



Seven Hills High School

A member of the Nirimba Collegiate group of schools

Newsletter
June 2019

Upcoming Events

June

- 12 P & C Meeting @ 7:30 pm in the library
Year 7 Zoo Excursion
Sydney West Cross Country
- 13 Year 8 Full STEAM Ahead Incursion
- 25 Year 9 iSTEM Incursion
- 26 Year 8 Camp
- 27 Year 8 Camp students return
- 28 Red Nose Day

July

- 2 Celebration Assemblies
- 3 Year 7 Planetarium Incursion
- 4 Year 10 Fast Forward campus visit
- 5 Rewards Day

Seven Hills High School's 60th Anniversary

To celebrate this milestone, we invite past and present members of the school community to join us for a school tour at 3.00pm, followed by dinner and dancing from 6.00pm at Lily's Restaurant, Bar and Function Centre, on **Saturday 14 September**.

Tickets are \$70, which includes a two-course meal, celebratory cake and a gift.

Book your place on the school tour email at sevenhills-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au (title the email 60th Tour 19) and book dinner reservations via the link on our website <https://sevenhills-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>. Bookings close Friday 30 August.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Seven Hills High School Parents and Citizens Association

7.30pm Wednesday

I encourage all parents and community members to attend this meeting in order to have input into the school and to learn about what is taking place in classrooms on a daily basis.

At this month's meeting, we will hear from Michael Jones, Acting Head Teacher Support, Music and Visual Arts.

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Athletics Carnival

The school's Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday, 7 May. Results include:

1st	Ellis	1336 pts
2nd	Freeman	1323 pts
3rd	Bradman	1295 pts
4th	Thorpe	1188 pts



16 Boys	Name	16 Girls	Name
Age Champion	Storm Harrison-Smith	Age Champion	Jasmine Clarke
2 nd	Logan Gillard	2 nd	Stacey Brown
3 rd	Jie Ren Long	3 rd	Somnang Callaghan
15 Boys		15 girls	
Age Champion	Finian O'Connell	Age Champion	Tamara Kabuyawa
2 nd	Bradlen Saba	2 nd	Rachel Pilbeam
3 rd	Zacharie Zoleta	3 rd	Teneal McDermott
14 Boys		14 Girls	
Age Champion	Aiden O'Connell	Age Champion	Nyjokiah Lee Bell
2 nd	Kane Robards-Harrison	2 nd	Ziah Burns
3 rd	Adam Ghaboush	3 rd	Ella Brown
13 Boys		13 Girls	
Age Champion	Rian O'Connell	Age Champion	Henrietta Laban Zakariah
2 nd	Blake Dwyer	2 nd	Jade Evans
3 rd	Mitchel Norman	3 rd	Tiara Connelly
12 Boys		12 Girls	
Age Champion	Seth Corsiatto	Age Champion	Sageda Ghaboush
2 nd	Simon Sisifa	2 nd	Sogud Ghaboush
3 rd	Charlie Hawkins	3 rd	Maddison Henriksen

Biggest Morning Tea

Staff came together on 24 May to raise money for the Cancer Council.

Thank you to all those who helped. A special thanks to Mrs Sharma and Mrs Connaughton for assisting Year 10 Food Tech students with the catering experience.

We raised \$282.

Joanne Andrew
Head Teacher
Mathematics



Farewell Mr Bruce Stewart- Librarian

Bruce Stewart contributed so much to our school during his time with us. He established the library as a space to encourage students to grow academically, socially and personally. He believed firmly in the importance of a learning environment created for students and by students. Bruce actively engaged with faculties to make the library an integral part of learning. Themed weeks in the Library, the Library scavenger hunts and his support of the Homework Centre complimented his management of debating and Chess activities and involvement in our Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) program.

As an educator, Bruce understood the importance of developing positive relationships with students as individuals and I know the bonds he forged were greatly appreciated by them as well as their parents and carers. As a colleague he was highly professional, caring, positive and always up for a chat. He will be greatly missed.

Greg Johnstone

Principal



Food Technology News

Year 9 and 10 Food Technology classes have been cooking up a storm in their practical lessons.

Recently they cooked a surprise recipe as part of an assessment task. They had no idea what they would be cooking until the day and were prepared to face the challenge!

As you can see, the results were astounding and the food not only tasted delicious, but also showed off their culinary and food presentation skills.

Well done Years 9 and 10!

Rebecca Sharma

TAS Faculty

Images:

Year 9: Juan Pena, and Yoel Yohana

Year 10: Holly Holmes

'Self-Select' 7A

In 'Self-Select', we have done some cool forensic activities. So far this year we have learnt about finger printing, powder testing, footprints and blood spatters. It has been a fun experience for 7A and we look forward to learning more.

Jorgia Laing



Reconciliation Week

Each year National Reconciliation Week celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

National Reconciliation Week reflects on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo land rights decision.



Our school acknowledged Sorry Day on the morning assembly with a reading from two of our students. We also had the opportunity to be part of the Sorry Day event at Lalor Park with the Wolkara Elders and the local community. The event began with a traditional smoking ceremony and then we heard stories from the families of the stolen generation and the impact this had on them. The students had the opportunity to discuss culture and traditions with the community members and see some handmade tools.

All Seven Hills High School students were invited to be a part of our reconciliation week lunchtime activities, of art and crafts and outdoor indigenous games. We also got together to try emu, kangaroo and crocodile sausages and learn some local indigenous language, to help celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by all our students and staff.

