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Term 1 Week 8

Friday, 22nd March 2019



Dates for your Diary

Week 9

Tuesday, 26 th March	Harmony Day celebrations- all parents welcome!
Wednesday, 27 th March	Choir Rehearsal- Hambledon Public School
Thursday, 28 th March	Debate- Seven Hills PS vs Blacktown South in the hall at 11:30am. Parents are welcome to attend. Sport in Schools K-6 P & C General Meeting 6:30pm in the staffroom

Week 10

Tuesday, 2 nd April	Stage 3 Learning to Lead Day at Seven Hills High School
Wednesday, 3 rd April	Parent Information sessions for NAPLAN Online
Thursday, 4 th April	3-6 excursion to the Art Gallery Sport in Schools K-6
Friday, 5 th April	K-6 Assembly (all K-6 parents are welcome to attend)

Canteen: Wed- Fri
8.45am - 1.40pm

OOSH: Mon-Fri
6.30am – 8.30am &
3.00pm – 6.00pm
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Principal's Message

As we approach the end of Term 1, we have a number of wonderful activities planned over the next three weeks, many of which the parent community are invited to attend.

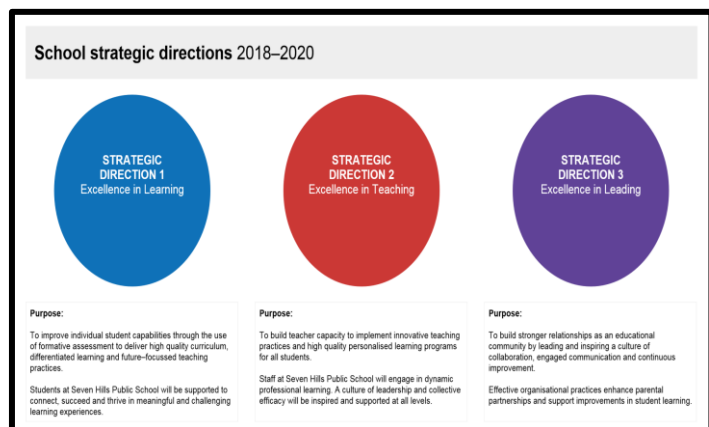
Community engagement is a high priority at Seven Hills Public School and we value the input of all parents and community members. Research shows that strong relationships between the students, staff and parents maximises opportunities for each student to connect, succeed and thrive. With that in mind, I call upon those parents who are wanting to assist (but not quite sure how) to come forward and speak to Mrs Prout or one of our friendly staff members about the ways in which you can help at our school. Shortly a community engagement survey will be released to all members of our community so that you can indicate the ways in which you can be involved in school initiatives. There are many to choose from and we encourage you to express an interest.

With community engagement in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Jarvis and Mrs Aston, who generously dedicate hours each week to volunteer in the canteen, making healthy and nutritious lunches for the students. I would also like to thank the P & C Executive and

the parents who volunteer in classrooms. Without these partnerships, our students simply wouldn't be able to experience the benefits.

Our School Plan

In the previous edition, I discussed, in detail, the major projects that form Strategic 1 of our School Plan. In this edition, I am going to unpack the major projects of Strategic Direction 2: Excellence in Teaching and the corresponding funds that are dedicated to support these initiatives.



Strategic Direction 2: Excellence in Teaching

At Seven Hills Public School our goal is to build teacher capacity to implement innovative teaching practices and high-quality personalised learning programs for all students.

Staff at Seven Hills Public School engage in dynamic professional learning. A culture of leadership and collective efficacy is supported at all levels.

BIG PROJECT 1: Dynamic PL Practices: *Staff engage in collaborative practices, including Spirals of Inquiry, Instructional Leadership, Growth Coaching, Learning Walks and peer observations to deliver improvement in school performance.*

Staff are required to keep up to date with their teaching pedagogy and practices that aligns with evidence-based research. The employment of an Instructional Leader, as well as my background in Instructional leadership, provides the conditions for staff capacity to be built.

