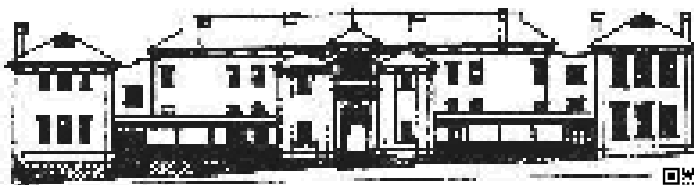


Week 9
Term 4

Wednesday
5 December
2012



Summer Hill e-News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Honourable Michael Kirby

It was with great pleasure that I attended the 2012 Presentation Ceremony for Meritorious Service to Public Education Award and the Director-General's Award for Excellent Service to Public Education as a guest of Michael Kirby the former Justice of the High Court of Australia. Michael Kirby received the Meritorious Service Award to Public Education yesterday. I was one of three principals representing the schools he attended which were Strathfield North Public School, Summer Hill Public School and Fort Street High School. He spoke fondly of his memories of his school days and of his visit to Summer Hill Public School this year. As always he demonstrated his passion for the public school system.

ENROLMENTS 2013

Last Friday we held our final orientation day. My thanks go to Mrs Sinclair and all of the staff for completing these days over the last three Fridays. The feedback we have received has been very positive. There will be a number of staff changes next year. Mrs Fisk, Ms Wilson and Mr Williamson will be retiring and Mrs Sinclair will be moving to Tempe Public School as principal in 2013.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

The staff would like to thank everyone who has helped in the classes throughout the year. We have many people who have assisted in a range of ways and we would love to see you for morning tea on Thursday 13 December on the courtyard at about 10.45am. It would be very helpful if you could RSVP to the office by Tuesday 10 December if you are able to attend to assist with catering.

Greg McLachlan

FROM THE DEPUTIES' OFFICE

STUDENT WELFARE

POLICIES

Our student welfare policies can be viewed on the school's website at:
www.summerhill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/1216898.node

REMINDERS

ADVANCED LIFE PRIZE DRAW

Download your child's digital photo file (using your child's individual student image code) and go in the draw to win \$10,000 for the school and \$1000 for yourself! The prize is drawn on 6/12/12.

LATE PICK-UPS

Any student who is waiting for a parent running late (after 3.15pm) must wait in the school office. At no time are students to wait/play in the playground, or wait on the street for parents who are late. If you are going to be late please contact the school so we can let your child know. **When you collect your child from the school office you must let a member of staff know and sign the late pick-up register.**

Karen Sinclair and Mark Warnock

Coming Events

DECEMBER

- Mon 3 to Fri 7 - **Yr 2 Swimming Program 12.30pm-3.00pm**
- Fri 23 - K-2 Awards 9.15am
- Mon 10 - Karen Kekale Awards (K-2) in Courtyard
- Tue 11 - Music Committee Meeting 6.30pm
- Tue 11 - P&C Meeting 7.30pm under the COLA
- Wed 12 - Yr 4/5PC @ Chitty Chitty Bang Bang 11.45am-4.30pm
- Wed 12 - Yr 6 Show Matinee (1-3pm) & 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 perf 3pm in Drama Room
- Fri 14 - Presentation Day 11.05am
- Mon 17 - Yr 6 Picnic
- 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

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.

SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

The Semester Two reports will be posted home this week so keep an eye out for them.
Please contact your **child's teacher** to arrange a time to meet if you would like to discuss any matters.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Statements of all **outstanding amounts due for 2012** have been emailed to each family.
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.

DEBATING

The latest Debating meeting for 2012 was this week (Tuesday, 4 December).
Well done to all the Year 5 and Year 6 students who have come along to develop their confidence and speaking skills.
During the first few weeks of Term one, next year an announcement will be made about Debating times and dates for 2013.
Thank you.

YEAR 6 ICE-SKATING



Due to circumstances beyond our control, the venue and organisation for the Year 6 Ice-Skating excursion have changed. A new note will be sent home this week.

