# Summer Hill PS



### Newsletter Term 1 Week 10 2024

### Principal's message

As we move closer the end of the term, I am pleased to showcase several events and activities held over the past few weeks. Our Harmony Day celebrations were a highlight on our Term 1 events calendar! Students celebrated by wearing orange or their cultural dress, participating in a special assembly, eating orange ice blocks and completing a range of fun learning activities. Of course, the celebration of cultural diversity at Summer Hill Public School is what mattered most on the day!

Ride 2 School Day was another highlight, as always. Thank you to our parent and carer volunteers who made the morning a success. Congratulations to our students who demonstrated responsible behaviour travelling safely to and from school...and for decorating themselves and their mode of non-motorised transport.

I would like to give a big shout out to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who recently completed the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Students presented with a positive attitude and gave it their best. Well done.

This week and next, our teachers are busy conducting 2- and 3-way interviews with students and their parents / carers. These interviews provide the opportunity to discuss your child's individual literacy, numeracy and personal goals. Thank you for taking the time to participate in these valuable meetings with your child's teacher.

Speaking of teachers, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate band conductor Cathy Chan for her 20 years of service and contribution to education in NSW. Amazing!

Students continue to achieve beyond the school gates. Oliver C Year 6 recently attended the Sydney East Regional AFL Carnival as a member of the Zone team. He was then selected for the Sydney East Regional AFL team who will take part in a 3-day NSW State Carnival in Albury in May. Congratulations Ollie! This Thursday, Nathan W, Miykal K, Arthur M and Ava R are representing The Arts Unit at an ANZAC Day Service at Hyde Park Sydney with The Arts Unit. Well done!

Student chess players represented the school at the Interschool Chess Challenge today. Fifteen schools competed and Summer Hill Public School team finished in second place securing a place in the semi-finals. Congratulations!



Finally, I'd like to wish you all a safe and fun filled school holiday break. I look forward to seeing you when we return in Term 2.

Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening at Summer Hill Public School, we are excited to report what our students have been doing. If you enjoy reading our newsletter and would like to see what's happening around the school more regularly visit the website at <u>https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/</u>. For day to day updates and reminders download our audiri app for your device.

Natalie Armstrong

	April				
Thu 4	Application s for entry to OC 2025 opened today				
Fri 5	Winter PSSA trials				
	Disco K-3 5-6:30pm Y4-6 6:30-8pm				
Thu 11	NSWPSSA Swimming				
	Y2-6 Parliament sitting at 2pm				
Fri 12	NSWPSSA Swimming				
	Winter PSSA trials				
	Last day of Term 1				
Thu 25	ANZAC Day				
Tue 30	First day of Term 2 for students				
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Thu 2	ANZAC Day assembly at 2pm				
Fri 3	PSSA sport				
Tue 7	Cross country carnival				
Thu 9	Selective High School test				
	Y2-6 swimming ribbon assembly				
Find	at 2pm more on EVENTS				
on the school webpage					



### **Opportunity class (OC) applications opening**

### OC Year 5 entry in 2025: Applications are open 4 April-20 May 2024

### What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests. Opportunity classes are not zoned.

#### Where are they located?

There are 86 primary schools with opportunity classes in NSW each year.

- 54 schools are located in metropolitan Sydney
- 31 schools are located in rural or regional centres
- a virtual class, Aurora College, for rural and remote students is available in over 600 authorised host schools.

Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school.

In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

#### Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together on Opportunity classes – Year 5.

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher.

### Equity provisions

The Equity Placement Model helps to make access to opportunity classes fairer for the following under-represented groups:

- students from low socio-educational advantage backgrounds
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- students from rural and remote locations
- students with disability.

The Equity Placement Model holds up to 20% of places at each school for students from these groups to support an increase in their participation. Students from these groups may be considered for equity placement if their test performance is within 10% of general applicants for each school. Learn more about the placement process and the placement test at Opportunity classes (Year 5 – 6).

#### Ready to apply?

Apply online at: education.nsw.gov.au/oc

### Jump Rope for Heart - Wednesday 1 May 2024

Summer Hill Public School will be participating in Jump Rope for Heart in Term 2 – a fantastic fundraising and physical activity program by the Heart Foundation.

We'll have skipping ropes available on the school grounds and be encouraging everyone to help raise funds for lifesaving research and support programs. Your child will learn new skills, increase their physical activity and learn about heart health.

Our official launch will take place in Week 1 of Term 2 when further information about the program will be provided. You may like to now visit <u>www.jumprope.org.au/parents</u>



## Big veggie crunch - 21 March 2024



In March our school took part in the Big Vegie Crunch. We helped to break the record for most kids eating vegies at the same time!

