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# Seven Hills North Public School NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 8

## DATES FOR DIARY

### TERM 3

#### DECEMBER

- 4 Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- 8 Yrs 3-6 Presentation Day
- 9 Yrs K-2 Presentation Day
- 14 School Reports available
- 16 Last Day of Term 4

### 2021

#### TERM 1

#### JANUARY

- 26 Australia Day
- 27 Staff Development Day
- 28 Staff Development Day
- 29 Year 1 - Year 6 Students Return
- Kindergarten Best Start

#### FEBRUARY

- 1 Years 2 - 6 Swimming Carnival
- 2 Kindergarten Best Start
- 3 Kindergarten Best Start
- 4 Kindergarten - First Day of School

## From the Principal's Desk

### Presentation Days 2020

This year, Presentation Day will be hosted over two days, with some variations in place, including a limit to the number of staff, visitors and parents permitted. To adhere to guidelines, we have separated Presentation Day into various groups, to allow as many parents onsite as possible for this special occasion. We are able to safely invite **1 parent/carers for each award recipient**. No younger/older siblings will be able to attend, including babies in prams. Presentation Day assemblies for Years 3-6 will be held on **Tuesday, 8 December**. The Year 3 and 4 assembly will be held at **9.30am**. The Year 5 assembly will commence at **11.45am** and will include the announcement of our 2021 Student Leadership team. The Year 6 assembly will commence at **1.45pm**. This event will also include the presentation of Year 6 Graduation certificates, therefore 1 parent of each Year 6 student will be invited to attend. Presentation Day assemblies for K-2 will be held on **Wednesday, 9 December**. The Kindergarten assembly will be held at **9.30am** followed by the Year 1 and 2 assembly at **12.00noon**.

In order for this event to go ahead, parent attendance is strictly **by invitation only**. Invitations to parents of those students receiving awards have already been sent via email. Please note that if you wish to attend, it is vital that you return the RSVP and adhere to the guidelines and procedures that we have developed as part of our COVID-19 Safety Plan. A reminder that all visitors are asked to arrive and leave via the Seven Hills Rd pedestrian gate. Covid Marshalls will assist parents to sign-in using the QR code provided at the entry point. Additionally, all visitors are required to complete **the Department of Educations' Covid-19 External Visitor Declaration** form and return it to the Covid Marshall upon arrival. We kindly ask that all visitors adhere to the 1.5m social distancing guides and any instructions on the day, so that the event can be enjoyable for all staff and visitors involved.

### Emery Shield – P&C Award

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If you would like to nominate a parent, community member or staff member for this award, please indicate on the form attached at the back of the Newsletter and ask your child to drop it into the 'Note' box in the foyer, or alternatively, email to the school, [sevenhilln-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sevenhilln-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

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## Celebration Day

As the year comes to an end, we are excited for our students to have an opportunity to celebrate their success, resilience and hard work. On Tuesday 15 December, each class will be celebrating with some fun, festive activities and class parties. All students are asked to dress up in a 'festive' themed outfit for the day. Unfortunately, due to current Department of Education Covid-19 Guidelines, students are still not allowed to bring food in to share. As a result, students should pack their own 'party lunch box' for the day. Students should also bring 'crunch and sip', as well as a sandwich for lunch. Please see the flyer later in the newsletter for further information.

## Celebrating Staff Success

Recently, the staff of Seven Hills North Public School were recognised in NSW Parliament for their amazing commitment to the students at our school, and for their continued professionalism and dedication during a difficult year. Mr Mark Taylor, MP Seven Hills electorate, made a contribution in Parliament regarding Seven Hills North staff after having received multiple calls from the parent community, commending our staff on their work throughout 2020.

The following is an excerpt from the parliamentary speech:

*Recently, I have received calls and correspondence from parents of Seven Hills North Public School regarding the incredible, on-going efforts during the pandemic of the school's staff. Rain, hail or shine the teachers and staff of Seven Hills North Public have assisted with getting students in and out of parents and carers cars and helping at the Kiss and Drop every day. The school has a terrific reputation in the local area and across the Blacktown district learning community. I want to acknowledge teachers: Sandy Abu-Duhou; Jacquelyn Barudzija; Kendal Baxter; Georgia Blanch; Christine Dundas; Laura Golcman; Janet Goodman; Alicia Hinds; Kristen Kilpatrick; Elena McCann; Tracey McDonald; Lynda McKewen; Robyn Mossfield; Ashleigh Ricketts; Leonie Sargeant; Sue Sinai; Agnes Singh; and Julie Suleiman. I also want to thank the school's administration team of Louise Mear, Bronwyn Connell and Arpine Minassian, teacher's aides Nancy Youssef and Bernie Shannon, GA George Tychonenko and Chaplain, Daniel Tuckwell. I thank Principal Renai Diamond for her tremendous leadership of Seven Hills North Public School.*

Congratulations to our whole team on this recognition for the amazing work they do. It is so nice to know that our parent community appreciates our hard work. We thank you, our parent community, for your positive feedback, appreciation and support.