LIBRARY NEWS



Thank you to all students and families for your support of our library program during this busy year.

All library loans have ceased for 2012.

Good luck to all our beautiful Year 6 students - please return all library loans immediately.

Please return all Summer Hill Public School library items as soon as possible. Home Reading books should be returned to children's classrooms.

Please contact Carmel Grimmett, Teacher Librarian, if you have any concerns regarding school library items on loan to your children or carmel.grimmett@det.nsw.edu.au.



STOP!



THINK!



DO!

INTERMEDIATE CHOIR

Congratulations to all the students for singing beautifully in the Intermediate Choir this year. The Intermediate Choir will resume for Year 3 and 4 students next year.

CHESS

Last weekend Raymond L, George B, Peter B and Linus C played in an intense chess tournament at Canberra, competing for NSW in the Nationals. In the first round they lost against Somerset from Queensland, only getting 0.5 out of 4. Their luck came back next round, achieving 2.5 out of 4 against Kaleen from the ACT. They won against Highgate from Western Australia 4-0.



After resting peacefully in highly rated hotels, they played their 2 remaining matches. These 2 opponents were unlike all other. With superior skills by their board 1 and 3, they defeated their first opponent of the day, Greythorn from Victoria 2.5 to 1.5. It was amazing that Summer Hill's board 1 Raymond defeated the best player in the tournament.

After this, Summer Hill were coming third, half a point behind Greythorn and two points behind Prince Alfred from South Australia. Assuming that Greythorn defeated Western Australia 4-0, Summer Hill could NOT come first. When Summer Hill faced off against the superior players of Prince Alfred, Summer Hill could only win on boards 3 and 4, making it 2-2.

Greythorn defeating Western Australia 4-0 came first, closely followed by Prince Alfred. Summer Hill tied with their first opponent, Somerset for equal third. Fortunately, Summer Hill defeated them by match points coming true third. Summer Hill did very well, winning not only third place, but best board 4 winning 3.5/5 and equal best board 3 player winning 4/5. Board 1 won 2 out of 5 chess games. Board 2 under some pressure only won 1 game but drew 2 games, scoring 2. All players played well but were sad to leave the hotels. Congratulations to the four boys.

YEAR 6 MURAL

Our Brilliant Year 6 mural is finished! Great work kids.....it is fabulous!



SPORT NEWS

CRICKET

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Cricket Team who won the PSSA Grand Final on Friday 23rd November.



- ★ The Summer Hill PSSA Junior and Senior Cricket Teams contested finals' day at Henley Park last Friday.
- ★ The Junior side lost a close semi final and drew their playoff game to finish in equal 3rd position. A great overall achievement, with just 2 losses for the entire season.
- ★ The Senior side went into finals' day with plenty of confidence having gone through the regular season undefeated. The Senior Team progressed to the Grand Final after a hard fought semi final win against Dobroyd Point 86-66. In the Grand Final against Haberfield, Summer Hill managed to score a nail biting 107-102 victory to finish the season as undefeated premiers, a magnificent achievement. The Senior team was able to clinch victory thanks to some desperate fielding and tight bowling. Helped by wickets to Tiger P, Ishaan S and Rory P, Summer Hill were able to keep their noses in front for much of the Haberfield run chase. A last pair partnership put Haberfield in a position to win, however a great last over from Sean C ensured Summer Hill victory, with Haberfield failing to get the required boundary off the last ball. Ben T also put in an exceptional wicket keeping performance throughout the year. Most pleasing was the sportsmanship showed by our senior side after the game congratulating Haberfield players on an excellent performance from a side which finished 4th in the regular season.
- ★ It was a pleasure coaching the Junior and Senior boys cricket teams throughout the year, and hope to be back next year for more success.

