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Seven Hills North Public School NEWSLETTER



DATES FOR DIARY

TERM 4

NOVEMBER

- 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

2019 TERM 1

JANUARY

- 28 Australia Day
- 29 Staff Development Day
- 30 Year 1 to 6 Begin School Best Start
- 31 Best Start

FEBRUARY

- 1 Best Start
- 4 Kindergarten Begin

From the Principals Desk

Staff News – Farewell and Good Luck Mrs Baxter

As you are aware, Mrs Baxter is expecting her first child soon. This is her last week at our school, as she heads off to begin her maternity leave. On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish Mrs Baxter all the best of luck for this exciting new chapter in her life. I would like to thank her for her outstanding commitment and contributions to our students and our school. We look forward to welcoming the newest addition to her family and to having her back at Seven Hills North following her leave.

I am pleased to advise that Ms Alyce Rogers has been successful in gaining the relieving Assistant Principal position in Mrs Baxter's absence. Ms Rogers will be formally commencing this position at the start of 2019. In the meantime, Mrs Sargent will be teaching 3/4B for the remainder of the year. During Week 10, Ms Rogers will be visiting our school on a number of days to meet our students, staff and parents. I look forward to welcoming Ms Rogers to our team at Seven Hills North Public School.

School Spectacular

Last week, a talented group of students performed at the 2018 Schools Spectacular. I was fortunate enough to see the show on Friday night, and it was indeed spectacular! Congratulations to our students on their outstanding performance. A huge 'thank you' to Miss Devine and Mrs Otten for their dedication, commitment and coordination of this opportunity. I know our students and their families appreciate your hard work in making this momentous experience possible for our students!



School Dismissal

Recently we have become concerned at the number of parents who are arriving late to collect their children from school. Students who use our 'Kiss and Drop' area are dismissed at 2.55pm, while all others are dismissed at the 3.00pm bell. On most afternoons, staff are required to attend professional learning and support meetings, commencing at 3.15pm. Students not collected at this time will be asked to wait in the office area and parents will be required to park their car and collect them. Please assist us to keep your children safe by ensuring that you are on time for their dismissal. If there are unforeseen circumstances and you are running late, please advise our school office on 9624 1275, so that we can supervise your child and reassure them that you are on your way.

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Kindergarten Transition

Our Kindergarten transition program continued last week with our final visit to 'big school'. Kinder students have continued to enjoy their opportunities to visit our classrooms. They also participated in a school tour, led by their Year 4 and 5 buddies. We were extremely proud of our Year 4 and 5 students who were outstanding buddies to our new Kindergarten students and wonderful representatives of our school. They will be a familiar face and great support to our newest students when they commence next year. A reminder that we will be holding an information evening next Tuesday 4 December from 5.30-6.30pm in our school Library. This is a final opportunity for parents to get to know specific school procedures and routines.



Staff Professional Learning and School Planning

Over the past few weeks, our staff have engaged in professional learning around our School Plan 2018-2020 and the School Excellence Framework. This has provided valuable opportunities for staff to reflect on the achievements of our school and to forward plan our continuing directions and focus areas.

In order to continue to provide quality education at our school, we are currently evaluating many of our school programs to assist us with our planning for 2019 and beyond. In evaluating and refining our school plan, we will be working proactively with our school community to establish school strategic directions and key educational improvements. We will be seeking community consultation for strategic decision-making, ensuring that the educational priorities of the school reflect the goals and learning needs of students, staff and parents.

As part of our school's self-evaluation process, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. Your responses will assist us to develop a picture of our school and community and will be used to determine future plans and programs. Over the next few weeks, we will be seeking parent input. We will be asking parents to complete a number of surveys to gain your feedback on our school's programs and practices. I strongly encourage you to contribute to this feedback process. This partnership approach will help us to build a culture of high performance and shared trust in our school, empowering staff and community members in working together to achieve the goals of NSW public education.

Renai Diamond
Principal

3/4B Report

Happy Week 7 to all our students and families!

