlyn.

Well done to the winners in Years 3-6, who will represent our school at the Blacktown Learning Community Public Speaking competition next term!



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NAPLAN

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 received their NAPLAN results last Friday. NAPLAN assesses aspects of literacy, including reading, spelling, punctuation, grammar and writing, as well as numeracy. The results are shown in skill bands which indicate levels of achievement. The report shows the national average and the school's average and will allow you to see how your child's performance compares with that of others who completed the NAPLAN tests. We are extremely pleased with the results of the students at our school. Overall, Seven Hills North performed well above the State average in all areas.

NAPLAN tests provide our school with valuable information on the literacy and numeracy skills of our students and assist us to plan needs-based teaching and learning programs. However, it is important to remember that the test is a snap-shot of achievement based on one test only, and that students may perform differently in these testing situations. Our staff implement and analyse many forms of observation and assessment over a period of time when determining the learning needs and achievement of our students. If you have any questions regarding the testing or results, please speak to your child's class teacher.

'War on Waste' Crusaders!

Recently, Veronica (4/5M) and Louis (KY) were lucky to meet Craig Reucassel. Craig Reucassel may be known to some of the students from his series on the ABC 'War on Waste'. Craig Reucassel is on a mission to uncover



how much waste we produce as a nation and to learn how, together, we can all do something about it. In the show, he takes us to meet with every day Australians at home and in business to look at household, retail and farming waste in Australia. Australians are generating millions of tonnes of waste every year – in food, fashion, packaging, electronics and more.

If you would like more information on this program, please follow the link <https://www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/war-on-waste/>

Many households are no doubt trying to do their bit to reduce waste and recycle at home and we can look at ways of reducing waste at school too:

- have reusable/washable containers in your lunch box
- place rubbish in the bin to stop litter blowing about

At home...

- set up a compost or worm farm
- soft plastics (wrappers, foil lined chip packets, etc.) can be recycled at special bins at Coles & Woolworths
- keep recycling 'clean' - check what can be recycled and only place those items in your yellow bin
- don't dump rubbish and organise a council pick up

For more information on local services, please go to <https://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Services/Waste>

Student Leadership Elections

It is that time of year where our Year 5 students are encouraged to consider nominating to be elected for a position on the School Leadership Team in 2020. These positions are very important and are highly regarded within the school community. Seven Hills North Public School has a set of criteria and expectations for leadership positions within the school, as students holding leadership positions in Year 6 will be ambassadors for our school and role models to our students.

It is expected that our student leaders will:

- Aim to do their best at all times.
- Follow school expectations at all times.
- Maintain acceptable and responsible standards of behaviour at all times - act with integrity, honesty and respect.
- Work well as a team member.
- Co-operate at all times with teachers, parents and other students.
- Demonstrate being a good school citizen by fulfilling their responsibilities and participating in school events.
- Treat all students as they, themselves, would like to be treated.
- Behave safely and responsibly while representing our school on excursions and events.
- Demonstrate being a good sport and encourage fellow students to do the same.
- Maintain acceptable schoolwork standards.
- Dress in the appropriate school uniform consistently.
- Have participated in a variety of extracurricular activities and demonstrated commitment to school service.

Student leaders are expected to fulfil particular roles within our school. Leadership roles may include:

- Providing leadership to the student body.
- Being an active member of the SRC.
- Representing and speaking publicly on behalf of the student body at school functions.
- Running assemblies and presenting school awards.
- Assisting with playground issues when required — canteen, and movement in the playground.
- Addressing dignitaries or school visitors.
- Assisting with school events.
- Reporting on current issues arising from SRC meetings.
- Engaging in the formation of possible solutions.
- Contributing as a member of active school teams eg, sport, student welfare, etc.
- Addressing the P&C when required.
- Assisting new students to the school and implementing an induction program

We look forward to seeing our potential leaders deliver their speeches on Monday, 2 December.

