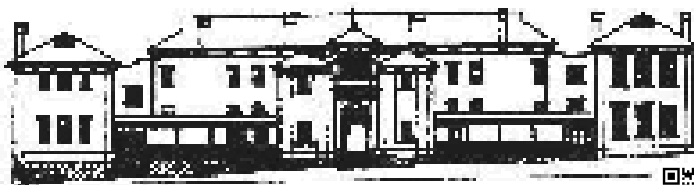


Week 10
Term 4

Wednesday
12 December
2012



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FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2012



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

P&C THANK YOU

Last night was the final P&C meeting for 2012. There were some presentations to long standing parents and staff who are leaving the school and have had close ties with the P&C. The P&C under the leadership of a wonderful executive led by Ms Debra Samuels have been major supporters of the school. You only have to walk around the school to see how funds raised by the P&C have improved our school environment and supported teaching and learning. To everyone who has helped thank you for your support in 2012.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

The staff would like to thank everyone who has helped our school during the year. We have many people who have assisted in a range of ways and we would love to see you for morning tea tomorrow Thursday 13 December in the courtyard at about 10.45am. Thank you to everyone who have said they will be able to attend. If you have not sent in your RSVP, please do so to the office as soon as possible to assist with catering.

SEASONS GREETINGS

As this is our last newsletter for 2012 I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing break.

Greg McLachlan

FROM THE DEPUTIES' OFFICE

REMINDER

MEETING WITH STAFF

Please make an appointment if you have something you wish to discuss with a staff member. Appointment times need to be made directly with the staff member you wish to see. If you need to, you may leave a message at the front office for a staff member to get in contact with you. Thank you.

Karen Sinclair and Mark Warnock

Coming Events

DECEMBER

- Wed 12 - Yr6 Show Evening (6-8pm)
- Thu 13 - Yr 3-6 Ethics in Hall or Church Service or No Scripture 9.30am
- Thu 13 - Helpers Morning Tea - 10.45am
- Thu 13 - Jnr Recorder perform 3pm in Drama Room
- Fri 14 - Presentation Day 11.05am
- Mon 17 - Yr 6 Picnic & Ice Skating
- Tue 18 - K-2 Picnic @ Yeo Park
- Tue 18 - Yr 6 Graduation rehearsal 11.15am
- Tue 18 - Yr 6 Graduation 1.30pm
- Tue 18 - Yr 6 Dinner Dance 6-9pm
- Wed 19 - Yr 3 & 4 Picnic & Cinema
- Wed 19 - Yr 5 & 6 Ten Pin Bowling & Picnic
- Wed 19 - **Farewell Arch 2.30pm**

2013 JANUARY

- Wed 30 - First day of school for Yr 1-6

FEBRUARY

- Fri 1 - Yr 4-6 PSSA Summer Trials 1.20-3pm
- Tue 5 - K-2 Assembly 1.20pm
- Fri 8 - K-2 Awards 9.15am



**Wednesday 19 December 2012 is the LAST DAY of school for all students.
Wednesday 30 January 2013 is the FIRST DAY of school for Year 1 to 6 students.**

REMINDER FOR 2012 OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

All outstanding amounts for 2012 are due now.

The school would appreciate all amounts due are settled as soon as possible, especially for Year 6 students.

Non payment may prevent participation in end of year activities.

Payments can now be made online via the school website <http://www.summerhill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Please phone the office on 9797 8160 if you require any assistance. Thank you.

2013 ACTIVITIES

Parents / Carers,

The school has included in this final 2012 Newsletter an outline of estimated costs for Term 1 2013.

Proper activities statements and consent forms will be given out at the beginning of next year.

P&C NEWS

WHAT A YEAR FOR THE P&C!

It has been a fantastic year for the P&C in 2012. We've had two discos, celebratory breakfasts for Mother's and Father's Days, several gardening bees, a family portrait fundraiser, an election day BBQ, the Art Show, bike training along with new bike and scooter racks and, of course, the cornerstones of the P&C calendar – the Revue Night and the Spring Fair. We raised over **\$74,000** this year for the school, and we have given over **\$96,000** back to the school for the grounds, the K-2 playground, whiteboards, musical instruments and other general support.

Thank you to all the wonderful families, friends and our broader school community for their continued commitment and support of the P&C's fundraising efforts.

I'd like to thank this year's P&C Executive for their hard work, and all the sub-committee members for their outstanding efforts. We are also saying farewell to some parents this year who have been exceptional supporters of the P&C – thank you Elizabeth & Andrew Campbell, Kerri Mills, Cath Sefton and Janet Jiang. You have all been instrumental in making the school so special.

Thank you also to the teachers of SHPS, in particular Karen Sinclair and Glenn Williamson who are leaving us at the end of the year, and Greg McLachlan who is always able to find a way to support the work of the P&C. We'd also like to thank Poppy Krilis for ensuring our messages go in the newsletter each week.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy and safe festive season and look forward to seeing lots of new faces at the P&C Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 19 February 2013 at 7.30pm.

