A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

NAPLAN
Congratulations to all our Year 3 and 5 students who sat for their NAPLAN assessments in Literacy and Numeracy during week 3. A smooth, happy and settled testing process ensured that all the students were calm through out the experience.

Students Taking Extended Leave
Please be aware that if you are intending on taking your children on extended leave for 5 days or more that you will be required to apply for an exemption from attending for this period.

Exemption forms are available from the office or on the school website and need to be filled out prior to the leave in order to receive approval from the Principal or School Director. Travel documents are also required to be sighted if you are travelling overseas.

Arriving at School after 8.55am
It is very important to try to the best of your ability to ensure that your children arrive at school before the bell goes in the morning. As the cold weather approaches it becomes more difficult to get moving in the mornings. The first fifteen minutes in the classroom is an important time for learning and getting messages for what is happening in the routine for the upcoming day. At the end of this week the students who have not had any partial absences for this term will receive a white award to reinforce how important it is to arrive at school on time.

Parent Teacher Interviews
We will be holding our Parent Teacher interviews during the last week of this term. This year we will be trialling a new online way of booking interviews that will make this process quicker and easier for both parents and teachers. Later in the term, a note will be sent home with a web address and a booking code. You simply enter the code, enter you and your child's name and select an available time with their teacher. The process should only take a minute or two and if you provide your email address a reminder email will be sent to you for your records.

Zone Cross Country
Congratulations Prue, Tiana, Yasmine and Amber who were successful at qualifying for the Sydney West Cross Country. Thank you to all the Seven Hills North competitors for your awesome efforts and behaviour on Friday at the Zone cross country.

Walk to School Safely
We were blessed with another beautiful day last Friday, a great day for walking to school. I noticed many exhausted parents after walking up the big hill. The breakfast was very successful with many of the students and siblings joining the staff for breakfast. Well done parents the students at Seven Hills North have delightful manners and very rarely need to be reminded.

Road Safety
After all the pedestrian accidents recently please remember to drive carefully around school zones! I would hate to have Seven Hills North in the news for such a sad reason.

Opera House Recorder
Fourteen students, Mr Hawkins and I attended a rehearsal in the city last week. I take this opportunity to congratulate the students for their exemplary behaviour and their skills. They have only 4 weeks until the big concert and I am positive after practising every night they will be fantastic. Thank you Mr Hawkins for giving up your precious time to support Seven Hills North!
Sport-a-thon/Open Day
This year we will be running a Sport-a-thon/Open Day to celebrate Education week. Please keep Thursday 31 July free or possibly arrange a day off work to enable you to join us for a fun filled day. More information will be coming home about the Sport-a-thon in future newsletters.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015
If you have a child who is old enough for Kindergarten next year, or you know of anyone with a child who needs to enrol for Kindergarten next year. Enrolments are now being accepted and processed, to help assist us with our numbers the sooner the enrolment forms are in the better.

Kate Pugh
Principal

4/5H and 5/6S Report
- The Term 2 assignment was handed out this week. The topic is “Space”, and it will complement the Science unit the students are looking at this term. It is due back to school on Monday 23 June (Week 9).
- Mr Sanders would like to thank all Year 6 families who donated drinks or ice-cream for our farewell fundraiser two weeks ago. Year 6 did a fantastic job of running the store. All money raised will contribute to the Year 6 Farewell in December.
- A number of students from our class accompanied Mrs Pugh into the city last week for a Recorder Group practice. Reports are that all students played and behaved in a manner that would make Seven Hills North very proud.
- Well done to the 24 students who represented our school at the Wentworthville/Seven Hills Zone Cross Country last Friday. All athletes performed well, and we have four very talented young ladies who have progressed to the Sydney West Cross Country in June. Well done girls!

Mr Hilly and Mr Sanders

2M Report
- Your children will be taking home an assignment sheet this week. The assignment is on “Shelters”, if you have any queries, feel free to ask.
- Year 2 are getting much better at their times tables, well done Year 2.
- We are currently reading “Wombat Stew” in class and many other books, and we are still learning interesting facts about wombats. Did you know that the average wombat is about a metre long and weighs about 25kg. Yes heavier than some students in Year 2!!!
- Our Health topic this term is about the storage of medicines and poisons. Perhaps you could ask your child to check at home and make sure that all these things are kept in a safe or high place.
- It is great to see so many of our students wearing their glasses! Very smart!