I know I'm not the only one who can't believe that we're only 3 short weeks away from the end of the school year. What a year it has been!

Tomorrow will be my official last day on class before I go on maternity leave and 3/4B will be having a small class party in the middle session tomorrow to celebrate our time together this year and all that the kids have achieved through their hard work and enthusiasm for learning.

Here is a little overview of what we've been doing for the past few weeks:

- Working together with partners to complete a group project on a celebration of their choice from Australia and around the world. These will be presented on Wednesday in class and I know that we're all looking forward to seeing each other's creations!
- Stage 2 Creative Arts afternoons, which finish this week with our last Dance lesson
- Continuing on with our 'Words Their Way' spelling program and looking deeply into word attack strategies such as syllabification
- Maths-A-Palooza last week was a real hit with the kids spending the morning session revising their knowledge about various measurement concepts. The kids loved getting to work with Miss Cooper and playing with water in the classroom to complete the volume and capacity activity.
- We've started delving deeper into comprehension attack strategies when responding to questions about a given text including skimming and scanning, vocabulary work, summarising, questioning, predicting and several others. It has been so great to watch how their confidence in this area has grown compared to the beginning of the year.
- We have continued to focus on Creative Writing this term and will turn our focus to descriptions and poetry for the remaining few weeks.
- This term's topic talks were fantastic with all students showing improvement and a clear responsive to the 'bump it up' goals that were given after their Term 3 speeches. Well done everyone!

I speak from the bottom of my heart when I say that it has been an absolute honour being the teacher of 3/4B this year. I have loved getting to know each of the kids and their families and will miss everyone dearly next year.

Mrs Baxter

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1B Report

- Wow! What a year it has been, and what an exciting couple of weeks we have left.
- 1B have been writing some amazing persuasive pieces of writing this term. They have even convinced me to put up a class Christmas tree.
- In Mathematics we have been learning even more about whole numbers, multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, time and volume. We are getting especially good at telling the time!
- The past 2 weeks, some Year 1 students have been attending Swim Scheme every afternoon and have had a great time learning how to swim. It has been amazing to see how much they improve every single day.
- Just a reminder that Thursday 13 December (week 9) is Presentation day. It will commence at 9:10am sharp. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Legends Day this term is water play. It will be held on 14 December. All students are allowed to bring one small water pistol. A lot of fun will be had.
- A note was sent home this week regarding the excursion to Hoyts Cinemas on Tuesday 18 December. Please bring the note and money by Monday 10 December to avoid missing out.

Miss Blanch

KB Report

- I am immensely proud of how well the students worked for Miss O'Rourke as she finished off her teaching degree. The students demonstrated how they can be respectful learners and showed me just how far they have come this year.
- The boys and girls have enjoyed showing off their knowledge to me as I prepare their school reports. Everyone's learning journey is different and the reports show where your child is at, at this particular point in time. A 'sound' grade means that they are performing exactly where they should be.
- Home readers will continue until the end of week 8. Please hunt around for any books that may have accidentally not come back, I would love to see any lost books back where they belong.
- Class Party notes have gone home. Please ensure that you are returning notes and money as soon as possible.
- We have been participating in the "Learn to be Safe with Emmy and Friends program" and information is in your child's blue folder each week. Please take the time to discuss this program with your child, and if you have any questions drop in and see me.

Mrs Blume

3/4HP Report

- The students in 3/4HP have been working hard this term. They each had to present a Topic Talk on a chosen celebration. As well as amazing speeches, many of them brought objects to show and food to share, which related to their celebration.
- In reading groups, each group is doing a different project, which involves some comprehension, some craft, and lots of imagination. These are really looking great!
- Thank you so much to the parents who have helped and encouraged me this year. This is a lovely class and it has been fun teaching them, and at times having them teach me.

