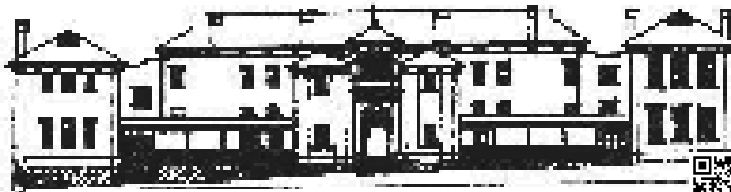


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



As the term draws to a close I would like to wish all students, parents and staff all the very best for the future as I move off into retirement. Special best wishes to our Year 6 students as we all are transitioning to something new in 2014. I would like to congratulate Ms Karen Shehata who has been appointed Principal at Summer Hill PS. I am sure she will enjoy working with the school community in the coming years.

There are a number of functions and activities that have been organised by staff over the last few days of the term so it will be a busy few days. Student yearly reports should be just about all delivered.

To everyone who has supported the school in my time here, thank you so much, as always it is a team effort and I have been proud to play my part in the school community. The opportunities created for our students are wide and varied and I am sure it will only go onwards and upwards in the future.

Greg McLachlan

FROM THE DEPUTIES' OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

POLICIES

Our student welfare policies can be viewed on the school's website at: <http://www.summerhill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/caring-for-students/student-welfare-policies>

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.** Thank you.

Jane Williams and Mark Warnock

Coming Events

December

- Wed 11 - Year 6 Show 5-7pm
- Thu 12 - Christmas Celebration 9.30am / Ethics Activities in Hall 9.15-10.45am
- Thu 12 - Parent Volunteer Morning Tea 10.45am
- Fri 13 - Karen Kekale Award Presentation 9.30am in Infants Courtyard
- Fri 13 - Presentation Day 11.05am-12.40pm
- Mon 16 - Yr 6 Ice Skating & Picnic @ Canterbury
- Tue 17 - Yr 6 Graduation 1.20-3pm
- Tue 17 - P&C End of Year Celebrations in COLA 7.30pm
- Tue 17 - Yr 6 Disco @ Canada Bay Club 6-9pm
- Tue 17 - P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- Wed 18 - Yr 3 & 4 @ Movies & Yeo Park
- Wed 18 - Yr 5 Bowling
- Wed 18 - Farewell to Yr 6 Arch 2.30-3.00pm

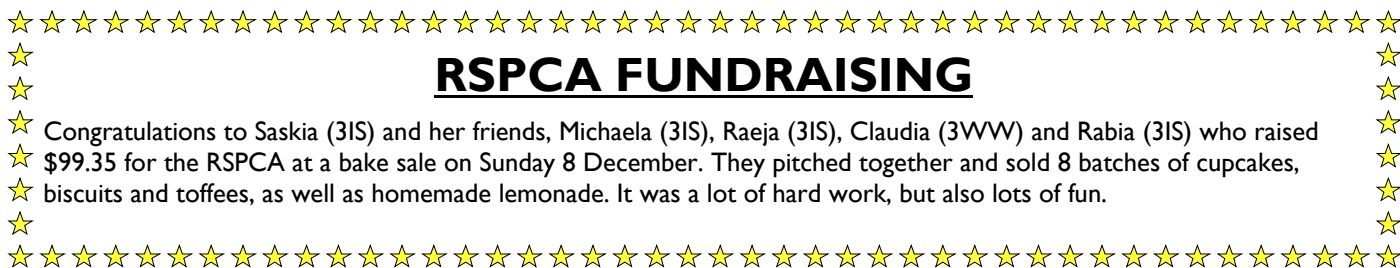
THE EXODUS FOUNDATION



Summer Hill Public School's annual food drive for the Exodus Foundation in Ashfield is well under way. Help fill the Exodus Foundation's Christmas hampers and lunch menu by providing non perishable food items (canned and packaged food) from home. Students are encouraged to bring these food items to the office foyer under the Christmas tree. A BIG thank you in anticipation of your support.



TERM 4 2013 FINISHES WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER FOR ALL STUDENTS
TERM 1 2014 STARTS WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY FOR YR 1 TO 6 STUDENTS



RSPCA FUNDRAISING

Congratulations to Saskia (3IS) and her friends, Michaela (3IS), Raeja (3IS), Claudia (3WW) and Rabia (3IS) who raised \$99.35 for the RSPCA at a bake sale on Sunday 8 December. They pitched together and sold 8 batches of cupcakes, biscuits and toffees, as well as homemade lemonade. It was a lot of hard work, but also lots of fun.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

We are still keen to have smaller-sized uniforms in our stocks, so please check your kids cupboards for items that are too small. Summer items would be particularly welcome.