What does an instructional leader do? The role is to **build student and teacher capacity** in both literacy and numeracy, by providing high-quality, differentiated professional learning and direct literacy and numeracy support, within a school or group of schools.

By funding of Sport in Schools program, we are able to provide teachers time to engage in the spirals of inquiry, where reading and writing are current areas of focus that

both Mrs Rowe and myself will be working with the staff to enhance.

On the Term 2 Staff Development Day, all teaching staff will be engaging in professional learning around the new science syllabus at the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre in Marsfield. This will equip staff with a greater understanding of syllabus components and expectations and provide them with an understanding of the learning experiences that they can deliver to enhance the capacity of students to think critically, creatively, problem-solve and work in collaboration.



Teaching Science and Technology K-6 with Confidence – **New**

ES1/1/2/3 Teachers

This professional learning workshop will further develop K-6 teachers understanding of the new 2017 Science and Technology.

Participants will:

- gain a deeper understanding of the new Science and Technology syllabus.
- develop skills and confidence to teach the Science and Technology syllabus in hands-on, creative and engaging ways through an inquiry-based model.
- share their experiences of teaching Science and Technology with other teachers.
- develop a relationship with EZEC staff and other K-6 teachers to provide ongoing assistance and sharing of Science and Technology resources, with a focus on Working Scientifically, Living World and Digital Technology content strands.

In the area of Mathematics, staff will be working with Anita Chin in Semester 2, an expert consultant who has worked with many schools and staff to build an understanding of the current syllabus and to establish staff knowledge to develop high quality mathematics lessons. She will also be working with staff to develop a whole-school scope and sequence that will enable the effective implementation of the mathematics syllabus.



The introduction of stage planning days has provided an opportunity for staff to collaborate with one another, analyse student data and plan tailored lessons that are differentiated for each and every student in their class. Professional dialogue is important and is something we value at Seven Hills PS, as it enables us to become better educators and engage in a process of lifelong learning.

Mrs Rowe, Mrs Sigg and I had the absolute pleasure of attending the National Future Schools Expo and Conferences in Melbourne this week. Here, we participated in a STEM/Maker Masterclass to enhance our understanding of STEM pedagogy. We were even able to play with some of the innovative equipment that's on offer to schools, including robots, 3D printers, laser cutters and virtual reality. In Term 2, we will be looking at bringing this new knowledge into professional learning sessions with staff so that we can effectively embed future-focused practices across the school.

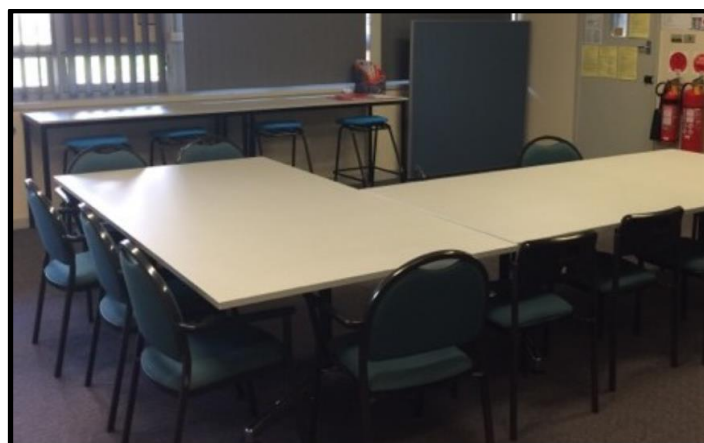


School funds utilised: \$40 000

BIG PROJECT 2: Performance and Development: *Staff are engaged in goal-setting, reflection and feedback using the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and DoE Performance and Development Framework to guide their own professional learning. Personalised professional learning practices support the needs of all members of the school community to achieve their goals in a culture of continual improvement.*

Professional Development Plans for teachers ensure that staff engage in lifelong learning to improve their craft. Recently, I met individually with all staff to collaboratively identify their professional goals, aligned with personal interests, the school's vision and the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

Professional learning is a vital aspect of the teaching profession. To ensure that the staff at Seven Hills Public School have an optimal space for their own learning, the staffroom has been revamped as a core learning space for educators to undertake professional learning, collegial discussions, network meetings with other schools and plan for explicit teaching and learning.