Deborah Samuels
President

GARDENING BEE SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who generously gave their time for the Term 4 Gardening Bee, despite temperatures exceeding 35 degrees: Bruce, Gina, Greg, Brendan, Yang, Jane, Shiquan, Freya, Taras, & Andrew. Planting and weeding were kept to a minimum due to the heat and mulch was distributed. We now have new and replacement signs on most garden beds (courtesy of the Sustainability Committee) which will help personalise the gardens and encourage the kids to nurture and preserve them.

During the Summer holidays we hope to implement the improvements the P&C has generously funded. These will include an upgrade of the K-2 playground comprising:

- New soft fall adjoining the outdoor learning area in K-2 playground
- Improved seating
- Planting on parts of the perimeter fences
- New retaining wall in the mushroom garden to double as extra seating
- Re-mulching this area

We will also install some additional timber seating around the COPA/COLA

Gina, Bruce, Andrew and Alex
Gardening Committee

ESTIMATED ACTIVITIES (Term 1, 2013) - DO NOT PAY NOW

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
	Activity Description	Activity Description	Activity Description	Activity Description	Activity Description	Activity Description
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Voluntary School Contributions	Semester 1 instalment	Semester 1 instalment	Semester 1 instalment	Semester 1 instalment	Semester 1 instalment	Semester 1 instalment
	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
	Semester 2 instalment	Semester 2 instalment	Semester 2 instalment	Semester 2 instalment	Semester 2 instalment	Semester 2 instalment
	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Subject Contributions	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics	Mathletics
	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
	Home Reading Scheme	Home Reading Scheme	Workbooks			Workbooks
	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$50.00			\$60.00
	Workbooks	Workbooks				
	\$50.00	\$50.00				
Excursions	Theatre	Theatre	Writer in Residence	Writer in Residence	Camp (March)	Camp (deposit)
	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$300.00	\$130.00
			Educational Excursion	Camp (March)		
			\$20.00	\$300.00		
Sport		Yoga	Primary Swimming Carnival	Primary Swimming Carnival	Primary Swimming Carnival	Primary Swimming Carnival
		\$30.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
					Gymnastics	
					\$40.00	
TOTAL (including total annual voluntary contribution)	\$190.00	\$220.00	\$195.00	\$425.00	\$450.00	\$300.00
TOTAL (including voluntary contribution 1st instalment)	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$155.00	\$385.00	\$410.00	\$260.00

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

JUNIOR RECORDER

Junior recorder parents are invited to a concert on Thursday the 13th of December. All recorder students who are able to attend should meet in the Drama room at 3.05pm, and parents are welcome to watch their children perform at 3.30pm.



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EXODUS FOUNDATION



Summer Hill Public School's annual food drive for the Exodus Foundation in Ashfield is now underway.

Help fill the Exodus Foundation's Christmas hampers and lunch menu by providing non perishable food items from home. Students are encouraged to bring these food items to their classrooms.

The last donation day is tomorrow, **Thursday 13th December**.

The S.R.C (Student Representative Council) will coordinate the collection of the donations from the classrooms.

A BIG thank you in anticipation of your support.

S.R.C.

FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

(Text is sourced directly from 'Many Voices One Land - Calendar for Cultural Diversity 2012'. Published by NSW DEC Multicultural Programs Unit.)

Christmas Eve (Christian & Orthodox) – 24 December

Christmas Eve is the Christian celebration of the arrival of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus. Although Christmas Eve is not particularly celebrated in English speaking countries, in European countries religious ceremonies and celebrations such as lighting a yule log and having a special Christmas Eve are that animals can talk, water turns to wine and hidden treasures are revealed.

Christmas Day (Christian & Orthodox) -25 December

On Christmas Day, Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is the most widely celebrated Christian festival. Families gather to attend church services, sing carols, exchange gifts and enjoy special Christmas food.

Boxing Day – 26 December

This day's name comes from the tradition from opening alms boxes placed in churches during the Christmas season. The contents of these alms boxes were distributed to the poor and needy of the parish.

Hogmanay – 31-December

Hogmanay is the Scottish New Year's Eve celebration. At midnight people farewell the old year and welcome in the new year by drinking a 'toast' and holding hands to sing 'Auld Lang Syne'.

Missing school leaves gaps in your education.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ray White

a little **Ray** of giving

This December you can make a difference to less fortunate families in our community by delivering a Christmas gift to our giving tree.

Proudly run by Ray White and Rotary, all you need to do is purchase and wrap a gift for a child, then pop the gift under the tree in your local Ray White office.

Tell the Ray White team if the gift is for a boy or girl and their age and your gift will be delivered by Rotary to a local family who will appreciate the lift to their festive season.

Start giving from 1 December.

Erik & Lisa Polsek
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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Please check the Community Notice Board for School Holiday activity notices run by the local community.



WISHING THE SUMMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR





**Summer Hill Public School
End of term Canteen Special**

**TUESDAY
18th of December, 2012**

Name _____ Class _____

**HOT DOG WITH SAUCE
PLUS**

PLEASE TICK:

JUICE or

WATER

PLUS

FRUIT or

SNACK

\$5.00

**Orders including payment must be returned to the canteen by
Thursday, 13th December.**