## Staffing updates

It is with a sense of sadness that I announce that Mrs Hilly has decided to retire after many years of amazing teaching service to the students of Seven Hills North. Mrs Hilly was a committed and passionate educator who, first and foremost, gained the greatest joy from watching her students succeed. She had an innate ability to unlock the true potential of her students to ensure they were individually motivated to work towards their own personal learning goals. Mrs Hilly was a strong proponent of the arts and led the school choir for a number of years. She was a wonderful mentor to new teachers, offering encouragement and words of wisdom to new members of staff. Mrs Hilly has been sorely missed this year, both in our classrooms and in our staffroom. She has enriched the lives of so many students and staff at our school

and we wish her all the best as she begins this next chapter in her life.

Congratulations to Mr Evans, who was recently appointed to a teaching position at Mitchell High School. On behalf of our students, I would like to thank him for the Creative Arts program he provided during his time at Seven Hills North. A warm welcome to Mrs Agnes Singh, who has joined us in this role. We are fortunate to have her wealth of knowledge, skills and enthusiasm to the students at our school. Lastly, I would also like to acknowledge Miss Barudzija who will be leaving us at the end of the year. Miss Barudzija has been a passionate and dedicated teacher on K Possums, capably supporting her students in developing their early learning skills and fostering a genuine love of learning in her students. We will miss her at Seven Hills North and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

## School Band – Training Band Recruitment 2021

We are currently recruiting new enrolments for our 2021 Training band. The band will be coordinated by Schoolband Australia with tutorials and rehearsals held at school. Next Thursday, Schoolband Australia will be providing a demonstration session for our Year 2 to 5 students, allowing the students to see and hear the instruments of the Band. All children will receive a flyer with details on how to join the band in 2021. Parents can also visit the website <https://schoolbands.com.au/> for further information and to register your interest in joining our school Training Band in 2021.



## Celebrating Student Success

At our school, we have a number of ways of recognising student and rewarding those students who are demonstrating our school expectations. As we are not able to hold school assemblies at this time, we will acknowledge student achievement in our newsletter each fortnight.

Seven Hills North SMILES are presented to students when they are displaying one or more of the expected behaviours on our school matrix. Congratulations to our Week 6 winners, Josh and Eva and Week 7 winners, Holly and Kai.





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## School Sunglasses

Seven Hills North Public School is a SunSafe School. In meeting the SunSafe recommendations of *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide* we also offer sunglasses as a part of our school uniform. To protect the eye-health of our students, School Shades sunglasses are available in 3 sizes, colour matched to our school uniform and labelled with our school name.

School Shades sunglasses are approved to the highest Australian UV standards and have shatterproof, poly-carbonate lenses. Each set of tough, built-for-kids pair of sunglasses includes:

- an easy-to-use ID panel
- a microfibre cloth
- a matching case with bag clip.

***Sunglasses are \$6.00 per pair (P&C have subsidized 50% of the cost) and may be purchased from the Uniform Shop.***

## Enrolments 2021

Are You Moving In 2021? 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 2021.

Warm regards,

Renai Diamond  
Principal

## Gardening Update:

Second round of potatoes -

Stage 3 girls planted 2kg of Royal Blue Potatoes in Term 3 and they were so excited to harvest them. They dug up 12kg of potatoes, washed them and fairly allocated them out. A 6 fold return on their investment, well done girls!

