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# Seven Hills North Public School NEWSLETTER

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Term 4—Week 1

## DATES FOR DIARY

### TERM 4

#### OCTOBER

- 19 PSSA
- 26 PSSA
- Assembly 1.45pm
- 29 Election notification due

#### NOVEMBER

- 2 PSSA
- 5 Leadership slogans due
- 6 **Kinder Orientation**
- 8 STEAM Expo
- 9 PSSA
- Assembly 1.45pm
- 14 **Kinder Orientation**
- 16 PSSA
- 19 Swimming Scheme
- School Leader Posters Displayed
- 20 Swimming Scheme
- 21 Swimming Scheme
- 22 **Kinder Orientation**
- Swimming Scheme
- 23 Swimming Scheme
- PSSA
- Assembly 1.45pm
- 26 Swimming Scheme
- 27 Swimming Scheme
- 28 Swimming Scheme
- 29 Swimming Scheme
- 30 Swimming Scheme

#### DECEMBER

- 5 School Leader Speeches
- 6 School Leaders Election
- 7 Assembly 1.45pm
- 13 Presentation Day
- 14 Reports Home
- 17 **Yr 6 Farewell**
- 18 Class Party Day
- 19 Last Day Term 4
- 20 Staff development day
- 21 Staff development day

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## From the Principals Desk

### Welcome back to Term 4

Welcome back to school for Term 4. This term is going to be very busy and there are many exciting events planned. Please check bags carefully for notes and continue to read the newsletter for updates! As has been mentioned in previous newsletters, office financial system requires that all payments be made by the cut-off date, as venues and buses for excursions and events must be paid for in advance. Please ensure that notes and money are returned by the due date.

### Cool Kids Music Recital

At the end of last term I had the pleasure of watching our Cool Kids music students perform for family and friends. It was wonderful to see how their skills are developing as students showcased their improving skills at playing guitar and keyboard. Congratulations to Shannon, who was awarded 'Student of the Year'.



These music lessons are provided by the Cool Kids Music company and are offered before school on Friday mornings. For further information can be found at : <https://coolkidsmusic.com.au/>

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## Passive Play

At Seven Hills North we pride ourselves on knowing and understanding each of our students as an individual. We are committed to guiding and nurturing our students in a safe and supported learning environment, both with the classroom and in the playground. Our school has established a number of playtime options to ensure that students are supported to be self-aware, build positive relationships and to actively contribute to the school community.

Our Passive Play room allows students to engage in a quiet, passive play setting and also supports those students who require adjustments to the playtime environment. Students engage in games, computer activities or learning activities of their choice in a quiet, structured and supervised indoor setting.

## Changes to our school

Over the coming weeks, we will see some works occurring at our school. Some planned changes include the installation of a new demountable classroom and new fences. In order to make these improvements, there will be times when temporary fencing will be erected to allow the works to occur. There may be some changes and inconvenience, but the results will be well worth it for our school. Please adhere to any changes in order to keep everybody safe. I will continue to update the school community as these works commence.

## Lost Property

At our school, we encourage students to be responsible for their own belongings and ask that parents ensure that all items are labelled with their child's name. However, we realise that items are misplaced from time-to-time. Our Lost Property boxes are located just outside the Office area. There are two bins, one for items of clothing and another for other items. At the moment, there are a number of items in these bins. If your child has lost an item, please encourage them to have a look in the lost property boxes.



## Students not returning in 2019

We are currently updating our anticipated enrolment figures for 2019 to submit to the Department of Education. To assist us with our planning and to ensure our expected enrolments are accurate, could you please advise the Office if you are not planning to return to our school next year. Year 6 students who are heading off to high school do not need to complete the form. Also, if you are taking an extended holiday and will not return at the start of the school year, please advise the Office so that we can hold a class placement for your child in 2019.

## Cyber Safety Update - Roblox

Recently we have become aware that a number of our students are engaging in an online game called Roblox. Roblox is currently a very popular online game that people from all around the world are playing. It is one of the largest **social** platforms of online play, which hosts user/player designed games. It has come to the attention of staff that this game allows for students to connect with people from all around the world. Once connected with other people, they are able to play games together, as well as engage in online chatting. Whilst Roblox does have the ability to filter conversations and inappropriate comments (such as swear words and exact locations), it is still something for all students and parents to be mindful about. Additionally, some of the content within this program can at times be of a violent or sexual nature and therefore unsafe for students without direct supervision of their parents. Further information can be located at: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking/roblox>.

## Locking gates

A reminder that we are now locking the pedestrian gate on the Seven Hills Rd side during school hours to ensure safety from unwanted visitors. The pedestrian gate on Seven Hills Rd is locked from 9.30am until 2.45pm. Parents wishing to access the school during these hours should enter via the Beethoven St gate and report to the office to sign in.

## Kindergarten Transition Program

We are looking forward to welcoming our 2019 Kindergarten students to our school when our transition program commences on Tuesday, 6 November from 9.15am to 11.00am. Our newest students will join other 2019 Kindergarten children in our Kindergarten classroom and enjoy a morning of activities. Parents are invited to our Library for an information session about transitioning to school, how to assist their child's learning and school

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routines. There will also be information from our Uniform Shop, SHNOOSH Care and P&C. We look forward to seeing many familiar and new families.

## Swimming Scheme

There are still some vacancies for the Royal Life Saving, Swim and Survive Program from **Monday 19 to Friday 30 November 2018, 12.30 – 2.30pm**, which we are now offering to our Year 3 students with no or limited swimming ability. Students will travel by bus to and from the pool which has been provided as part of the cost. The lessons will take place at the Royal Life Saving's Aquatic Safety Training Academy in Seven Hills. When the 50 places have been filled a waiting list will be created.

