



Seven Hills High School

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Up Coming Events

August

- 12 P&C Meeting, 7.30pm in the Library
School Captains SRC Planning Day at Wyndham College
- 13 RTAs distributed to students
- 14 Science Enrichment Day
- 15 Trivia Night
- 18 William Rose Integration Program
- 24 William Rose Integration Program
- 25-27 Year 9 Ski Trip
- 27-28 Dubbo Zoo excursion

September

- 1-2 Helmsman Project Adventure
- 2 Elevate Study Skills Program
Wyndham College Applications close
- 3 Freedom Riders Incursion
Fathers' Day Dinner
- 7 William Rose Integration Program

From the Principal's desk

Seven Hills High School is one of a number of schools to receive funding from the NSW Government for an upgrade of external spaces and the administration office. The consultation phase is well underway and at this week's P&C meeting I will be presenting the preferred option site plan as agreed so far.

A reminder that this Saturday the P&C is hosting a Trivia and Bingo Night. There are many great prizes on offer throughout the night so come along with a group of friends and support your child and our school.

The 'Students Leading School Improvement' Program was launched on Thursday 23rd of July. This program aims to increase student voice through the identification and leadership of projects/programs that will improve their learning and/or their learning environment. This program will be implemented each semester as part of our student wellbeing strategy.

Whilst the vast majority of students come to school in full school uniform every day, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents on the school's requirements regarding the wearing of uniform. It is expected that all students attend school in their correct school uniform. Uniform is monitored on a daily basis. If a student is not in the correct uniform they are required to bring with them an explanatory signed by a parent or caregiver. If necessary students may be provided with a uniform to wear for the day to ensure they meet uniform standards.

Regular attendance is essential for students to maximise their learning and arriving to school on time is a requirement at school, just as it will be in the workplace. All students are expected to be at school by 8.43am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9.15am on Wednesdays. Parents must supply their child with a note to explain any arrival after that time.

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August 2015

Student arrivals are monitored and parents will be notified by Mrs Melais of any patterns in unexplained lateness.

Finally, Seven Hills High School is very proud of the achievements of its student leadership teams, both past and present, and I was very pleased to learn that former School Captain, Jarrod Rockall, has been selected as Wyndham College's Boy Captain for 2016.

Greg Johnstone

Seven Hills High School

P&C Association

Trivia and Bingo Night

Saturday 15th August

For parents and community members
over the age of 18

Teams of up to 8 players

\$10.00 per person

Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm
start

BYO drinks and nibbles

**Book a table by contacting the school
on 9624 3329**

Deputy Principal's Report

Term 3 has started with a lot of enthusiasm and energy. All students revisited the school's values during assembly and positively engaged with the content presented. It was pleasing to see the mature attitude that all students displayed and their willingness to work towards reaching higher standards as well as share our achievements with the school community.

Subject Selection Night was held on Tuesday 28th July. Thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended on the night. Staff enjoyed discussing learning pathways and sharing information about the electives they were offering in their faculty.

Seven Hills High School continues to support our students in making valuable choices in their learning. This year we decided to help Year 8 students make a more informed decision regarding their electives for 2016 by implementing Year 8 Taster Lessons. The lessons took place on Friday 7th August 2015 during Session 4.

The focus of this initiative was to provide students with the opportunity to experience courses they had not previously undertaken. Each lesson ran for 30 minutes and students were given the opportunity to participate in two lessons of their choice.

Lessons were held for the following courses:

- Dance
- Commerce/Law
- Agricultural Technology
- Digital Media
- Drama
- Graphics

A reminder that Subject Selection sheets will be accepted at the front office up until Friday 14th August.

The Year 8 Camp to Dubbo Zoo is not too far away. I am looking forward to visiting well known places as well as learning about their significance in our culture. It will be an excellent opportunity for staff and students to engage in new experiences and build on the positive relationships within the cohort.

Year 10 have completed half of their final year with us. How quickly time is flying! This means that if any student in Year 10 has not completed assessment tasks they will need to rectify the issue as soon as possible.

As always, any student requiring support with task completion can see their teacher, Head Teacher or Year Advisor to access further resources. In addition, Seven Hills High School has implemented a homework club which runs every Wednesday afternoon from 3 – 4pm.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to gain individual attention as well as utilise technological resources after school. If you would like your child to participate, please contact the school.