Mrs Patteson

2H Report

- Thank you Mrs Sargent for taking such good care of 2H. They thoroughly enjoyed having you as their teacher and I am being called Mrs Sargent so they obviously loved you.
- 2H have written Persuasive texts on helping homeless dogs, trying to persuade Mrs Diamond that SHNPS need a frog pond and why children should not pick their noses. This week we are doing a product review.
- So far, in Maths we have worked on area, fractions and division.
- The swimmers are having a great time at the pool each day and tell me that they are all improving and love to float around in the water.
- With History we have looked at how transport has changed over the years and how the Aboriginal Dreaming stories have told how landforms and animals were created.
- We have many exciting events happening over the next three weeks so I hope everyone enjoys these after a year of working hard. Some of these are: Thursday the 13 December (week 9) is Presentation day. It will commence at 9:10am sharp. Everyone is welcome to attend. Legends Day this term is water play. It will be held on the 14 December. All students are allowed to bring one small water pistol. There is the school picnic, Idol and class party day. A list has been put up in the room for the children to write what food they will bring in for our party. A lot of fun will be had.

Mrs Hilly

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1M Report

- Term 4, week 7 already! Wow! Only 3 and a half weeks left for school in 2018! Time has flown by. But 1M are still busy learning. We now have a class pet called "Mio" after some very convincing persuasive writing on "1M should have a class pet." In science, 1M are learning about dinosaurs, including some very interesting Australian dinosaurs named Matilda, Banjo, Clancy and George and Cooper. In mathematics, we are consumed by volume and capacity and skip counting. Some year 1's were skip counting by 9's and 11's today! Amazing!
- Miss Danny from Act for Kids will be visiting our class on Wednesdays to work with the students Miss Danny teachers "Learn to be safe with Emmy and friends". It is a protective behaviours program facilitated for children in grade one at primary schools. The programme helps young children learn to identify when they don't feel safe and know safe adults they can ask for help.
- Swim School is well under way. The children involved have been having a great time developing their swimming skills. Thank you to all the parents for sending in the children's swimmers, towel, goggles and thongs every day and thank you to Miss Blanch and Mrs Kennedy for looking after the children. Well done to those children who are always remembering to be safe, friendly and respectful learners.
- Notes went home this week in regards to our end of year class party/movie day to be held on Tuesday 18 December. A great day is had by all. Please sign and return by Monday 10 December.
- I ask that if you child will be leaving the term early or going on holidays, can you please let me know, so we can organise all their books etc.
- A reminder to those children who are performing in SHNPS Idol. Remember to practise, practise, practise, so you are ready for the day. You will also need to get any costumes that are needed for your routine.
- Also Presentation day will be on Thursday 13 December and our last legends day for 2018 will be on Friday 14 December after idol. It will be water play.

Ms Mossfield

STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING

LAST DAY FOR BANKING IS THURSDAY 6 DEC
BANKING WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN 2019 ON
THURSDAY 14 FEB

We would like to congratulate **1B** on being the most consistent class, with most students banking every week and also banking the most money.

3/4H Reports

Students in 3/4H have been working extremely hard this term, here is a snippet of what we have been up to:

- Students presented their Term 4 speeches on a celebration of their choice as part of their English assessment for Speaking and Listening and their History topic of Celebrations around the world.
- Students completed the last of our Stage 2 Creative Arts Rotations. They have enjoyed learning how to improvise in Drama, Music and Dance.
- In our writing sessions, students have been focusing on editing their writing and adding in extra information and language features to make it more interesting.
- Class party notes have gone home this week, students are very excited about seeing the movie. Please ensure notes and money are returned by Monday 10th December.
- Idol rehearsals are underway and we are all looking forward to supporting our class members, we wish them luck for Idol Day.
- We also say a big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who have helped out in our class this year, we really appreciate the time you give up to support the student's learning.

