



Seven Hills High School

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Newsletter

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From the Principal

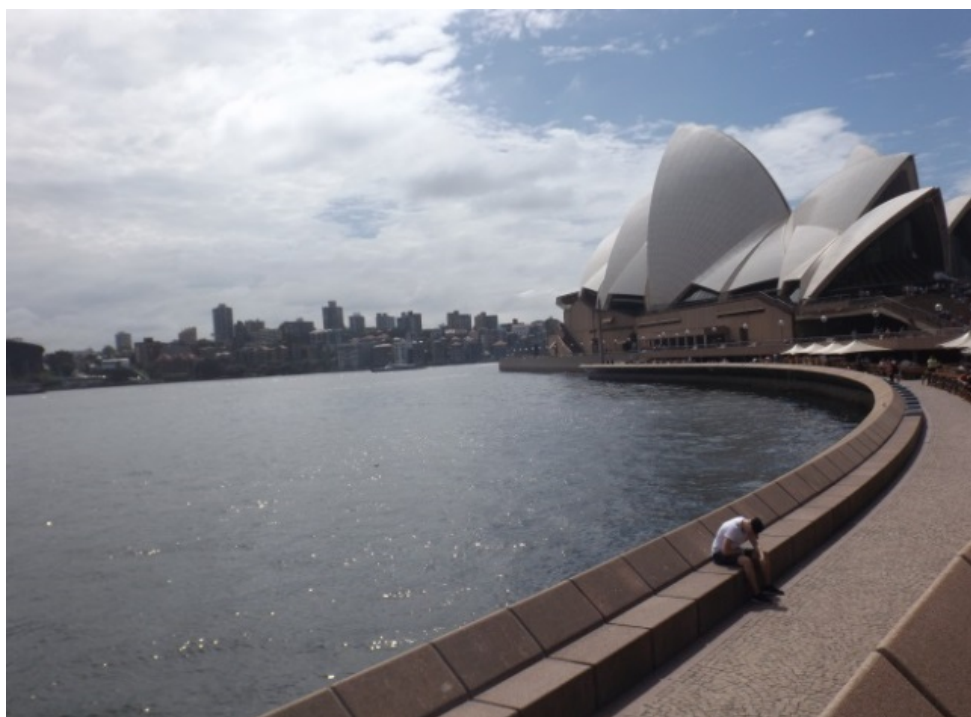
Dear parents/carers and students,

Term 2 is an important one for all our students with the Semester 1 examinations beginning this week with Year 8, and Years 7 and 9 completing NAPLAN assessments from Tuesday to Thursday. Years 7, 9 and 10 will complete their Semester 1 examinations in Weeks 4 and 5. Students have been issued with their examination timetables and I wish all our students success in these important assessments.

This Wednesday is Parent/Teacher Evening (beginning at 3.30pm) and I urge all parents and carers to make the most of this opportunity to discuss their child's education progress with their classroom teacher. It is also the date of the May meeting for the school's parents and citizens association. The meeting will be in the school library beginning at 7.30pm. All parents, carers and interested community members are invited to attend.

Photography and Digital Media Excursion

On Tuesday 21st March, twenty five Photography and Digital Media students attended an excursion to Circular Quay. Students spent the day touring the busy city setting, visiting international icons such as the harbour bridge, Sydney Opera House and the Royal Botanic Gardens. Students captured a range of technical and aesthetically driven images that will contribute to their assessment tasks. Students also have an opportunity to enter some of their images into an upcoming photography competition. The excursion provided students with an opportunity to extend their photography skills in a real world context.



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*(All photographs displayed
were captured by students)*

From the Principal continued

In staffing news, we welcome Ms Andrew to the school as the newly appointed Head Teacher Mathematics. Presently, Mr Way is currently the Head Teacher Science, with Ms Zdravec, Ms Bentwitch and Ms Caran on staff, teaching Music, Science and English respectively.

Finally, with cold weather approaching I ask all parents/carers to support their child always being in full school uniform by ensuring that they wear the school jumper (available from Lowes) and/or the wet weather jacket which is purchased from the school. A reminder that if scarfs are worn they are to be in school colours and if students are wearing undershirts, these are to be WHITE ONLY. Beanies are NOT considered school uniform and students will be asked to remove these during the school day. I thank you in advance for your support in this area.