In addition to the purchase of an interactive display so that staff meetings can be held in the staffroom, laptops have been purchased for staff to use for programming, at

professional learning conferences and for classroom use. The purchase and use of online communication and learning platforms has strengthened communication processes for teachers across the school.

Opportunities for early career teachers to enhance their craft have been further enhanced in 2019. So far this year, we have released these staff members to engage in professional learning with the specialist Assistant Principal Learning and Support. Our beginning teachers have also been released for professional learning and to engage in collegial discussions with school leaders around effective classroom practice. Accreditation workshops occur weekly and support our early career teachers through the accreditation process, unpacking and collecting evidence to demonstrate their skills against the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers, at proficient teacher level.

School funds planned/utilised: \$28 760



BIG PROJECT 3: High-Quality Teaching: *The staff at Seven Hills Public School are data-driven and provide differentiated literacy and numeracy programs. They use rigorous identification and monitoring processes to ensure tiered interventions are provided for students.*

In the last edition, I discussed, at length, our use of tiered interventions to ensure that each and every student at Seven Hills Public School receives individualised learning at their point of need. I spoke about our Spirals of Inquiry professional learning sessions, which allow staff to collaboratively analyse student data and tailor literacy and numeracy activities accordingly.



For high quality teaching to occur, teachers need to be equipped with the necessary pedagogical knowledge, together with the relevant teaching resources. To date, the following resources have been purchased:

- Two brand new interactive displays
- 20 laptops for students to bring the 1:2 ratio of students to device closer to fruition
- Quality text sets for students to enable them to be engaged and develop a love of reading, to enhance comprehension skills and to use as a springboard into the writing process (as per our areas identified).
- Mini and Macq Lit kits for the explicit teaching of reading skills with those students who require additional assistance in this area

All of this, together with the extensive professional learning that staff had/will undertake in 2019, form the foundations for high quality teaching to occur and, ultimately, enhanced student learning outcomes to result.

School funds planned/utilised: \$64 000

Harmony Day

This year, we're opening our school gates on **Tuesday, 26th March, 2019** for Harmony Day celebrations.



You're invited to come and join in. This will be a whole-day event

What will the day look like?

9am-9:50am	Art gallery exhibition
9:50am-11am	Harmony Day assembly and Cultural Infusion Bollywood Performance
11am-11:25am	Recess with your child/cake stall
11:25am-1:10pm	Harmony Day activities K-6
2:00pm-2:45pm	Art gallery exhibition

Macq Lit



Congratulations to our Macq Lit students for receiving their first accomplishment award.

Thank you to the parents who came to the reading session with Mrs Dakic-Dobric. Watching your children's faces light up when they saw you training to undertake reading sessions with them was a great moment indeed!



NAPLAN Online Information Sessions for Yr 3 and 5 Parents

Just a reminder to Year 3 and 5 parents that the information sessions will be running on **Wednesday, 3rd April at 3:10pm and 6:00pm**. At this session, you will be informed about the NAPLAN online testing procedures, attendance during the test period and how you can help your child practise at home.

PBL Ribbons

Congratulations to the following students who received their Green PBL ribbon at the previous assembly:

K/1R: Noah, Kavanjeet

3/4O: Eva, Cobie, Rheece, Joni, Lyronne, Rashmeen

3/4D: Jasmine, Pahul, Makaylah

5/6S: Rohit, Farmeen, Georgie, Kane, Tanaya, Aahana, Shagun, Maxinne

Cyber safety



Internet usage may be foreign to some of us. As children, a lot of us never grew up with the technology, devices and digital platforms that are available today. Whilst information is at our fingertips and digital platforms provide us with convenient opportunities to communicate with one another, I wanted to take a moment to highlight the importance of keeping our children safe from the dangers that can be lurking online. Below is an extract from the government e safety website, available to all parents and a great read if you're looking for strategies to ensure your child's safety online.