Eddie Otto (PSSA Cricket Coach)

SOFTBALL

SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL

The girls, having trained well to improve their skills in fielding and batting, made it to into the semi-finals where they came a very respectable 4th. They had some excellent wins throughout the season, but unfortunately were not able to win their way through to the finals. Importantly, all players increased their confidence and knowledge of the game.

SENIOR BOYS SOFTBALL

The boys showed some real promise throughout the year, with excellent skills in both fielding and batting. They trained with a high degree of enthusiasm and increased their knowledge of the game and strategies needed to win. Having had many wins throughout the season, the boys made it into the final against Croydon Public School who proved too strong on the day. Well done to all the boys for a great effort.

Our senior school softball representatives played their best for our school and exhibited good sportsmanship throughout the season, supporting each other well.

Mr Steggels (PSSA Senior Softball Coach)

SUMMER HILL IS A RESTORATIVE SCHOOL

JUNIOR BOYS SOFTBALL AND JUNIOR GIRLS T-BALL

JUNIOR BOYS

The season finished somewhat quickly and I am sure many of the boys were disappointed with the many byes and washouts. I too was perplexed at the format of the season and intend writing to the Association to suggest alternatives so that (weather withstanding) teams play every week.

Most of the boys had never played softball before and in fact many of the boys had never played a team sport before. This proved problematic especially when we were up against far more experienced players from other schools. The boys tried hard and seemed to enjoy most matches. Their skills improved as the season progressed. More consistent attendance at training is a must for all players if they want to improve both individually and as a team.

I would like to make special mention of Bailey H. who was our best player week in, week out. Congratulations Bailey.

JUNIOR GIRLS

Much like the boys, the girls had very little t-ball experience. They did flock to training every week and slowly their skills improved. All the girls were excellent listeners and tried their very best to follow instructions. This is very positive indeed.

We unfortunately lost the semi-final 20-10 to Dobroyd Point but seeing that they defeated us 24-1 earlier in the year, I was very impressed with the improvement in the team.

There is some real talent in this team. It may not be pure t-ball talent at present but undoubtedly the skills in batting, throwing and catching have developed and will continue to do so. The girls have some homework over the holidays.....practise throwing and catching!

Special mention of Charlotte K who borrowed a t-stand way back in term three and practised out of school time. The improvement in her batting was very evident. Great work Charlotte.

I sincerely hope both sets of teams try out in 2013 and help build a team that may just shake up some of the other schools in our zone.

Regards,
Tim Kay (PSSA Coach)

P&C NEWS

It is that time of year! The last P&C meeting of the year is upon us! What a year it has been. We have seen many new faces join our fantastic school's Parents and Citizens' Association. Even if you haven't been a member this year, it is never too late to join. For just a gold coin donation, you could join us for the end-of-year shindig at the school's COLA on Tuesday 11 December from 7.30pm. All we ask is that those coming bring along a plate of food and some drink for all to share. This is a great opportunity to bask in the glory of our successes this year and to look to 2013 and the activities we are currently planning. We are also keen to talk about where we may have improved our events and what to do differently next year. If you would like to be involved, come along and get to know what it is all about.

Congratulations to all parents and friends for making this such a fantastic year for our school!
See you on Tuesday 11 December at 7.30pm under the COLA.

ITALIAN CLASSES

The Italian classes will finish on the last day of school, Wednesday December 19th. On the 12th and 19th the children will be working on an Italian themed piece of artwork, so please pack your child with a painting shirt to go over their school uniform.

Don't forget, all students enrolled in Italian are invited, along with their families, to come for an early pizza dinner at the Summer Hill fountain on Saturday Dec 8th at 5pm. BYO drinks.

We have already received numerous inquiries about Italian for 2013, and space will be limited to a maximum of 20 students in each of the two classes. If you would like to re-enrol your child(ren) for next year, please let us know so we can save them a space. Likewise, if you have a *kindergarten student starting in 2013*, please email Susan at sterravecchia@hotmail.com to express your interest or find out more about the program.