We will have the shop open one last time next **Tuesday 17th December**, weather permitting.

THANK YOU'S

I would like to thank all those who have used our service through the year. A special thanks to the following children who helped us set up during Kinder Orientation: Alex D, Diyon F, Liyara F, Tess A, Jackson K, Burak C, Elijah G, Tommy P, Angelina T, Jolie A, Finn V.

Thanks also to Sarah Davies, Carolyn Hajdu-Campbell, The Nakkash family, Poppy Krilis & Eve Bailey.

Finally a big thank you to Baron Newlyn for his assistance.

We wish the Year 6 all the very best in their next adventure in High School. We hope you all have a safe and grand festive season with family & friends. See you in the New Year.

Thank you & goodbye to Kathy Wong- Marshall for helping throughout the year & organizing the clothes baskets on a regular basis.

Dilum & Kathy (Parent Volunteers)

UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED TRADING HOURS 2014

Monday 20 January - Friday 24 January 2014

Open all days 10.00am - 12.00pm

P&C NEWS

K-2 PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

During the school holidays the K-2 playground will be getting a facelift. This is to ensure there are as many play and learning elements as possible for our infant kids in this small area.

The plans (see page 3) include:

- a low, wooden 'fort' near the mushroom garden
- wooden box platforms joined by low climbing ropes and balance beams
- a small sand pit

Please direct any comments or queries to Alex Munroe as soon as possible at alexandjo66@bigpond.com

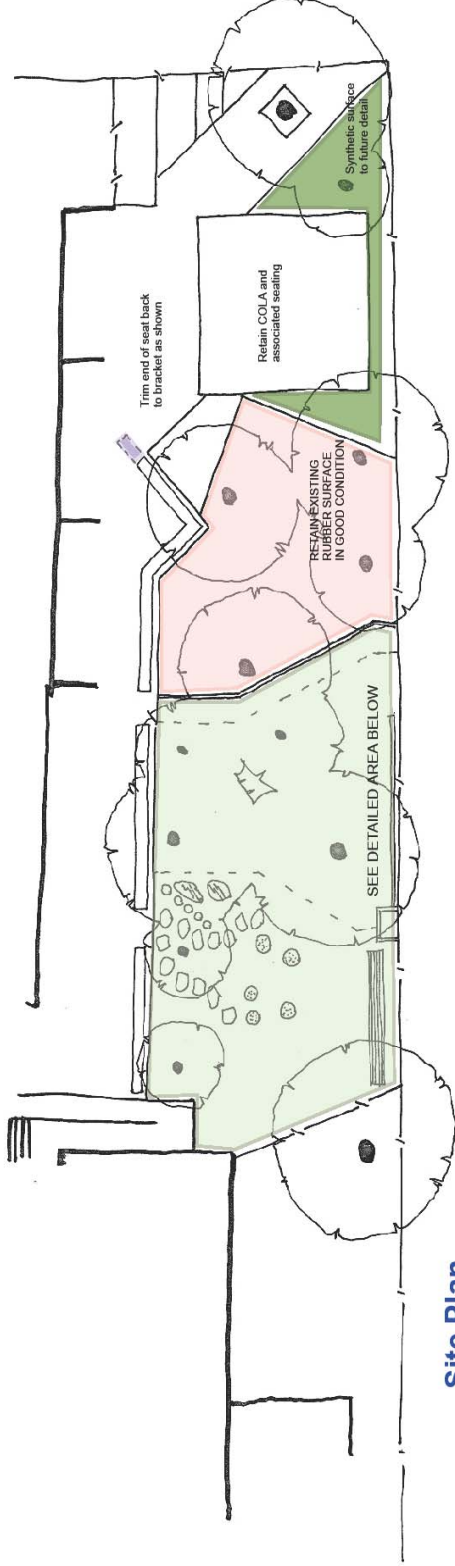
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION WITH THE P&C

It has been another fantastic year at SHPS and the P&C invites you to celebrate. To mark the end of another successful year of fundraising, the P&C's last meeting of the year will be an informal gathering in the school's COLA. If you are not yet a member of the P&C, it isn't too late to join – just a gold coin donation.

