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Seven Hills North Public School NEWSLETTER

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Term 3—Week 2



From the Principal's Desk

Sadly, with the current COVID situation, our return to Term 3 was not as we had hoped. We have had to return to home learning, with tighter restrictions on the way we live and work. As a school community, we are all responding to restrictions and rapid changes. I am very proud of the way our students, staff and parents have continued to adapt to these challenges. Most importantly, I am pleased that our students and their families are safe and well.

I know it can feel stressful and overwhelming for many of us during lock down, particularly with things changing constantly. We currently have around 90% of our students learning from home and wish to thank our parents for their support in adhering to stay at home restrictions where possible. Managing our work and family lives, whilst keeping our children learning from home where possible, has been challenging for all of us. We understand that these are difficult times and only ask that families do their best. The health and wellbeing of all families is our key priority and we encourage you to aim for a balanced approach to learning at home. There are many hands-on learning activities that your children can do at home which don't involve 'screen time'. These build a wide range of life learning skills that can't be developed through online class activities and reduce the fatigue that too much screen time can cause for all of us! During challenging times, we learn different skills of resilience and ingenuity. I have included a list of simple activities that you may wish to try with your child instead.

I would like to acknowledge our fabulous teachers and administrative staff. As you are aware, the NSW government has put more restrictions in place which aim to minimise movement in the community. Therefore, to adhere to our workplace guidelines, nearly all of our staff are required to work from home. There is only a minimal staff onsite to provide supervision and the school office will be closed until further notice. Additionally, we can no longer allow parents to come to the school to collect technology devices or work packs. Resources packages are now being sent home to families via mail, with devices being provided via contactless delivery by our staff. Changing the way our school operates while ensuring continuity of learning for our students has been a mammoth task. I am extremely proud of how our staff have worked together, albeit remotely, to enable our school to continue to operate so effectively in such challenging times!

This week staff have also been ringing our families to check on everyone's wellbeing. As staff are calling from home, these calls will come from a 'private number'. This is an important opportunity for us to check-in and see if there are any issues that may be concerning and ensuring that everyone has access to all the services they need. Anything that needs to be followed up will be passed onto the appropriate staff member who will then respond to the concern or issue raised. Similarly, if you if you have any questions around your child's learning, or need to reach out for advice or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school by phone or email. This will be passed on to relevant member of staff.



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Next week we will be conducting Parent Check-In Zoom sessions. This will be an opportunity to receive support and advice from teacher and executive and to ask questions about home learning. Further information will follow, but the times will be:

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten): Monday 26 July – 4.00-4.40pm
Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2): Tuesday 27 July – 4.00-4.40pm
Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4): Wednesday 28 July – 4.00-4.40pm
Stage 3 (Year 5 and Year 6): Wednesday 28 July – 5.00-5.40pm

As schools in Great Sydney are currently operating at COVID Safe Level 4 restrictions, this means that at Seven Hills North Public School:

- the outside of school hours care (SHNOOSH) can continue to operate for those who need it.
- families to be encouraged to keep their children at home wherever possible but no child will be turned away from school.
- student will be marked as “F” (Flexible learning) when there is evidence that they have engaged in home learning activities.
- Kindergarten orientation and transition activities will to be delayed until later in Term 3 or early Term 4.
- the uniform shop is closed.
- no community use arrangements.
- continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.
- no non-essential visitors
- no P&C activities on school sites.

As a result of COVID restrictions many of our incursions, excursions and extra curricular activities have needed to be postponed or unfortunately, altogether cancelled.

Cancelled Events:

- Winter PSSA
- Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts
- Education Day Westpoint Performance
- Stage 3 Camp

For those activities where payments have already been received these have now been credited back to your school account and can be used as fees in advance or any future activities.

Stage 3 Camp will no longer take place as no future dates were available, we will be investigating other options for Stage 3. At this stage please do not make any further payments for this event. This payment has not yet been credited back to your account.

Postponed Events:

- Zone and Regional Events
- Stage 2 Rocks Excursion
- Wandana NAIDOC Incursion
- Healthy Harold
- K-2 Fun Run
- 100 Days of Kindergarten celebration
- Dance-a-thon
- National Tree Planting Day

These events are still scheduled to go ahead at a later date that has been secured with the provider. Healthy Harold payments and electronic permission notes are still being accepted. We

understand that COVID may be placing our families under financial difficulty, if your account has been credited and you would like to get a refund on these amounts to your bank account please email the school.

On behalf of all our staff, we thank you so much for the kind words of support and encouragement we have received during this time. I have been buoyed by the lovely messages of support we continue to receive and I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful community. I miss all our lovely students very much and can't wait to see them all again soon. Take care and remember that we are only a phone call away.

*Stay safe, stay strong,
We're in this together!*

Kind regards,

*Renai Diamond
Principal*

Message from Mr Daniel:

Colouring In Competition

Hi everyone,

I'm going to start the Mural on the back of the little sports shed when we get back to school and have designed a Colouring In Competition. There will be a winner for each Stage who will receive either a bucket of 45 Faber-Castell textas or a pack of 48 Faber-Castell pencils.

The due date is Monday Week 4 (2nd August) and students at home can either take a photo or scan their finished work to upload in my google classroom or you can email it to the school.

Warmest regards,
Mr Daniel