Extract

As children start to navigate the online world and interact with others more independently, they are more likely to be exposed to risks of bullying or unwanted contact,

accidentally coming across inappropriate content or racking up bills through in-app purchases.

Your guidance can help them be aware of the risks and understand what is expected of them. And let them know you are always there to support them.

For kids aged 5 to 12, it is important to:

- Keep the computer or device in an area of your home that can be supervised. And check in regularly with your child to see what they are viewing.
- Stay engaged with their online activity. If they agree, consider setting up your own accounts with the sites they use most so you can see how they work and understand the risks.
- Explore the online world with them to help establish that this is not just a solitary activity. Play games with them. Do a creative project together.
- Think about social media readiness. Most social media sites require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13.
- Encourage respect and empathy. Teach them to avoid sharing or posting things that may upset others.
- Start building resilience. Teach your child that there are ways they can deal with material that worries or frightens them. This includes immediately telling you or another trusted adult of any concerns or uncomfortable material.

Review your rules as your child grows older:

- Be clear about how much time they can spend online, the apps they can use, the websites they can visit and what they can share or post online.
- Refer to our advice about time online and online gaming if these are of concern.

Technology tips for parents of kids 5 to 12:

- Ensure your own devices are protected by a password or pin, so your child cannot accidentally come across inappropriate content.
- Use parental control tools appropriate for the age and experience of your child. Be upfront about this and get your child on board. Let them know that these can be reviewed and changed as they get older and they continue to demonstrate responsible behaviour.

- Consider installing a 'child-friendly' search engine that will allow them to explore a limited number of sites.

Information courtesy of

<https://esafety.gov.au/parents>

P & C Meeting

Just a reminder that the next general P & C meeting will be held on **Thursday, 28th March at 6:30pm in the staffroom.** We are hoping to gain some new members to help with the wonderful fundraising that the P & C do for our school. If you are available, please come along.

Let's go Digital!

We live in a society where technology is at our fingertips. With that in mind, I wish to inform you that **as of Term 2, our newsletters will be moving to a digital format.** For those families who do not have access to the internet, you will still be able to request a paper copy of the newsletter from the office.

At Seven Hills Public School, our preferred method of payment is online.

K-6 Assemblies



Just a reminder that K-6 Assemblies are held fortnightly on Friday (even weeks) from 2:10pm-3:00pm. **All parents** are invited to attend. We hope to see you at the next assembly.

Looking forward to sharing the wonderful events and achievements of our students in the next edition of the newsletter.

Mrs Prout

Principal



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

APRIL 2019



MON 15 APRIL

W1 Boxing
W3 Soccer
W2 Arts & Crafts
W4 Making Slime

TUES 16 APRIL

W1 Arts & Crafts
W3 Basketball
W2 Zumba
W4 Multisport

WED 17 APRIL

W1 Youth Hub
W3 Cooking*
W2 Basketball
W4 Outdoor Games

THURS 18 APRIL

W1 Kids Fitness
W3 Arts & Crafts
W2 Movie & Board Games
W4 Athletics

FRI 19 APRIL

CLUB CLOSED

MON 22 APRIL

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TUES 23 APRIL

W1 Arts & Crafts
W3 Table Tennis
W2 Zumba
W4 Multisport

WED 24 APRIL

W1 Youth Hub
W3 Cooking*
W2 Basketball
W4 Outdoor Games

THURS 25 APRIL

CLUB CLOSED

FRI 26 APRIL

W1 Multisport
W3 Soccer
W2 Arts & Crafts
W4 Music & Dance

W-
workshop

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6.30-8.30 am
3.00-6.00 pm



Your school child/ren can attend and have lots of fun while you go;

- to work
- shopping
- appointments/meetings
- catch up with a friend/s.
- or have some me time



Your child/ren will be supervised and having 'SO MUCH FUN'.

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- Playing with friends
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You never know when you may need the SHPS OOSH service.

We are here for all the schools children and their parents.

P & C Meeting

When: Thursday, 28th March, 2019

Time: 6.30 pm

Where: Staffroom

ALL WELCOME!