Ana Macan

Deputy Principal's Report

In term one this year, all students participated in the DEC online "Tell Them From Me" student survey developed by The "Learning Bar" organisation. The "Tell Them From Me" student survey provides school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students.

The survey is confidential and can be used either as a one-off survey or over time to identify trends within schools and better inform school priorities. The survey is held once a year, with an optional second survey within the year. Students will be completing this optional second survey during this term. In addition, parents will be invited to complete the online survey during the course of this term.

The benefits for Seven Hills High School include providing the school leaders with valuable data reports include a 'one click' pdf summary report of the school's results; interactive charts which look more closely at their school results for specific groups of students (e.g. by gender or year group); and reports that allow comparisons against external data. The "Learning Bar's" system enables comparison with a replica school – a virtual school of students who have similar characteristics (year, gender and socio-economic characteristics). Currently, this consists of data collected during the NSW pilot surveys conducted in 2013-2014.

The "Tell Them From Me" student, parent and teacher surveys can be used to evaluate the achievements of the previous school year and to gather evidence and baseline data for the 2015-2017 planning cycle.

"Tell Them From Me" student surveys can provide valid and reliable evidence of strengths and areas for improvement from students' perspectives in critical aspects of school performance such as social and institutional engagement, emotional health and the quality of instruction. The surveys provide insights into students' perceptions about learning climate, student-student and student-teacher relationships and their own academic success. "Tell Them From Me" data can be very valuable for school leaders to use in leading the school community to identify strategic directions for school improvement. The surveys can also provide improvement measures, inform the development of Products to be achieved over the three years of the cycle and provide evidence of impact in school plan

Milestones – the school 2015-2017 plan can be found on the school's website.

This week, students will have received a note outlining the "Tell Them From Me" student survey with the option of not participating in the survey. Student must return the note signed by a parent / carer if they DO NOT wish to participate in the survey only.

Dave Erwin

Rewards Day

On the last day of Term 2, 94 excited students departed on the Rewards Day to participate in various fun-filled activities, celebrating all of their hard work and dedication over the first semester.

The day began with all students 'jumping' around at FLIP OUT! Some students more daring than others, with their double kick front-flips, and a few dizzy teachers even left feeling a touch ill!

The second stop saw us at the 10 pin bowling lanes, where the students challenged their inner Fred Flintstone and used their best Twinkle Toes routine down the lanes. Lunch was devoured, and the fun continued with the students splitting up into year groups to participate in Laser Tag.

A massive thank you to Mr MacLaren for organising the event and to all the students who attended, it was a fun day had by all!

Looking forward to another great **Rewards Day** at the end of Term 4 and you'll need to get your sunscreen ready, as we're headed to *Wet n' Wild*...!!

The Welfare Team.



2015 Intermediate Hills Cup

The end of the Hills Cup competition saw the Seven Hills High School team at the top of the ladder and awarded the Minor Premiership. This meant that they would be playing Rouse Hill Anglican College in Kellyville.

After much anticipation game day had arrived, the first half was filled with intense hits and solid runs from both sides but poor ball handling and missed tackles gave Rouse Hill the early lead. The boys weren't about to give up and with our massive forward pack leading the way, Rhys Gorman scored an excellent try as a result of the great field position. The rest of the first half was fast paced, back and forth until Gerry Sidari barged his way over the line giving Seven Hills a 12-6 lead at the end of the first half.

An inspirational speech from the coach Mr. Jones made sure the boys were motivated and ready for the second half. An early try to Rouse Hill put a lot of pressure on the Seven Hills defence, but Alvin Ekes and Rhyse Hura-Page led the turn around with some bone crunching tackles and amazing kicks in play. Aidan Schmid had the best run of the day when he decided to run on the 5th tackle running 50 meters before getting chased down, this run resulted in Tana Manga crossing the line. Special mention must go to Thomas Morgan who converted all three tries sealing the win.

Congratulations to the boys of Seven Hills High School who are 2015 Intermediate Hills Cup Champions. The best three players on the ground voted by the referees were Rhys Gorman, Alvin Ekes and Tana Manga.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the supporters who turned up for all the games no matter the freezing conditions, the parents for driving the students to and from the games, Mr. Jones and Mr. Bobadilla for all their hard work this year and finally the boys who have stuck together through a

rollercoaster season and showed how a true team plays football.

Sam Rumball

From the Science Faculty

We have certainly had a busy start to Term 3!