Grazie e Buon Vacanza!

Missing school leaves gaps in your education.



MEETING RACHAEL BECK

Ruby enjoyed introducing Tyrell, Tom and Seamus to her friend Rachael Beck who plays Truly Scrumptious in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Here they are at the Capitol Theatre's stage door on their Year 6 excursion!



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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 **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.)

St Nicholas' Day – 6 December

St Nicholas' Day is widely observed in Europe as the time when children receive presents (often instead of Christmas Day). According to tradition, St Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra in the 4th century. His reputation for kind and generous deeds gave rise to legends of miracles he performed. The legend of St Nicholas moved from country to country and varied across the centuries, as did his name. During the 19th century the image of Santa Claus as a kind old man who gave gifts to good children was adopted. Since then St Nicholas has remained the patron saint of gift giving to celebrate Christmas.

Chanukah/Hanukkah (Jewish) – 9 December

Chanukah, also known as the "Festival of Lights" commemorates the victory of the Jewish people, led by the Maccabees, over the Syrian-Greeks some 2,300 years ago, after the Jews had been ordered to renounce their religion. After three years of fighting the Maccabees reclaimed and rededicated their Temple in Jerusalem. The eight candle Menorah is lit as a symbol of the miracle of the oil lamp which burnt for eight days in the Temple following its rededication. The word "Chanukah" means rededication.

International Human Rights Day – 10 December

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948. The Declaration proclaims a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.

OUR VALUES: OUR VALUES ARE IMPORTANT TO US



BANK SOME MONEY AND YOU COULD BANK YOURSELF AN iPad MINI.

Simply making a deposit through School Banking will put you in the draw to win one of twelve (12) iPad Mini's valued at \$369 each for Christmas*.

Here's how it works -

- Make a deposit into your CommBank Youthsaver account at school any time between November 19 - December 14 2012.
- Every student that makes a deposit during the competition period will go into a draw to win one (1) of twelve (12) iPad Mini's (16GB with wi-fi).
- For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist or the School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496.

Start saving more today and you can be a winner!

Stay Connected:

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Terms and conditions: The competition will run from 19th November, 2012 - 11.59pm 14th December 2012. Competition is Australia wide. The prize draw will take place at Level 13 Darling Park Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, NSW at 5pm 14th December 2012. The winner will be notified by telephone and by email. The winners will be published in The Australian Newspaper on 27th December 2012. The Prizes are the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Darling Park Tower 1, 201 Sussex Street, Sydney, NSW. Terms and Conditions are available at www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-student/schoolbanking. *A total of twelve (12) Apple iPad Mini's (16GB) with wi-fi to be won. They (12) need to be won in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, Tasmania and South Australia (excluding Northern Territory). Permit Number NSW 1375/12/10146.



COMMUNITY NEWS

BURMA FILM NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Hello Summer Hill Community,

I have recently returned from Burma (Myanmar) It was an amazing and eye opening experience.

Liz and I are having a friendly Fundraising evening, for 3 grassroots projects we had some involvement with. The event is at Petersham Bowling Club on the 18th December from 7.30-9 pm. We will show some really fantastic short films by Burmese film makers. There will be a raffle with some great prizes. Drinks and pizza are available. Entry is free but we will be asking for donations. Come and enjoy some pre Chrissy drinks and learn a bit about Burma! Kids are welcome but may be bored.