Mrs Fogg

2G Report

- I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed teaching 2G this year. We have had a great year together and they are all my Superheroes!!
- Also, thank you to our parent and grandparent helpers who have been a wonderful support to our learning. You have been so reliable and we have enjoyed having you visit us each week.
- I have been so proud of the way the students have completed their homework and home reading each week and returned it on time. Thank you to those parents who have assisted the students with this. It shows the children how much you value what they do at school and helps set them up for success.
- The students who are participating in swimming have been behaving extremely well and I am pleased to see how much they are progressing during their lessons.
- This is a busy time of year and should be a lot of fun too. Keep your eyes and ears out to make sure you don't miss out on anything.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

Mrs Goodman

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EMMY AND FRIENDS

Kindergarten and Year 1 are participating in the 'Learn to be Safe with Emmy and Friends' Program provided by Act for Kids as part of our child protection unit. This week the children have been learning about their feelings when they are scared and the early warning signs. They have learned that when they feel scared are know that it is an unsafe situation they need to 'tell, tell and tell again until an adult listens" Thanks Miss Danni for the great lessons.



WEET-BIX KIDS TRYATHLON

On Friday afternoon our students attended a presentation by Robyn Low-Hart from Triathlon NSW and Melissa from the Central Coast Academy of Sport. Our students learnt about the sport of triathlon and the three elements of swim, bike and run and the upcoming opportunities for our students to take part in the Weet-bix Kids Tryathlon which takes place at Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday 3 February.

Children aged 7 – 10 are able to participate with the following distances:

Swim 75m, Bike 3km, Run 500m

Children aged 11 – 15 are able to participate with the following distances:

Swim 150m, Bike 6km, Run 1km

If you do decide to enter please nominate Seven Hills North PS as your school so that we can have a chance of winning a \$5000 stationery set for the school. If you have any questions about the event please see Mrs Blume.



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Stage 3 Report

- Stage 3 have been busy publishing and illustrating narratives based on critters they are afraid of. The students were inspired by the work of author M. G. Leonard to research their chosen creature. They have included scientific vocabulary and have incorporated typical lifestyles of the creatures into their plots. They have come along so well! We are hoping to get a collection of stories published and sent home in the coming weeks.
- A reminder that the Year 6 farewell assembly is on Friday 7 December. Year 6 students will receive their graduation certificates and will be putting on a short performance which will epitomise their time at primary school. We look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate these students.
- Year 5 school leadership candidates are prepared to deliver their speeches next Wednesday 5 December. We wish them luck and praise them for being brave risk-takers. Delivering speeches is not easy!
- There are only a few weeks left of school. As a stage, we are focussing on being kind, respectful and enjoying the time we have left together. Thank you students and parents for helping us with this mission. It's a team effort!

Miss Ricketts and Mrs Otten



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MESSAGE FROM THE P&C

Christmas Raffle

Raffle ticket books have been sent home. Tickets are \$1 each and you have been given a book of 10 tickets per family. Please return them to school by Monday 10 December. The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the night of the School Picnic, Friday 14 December.

If any parents own their own business or are a part of a company that may wish to make a donation to our Christmas raffle your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the school to find out how to make your donation to our raffle.

Please note that this is a P&C Fundraiser and that payments should not be made through the schools online payment system.

Giving Tree

The P&C will again have a Giving Tree up in the school foyer, kindly decorated by each class.

Families will be able to donate a gift wrapped in Christmas paper with a tag indicating the age and gender that the gift is suitable for. These gifts will be donated to the local charity "Give and Take" in time for Christmas. Please start thinking about sending in your gifts, your generous donations will be much appreciated by these families in need.

Family Picnic Day

As the year draws to an end it is nice to catch up with families before the holidays. This year's End-of-Year Family Picnic will be held from 6-8pm on Friday 14 December. The P&C will have a free Sausage Sizzle (1 per person) with drinks available for sale on the night for \$1. You are also more than welcome to bring in your own picnic as well. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Canteen

Last day for Canteen is Friday 14 December.

Chocolate Fundraising

There are 8 boxes still remaining to be sold if anyone would like to assist please see the office.

There are also still boxes/money outstanding please return these to the office asap.