Year 7 have been exploring the states of matter, making slime and investigating the concept of density with many students experiencing their own personal 'Eureka' moments. Year 8 have displayed great enthusiasm and maturity in dissecting pig's hearts in their study of the human body. Whilst Year 9 have taken on the role of consumer scientists in the analysis of the effectiveness of washing powders. And finally Year 10 have become proud parents of 'vegetable babies' in their study of genetics and inheritance.

Thank you to all students who continue to wear correct footwear during Science lessons, not only are black leather shoes a compulsory aspect of the school uniform, but also an essential safety measure when working in the laboratory. Unfortunately students who are not wearing closed in leather shoes are not able to participate in practical activities and will be provided with alternative work to complete.

Farm Update

Our Agriculture facilities continue to develop with the long awaited arrival of the school's first chickens. Although egg production is currently somewhat sporadic, students' enthusiasm and excitement toward each egg discovered has been priceless. Raised garden beds have also been created by utilising the ageing sleepers from the schools grandstand.

Many thanks to those students who are giving up their lunchtimes to keep our chickens fed and watered.





Science Competition

On May 29th, students across all year groups participated in the ICAS Science Competition.

ICAS Science assesses students' skills in the key scientific areas of:

- Interpreting data, including observing, measuring and interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs
- Applying data, including inferring, predicting and concluding
- Higher order skills, including investigating, reasoning and problem solving

The problem solving and critical thinking skills students develop through the experience are not only valuable across all school subjects but would be taken beyond school.

Students from countries all around the world compete against students at similar academic levels with each grade completing a different test. While all students should be commended on their effort, a special mention needs to go to Aidan McManus of Year 9 who received a distinction, placing him in the top 10% of students in his category. This competition is run every year and all students are welcome to participate.

Schools Tree Day

On Friday 24th July students participated in Planet Ark's National Tree Day. Students had the opportunity to get their hands (and in some cases clothes!) dirty in the spirit of the event. Over 50 shrubs which were donated by Blacktown City Council were planted around the school. Students involved have demonstrated great effort in nurturing our recent plantings.



Dean Ward

Year 7 Taronga Zoo Excursion

As part of the Year 7 Science unit 'Living Things' students were provided with the opportunity to spend a day at Taronga Zoo. The excursion, which was held on Tuesday the 28th of July, saw 50 students not only enjoy the zoo's regular attractions, but also attend a workshop run by zoo education officers. This experience reinforced many of the concepts studied throughout the unit of work and gave students the opportunity to apply their classification skills in identifying a number of live animals, including reptile, amphibian, mammal and bird species. Both students and staff had an enjoyable day.



Taronga Zoo Excursion

28th of July, 2015 Year 7 went to Taronga Zoo. The bus ride was fun. When we got there we were split into three groups. There were kookaburras, gorillas, emus, gibbons, turkeys, chimpanzees, elephants, giraffes, chickens, pigs, goats, lions, tigers and many more. After we had finished looking at the animals we went to a lecture theatre to see a presentation done by two of the volunteers and see some animals up close. We got to feel a snake and a baby kangaroo and we saw some endangered and extinct animals in the presentation. When the presentation had finished we got back on the bus and came back to school. Everyone had a really good day and had lots of fun. Thank you to Mr Ward for organising the excursion.

By Dylan Kent – 7B



SRC Report

Last term the SRC ran an interhouse challenge – The Quidditch World cup. Each rollcall class was asked to form a quidditch team that consisted of 7 players – a goalkeeper, a seeker, 3 chasers and 2 beaters.

Each SRC member was in charge of a team. After an initial practice in PE lessons and a training session the teams were ready to play. After 3 pool games both Freeman and Ellis roll call classes played off against each other in a best of 3 game semi-final series. The result of both semi-finals came down to the last game with Freeman 3/4 and Ellis 3 advancing to the final.

Both teams were pumped for the final with their coaches Cameron Pike and Max Harris doing a great job. Ellis 3 were victorious in the three game final and are deserved winners of the inaugural Quidditch house Cup Interhouse challenge. They enjoyed their pizza lunch as a reward and will be presented with the World Cup on the next full school assembly.

The Quidditch World Cup final also coincided with our mufti day for the term. The theme this term was come

Year 9 Visual Arts

This term Year 9 Visual Arts students are doing a unit on Street Art. Some of you may have noticed something bright and colourful happening in the library. The students have been yarn bombing in the library.