Total cost of this program is \$95.00. We have received a grant which will reduce the cost to parents to \$65.00. If you are interested in your child attending this program, please fill in the survey 'Swimming School Survey' on our website and return to the office by **Monday 22 October 2018**. Students will then receive a note stating whether they are successful or not.

## AEDC parent and caregiver survey

A reminder to the parents of Kindergarten students that our school is participating in the Australian Early Childhood Educational Development Experience (AECEDE) Research Project. The project explores the impact of early learning experiences on children's development, at home and in early education and care services. This research will help policy makers better understand how children's education and care experiences in the years prior to starting full-time school can be delivered in a way that best supports children's development and learning.

Parents/caregivers of children in Kindergarten have been sent an invitation letter and an email to complete the Primary Caregiver Survey online. A huge 'thank you' to those parents who have already completed the survey. If you have yet to do so, we strongly encourage you to complete this survey as our school will receive a voucher to spend on our students if most of the caregivers complete the survey. To find out more about the AECEDE Research Project visit the AEDC website [www.aedc.gov.au/aecede](http://www.aedc.gov.au/aecede).

## Why do children need to develop good reading habits?

Reading is one of the most important skills a child needs to learn to succeed in life. Children are active, curious and eager to learn. Reading books can help them gain knowledge, develop thinking skills, develop positive values and attitudes.

Children don't just learn to read at school, in fact, the home is the first learning environment for young children and parents are their first teachers. It is the best place to begin good reading habits. In this respect, school and home are equally important in teaching children to read.

You can teach your child good reading habits and motivate them to read by:

- Have a quiet place where you can sit and enjoy reading together. The experts agree on one thing: reading is what makes better readers.
- Take time to talk about the books you read with your children. This helps to establish the concept that reading generates ideas, opinions and questions.
- Write your grocery list clearly and ask your children to help you read it in the store. This helps build sight vocabulary based on things that are familiar.

## School Invoices

Invoices for any remaining school fees/PSSA fees have been sent home this week. Please pay these as soon as possible

Renai Diamond  
Principal

## MESSAGE FROM THE P&C

### Chocolate Drive

Just a reminder that the Chocolate drive money is due to be returned to school tomorrow Friday 19 October.

### Bunnings BBQ

The P&C will be running a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 10 November at Seven Hills Bunnings a volunteers list is attached to the community noticeboard for those of you who would be able to spare a small amount of time to come down and help us out.



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## EMERY SHIELD MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Emery shield is an award presented by the P&C each year at our presentation night to recognise an outstanding contribution to the school community. The Emery family donated the shield in 1985 when they moved interstate. The Emery's were active members of the P&C and provided additional support and help to the school.

Since then the Shield has been presented to an individual or group of students, parents, or staff who have made a significant contribution to our school, or displayed outstanding achievements in the school. This can be within the year or over a number of years.

If you would like to nominate a parent, community member or staff member for this award, please indicate on the form below and drop it into the 'Response' box in the foyer by Friday 2 November 2018.



### EMERY SHIELD NOMINATION

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

## NEW ENROLMENTS AND STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2018

To assist with planning staffing, accommodation and other resources for next year, we would ask that if you have a child who is due to start Kindergarten in 2019 or know of someone who is in area and has a child due to start Kindergarten please make sure to get your enrolment forms in as soon as possible.

Alternatively if you know that you will not be returning next year or that you will not be starting till later in the year because of a family holiday please complete the following forms and return them to the school office.

**To: The Principal, Seven Hills North Public School**

Pupils Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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### LEAVERS



My child/children will not be attending Seven Hills North Public School in 2019. Last day of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Moving to: \_\_\_\_\_ (new school)

### LATE RETURNERS



My child/children will be returning to Seven Hills North Public School on \_\_\_\_\_ (Anticipated Date of Return)

after the commencement of Term 1, 2019. (Wednesday, 30 January 2019) because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)

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## Gardening with Mr Daniel

During Term 3 and 4, Mr Daniel has worked with a small group of students to fill (with 26 wheelbarrow loads of dirt!), plant and tend to, 2 vegetable garden beds. The students have enjoyed learning about what different vegetables look like, how they grow and the effort it takes to produce food, as well as the joy of working with their hands to accomplish a project.

The students have also explored the metaphor of how we are like plants. We need people in our lives to support us and provide for us (our roots), that we can contribute our time, labour, talents, personality (our fruit) to society, that there are things in our lives that zap our energy/life (pests) and how we can be resilient when these bad times come. We have practiced using the skills of teamwork, patience (plants take a long time to grow) and problem solving.

In these photos we planted strawberries, lettuce, mint, tomatoes and marigold flowers. Mr Daniel and the students are most looking forward to enjoying the fruit of their labour as their crops mature.

Seven Hills North would also like to thank our local Bunnings who donated many supplies.  
Mr Daniel





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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 15 October 2018.

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](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

## KINGS LANGLEY — Little Athletics Centre —

FOR CHILDREN 3 - 17 YEARS OLD



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Location: Kings Langley Public School,  
Isaac Smith Pde., Kings Langley

Classes are every Wednesday for 9 Weeks (Every School Term)

New and Returning Registration: Weds., 24 October, 2018

New Students can also join on: Wednesdays, 31 Oct., 7 Nov.

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](http://www.karate-kids.com.au) for class times.

REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO THE THIRD WEEK OF TERM. 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](http://www.karate-kids.com.au).



## Become a foster carer

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