Joanna Jordan

ATSI Coordinator



Warrawi Yana Nura - Stand Tall, Walk Tall, in Country, Cultural and Leadership program.

Sania Ball and Stacey Brown attended day two of their Cultural and Leadership program at Brewongle Education Centre.

On the day, they visited Canoelands Aboriginal Site and Devils Rock at Maroota, where they heard about the cultural significance of these sites for local indigenous people and their importance to our cultural heritage. Before they went into the sites, Sania and Stacey painted their faces with white ochre in designs of warrior women.

Through these experiences they gained a further understanding of the importance of sharing their culture with all Australians to help contribute to a reconciled Australia.

Joanna Jordan

ATSI Coordinator



Wyndham College Taster Day

Wyndham College Taster day for all Year 10 students was held on Monday, 3 June. Students 'tasted' six different subjects throughout the day and came away with a clearer understanding of the subjects they might select for Year 11 in 2020.

The subject selection process through Edval will open for all Year 10 students on Monday, 10 June and will close on Friday 5 July. Students will receive an email from Wyndham College with their unique log in code and a link to Edval.

I will conduct subject selection interviews with all students in next four weeks. Please see me to book a time to discuss your subjects. Parents can also book an interview with me to discuss subjects for 2020.

Just a reminder to about 15 students who still need to return their enrolment envelop to Wyndham College in 2020.

Tonnie Slater

Careers Adviser

RSPCA Bake Sale

On Monday, 27May, the Seven Hills High School's Student Representative Council ran a bake sale in support of the RSPCA and their efforts in promoting animal welfare.

The day was a huge success, with our student body jumping at the chance to support this worthy cause and enjoy a nice dessert.

Over \$190 was raised. Thank you to Yasmin Howarth, Holly Brookland, Kyle Cavanagh, Maritsa Papadopoulos and Ms Hynd for their support in organising and cooking for this event.

Daniel Way

Student Leadership Coordinator

Sydney West Basketball 15 Boys Knockout Competition

On the 5 June, our Boys Basketball Team competed in their first-round game against Model Farms High School.

The boys have been training at lunchtime on Wednesdays and Thursdays for months and have worked hard to improve their skills, which paid off as we won 34-22.

The team consists of Jayden Connelly, Andrew Loss, Kane Robards-Harrison, Keith Ross, Bradlen Saba and Weston Waters.

Our next opponent will be Baulkham Hills High later in the month.

Daniel Way

Basketball Coach



Collegiate SRC Planning Day at Wyndham College

On 4 June, our captains and vice captains headed to Wyndham College to coordinate with their peers across the other collegiate schools of Quaker's Hill High School, Riverstone High School and Wyndham College.

The leaders of the four schools worked collaboratively to plan events for the rest of the year promoting leadership, collegiality and the awareness of mental health.

Daniel Way

Student Leadership Coordinator



Literacy - Suggested Home Strategies

READING

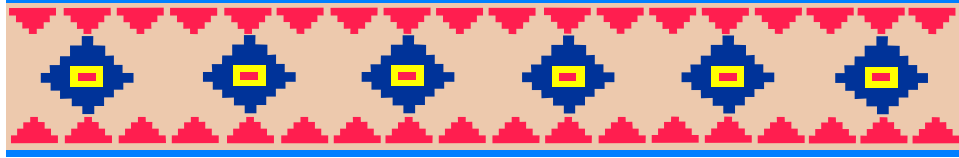
1. Encourage your child to read in interest areas.
2. Read with your child and ask them *how* and *why* questions about the text. Ask your child to predict what might be on the next page or next chapter.

WRITING

1. Encourage reading. There is a strong link between improved reading and writing.
2. Suggest your child use an electronic device to record a verbal response to the topic. Get them to transcribe their ideas on paper.
3. Encourage your child to proof-read all written responses to tasks and assignments.
4. Encourage them to share their writing with you and respond to your suggestions.

<https://redcliffeshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Parentresources/Pages/Literacy-and-Numeracy-strategies-for-home.aspx>

Numeracy Tip # 3- Patterns



Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry.

Suggested Home Activities include:

>>> Identify and explain visual patterns on clothing, wrapping paper, buildings, crockery, cards, stained glass windows and furniture. Create patterns on paper and ask your children to finish them.

>>> Observe patterns such as packaging, washing pegs, beads or cutlery. Children often take these patterns for granted. Once confident, ask them to describe a pattern or find some patterns. Patterns regarding the habits of newsreaders or sports people, discussions regarding a particular teams pattern of try scoring etc...

>>> Try to incorporate some patterns in rhythm. Some footballers have a particular pattern (ritual) when they are about to kick a ball.

>>> Encourage your child to draw, create and describe their own patterns.

Patterns can be recognised in clothing, blankets, knitting and crocheting, brickwork, trelliswork and gardens. Patterns can be observed across streets or suburbs. Art work and designs usually hold many patterns.

>>> Developing patterns in discussion, 1 can is \$2.50, 2 will cost \$5.00 etc, extend the pattern with 1 can plus a sandwich is \$5.50, 2 will cost \$11.00. At school, our students work with patterns algebraically and forget the real world applications. The cost of cans is shown as a table of values and an equation below.

$$y=2.50x$$

x	1	2	3
y	2.50	5.00	7.50

Patterns that repeat are known as tessellations and they are observed in tiles, roofing, brickwork and artwork. M.C. Escher is one of the most famous artists with works that incorporate tessellating patterns.