Yarn bombing is also known as guerrilla knitting, urban knitting or graffiti knitting. It is the process of decorating objects (for example trees, posts or objects) with wool. It has become very popular and you can see examples in the inner city such as Newtown.

The next instalment in our Street Art unit is creating pavement art. Stay tuned and be on the lookout in the playground in the next few weeks.

Kim Clemson and Lowanna Moran



to school dressed as your favourite movie character. There were some excellent costumes, with all students that dressed up receiving a canteen voucher.

In other SRC news the School leaders will be attending a planning day at Wyndham College to work with the leaders of the other SRC schools in our collegiate to plan and prepare an activity day for the SRC to be held in term 4. This will provide our leaders with a valuable opportunity to work with other students and to show their leadership skills.

This term the SRC will be holding a fundraising event to promote awareness of Organ Donation. A mufti day called 'Jersey day' on the 7th September and some other fundraising events will occur on this day.



Students will be able to come to school wearing their favourite sporting team's jersey. We hope to raise as much money as possible and to increase awareness of the importance of organ donation.

Five SRC/Sports Leaders will also be attending a national young leader's camp at the Sydney Academy of Sport late in the term. Here they will mix with other young leaders from around the state and be involved in initiatives to not only demonstrate but enhance their own leadership skills. More news on this later on.

Vivien Thurlow

Careers News

YEAR 10

Australian Business Community Network (ABCN) and Seven Hills High School have commenced a partnership and Year 10 students were invited to attend the Interview 2 Impress workshop at Norton Rose and Fulbright Lawyers. The students completed a series of activities to improve their interview skills. All of the students gained valuable interview skills and therefore confidence when attending a job interview. It was a great day for the students to be both inspired and motivated towards their future career.

TVET application for 2016

Students who expressed an interest completing a TVET course in 2016 have been given an application form. These forms MUST be returned to Mrs Slater for processing and so each student can be given a Unique Student Identifier number otherwise their application cannot be processed. The closing date for TVET is 31st August. No late applications will be processed by tafe.

Enrolment and Subject selection forms

All Year 10 must still return their white enrolment envelope to secure their position at Wyndham for 2016. Also parents/carers are asked to sign their child's subject selection form. Please return both to Mrs Slater asap.

The Platinum Club 2016.

Applications are due 14th August 2015. Please bring all the paper work to Mrs Slater to copy and collate prior to this date.

YEAR 9

The Helmsman Project

On Tuesday, 11th August 2015 we held the launch event for the girls' group to commence The Helmsman Project. Eight Year 9 girls have been selected to

participate. We are looking forward to what this journey will hold for the students. Thank you to Mrs Melais who will be their cohort teacher.

Any Year 9 student interested in work experience in 2016 must apply in October 2015 for the following year. Please give your name to Mrs Slater if you are interested in nursing, dental work or physiotherapy.

The 2015 Western Sydney Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expo is coming!

Penrith Panthers Exhibition Marquee – 123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith

Tuesday September 1, 5pm – 9pm Free Public Entry

Whether you are at school and looking for a career path, a parent hoping to give your child the best opportunities in life, or a teacher that wants to see their students start off on the right foot – the 2015 Western Sydney

The expo kicks off the recruitment process. Businesses get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives. Also, there will be Careers Advisors from the Nepean Careers Forum meeting with career seekers and parents on the night to discuss career options.

Tonnie Slater

Walkathon

On September 18th, Seven Hills High School will be hosting an **'adidas' School Walkathon**. It's a fundraising event that you can ALL get involved in! We will be walking around a set course at school, local footpaths and Ashley Brown Oval.

The **'adidas' School Walkathon** is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. In the Sponsorship Form you will find many other benefits also such as the chance to win a family holiday in Disneyland!

The best people to ask for sponsorship are people you know (e.g. friends, family, work colleagues and neighbours).

ALL students raising \$10 or more will receive a prize. Once fundraising is complete please help your child fill

out *Step 6 – How to Claim Prizes*, on the back page of the Sponsorship Form. Then tear it off and return it with all money raised to the front office on or before **9th October**, student prizes will arrive early term 4. There is also a prize for the roll call class that raises the most money and for the top student in each year group.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Corinne Dutt née Buckley

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander News

Seven Hills High School celebrated NAIDOC week on Thursday the 16th of July. This year's theme was, *We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate*.

The theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. We embraced this theme by planting native Australian bush tucker plants in our indigenous garden.

