



# Seven Hills High School

A member of the Nirimba Collegiate group of schools

Newsletter  
August 2018

## Upcoming Events

### August

- 8<sup>th</sup> P & C Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> Forensic Science Day (7A)  
Science and Maths Exposed Excursion
- 13<sup>th</sup> Science Week Begins
- 14<sup>th</sup> Archibald Prize Excursion
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 8 Subject Selection Evening 6pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Collegiate Science Challenge Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> Year 8 Taster Lessons
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 9 Camp  
Book Week Begins
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 9 Camp Returns
- 23<sup>rd</sup> RTA's Distributed
- 24<sup>th</sup> Deadline for Year 8 Subject Selections
- 27<sup>th</sup> SRC Activity Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Dinner  
Stage 2 STEM Day

### September

- 6<sup>th</sup> Year 10 Science VALID testing
- 12<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting

## P&C Meeting

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm.

At the meeting, Mrs Thurlow will be discussing and providing information on Seven Hills High School's involvement in STEM. We will also be reviewing our School Uniform Policy.

**All parents, carers and community members are welcome!**

## Father's Day Dinner

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm.

Father's Day dinner 6 -7 pm in the school library. Serving for dinner – sausages, egg and bacon sandwiches, soft drink, tea and coffee. Please RSVP to the school for catering purposes.

**All dads, grandfathers and important male role models are welcome!**

## Year 8

## Subject Selection Evening

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm in the school auditorium.

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# Showcase 2018

Term 3 is officially **SHOWCASE** time!!!!

**SHOWCASE 2018** is in production, with students developing amazing acts, dance pieces, digital media presentations, musical items and creative artworks for display.

Students are involved in a variety of crews for performance, stage and hall.

Parents are cordially invited to come along and see a **SHOWCASE** of talent from Seven Hills High School students. Tickets on sale from Week 7.

**When:** Wednesday 26 September

**Where:** Library and School Hall

**What:** Art / Dance / Music / Digital Media / Drama





## Seven Hills High School Leadership Camp

On June 25 - 27, twenty-two members of the Seven Hills High School Leadership Team headed to Myuna Bay Sports and Recreation Centre to participate in the 2018 Seven Hills High School Leadership Camp.



The students also had a lot of fun with Archery, Soccer, Basketball, problem solving activities, Kayaking and marshmallows by the campfire.

The leadership team consisted of our School Captains and Vice-Captains, Prefects, SRC members from Years 7 to 10, Sports Leaders and Premier's Sporting Challenge Coaches who have all contributed significantly to the many great activities held throughout 2018 at Seven Hills High School.

The camp involved a lot of fun team building activities such as the blind-folded High Ropes Course, Kayaking, Puzzle Games, and the Team Challenge Course. The team also developed a Strategic Action Plan to improve the experiences and outcomes of students at our school.



The camp went a long way towards building positive working relationships between our school leaders from Years 7 to 10 and we are excited to see what our leaders have install for us for the rest of 2018 and beyond.

Daniel Way

Student Leadership Coordinator





## NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week is an Australian observance lasting from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



An indigenous art workshop was run by Ms Steele and Ms Claassens. Students created some dot paintings and other works of art using paint, leaves and bark.

Our special assembly profiled Barangaroo, which you may know as the name of one of Sydney's newest suburbs. But did you know that it is named after one of early Sydney's, most powerful women?

Barangaroo, the Cammeraygal woman, was a considerable influence in the days of the early European colony. From the Eora language group, she was one of the Cammeraygal clan who lived in and around the north harbour and Manly. She possessed wisdom, status and influence far beyond others. Independent and strong, Barangaroo had her own way of dealing with the early settlers.



This year's theme: *Because of her, we can!* As the theme suggests, NAIDOC Week 2018 honours the sacrifice and selfless contributions which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made - and continue to make on a daily basis throughout our communities, families, rich history and nation.

NAIDOC Week was celebrated by the students of Seven Hills High School during the first week of Term 3.

During the week Mr Fahey organised indigenous games for all our students to participate in at lunchtime. The games played were Edor, Wana and Ilye.



At the assembly students also found that not only is Jessica Mauboy a talented singer and actress, but she also contributes to the Aboriginal community, by supporting various charities in Australia.

After the assembly all students enjoyed the display and taste of 400 cupcakes in the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, made by students along with Ms Thurman, Ms Keogh and Ms Connaughton.

