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Seven Hills North Public School NEWSLETTER

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Term 2—Week 10



DATES FOR DIARY

TERM 2

MAY

- 7 Mother's Day Stall
Mother's Day Picnic
Assembly 2pm
- 11 NAPLAN - Language
Conventions and Writing
- 12 NAPLAN - Reading
- 13 NAPLAN - Numeracy
- 14 Walk Safely to School Day
Winter PSSA starts
Assembly 2pm
- 21 PSSA
- 25 Stage 3 The Rocks
Excursion
- 28 PSSA

JUNE

- 4 PSSA
- 8 Stage 1 Excursion
- 9 Regional cross Country
- 10 Stage 2 Excursion
- 11 PSSA
- 14 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- 18 PSSA
Assembly 2pm
- 21 Longneck Lagoon
Leaders Excursion
- 23 Athletics Carnival
- 25 PSSA
Last Day of Term 2

TERM 3

JULY

- 12 Staff Development Day
- 13 Students Return

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to Term 2

Welcome back to school for Term 2. This term is going to be very busy and there are many exciting events planned for students in all stages, including excursions, picnics and sporting events. Teachers and students are going to be working hard completing Semester 1 assessments and reports over the next few weeks. We provide communications in many forms, including via notes, emails, newsletters and daily student reminders. Please check bags carefully for notes and continue to read the newsletter for updates! Also, ensure your email address is up-to-date on our school records so that you are receiving updates, alerts and reminders.

Staff Development Day and Professional Learning

Staff at our school consistently engage in professional learning and mandatory training activities to ensure our skills and competencies are up-to-date and we are delivering 'best practice' in education. Last Monday, during our Staff Development Day, all staff participated in a range of professional activities. These included learning about ways to support our learners for whom English is a second language. This session was led by Michael Cleary, DoE EAL/D Education Leader, and assisted staff in developing a greater understanding of the English language development of students from a language background other than English. Staff also participated in learning about the Aboriginal Education Policy and ways in which Aboriginal culture and histories can be embedded into teaching and learning activities. This session was delivered by Les Pitt, DoE Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Officer, who will be working closely with our school over the next two terms.

We are proud that our staff continue to engage in opportunities to improve their practise and to model the qualities of being 'life-long' learners.



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Cross Country

Our annual Cross Country carnival was held last Friday and involved all students in Years 3-6, as well as Year 2 students who are turning eight this year. The course was run around the school grounds and provided the opportunity for all participants to earn points for their sport house.

Our students did a fantastic job competing in good spirit and encouraged each other to achieve their best. The top five students from the 8/9 years old, 10 years old, 11 years old and 12/13 years old boys and girls events have had the opportunity to go on to represent our school at the Zone Carnival today. A huge thank you to Ms McDonald and Ms Mossfield for their organisation of this event and to the many parents who volunteered as course officials for the event.



ANZAC Day Service

On Monday we held an Anzac Day Service. Anzac Day is Australia's national day of commemoration to remember those of our own who have fallen. Our school leaders and Stage 3 students did an outstanding job in leading the service, which was attended by a special guest from the Seven Hills/Toongabbie RSL Club, Mr Les Wilkinson. The school performance band played 'Remember the Anzacs' and students laid a wreath to mark the occasion.

On 25 April, the anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in 1915, Australians and New Zealanders honour those of our men and women who have served and died in wars, peacekeeping and other operations. The ANZACS forged a tradition of service and sacrifice that has continued to this day. We remember that more than 1.5 million Australians have served their country in wartime, and more than 100 000 have lost their lives.

Our students and staff are to be commended for the way in which they commemorated this event. I was extremely proud of the way our students understood the significance of ANZAC Day and rose to the occasion accordingly.



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Assembly

This term we will be returning to holding K-6 assemblies and are pleased that we are able to welcome parents back to attend. Assemblies will be held every three weeks, with each class presenting an item once throughout the year. Each term, our assemblies will be held in Week 3 (Friday 7 May), Week 6 (Friday 28 May) and Week 9 (Friday 18 June). In the event that your child is receiving a Silver, Gold or Principal award, the class teacher will send home a letter advising you of the date that this will be presented. All visitors are reminded that they must complete the Service NSW COVID QR code sign in and sign in at the front office, where they acknowledge that they will comply with the [COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers](#) each time they visit.

NAPLAN 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted for our Year 3 and Year 5 students from 11-13 May. On Tuesday 11 May, the students will complete the Language Conventions and Writing tests and on Wednesday 12 May, the Reading test will be undertaken. The Numeracy test will be conducted on Thursday 13 May. Wherever possible, children absent on one or more of these days will be able to complete the missed tests on Friday 14 May.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results at myschool.edu.au

If you have any questions about the National Assessment Program, please arrange a time to speak with your child's class teacher.