Mr Daniel



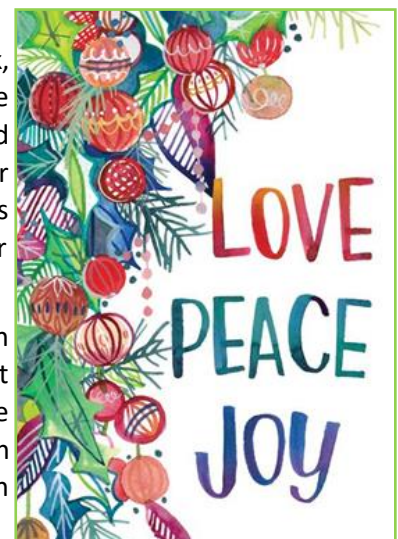
## It's Christmas time, hooray!


What do you love most about Christmas? The food, the time off work, spending time with the family, singing carols? I love the festive spirit of the occasion; on the whole, people are generally more cheerful, patient and generous. I love that Christmas reminds people to look out not just for their own interests, but the interests of others, whether that be family members they don't often see, the homeless or disadvantaged, or more simply, their neighbour.

There are common themes of love, joy and peace that are associated with Christmas, yet for some families, Christmas can be a time of discord, conflict and stress. It is my prayer for our school community that however you are finding this season, that there will be an unexplainable sense of peace in your hearts and minds. I pray that your hearts will abound more and more in love for others that gives allowance for their shortcomings.

As we reflect on the year that's been, may it make us ever more grateful and content. May you have a wonderful break, and I look forward to seeing you in person (hopefully) next year!

**Mr Daniel.**





# END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

## WEEK 10, TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER

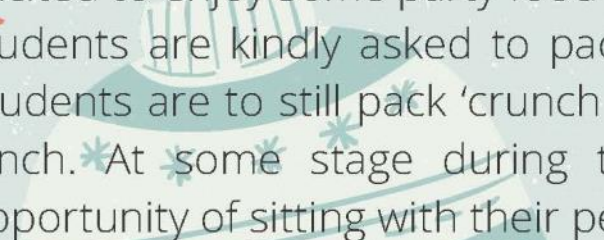
As the year comes to a close, we are excited to celebrate a very different but successful 2020 together. On Tuesday, 16 December 2020, each class will be celebrating, with some fun, festive activities and class parties. All students are asked to dress up in a 'festive' themed outfit for the day. Unfortunately, due to current Department of Education Covid-19 Guidelines, students are still not allowed to bring food in to share. As a result, there are a few important things to think about as we approach the end of the year.

### **Cards and Candy-Canes**

Students often enjoy writing cards for their friends and giving them a 'sweet-treat' like candy canes for their peers to enjoy. Unfortunately, we are still unable to share food items. Please encourage your child to write a card or letter to their friend and save the sweet treats for next year.

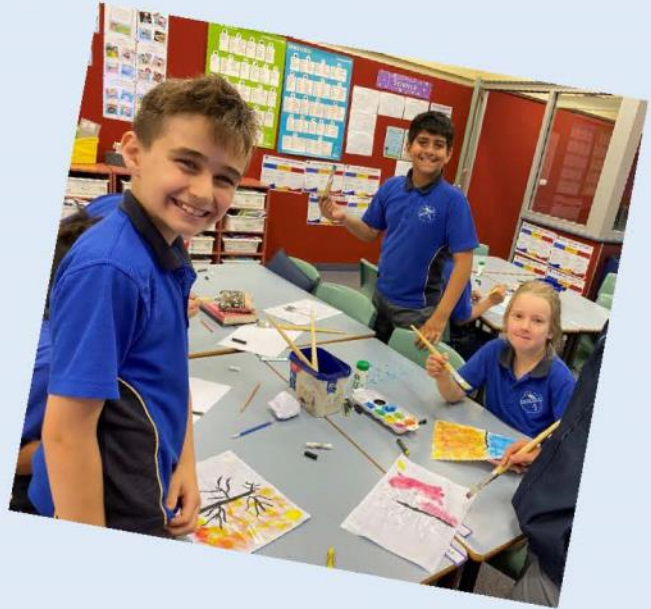
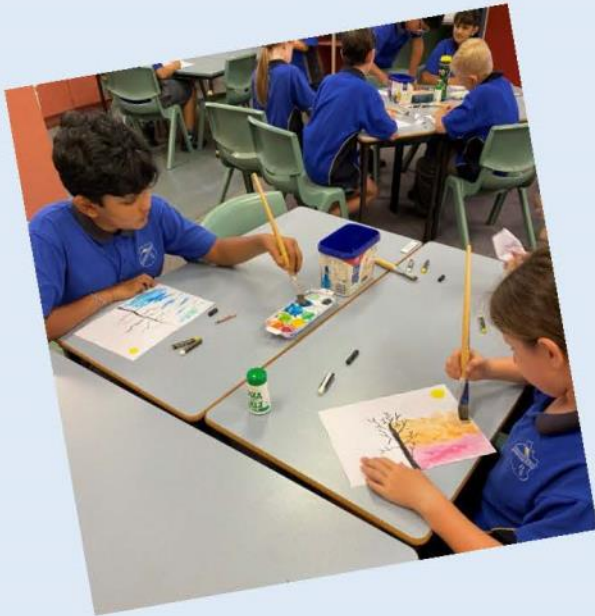
### **Class Parties**