Applying for a Year 7 Selective High Schools in 2020

Students in Year 5 have received a note today regarding applications for Selective High School placements in 2021. Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and

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talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Offers for selective high school placement are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on 12 March 2020.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school entry to Year 7 in 2021, you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from late-September 2019 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opened on 8 October 2019 and closes on 11 November 2020, 10pm. No late applications will be accepted. There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

If you intend to apply for a Selective high school placement for your child, please return the note to the school office by Friday, 25 October. Please be aware that this is a notice to our school that you intend to apply only. It is NOT an application. If you require further information about your child's suitability for Selective high school, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Mobile Phone Policy

At Seven Hills North Public School we acknowledge the growing ownership and use of mobile phones amongst our students and the associated issues with the use of mobile phones in school. These include:

- Health issues for young children using mobile phones excessively
- The possibility of expensive phones being lost, damaged or stolen
- Safe storage of phones during school hours
- Inappropriate use of phones

For these reasons we discourage students from bringing mobile phones to school. In case of emergencies, students may be contacted through the school office. However, the school does acknowledge that on occasions parents may feel their child needs to carry a mobile phone for security reasons while travelling independently to and from school. This policy and procedures apply equally to the use of portable computer games, iPods, iPads, tablets, laptops and similar devices.

Responsibility for Mobile Phones - Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk – the school and school staff members will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones or for investigating loss or damage, if the student fails to comply with school policy.

Inappropriate Use of Mobile Phones - Inappropriate use of a mobile phone includes:

- using it in a way that disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school
- bullying, intimidating or otherwise harassing others through SMS or text messaging or through photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone
- recording of conversations, including lessons, without the knowledge and permission of the teacher or those involved in the conversation [refer also to the separate section on Recording and Other Listening Devices]
- downloading or otherwise accessing inappropriate material on the internet such as child abuse or pornographic or other offensive material filming of fights or other criminal behaviour involving students that occur at school, during school activities or while on the way to or from school using it in a way that threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or wellbeing of any person use that is in breach of any law.

Guidelines for Use

1. Upon arrival at Seven Hills North Public School phones are turned off and handed to the office in a labelled zip lock bag. Phones will be stored throughout the day in a secure location in the office.
 - ⇒ This is to occur between 8:30am and 8:57am
 - ⇒ When students hand their phone in they also are required to sign the mobile phone student register
2. Phones are to be collected when the student is dismissed at the end of the day
 - ⇒ Students are only able to collect their own phone
 - ⇒ Students should not use their phone whilst on school premises
 - ⇒ Students to sign the mobile phone register when they collect their phone

If a parent needs to contact their child throughout the school day they should call the office on 9624 1275.

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying will be managed through the school's Anti Bullying Policy. In some cases disciplinary action or reporting to the NSW Police and the School Safety and Response Unit will be necessary if a crime is suspected to have been committed. In 2011 the Department of Education and Training updated the department's policy and procedures, *Suspension and Expulsion of School Students*. The rationale underpinning the changes is driven by the rise of social networking sites and the increasing sophistication of mobile phones which has meant that bullying and harassment related to school may continue outside school hours and off the school site.

The policy states that the school discipline code, and therefore the Suspension and Expulsion of School Students-Procedures, have applications outside of school hours where there is a clear and close relationship between the behaviour of students and the school. As a result of these changes, students may be subject to disciplinary measures, including suspension from school, for inappropriate use of mobile phones regardless of when or where the offence occurred.

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Students who are bringing a mobile device to school must agree by the *Guidelines of Use* and parents are required to sign a permission note declaring that they have read the school's policy regarding the use of mobile phones in schools and shared these expectations and responsibilities with their child. These notes are available from our school office.

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 on 9624 1275, or in writing, as soon as possible (excluding Year 6 of course). Accurate numbers are important for our class planning and staffing for 2020.

Seven Hills North SMILES – Week 8 Winners

At our Week 8 assembly, we drew two winners in our Seven Hills North SMILES draw.

Congratulations to Ondine and Esma. 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!



Holidays and security

I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday. Have a restful and enjoyable break, as Term 4 will be busy with learning and other exciting events. There will be no Staff Development Day at the start of the term, thus school resumes for students on Monday, 14 October.

If you have any concerns regarding the security of our school throughout the holidays, please contact the School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021.

Renai Diamond
Principal

SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 18 October

K-2 Disco - 4.30pm to 5.45pm

3-6 Disco - 6.00pm to 7.30pm

The cost of this year's disco is \$6, this includes admission and a Zooper Dooper. There will also be lollies and chips available for sale on the night.

Each year the money we raise goes towards our Year 6 Farewell held in December, so we need as many students as possible to attend and support this great event.

Please send in \$6 in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the word "DISCO" and **hand it into your class teacher or a stage 3 teacher**. Your child will receive a ticket, this should be brought along on the night and handed in upon entry.