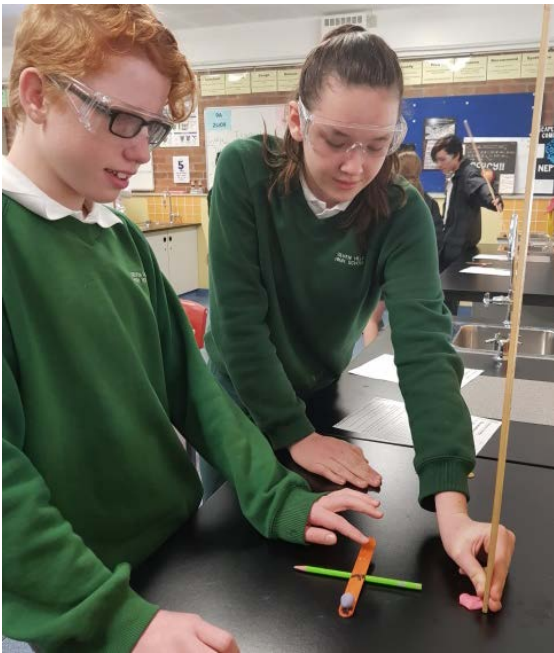
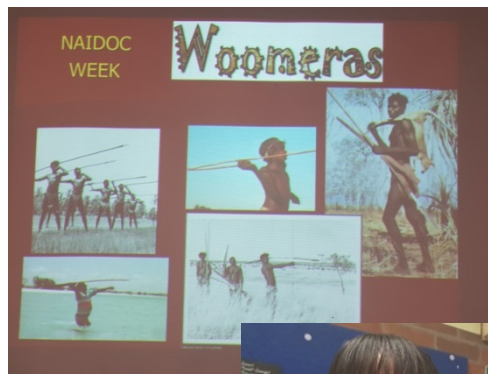
Thank you to all of the Seven Hills High School community who contributed to the week of celebrations.

Joanna Jordan  
ATSI Coordinator



## Celebrating NAIDOC in Science

In Science, we celebrated the NAIDOC week by sharing personal stories about using woomera and ochre paint and conducting experiments related to the Aboriginal culture.



Students made a model of a woomera, a spear throw, used by the Indigenous people for hunting, and investigated how far it can launch a 'spear'. They also made different types of ochre paint to find out whether or not a binder, such as PVA glue and egg yolk, made the paint last longer.

Irina Sidorovich  
Science Faculty

## ICAS Science Competition

Seven Hills High School continued its involvement in the annual ICAS Science Competition. The test assesses students' skills in the key scientific areas of observing and measuring, interpreting data, applying data, investigating and higher-order problem solving skills.

Congratulations to our 3 participating students: Ziah Burns, Kyle Cavanagh and Alanna Kaufmann. Kyle deserves a special mention for achieving a High Distinction which places him in the top 1% of all participants across the country, an outstanding achievement.

Daniel Way  
Head Teacher Science



## Bunnings BBQ

On Sunday, June 10, the Year 10 students held a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse Seven Hills. The aim was to raise money for the Year 10 Formal. The day turned fine and was a huge success with over \$900 raised.

A huge thanks to the students, parents and teachers that gave up their time to help raise money for a worthy cause.

Aidan Burgess  
Year 10 Year Adviser





## Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day was held on June 29, last term. Seven Hills High School fundraised money for Red Nose, an organisation which aims to prevent Sudden Infant Deaths from occurring and assisting parents with any related issues.

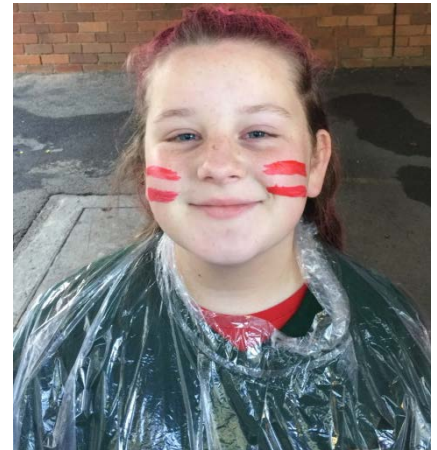


We raised money through a red themed mufti-day, a cake stall, red hair spray and face paint.