Class parties will look a little bit different this year as well, as students are unable to bring in food to share. We are still very excited to enjoy some party food together, just in a different way. All students are kindly asked to pack a 'party lunch box' for the day. Students are to still pack 'crunch and sip', as well as a sandwich for lunch. At some stage during the day, students will enjoy the opportunity of sitting with their peers and enjoy their party food.





## 4/5 ROSELLAS



What a busy term we have had in 4/5 Rosellas!

We have been looking at Vincent Van Gogh artwork and recreated an oil pastel version of "Starry Night". Then we put our knowledge of day and night colours to the test and created our own oil pastel and water colour painting. By choosing reds, oranges and yellows for 'day', and blues and greens for 'night', the paintings created an effective contrast.





## In Science...



We are learning about life cycles of animals and plants.

In Week 2, we planted our own basil seeds and have watched them grow through each stage of their life cycle! Each week we fill out a 'plant tracker' to record our basil grow.

Tejas and Sophie's basil seeds were the first to sprout, but now each week, we have noticed there are always changes to the height, size and amount of leaves for each plant!

When we came to school on Monday we thought our plants died! The leaves were wilted and dried up from the 40 degree weather over the weekend. But after watering them, they sprung back up and survived. Yay!





## 3/4 DINGOES

Here are some of the highlights of 3/4 Dingoes during Term 4:



We learnt about the importance of recycling, composting and worm farms during the Environ Mentor's visit.



Look at our beautiful art work. We have focussed on using oil pastels.





We had a focus on poetry writing this term. Here are some of the poems we wrote:

## 3/4 Dingo is My Class

3/4 Dingo is my class  
I'll really miss them when the time has to pass  
Tupou and Kapiolani are good at sport  
Charlize always gets a good report  
Ryder writes the best poems  
Lorena and Ella like dancing  
Lucy has a lot of accidents  
Luckily, Elizabeth always cares  
Dishita prefers apples over pears  
Savannah has pretty hair  
Prasun is always fair  
Noah, Anshu and Kerim enjoy soccer  
Lionel likes to draw  
Adrian likes to eat chicken with his jaw  
Sasim is interested in space  
Beau always wins the running race  
Oliver plays the bass guitar  
Mackenzie plays the trumpet  
Isaac likes to play video games  
Olivia always tries her best  
Luke is so busy winning he needs a rest  
Charlotte is the only cheerleader in the class  
Zoe likes to play netball  
And Brayden made a funny poem about Humpty Dumpty jumping off a wall  
Adam is great at giving feedback  
-By Iris

## Guess Who?

Who am I?  
Someone who's cute  
Someone who likes nachos  
Someone who likes cheeseburgers  
His soft skin feels like possum's fur  
He's little so he can sneak up on me easily  
He's smart and he can answer questions in a jiff  
His squeaky voice is so cute like a mouse  
He is as thin as a stick who could get blown away  
Finally he hugs so tightly which is absolute delight.  
Who is he?  
He's my little brother!

By Prasun

## A Black Widow Spider

A black widow spider named Kim  
Was always so proper and prim  
But her new husband Bob  
Was too much of a slob  
So she made a meal out of him!

By Oliver

## | The Goats

There once were two goats  
That ate lots of boats  
They felt a little ill  
Like they were on top of a hill  
And now they are in bed  
Snuggled up with a sore head.

By Mackenzie

## The Blues

There was a person named Nathan Cleary  
Who played for the blues with Luke Keary  
They tried to beat Queensland  
But it did not go to plan  
So instead they ended up very teary.

By Luke





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### 2021 CLASS EQUIPMENT LIST

Exercise books, arts/crafts supplies and some other selected stationery are provided by the school. Stationery that students are expected to have will vary from class to class and year to year.