Thanks

Donna Ross

BURMA
FILM NIGHT FUNDRAISER

TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER
7-9.30pm

PETERSHAM BOWLING CLUB
77 Brighton St Petersham

Four fabulous short films by Burmese
Fun raffle prizes • bar and pizza available

Your donations will support 2 schools
and emergency aide for the conflict in Rakine State

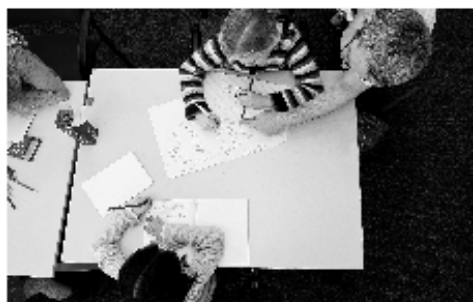
Liz Newell 0431 934 622

School Holiday Creative Writing Courses at Sydney Olympic Park

Stretch your mind, provoke your thoughts and turn your imagination up to HIGH. This school holidays we present TWELVE exciting and engaging creative writing courses for 6 to 15 year-olds. Enjoy conceiving and developing pieces across a wide range of genres and writing interests.

TheWritingWorkshop helps young writers build confidence, take pride in work, develop creativity, improve literacy, increase general braininess and have a lot of fun.

All courses are conducted by award-winning authors. The last two surveys of parents record 100% satisfaction (source: Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Oct 2010 and Oct 2011).



Summer holidays creative writing courses

- Fabulous Beasts full-day fantasy writing course (8-13 years).
- Write Your Own Book for 8-13 year olds. All the skills you need to plan and write your own extended work. (Full day.)
- Nearly True Story of My Life (8-13 year olds): stretch the truth but don't quite break it! (Full day.)
- Skilled Young Writers advanced writing workshop for 10-15 year olds: characterisation, narrative voice and more.
- Story-Making Fun for 5-8 year-olds. Three hours of written and oral stories, new skills and great fun.
- Kids in the Park Special three days, 2 hours each day, 6-9 year old and 8-12 year-old groups. Fun and educational, with six different creative writing exercises in the course.
- Tales of the Bizarre and Supernatural NEW! Atmosphere, tension and truly frightening pay-offs. For 10-15 year-olds.
- Selective Schools/ACER test preparation workshop (3 hours) for students entering year 6. How to show your ability in a twenty-minute test.
- Summer Poetry imagery, form, rhythm, techniques to put the feeling of the season onto your page (9-14 year olds).

Contact us for course details, dates, prices and booking forms: visit www.writingworkshop.com.au, telephone 0468 543 933 or email writingw@writingworkshop.com.au.

TheWritingWorkshop







CAROLS AT SUMMER HILL CHURCH



Friday evening:
BBQ and kids
activities from 6:30 pm.
Carols from 7:30 pm
cnr Smith St & Henson St

BYO picnic blanket.
Children must be accompanied
by a responsible adult.



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.

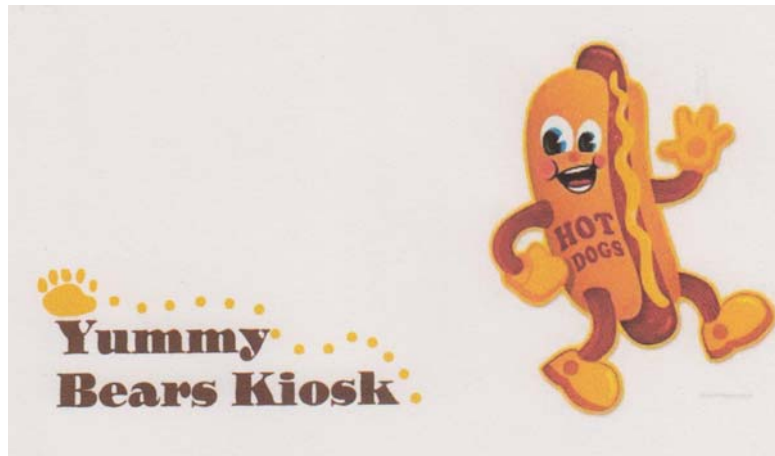
Start giving from 1 December.

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DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 11th DECEMBER, 12.00PM.



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

**TUESDAY
18th of December, 2012**

Name _____ Class _____

**HOT DOG WITH SAUCE
PLUS**

PLEASE TICK:

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JUICE or

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WATER

PLUS

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FRUIT or

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SNACK

\$5.00

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