Greg Johnstone

P&C Meeting
Wednesday, 10th March

**All parents, careers and
community members welcome**

Important Dates

May

9 th	NAPLAN - Language Conventions
10 th	NAPLAN – Reading Parent/Teacher Evening P&C Meeting Full STEAM Ahead excursion Photo Day for students absent May 3 rd
11 th	NAPLAN – Numeracy
12 th	NAPLAN – ‘Catch Up’ Day Mothers’ Day Breakfast – 7am
15 th – 16 th	Year 10 Senior Taster Days
24 th	Western Sydney Taste of Trades and Careers Market
29 th	Science Competition Aim Higher presentation – Year 7

June

1 st	Zone Athletics Carnival Day 1
2 nd	Zone Athletics Carnival Day 2
5 th	Year 11 2018 Subject Information Evening at Wyndham College
June	
6 th	Police Seminars
13 th	Police Seminars Pathways to Dreaming
14 th	Art Mural Project P&C Meeting



Seven Hills High School students Rhiannon Arcaba, Jasmine Clarke, Phonix Galistan, Holly Holmes, Holly Brookland and Jai Jang with Blacktown Mayor Stephen Bali, Manager Library Services Laurence McDonnell and artist Danielle RG.

Lalor Park Library Mural Unveiling

On 28th March, a select group of gifted and talented art students attended the Lalor Park Library Mural Unveiling. These students worked through a number of artist driven workshops with resident artist Danielle RG to design the Lalor Park Library Mural.

During these workshops the students learnt about the importance of art and how their art making can have a positive impact on bringing the community together and stopping vandalism. Their designs were then selected and combined into one design by Danielle to create the new Mural at Lalor Park Library. Blacktown City council commissioned Danielle RG to create this Mural after her success within the community in the past. Students have played an active role in the fight against vandalism within their community and experienced the process of creating a mural and illustrating it within the community.

Hidden Figures Mathematics Excursion

On 20 March, 6 of our top female mathematics students attended a private screening of the movie Hidden Figures as a Choose Maths program, an initiative run by AMSI (Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute). Not only were the girls given the opportunity to view a movie about a group of inspirational women who broke through both racial and gender discrimination to be an integral part of NASA's space program, they were lucky enough to hear from women who currently work in fields related to mathematics. They were also exposed to the range of possibilities that come from studying mathematics.



Archibull Prize Program 2017

In Terms 2 and 3 Seven Hills High School students will have an opportunity to participate in the Archibull Prize Program.

The theme for the 2017 Archibull Prize is 'feeding and clothing and powering a hungry nation is a shared responsibility'.

Seven Hills High School Students will be armed with a life-sized fibreglass cow (or calf) and a paint kit, students will have the opportunity to research a specific agricultural industry and present their findings in art form as they participate to find fame and fortune. Multiple cash prizes, up to \$8,000, are up for grabs as well as the coveted title of Grand Champion Archibull.

Along with their creative cows and calves students will develop multimedia presentations and explore issues such as biosecurity, climate change, water use and renewable energy.



Our school remembers the ANZACs

Each Year Australia commemorates the ANZAC tradition. The ideals of courage, endurance and mateship, established on the 25th of April, 1915, when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula, are still relevant today. At Seven Hills High School, on 27 April, staff and students participated in a school based formal ceremony to honour this Australian tradition.

Students listened to the history of the ANZACs address by Ms Rodd (HT English/HSIE) and viewed a presentation on Australian involvement in international war and peace keeping activities. Mr Jones (English/HSIE) represented the staff in reading Ken Bunker's tributary poem to the assembly, while Amneh Chaker (Year 9 School Leader) responded with a reading of Victoria Taylor's (Year 9 student) poem: "Our Boys". Mr Burgess (English/HSIE) led a reading of "The Ode", before a minute's silence and both the "Last Post" and "Reveille" were played. Mr Johnstone, Jai Angeloni and Mia Martin (Year 10 School Leaders) were able to lay wreaths to honour the fallen.