Thank you to Mrs Lipari and her Year 10 Food Technology class, the Year 10 helpers and the SRC. The day was a huge success with all students and staff joining in and raising a total of \$655.

Daniel Way

Student Leadership Coordinator



## Seven Hills High School Youth Worker

Hi I'm Tim! I work on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the school as a Youth Worker. My position is for two and a half years. As a Youth Worker at Seven Hills High School I work closely with the staff to provide programs and activities that assist children with their emotional and social development. I also spend time in classes, and at recess and lunch getting to know students.

Another part of my time is spent supporting the families in this school community. If there is anything I can help your family with, please get in contact. My email is [tim@horizoncentre.org.au](mailto:tim@horizoncentre.org.au)

**Tim Gleeson**

Youth Pastor

Citywest Church

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## P&C BBQ

I would like to thank our wonderful members of the Seven Hills High School Parents and Citizens Association, who gave up their time on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, to run a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Warehouse Seven Hills.

The team raised over \$1000 to support P&C initiatives within the school.

Greg Johnstone

Principal

## Numeracy Tips

Currency, money, wealth, riches, fortune, pay, salary, remuneration, fee, stipend, cash, coin, savings, assets, capital, finances, funding, income – no matter how you refer to or think of money, students need to be able to operate successfully with it.

Learning about money as a student helps to build confidence in fiscal situations and prepare them for more complex financial situations as an adult.

- Ask them to work out how much they will have to **save** from their pocket money over the next 10 weeks to pay for the X-box game that they want.
- Ask them to work out how much it will cost for the family to go out for dinner on Friday night with everyone having the \$20 banquet, OR the best pizza deal so that everyone has enough to eat.



So what can you do to help prepare your child for their financial future and support their learning about money and finances? Create as many opportunities as you can in which your children use and budget money.

- Ask them to make specific purchases to a given budget (e.g. in the supermarket give them \$10 and a list of specific items they need to buy with that money. This also reinforces the value of money.)
- Ask them to determine the “best buy” (e.g. 5 Caramello bears for \$3 or 2 Caramello bears for \$2.)
- Ask them to work out how much money they will need to go to the movies, buy a Mega sized popcorn and drink.

Estimating and rounding skills are also important skills that can be developed during these real-life experiences and valuable skills for our student

Remember:

- use as many of the four basic operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) as possible
- visit the Parent Portal to find **Numeracy Activity Sheets** to reinforce learning about money!

## Father's Day Raffle

As part of Year 10s fundraising efforts for their end of year formal we will be raffling off some items, with the raffle draw to be held at the Father's Day BBQ on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. The items have been kindly donated by Bunnings Warehouse Seven Hills and are pictured to the right.

Tickets can be purchased at school through the front office or on the night. **They are \$3 a ticket or 5 for \$10.** The winner will be published in the following Newsletter so make sure you grab a copy!



Second Prize: STANLEY 16 Piece Cushion Grip Screwdriver Set valued at \$34.95.

First Prize: RYOBI ONE System 18volt 3 piece kit including drill driver, angle grinder and circular saw as well as a carry bag valued at \$249.



## Literacy Tips

Why, in this age of modern technology when most things can be done on-line, do schools still see it as essential that students can spell correctly? Language is changing, auto correct exists, text language has its own unique spelling – so why burden ourselves with learning the correct spelling of thousands of words?

Can u reed this? Is my meening cleer? U need 2 no how to spel 2 comunikat. Sumtims reeding wat stewdents rite makz u wonda wot tha heer! Hear ar sum jems...

- a cue stick (acoustic)
- moth wadring peetsa (mouth watering pizza)
- exzac (exact)
- requied (required)

Clear communication, making your intention unambiguous, focusing on the purpose of the written communication without the distraction of having to work out what the writer is trying to say all require correct spelling.

So, how can you as a parent encourage your children to spell correctly?

Try these ideas:

“Sorry, sweetheart. I’m not sure what you want. Can you spell that for me?”

“You’d like what for dinner? If you can spell it correctly, I’ll make it!”

When shopping spot - the words with silent letters

“l” before “e” words: “ough” / “ant” / “ent” words. etc

“You want money for what? Put your request in writing. Spelling counts!”

By making spelling a feature of everyday living, you’re not only encouraging students to understand why it is important, but reinforcing correct spelling.