Ms. Mossfield

KH Report
- Please remember our Library day is every Monday. The children need to put their Library bags and books in the crate outside the Library every Monday morning before the bell rings.
- We are doing our Jolly Phonics homework again this term. We are only doing one sound each week. If you feel you want your child to do extra homework, they can always write me a story, or write their sounds or numbers on a piece of paper. I do not want them to go ahead in their homework folder.
- Home reading is continuing. The children can change their home reader every day and this will ensure they are earning lots of treats.
- It would be great if you could be working through their magic 100 words, as they will bring home new cards when they can read all the words on the card.
- In Maths we are looking at the numbers from 0-10. We are also adding numbers and looking at different shapes.
- Please remember to send in a note explaining your child’s absence if they are away from school.

Enjoy the rest of the week.
Mrs Hollins

3/4H Report
- Wow! Congratulations to Hannah and Ayesha who has just achieved 100 Class Dojo points for working really well in the classroom. I have quite a few now who are very close and should get to this level in the next fortnight, but well done Ayesha and Hannah for working consistently well each day.
- Reading groups are progressing really well at present. I have two or three helpers each morning and it would not operate as smoothly without our helpers, so thanks again to all who help in the classroom.
- The children are enjoying working with Mrs Abu-Dhou in Science. They are working on a unit called “Feathers, Fur or Fins” and are learning about the differences and similarities between some animals, along with many other topics.
- In HSIE we are still working on our unit called “people and their beliefs”. Last week we learnt about the different religions in our class and some of their beliefs. This week we studied community groups and their beliefs e.g. scout group, soccer group etc.

Mr Hollins
1/2C Report

- We have been designing emergency shelters in HSIE this week in case we ever get lost in the bush. If you have anything we can use when making smaller scale models of shelters please send it in.
- Year 2 have re-joined us for literacy this term and we are continuing our unit on ‘Where the Wild Things Are’. We are putting our creative hats on and are writing fabulous, descriptive narratives.
- In maths we are continuing to work hard learning our timetables and lots of different strategies when adding and subtracting. We are also getting very good at telling the time.
- Many of us enjoyed the ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ breakfast last Friday. Thanks to the families that came to support.

Miss Checkley

1H Report

- We have read a couple more wombat books, Wombat Stew and Hairy Nose Itchy Butt. The children loved both of these books and we are having many discussions about them. We made some delicious wombat stew (chocolate pudding with added bits). Year 1 enjoyed making it and some tasted the “Stew”.
- For HSIE we have looked at animal shelters and the different climates that affect their homes.
- Mrs Abu-Duhou has sent home a little Science sheet about sound to be completed.
- In Maths this last fortnight, Year 1 has looked at fractions, volume and subtraction.
- We have made some very cute giraffes, sketched wombats and drew 2D crazy cubbies for art and craft.
- The children are doing well with their talks. We had some VERY unusual animals. Next week is My Friends.

Mrs Hilly

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KG Report

- A big thank you to those parents who come in to help with reading groups each week. You are doing a great job and the children and I enjoy having you!
- We now all have our baby photos on the front of our “This is me!” books. It is lovely to look at these baby photos and see how cute the children were as babies. They also show us how we have changed so far.
- We probably have enough egg cartons for craft for now so I will let you know when we need more. Thanks.
- The children will receive a new Homework Book next week and we have been practising what to do in it at school this week. Don’t forget to practise those Magic Words every night and do Home Reading as well. I really see the difference in the children who do this.

Have a great fortnight
Mrs Goodman

Year 5/6 were creating haiku poems last week. Here are a few outstanding examples:

**May**

Cool streams of water  
Cherry blossoms pink at noon  
Beautiful sunsets  
By Emily

**Trees**

The last winter leaves  
Clinging to black branches  
Explode into birds  
By Maclan

**Seascape**

A curtain of spray  
Waves crashing against the rocks  
Gulls call overhead  
By Kalie
LST Report
I had a lovely conversation with one of our beautiful parents this morning and it was kindly brought to my attention that a lot of you may not know exactly what the Learning Support Team does, I do apologise for not informing you all more precisely.

The Learning Support team comprises of:
Mrs Pugh: Principal
Mrs Sinai: Reading Recovery Teacher
Mrs McKewen: Our English as a Second Language Teacher
Mrs Johnson (Myself): The Learning and Support Teacher or otherwise known as the LaST.

Here at Seven Hills North we work to try and combine the skills and expertise of each of our support staff by holding fortnightly meetings regarding individual students. These students are referred to us by both parents and classroom teachers. At these meetings we work in collaboration to formulate ideas, further programming and suggestions which will in turn assist your child’s learning.

We also work within classrooms to support class teachers and withdraw small and large groups for literacy support.

In Term 2, we are running a number of different groups to support the development of writing, comprehension, grammar and expressive and receptive language skills.

If you have any concerns or questions please don’t hesitate to come and speak to any one of us at any time.

Your child’s learning is our first priority.
Mrs Johnson

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