Check-in assessment for Years 4 and 6

Year 4 and Year 6 students will participate in a new reading and numeracy check-in assessment in Week 3. The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor Year 4 and 6 student learning.

The Check-in assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs. The assessment will be scheduled for both our Year 4 and Year 6 from Monday 3 to Friday 7 May 2021. Students with a disability will receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Students are asked to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a computer to enable them to hear audio during the assessment. Earbuds used for mobile phones or other portable devices may be suitable for use during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is a jack or USB. If you have any further queries, or if your child needs headphones provided by the school, please contact your child's class teacher.

Celebrating Student Success

At our school, we have a number of ways of recognising student achievement and rewarding those students who are demonstrating our school expectations. 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 the following award winners:



Week 1 - Ishan and Andrei

Kind regards,
Renai Diamond
Principal

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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.

Head to **[scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)**
or  Download on the App Store  GET IT ON Google play

Follow these **easy** steps!

1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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

4 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.

SCHOLASTIC



Book Club

The Book Club brochure was sent home this week, the last day to place online orders will be **Friday 7 May**.

We DO NOT take cash orders at the office. Orders are to be made by either visiting www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or by downloading the LOOP app. **Please do not send cash to school as it will not be accepted.**

LIBRARY



gossip

Hello everyone,

We all know that we share because we care. At the moment we are sharing our library with 3/4 Emerald due to their classroom being out of action since the deluge we experience last term. This has meant that our borrowing of books has been hampered. Our class crates are full with library bags waiting to be fed, so please do not be alarmed if you have not seen your children devouring our wonderful booklike morsels. We are hoping to recommence our regular borrowing next week.

Keep reading,

Mrs S.



Have your say: Shade in your local playground

ON BEHALF OF THE HEALTHY CHILDREN INITIATIVE:

Have you been out enjoying your local playground recently?

Have a say about shade in your local playground for a research study conducted by Cancer Institute NSW.

Start the short survey by following this link:
<https://survey.qut.edu.au/f/195544/6cf6/>

You can find out more about shade improvements in NSW playgrounds [here](#).

Thank you,
Healthy Children Initiative



Nutrition Snippet

AUTUMN FRUIT AND VEG.



It's the International Year of Fruit and Veg!

Why not celebrate by trying these seasonal recipes:

- [Stewed apples and sultanas](#)
- [Pumpkin and cheese pikelets](#)
- [Vegetable pasta bake](#)
- [Sweet potato and lentil curry](#)
- [Shepherd's pie](#)

For these recipes and more visit:
healthyinbox.com.au



Cancer Council
Healthy Lunch Box

MOTHERS DAY STALL!

This year the P&C Mothers Day Stall will be on Friday 7 May. Each year we ask students to bring in a small donation of a gift wrapped in clear cellophane, and on the day of the stall students will get the opportunity to purchase a gift.



HINDU DHARMA SCRIPTURE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Seven Hills North Public School is looking for volunteers to teach Hindu Dharma during Scripture time.

If you are available to assist, Scripture is held every Tuesday morning in two timeslots – 10.30am to 11.00am and 11.30am to 12.00pm.

All lessons are planned for you, as Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia (VHP Australia Inc) has developed a syllabus lesson plan which caters for Kindergarten to Year Six. All training will be provided and assistance offered in completing the mandatory *Working with Children Check*.

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the note below and return it to the school office (by email or in person) by Friday 7 May 2021.

Renai Diamond
Principal

HINDU DHARMA SCRIPTURE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Please return before Friday 7 May 2021.

Yes, I am interested in teaching Scripture and I am willing to attend an information and training session.

Parent/Carer's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email : _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Opportunity Class Applications for Year 5 in 2022

A reminder that if you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2021, you need to apply between **Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **Friday 7 May 2021**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> . You must **not** use the child's email address. The school cannot apply on your behalf.

Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on **Wednesday 21 July 2021**. Successful students will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Opportunity Class



Any questions, please contact me through the school office.