The Big Vegie Crunch was on 21 March, it is the main event of Vegetable Week which ran 18 – 22 March. It was a fun program to get kids excited about eating vegies and build healthy eating habits. We put vegies in the spotlight and shared why they're important for our health.



### Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

### Being safe and responsible around dogs

Last Tuesday Early Stage 1 had a very special visit from Kiki, a beautiful English Sheep dog. Kiki came with her owner Ann to help explain to us how to be safe and responsible around dogs. Through songs, simple rhymes and stories, Ann helped us to understand that dogs just like humans can feel happy, scared and angry. In the session Ann showed us how to approach and greet a dog safely and what to do if we are approached by an angry dog. She reminded us that there are times when we should leave dogs alone, for example when they are eating, sleeping, or tied up and that staring, teasing and hugging dogs too tightly can make a dog upset. We all learnt a lot, and some of us were even able to practice our new dog safety skills when we met Kiki.





### Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

### Art

This term Early Stage 1 have been learning nursery rhymes and we have been creating artworks based on each nursery rhyme that we have learnt. Nursery rhymes boost language development and oral skills. Children develop early literacy skills such as repetition, identifying rhyming words and listening for syllables. Some nursery rhymes, particularly ones with actions like Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes can help with children's gross motor and coordination skills. During our nursery rhyme lessons, our students are building their social skills and we're promoting a sense of community. Loving nursery rhymes opens the door to creativity, a love of all books and they're fun.



### Stage 1

### 1 Dressage and 6 Golf Host the Harmony Day Assembly

1 Dressage and 6 Golf did an incredible job at hosting the Harmony Day Assembly this year. The students spoke well and were proud to showcase the beautiful artworks they had created for Harmony Day.



### 1 Dressage Create Ibis Artworks

In English, the students have been exploring narrative structure, time connectives and sequencing in the book "A Bag and a Bird" by Pamela Allen. Using black chalk, they have created lovely artworks of ibises to complement their learning.



### Stage 2

### **Fraction Walls**

Year 3 have been learning about fractions in numeracy. To begin our unit of work the students had to problem solve how they would fold a whole strip of paper into equal parts based on the fraction. We discussed how they could fold the strip of paper into half when making two halves, and then again to make four quarters.

The students then used their strips of paper to make their own fraction wall which they then referred to for the rest of the unit. We discussed what fractions are equivalent and used them in real life situations, such as "can I please have 3/6th of your pizza?", and "can I please have "4/8ths of the uno card deck?"

Year 3 are fraction superstars!



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### Stage 3 - 6 Golf

### Electrifying adventures in circuitry

This term Stage 3 students have been learning about electricity and circuits as part of their physical world unit in science. They've had a blast tackling the challenge of building circuits that transfer energy from batteries into light energy (light bulbs), movement (motors) and even sound (speakers). To show off their handywork, students have been sketching circuit diagrams using scientific symbols. 6 Golf were even lucky enough to build circuits at Fort Street Hight School on one of their visits. They investigated how circuits work and what is and isn't a conductor of electricity. It's been electrifying!



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# Library

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In Week 9, students worked with their class buddies to follow clues and search high and low for a variety of Easter-themed books hidden throughout the library. Students demonstrated exceptional creativity and determination in their quest to uncover the hidden treasures. From decoding riddles to deciphering cryptic clues, our young detectives showcased their ingenuity and problem-solving skills every step of the way. Congratulations to all the student who thought laterally to solve the trickiest clue: Find a book about a girl who was ignored by every animal except a rabbit. Do you know the answer?

The following students did!

2 Luge / 4-5 Snowboard Rhys and Ali Alex Max Amara and Piper Alex and Harry **K Judo / 6 Surfing** Ashton & Augie Lucas, Jake, Ezra Noah T Bella Christie & Chloe Nicholas & Theo K Ping Pong / 6 Golf Jackson / Enrike Eva, Jessica and Pippa

**K Karate / 5 BMX** Daisy Justin, Nathan & Joshie

Congratulations to their enthusiasm, creativity, and resilience to find the book 'The Rabbit Listened' by Cori Doerrfeld. I look forward to hosting more exciting adventures in the library next term.



This year we have introduced a new incentive program to recognize and celebrate students' reading achievements and responsible loaning habits. Our Bronze Reading Rockstar and Punctuality Pro badges have started going out to consistent borrower and students who regularly return their library books on time. Each student loan contributes towards their progress toward earning a new sticker. Additionally, returning books by the due date ensures that students are eligible for 'Punctuality Pro' stickers. Our badge system is designed to encourage a love of reading, responsibility, and time management skills. Furthermore, our badge system continues throughout the year, with students having the chance to progress to higher levels such as silver and gold badges.