A special assembly was held and many students were involved in delivering parts of the assembly. Students performed a traditional dance and a clapping song. They wore sashes made by Ms Moran's mother and we thank her for the time and effort.

Sandra Hickey from Wilmot Primary School, was our special guest. She shared her stories of growing up as an indigenous child and described how her culture and traditions have shaped her.

Afterwards we enjoyed a lunch of kangaroo sausage rolls, damper, hibiscus flower lemonade and a huge celebration cake. It was wonderful to have so many of our indigenous students involved in this year celebration.

Ms Jordan

INVITATION TO...

THE ANNUAL SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
FATHERS' DAY DINNER BBQ!

WHEN: THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2015

TIME: 6PM

LOCATION: SEVEN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL
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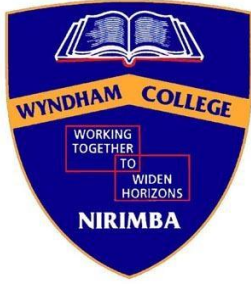
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FRIENDS OF WYNDHAM (P&C) UNIFORM SHOP

Dear Parent / Caregivers

Below is information to assist you with purchasing uniforms for 2016. Wyndham College is a uniform school and it is expected that all students wear full uniform.

To avoid a situation where the purchase of uniforms becomes an issue for 2016, it is advised that you endeavour to purchase as early as possible.

Uniforms will be available to purchase at the **Information Night** on **Wednesday 18 November 2015 at 6.30-9pm**. There will be limited time on this night so delays may occur and for this we apologise. However below is a list of additional dates when the uniform shop will also be open.

We endeavour to stock sufficient quantities but in some instances an order may need to be placed. If this is the case, prepayment will be required. We do provide the opportunity if an exchange is necessary but returns must be in original condition including attached labels and must be accompanied by the receipt.

The uniform shop maintains the lowest possible prices (*please see over*) and is the main fundraising activity of Friends of Wyndham. All profits from the uniform shop go back into the school. The shop is operated by volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering to help at this busy time please feel free to contact **Linda Robertson on 0421 570 005**.

During the year the uniform shop is open on Mondays at lunchtime 12.30pm – 1.30pm.

ADDITIONAL DATES

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|------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Term 4 2015 | Wednesday 18 November 2015 | 6.30pm - 9pm (Information Night) |
| | Tuesday 15 December 2015 | 6pm - 8pm |
| School Holidays | Thursday 14 January 2016 | 9am – 2pm |
| | Thursday 21 January 2016 | 9am – 2pm |
| | Wednesday 27 January 2016 | 5pm – 7pm (School Development Day – pupil free) |
| Term 1 2016 | Monday 1 February | 12.30pm – 1.30pm |

Back to normal operating days

**The uniform shop is located in Upper C Block.
Please see over for uniform items and prices**

GIRLS

- White unisex polo with logo \$20
- White blouse with logo \$27
- Tartan skirt \$50
- Long grey slacks \$40
- Jumper with logo \$70 - \$80 (depending on size)
- Jacket with logo \$50
- Tie (optional) \$20
- White ankle socks
- Black pantyhose – no knee high stockings
- Black leather shoes

BOYS

- White unisex polo with logo \$20
- White business shirt with logo \$27
- Long grey trousers \$35
- Grey shorts \$30
- Jumper with logo \$70 - \$80 (depending on size)
- Jacket with logo \$50
- Tie (optional) \$20
- White ankle socks
- Black leather shoes



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INTRODUCING 3 NEW DOCTORS...

Dr. Stacie King – interested in chronic conditions, gastrointestinal and musculoskeletal medicine.

Dr. Carol Moon – interested in chronic conditions, mental health and antenatal care. She speaks Korean.

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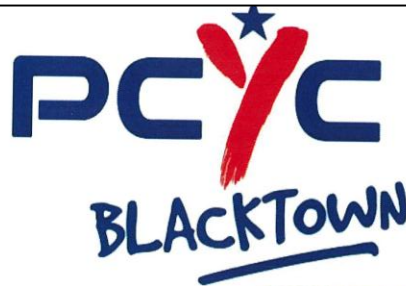
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SPARTANS RUGBY LEAGUE

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Seven Hills High School

Proudly Presents

Showcase

Wednesday, 16th September, 7:00pm

Seven Hills High School Hall

Cost: \$10 per ticket – Family of four \$35

Visual Arts & other subject displays open from 6:00 pm

Poster design by Alisha Cochran year 10