Christine Dundas (Stage 2 Supervisor)



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

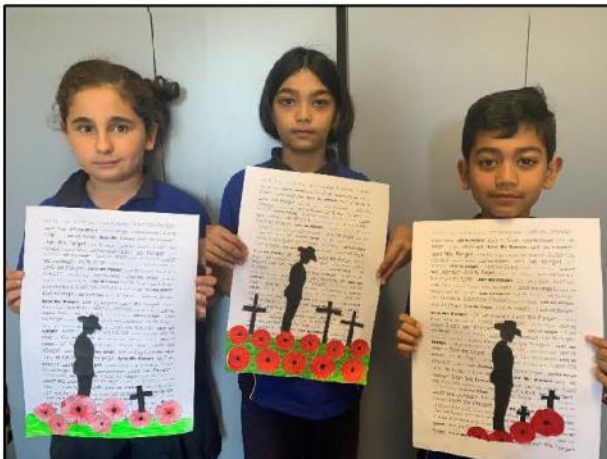
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 14 May 2021!

3/4 AMETHYST

We have been reflecting about ANZAC Day and why it is so important to our nation. The Australian and New Zealand Army Corp fought together in Turkey in 1915. The first major battle took place at Gallipoli on the 25th April. The campaign lasted for 8 months and over 8000 Australian men and 2000 New Zealand soldiers died. The soldiers lived in horrible conditions in the trenches and became known as 'diggers' because they dug the trenches and made the best of a hostile environment. We made some art works to commemorate ANZAC Day. Lest we forget.



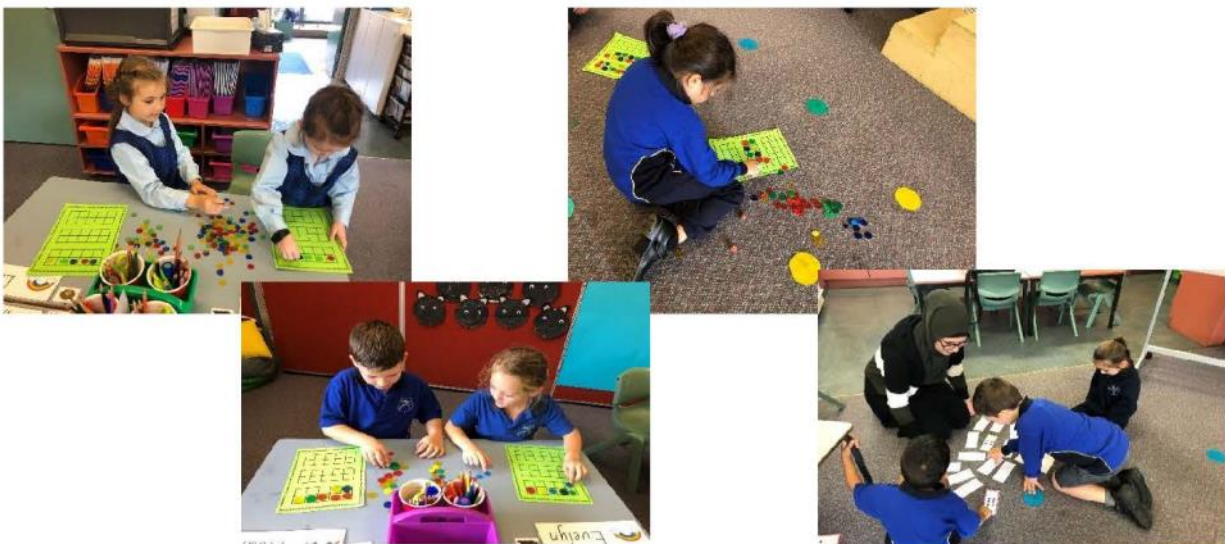
What's happening in **K RUBY!**

It's been very exciting getting settled back into Term 2! It's only been two short weeks but this term has already been full to the brim with learning.

We've been learning two new sounds this term - /o/ and /c/ - and met two new friends Ollie Otter and Cody Camel. We've been working really hard to segment words so we can spell words in our writing and to blend sounds so we can read words by ourselves! Boy, we're getting clever!



In Mathematics, we've been learning about length and learning how to work out which object is shorter or longer by comparing. We've also been working really hard to count forwards to our new number of the day. Did you know that we've been at school for 50 days already??? We've been working on counting backwards from 20 and learning how to represent numbers on ten frames.



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This week, we welcome a new person into our classroom. Miss Iman Harmouch will be joining the K Ruby family until Week 7 as she completes the first Practical Experience component of her degree. She's already having a lot of fun!



In the lead up to ANZAC Day, we shared the story 'Anzac Ted'. It is a story about a bear that was taken to war by a small boy's grandfather and how that boy is very proud of his bear and what the bear represents, even though he isn't the prettiest toy. The children then created paper slouch hats to commemorate the soldiers that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

This week has also meant the start of our gymnastics program! The kids had a ball and loved getting to move their bodies 'like a gymnast'.