The 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge continues, and as we move toward the holidays remember that your child has access to a variety of eBooks through their student portal.

### **Staying Safe Online**

This term, I students have been learning about cyber safety. Students in Early Stage 1 follow Swoosh and Glides rule to five and Stage 1 have developed a set of online agreements that keep them safe when learning online.



Use the eSafety Commissioner is a great place to look for digital support link to find parent infographics, podcasts and webinars https:// www.esafety.gov.au/parents .

### Claire McLennan

### Acting Librarian and ICT Coordinator



### **P&C Events**



# Holiday care programs



### SHARE April Vacation Care program- Monday 15th April to Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	EXCURSION Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	EXCURSION Thursday 18th	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	
Cooking: Wraps for Afternoon Tea Art/Craft: Sewing Book Pillows with Naomi Sport/Game. Shapes and loose parts on the oval with Chris Bring your bikes & scooters.	Sydney Zoo Leaving 8:30am	Cooking: Chunky Monkey Cupcakes with Naomi Art/Craft: Escape Rooms with Chris Sport/Game: Volley Ball in a Basket with Yeon Hee Bring your bikes & scooters.	Movie: Kung Fu Panda 4 at Moore Park See details below. Children's choice in the afternoon at SHARE	Cooking: SHARE kids take over afternoon tea with Chris Art/Craft: Drawing and Painting in Patterns with Yeon Hee Sport/Game: Protect the Pizza with Naomi Bring your bikes & scooters.	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sleeping Lions EXCURSION Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	INCURSION Wednesday 24th	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	EXCURSION Friday 26th	
Cooking: Japchae with Yeon Hee Art/Craft: Making Candles Naomi Sport/Game: Building shelters at the creek with Chris Bring your bikes & scooters.	Thornleigh Mini Golf Leaving 8 AM	Ranger Jamie's Fun Day of Science 10 AM Art/Craft: Crochet Broaches with Yeon Hee Bring your bikes & scooters.	Closed for ANZAC day	Cabbage Tree Beach, Manly -Sand Sculptures -Ball Games -Paddling Icaving 8.30am Art/Craft: Sculptures at SHARE when we return	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Pupil Free day: INCURSION: Brazilian Drums and Dance 10 AM					
Art/Craft: Comics and Zines with Chris Game: Werewolf					
Bring your bikes & scooters.					

# **Before and after school**

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# High School open days

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### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

LEARN DOG BEHAVIOURS OVERCOME ANXIETY HAVE FUN SAFE AND SECURE TUES - THURS 12 - 3PM GROUPS LIMITED TO 5 COST \$100 INCL \$5 SCHOOL DONATION RESERVE YOUR SPACE AT INFO@PAWSUM.COM.AU

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### In your most creative way, tell us about:

The importance of healthy soil and it's connection to our food

Great prizes! - \$500, \$100 & \$50 VISA cards

### **Categories for entry**

Prep/Kinder Grades 1/2 Grades 3/4 Grades 5/6

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#### **Resources** provided

Upon registration you will receive resources to help with your entry Entries can be in any format that can be emailed in e.g

video, poster, mural, magazine, play, dance or even a rap!

To enter head to www.soilweekaustralia.com.au

### SOIL WEEK



DEMOCRACY

at the Parliament of NSW

Friday 19 April

9.30am - 3.30pm



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Celebrate democracy at Australia's oldest Parliament with free, fun activities for children from four to twelve years, and their families.

FREE EVENT

 Give a speech in the Parliamentary chambers Make craft animals and objects Learn how to vote Visit our heritage rooms Participate in a committee role play and more...





LOCATION Sector of New South Wales



BOOKINGS

ESSENTIAL

P: (02) 9230 2047 or E: communityengage ent@parliament.nsw.gov.au





# **School Bytes and Audiri**



### School Bytes finance, attendance and consent form system!

### What is the School Bytes portal?

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for parents and carers to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including pay for multiple • siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions •
- Download a receipt for payments made •
- View all historical payments in one place •
- Complete and submit digital permission notes •
- View the status of all permission notes .
- Request a refund if required .

This can be done where you want at any time, day or night.

Through the portal you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we still accept payment via cash and cheque.

Further information and parent/carer user guides can be found on the school website. Register for the Parent Portal via the QR code or visit the School Bytes Parent Portal log in page.

If you still have questions please contact SHPS school administration:

summerhill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

### Audiri notification app

Dear parents and carers,

Please update your Skoolbag app on your device following the instructions below.





• View the school calendar and news

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