- There will be **no assembly this Friday** afternoon due to Legends Day activities.
- Please bring in your money for School **Disco tickets ASAP**
- **Stewart House Clothing bags** due Monday 14 October
- **P&C Meeting** on Tuesday 15 October in the Staffroom
- **Swim Scheme Survey** notes due Tuesday 15 October
- Please refer to "P&C News" for amended Uniform Shop days next term.



Stewart House Clothing Appeal

Donation bags will be sent home this week with the youngest student in the family. **Please return your bag on Monday 14 October** (the first day of term). Please do not return them after this date as they will have missed the collection pick-up.

Bags may be left at our collection point outside the library. Please do not bring them to the front office. Thankyou for your support.

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Class of the Week: 4/5 Magenta

We have had an exciting time using Mad Science as our theme this term. We have read the graphic novel version of "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley and compared the mad scientists to other texts including "Despicable Me". The students have presented persuasive speeches on the subject of "The most important invention ever" and demonstrated a science experiment to the whole class.



Our Year 4 students had a wonderful day at Seven Hills High School participating in a STEM day and the Year 5 students had the opportunity to try out several high school subjects at the Smooth Walking Day.



Class of the Week: 1 Green!

HISTORY

We had a giggle recreating photos that were taken 200 years ago to photos that are taken today. What we noticed is that the poses were different and a lot of the time people didn't used to smile when they posed for family photos.

Family Portrait Poses Then →



Family Portrait Photos Now →



SPELLING

Each week for spelling we have a different focus sound. The students were extremely excited when they found out that for the 'or' sound we were going to be making Forky from Toy Story 4. This also gave us the chance to write our first procedure.



WRITING

This term we have started doing Big Write in our classroom. This involves doing fun activities to work on different writing skills for all different text types. Then on Thursday the students get a writing prompt. So far we have written narratives, persuasive texts and procedures. Students talk to partners about the ideas they have. Then after lunch they come in to a relaxing writing environment, there are candles lit, dim lighting and relaxing music playing. The next day we look at an example of writing on the big screen and highlight punctuation in green and interesting vocabulary in yellow. Highlighting these things makes editing easier for the students. Next, students go off to independently highlight their own work. Then we have breakdown buddies- students get into pairs to identify two great things from their partner's writing and one thing they can work on. Students use this information to write a personal goal. The photos below show this process.

Talking for Writing



Big Write



Whole Class Editing



Independent Student Editing



Breakdown Buddies



PUBLIC SPEAKING

A big congratulations to our two finalists Kingston and Sourish who delivered their speeches in front of the whole of Stage 1 today.



Class of the Week: 5/6 Saffron!

We have been doing some great creative writing work, specifically focussing on what makes a good narrative and exploring a variety of stimulus to assist our writing.



In addition to this some of our students have also prepared speeches for our public speaking competition.



This week we have been working on our Maths task creating a new menu for the school canteen and working out what we can buy within a budget.

P&C NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the Uniform Shop will not be open every Tuesday next term due to the unavailability of our generous Uniform Shop Co-ordinator, Mrs Saad. Her days will be as follows:

- Tuesday 15 October - **OPEN**
- Tuesday 22 October - **CLOSED**
- Tuesday 29 - **CLOSED**
- Tuesday 5 November - **CLOSED**
- Tuesday 12 November to Tuesday 10 December - **OPEN**
- Tuesday 17 December - **CLOSED**



Orders left with the front office will be passed onto Mrs Saad and filled on the days she is here.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF P&C

A General Meeting of the P&C Association will be held on Tuesday 15 October 2019 in the Staffroom at 7.30pm. Nominations for the position of Treasurer will be called for. All are welcome.



SEVEN HILLS NORTH P&C ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FOR P&C COMMITTEE MEMBER

Short Description of Position for the P & C Committee

P & C Treasurer – The Treasurer shall receive and deposit monies, maintain records, draw cheques and present accounts to each General Meeting; present all records for auditing each year. The P & C Treasurer is required to prepare a report for the P & C Committee meeting each month.

✂ _____

NOMINATION FORM FOR P & C COMMITTEE MEMBER

I/we wish to nominate _____ for the position of Treasurer.

Nominated by: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Seconded by: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

I accept this nomination.

(Nominee's Signature) (Date)

Note:

All successful nominees should be of the understanding that they are required to provide a report to the P & C Committee meeting each month.

All members of the Seven Hills North Public School parent community are eligible and entitled to vote for their representatives on the P & C.



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- [Turkish, avocado, ricotta & tomatoes](#)
- [Easy Pizza](#)

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