For staff and students of Seven Hills High School, ANZAC Day is not merely a date, or some remote campaign, but rather a spirit. It is a time to reflect on the qualities of past generations of Australians who in hardship displayed courage, discipline, self-sacrifice, self-reliance, and friendship.



Premiers Sporting Challenge

On Thursday 27 April, Seven Hills High School continued their participation in the Premiers Sporting Challenge (PSC). Twelve selected Year 10 students coached visiting students from Seven Hills and Seven Hills West Public Schools as well as a number of our Year 7 and 8 students in the 'Learning to Lead Program'.

The year 10 coaches constructed their own lessons across sports such as Soccer, Basketball, Fitness, Initiative games and Oz Tag. The students had a great time developing their basic skills and learning about different sports. Our Year 10's did a great job with their coaching sessions, ensuring everyone had fun and learnt a lot on the day.



Dance Off! Camp

In the last week of Term 1, Year 10 student, Ramt Trinidad, was selected to represent Seven Hills High School at the Western Sydney Dance Off! Camp. This opportunity was an extremely rewarding one. The camp offers a unique opportunity for students to pursue their interest in dance, working with international choreographers from an array of diverse genres of dance.

Ramt achieved high level of accolades receiving certificates for his dance technique and performance abilities and excellence in Lyrical dance. He placed 3rd in the dance of talent time.

As a result of his efforts, Ramt has been selected in the Dance Off Troupe which will perform at the 'Synergy Dance Festival' at Evans Theatre and the 'PULSE Showcase of Excellence' to be held at the Opera House later this year.



School Leadership Investiture

On Tuesday 2 May, the 2017 Seven Hills High School leadership team was officially acknowledged at the Leadership investiture. School Captains, Vice Captains, Prefects and members of the Student Representative Council (SRC) recited their oath of office and received badges recognising their position. The 2017 Sports Leaders were also acknowledged.

The Seven Hills High School Leadership team for 2017 is as follows:

School Captains: Jai Angeloni & Kate Mosley

Vice Captains: Max Harris & Tahlia O'Connell

Prefects: Lleyton Coleman, Gabriel Loos & Mia Martin



SRC Members: Jai Angeloni, Jacob Clarke, Lleyton Coleman, Max Harris, Gabriel Loos, Mia Martin, Kate Moseley, Tahlia O'Connell, Amneh Chaker, Paige Corsiatto, Peter Davies, Alanna Kaufmann, Rachael McDermott, Lewis Schmid, Marko Stojanovic, Kyle Cavanagh, Jasmine Clarke, Rhiannon Kereopa, Jaden McManus & James Strachan



Sports Leaders:

Roxanne Brown, Jacob
Clarke, Max Harris,
Phoenix Galistan,
Cameron Gibson-
Foad, Caitlin Herrick,
Gabriel Loos, Tahlia
O'Connell, Lleyton
Coleman, Tiger-Lee
Harrison and Alex
Owen



Chinese Report Year 7.

Ni hao. I just wanted to let you know that we have had a fantastic start to the year and have been trialling a website called Education Perfect, to reinforce the content taught in the classroom. The level of response and engagement has been extremely high.

From 15 - 25 May, your child will have access to the Education Perfect World Championships free of charge. Students are encouraged to participate in order to further develop and extend their knowledge of concepts taught in class.

All students have access to the website, educationperfect.com, and have been using this in class and at home.

Mark Harper



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KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

RE-TUNE 4 JUNE!

presented by Dr. Nicole Sleeman

A series of 4 FREE talks aimed at improving the health & wellbeing of kids & teens:

- healthy eating – Thursday 8th June @ 6.30pm
- exercise - Thursday 15th June @ 6.30pm
- mental health - Thursday 22nd June @ 6.30pm
- hygiene - Thursday 29th June @ 6.30pm

Parents are encouraged to attend with their teenage children & must attend with children under 15 years. Bicycles to be won in 2 age groups: up to 10 years & 11 – 18 years.

Prizes for parents too!

Limited places: call 8822 3000 to register

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