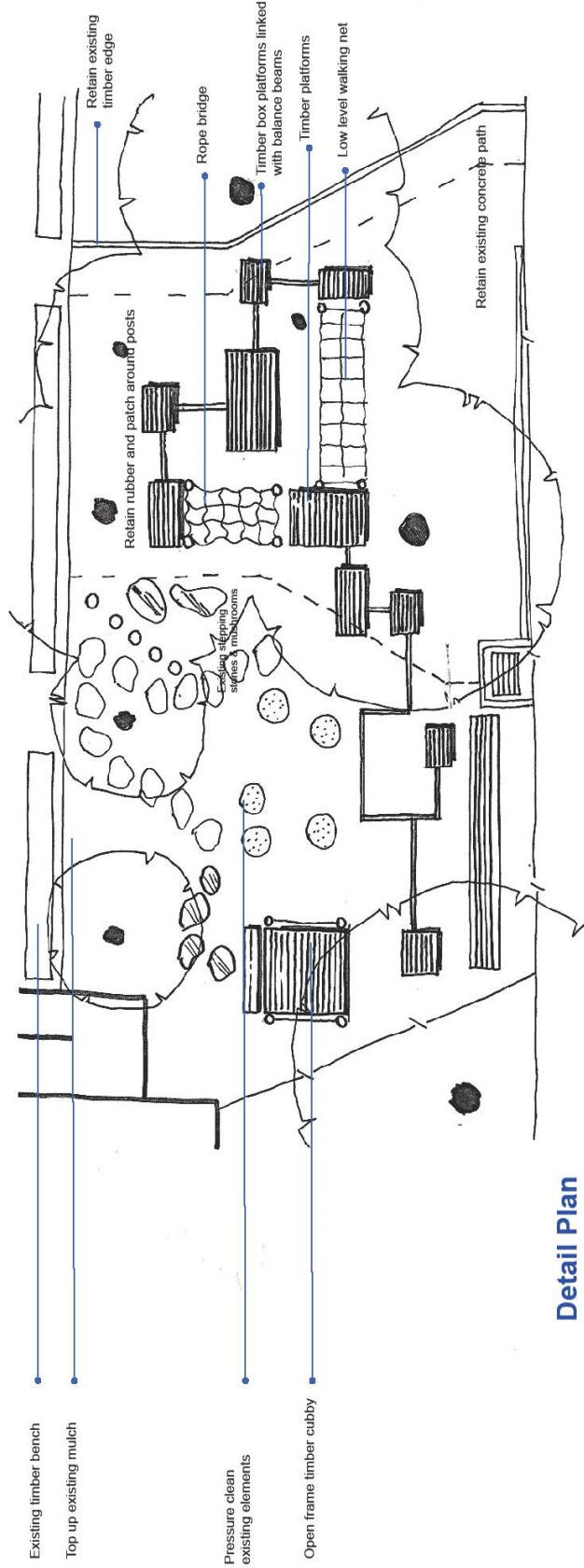
The last meeting of 2013 will kick off at **7.30pm next Tuesday 17 December** in the COLA.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported the P&C this year. Thanks also to the staff and students for all of their help. For details about next year's events, come along to our first P&C meeting in 2014 on Tuesday 18 February at 7.30pm in the school library. This meeting is the Annual General Meeting and is a great opportunity to put your hand up and get involved.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.



Site Plan



Detail Plan

- Existing timber bench
- Top up existing mulch
- Pressure clean existing elements
- Open frame timber cubby



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**Summer Hill Public School
 Infants Playground Improvement Plan (A)**

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SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking has finished for the year. It will start up again in 2014.

FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Christmas Eve – 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 -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'.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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

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.

Shop 1,39 Grosvenor Crescent
Summer Hill 2130

INNER WEST SCHOOL OF ROCK GUITAR LESSONS

Do you want to play like a rock star?
Bruce Begley (current SHPS teacher) is offering guitar lessons for school students and adults in the Inner West area around Summer Hill, Five Dock, Drummoyne and Glebe.
Bruce is an experienced musician, with over 20 years experience teaching guitar, having also played as a professional recording and touring artist.
For enquiries please telephone Bruce on 0401 913 221.



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



YUMMY BEARS CANTEEN

END OF YEAR WEDNESDAY MEGA DEAL

18TH December 2013

Orders with payment must be returned to the canteen by
Monday 16th December 2013.

NAME _____

CLASS _____

Sausage in a roll with Tomato or Bbq Sauce
(halal as well)

+ a Snack

Piece of fruit

Or

Ropes

+ a Drink

Water

Or

Juice

\$5.00