**The following is a general guide, teachers may request other items throughout the year.**

#### Kindergarten

- 1 x painting shirt - long sleeved smock
- 2 x boxes of tissues
- 1 x earphones for computer—high quality
- 1 x library bag
- 4 x large glue sticks (preferably Bostic, no glue pens please)
- 4 x good quality whiteboard markers
- 2 x plastic A4 document wallets – (for home reading and communication)
- 2 x large packets of baby wipes
- 1 x blue, yellow, pink, and green highlighter
- 1 x bottle of liquid soap
- 1 x bottle of hand sanitiser
- Empty egg cartons

#### Years 3 – 4

- 1 x earphones for computer—high quality
- 2 x boxes of tissues
- 2 x large packets of baby wipes
- 2 x bottles of liquid soap
- 1 x painting shirt (needs to be able to cover uniform)
- 1 x A4 20 page display folder
- 1 x library bag
- 3 x large glue sticks (preferably Bostic, no glue pens please)
- 1 x set of 12 Textas
- 4 x HB lead pencils
- 1 x pencil sharpener
- 1 x set of coloured pencils
- 2 x blue pens (Year 4 only)
- 2 x black pens (Year 4 only)
- 2 x red pens
- 1 x 30cm ruler
- 1 x eraser
- 1 x small pair of scissors
- 1 x small pencil case —to keep desktop materials
- 1 x larger pencil case
- 1 x A4 book for homework (not spiral bound)
- 1 x A4 sketch book
- 1 x pocket dictionary
- 2 x whiteboard markers
- 1 x blue, yellow, pink, and green highlighters
- No erasable pens

#### Years 1 – 2

- 1 x painting shirt (needs to be able to cover uniform)
- 2 x boxes of tissues
- 1 x bottle of liquid soap
- 1 x bottle of hand sanitiser
- 2 x large packets of baby wipes
- 1 x earphones for computer - high quality
- 1 x library bag
- 1 x plastic A4 document wallets (for home reading and communication)
- 2 x A4 20 page display folder
- 1 x A4 book for homework (not spiral bound)
- 1 x A4 sketch book
- 1 x smaller pencil case (for desktop stationery)
- 1 x larger pencil case (for all other stationery)
- 4 x large glue sticks (no glue pens please)
- 4 x whiteboard markers
- 1 x set of 12 textas
- 1 x set of coloured pencils
- 4 x HB lead pencils
- 1 x pencil sharpener
- 2 x erasers
- 1 x ruler
- 1 x scissors
- 1 x blue, yellow, pink and green and highlighters (must be these colours to support VCOP program)

#### Years 5 – 6

- 1 x earphones for computer—high quality
- 2 x boxes of tissues
- 2 x large packets of baby wipes
- 2 x bottles of liquid soap
- 1 x A4 ruled homework book
- 3 x A4 20 page display folders
- 1 x sketch book
- 1 x small basic calculator
- 1 x library bag
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### EMERY SHIELD NOMINATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



1st Kings Langley Scout Group is selling

## Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

**Bunnings Seven Hills**

**New location for 2020**  
**Scout Hall**  
121 James Cook Drive Kings Langley  
(behind Coles)

**8:00am — 1:00pm**  
*(or until sold out each weekend—Get in early so as not to miss out!)*

**Pre Sales from 8:00am**  
**General Sales from 9:00am**

**Saturdays and Sundays**  
**5th/6th and 12th/13th December**

**email [mark.lee@nsw.scouts.com.au](mailto:mark.lee@nsw.scouts.com.au)**  
**or call 0412 466 018**

**\$72—same as 2019 prices**

Direct Deposit or  
EFTPOS preferred  
**Pre-orders recommended**  
Covid safe practises will apply



## Learn to be a Professional Artist Kids Summer Workshop for 8+ yrs @ De'Kaur Art Academy

Call/SMS – 0423 654 565 for further info.

Twice a week for 4 weeks (Mon-Fri)

Weekend Classes also available

From 4th Jan - 29th Jan 2021

Time - 4.30pm - 6pm

108/33, Lexington Drive, Bella Vista, NSW - 2153

(\$200, Material Supplied, Medium-Graphite)

Week 1 – 2D Drawing

Week 2 – Introduction to Perspective

Week 3 – 3D Begins

Week 4 – Final project

Term 1 Begins from 1st Feb 2021. Enrolments open now. Limited seats available.