Leukaemia Foundation



**I'm on a mission to shave the world from blood cancer, and I need
YOUR HELP!**

I'm sacrificing my locks to help Aussie families facing blood cancer.

Will you step up and sponsor me as I take on World's Greatest Shave?

Your donation will provide families facing blood cancer with the special care they need to make it through every scary, uncertain moment that follows a diagnosis.

It will also help brilliant research scientists continue their search for better ways to diagnose and treat blood cancer more effectively.

Every day another 47 Australians are diagnosed with a blood cancer.

I'm on a mission to change that.

Will you help by sponsoring me? Please follow the below link (copy and paste into url)

[https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?
RegistrationID=817063#&panel1-2](https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=817063#&panel1-2)



Because my hair is so long, thick and healthy not only will I be shaving it off to raise money for blood cancer but I will also be donating it to make a wig (or hopefully two) for someone who has lost their hair through cancer treatment.

Thank you for your help Taine x

Shave the date 21 May 2021.



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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 26 April 2021.

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, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

TODAY'S LESSON:

KEEPING NAPLAN IN PERSPECTIVE

- 1) NAPLAN is about making sure your child is on track in the important areas of literacy and numeracy.

Good literacy and numeracy levels are fundamental to a child's learning and development. If children are not going as well as they should in these areas, then parents and teachers need to be aware of this as soon as possible.

- 2) NAPLAN helps you see your child's growth and achievements

Not only does NAPLAN provide data on your child's achievements in literacy and numeracy, but if they continue with NAPLAN at each opportunity, you can see their growth across a seven-year schooling period.

- 3) NAPLAN isn't high stakes testing and it amounts to less than 16 hours over 7 years of schooling.

Parents and teachers should place NAPLAN into context and reassure children about its purpose – to identify, as early as possible, a child's strengths and areas for development to make sure they are progressing in literacy and numeracy.





Seven Hills North P & C Association

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS & CANTEEN CO-SUPERVISOR NEEDED

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Seven Hills North Public School canteen is operated by the P&C Association. We need a stable and steady flow of volunteers to help re-open the canteen. At this stage we are just trying to gauge interest to see if we have enough volunteers to re-open.

Our supervisors coordinate the running of the Canteen and provide our valuable volunteers with much needed guidance, support and training. We still require one more supervisor to assist with the Canteen. Thankyou to one of our new mums who has already volunteered for this role, she just needs a helper!

If you can spare some time as a volunteer (not in a supervisory role), even if it is just during the lunch time rush, please indicate your availability below and return to the school office next term. No previous experience is necessary. Any assistance will be greatly accepted.

Please return this note to the School Office.

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Name_____

Mobile_____ Email_____

Eldest Child's Name_____ Class_____

I am available to assist in the Canteen on the following days:

☐ Wednesday

☐ Friday

☐ Weekly

☐ Fortnightly

☐ Monthly

☐ Once a term

☐ 9.30am to 2pm

☐ 12.30pm to 2pm (lunch time rush)

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Isaac Smith Pde., Kings Langley

Classes are every Wednesday for 10 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Weds., 21 April, 2021

New Students can also join on any Wednesday during term.

New and Returning
Students
Ages 5-8
Class Time 4:00 to 4:40PM

New Students
Ages 9-16
and Returning Students
Class Time 4:45 to 5:25PM

Returning Students please see website at www.karate-kids.com.au for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO TURN UP. WE DO NOT TURN KIDS AWAY. NO PRE-REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY. JUST TURN UP 10 TO 15 MINUTES BEFORE CLASS TIME ABOVE IF POSSIBLE. WE ACCEPT CHEQUES OR CASH. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, SEE WEBSITE AT www.karate-kids.com.au.

The Sydney
children's
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OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED

The Children's Hospital at
Westmead's Emergency Department
has moved to the Westmead Health
Precinct's newest building.

When travelling down Hawkesbury
Road, turn left when you see the
Children's Emergency sign. It is also
just a 250m walk up Hawkesbury
Road from our main entry. You
can also access the Emergency
Department from inside the Hospital.

Parking is available underneath the
building, as well as a 15 minute
drop-off and pick-up zone, located
outside the front doors.



Walking route from our current Hospital to the new building.

Annual Collection of Free Plants

If you would like to donate your allocation of 2 free plants from Blacktown City Council to our School please return the below slip by Friday 7 May, this assists us in beautifying our school grounds.

✂ _____

I _____ of

(Name)

(Address)

Have **NOT** collected my 2 free plants from Blacktown City Council this financial year and would like to donate them Seven Hills North Public School for planting on school grounds.

(Signed)

(Date)