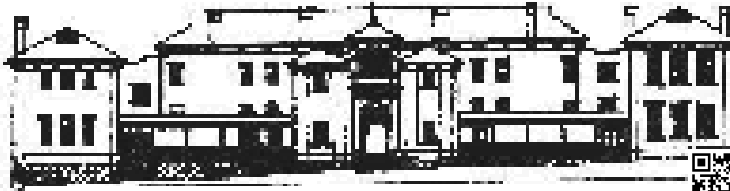


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## FROM THE DEPUTIES' OFFICES

### 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



## 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.



### Coming Events

#### December

- Fri 6 - Yr 3-6 Assembly in the 11.30am in the Hall
- Sat 7 - Garden Working Bee 2-4pm
- Tue 10 - School Banking Prize Redemption Day @ 8.45am in COLA
- Tue 10 - K-2 Assembly in the Library 1.20pm
- Tue 10 - Police visit Kindergarten 2-3pm in Library
- 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 - 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

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

## AWARDS



The following students received a **Summer Hill Blue Award** at the Week 9 K-6 Assembly:

6SP	Archie B	IES	Ethan T	IES	James R	IES	Tyriq K
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## LIBRARY NEWS

The **New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge** certificates have arrived at school in time to be presented to participating students during the following assemblies:

**K-2 - New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be presented in the K-2 Assembly on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December which commences at 1.20pm in the Library.**

**3-6 - New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be presented during the Y3-6 Assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December which commences at 11.30am in the Hall.**

Thank you to all students and families for your support of our library program during this busy year. All library loans have ceased for 2013.

***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 Grimmert, Teacher Librarian, if you have any concerns regarding the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge or school library items on loan to your children - email [carmel.grimmert@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:carmel.grimmert@det.nsw.edu.au).



## SCHOOL BANKING PRIZE REDEMPTION DAY

For all you school bankers with 10 or more silver tokens, we are having a prize redemption day. Come along to the COLA with your tokens on Tuesday December 10, from 8:45 and collect your prize on the spot. We have lots of prizes, old and new to give away. We hope to see you there. Penny and Priscilla

## MUSIC DATES

12<sup>th</sup> December: Chamber & Symphony Orchestra perform at the Church Service  
 13<sup>th</sup> December : Chamber Orchestra and Senior Band perform at Presentation Day Ceremony

## SENIOR CHOIR NEWS

Next Monday, 9 December, will be our final Monday morning choir rehearsal. We are busy preparing a special item for the Presentation Day Assembly that I'm sure you will enjoy. Please ensure all choir members are punctual for this final meeting. I wish the Year 6 students all the best for their high school years and hope they will continue to be involved in singing in some way. It has been a wonderful year for Senior Choir with our various performances and concerts; the Schools Spectacular the most recent highlight. I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and look forward to many new and familiar students in Senior Choir in 2014.

Gillian Bale

# SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR NEWS

On 29 and 30 November, 19 students for SHPS had the opportunity of a lifetime when they performed in the 30<sup>th</sup> Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. They sang 26 songs along with 1300 students from other primary and high schools in NSW. Despite the long days and frequent rehearsals, they were superb representatives of our school with their excellent presentation and dedication to the event. Working alongside Darren Percival and John Foreman, as well as the talented staff from the Arts Unit, was a great learning experience for us all!

Mrs Bale, Mrs Salter and Ms Carroll





## FINAL GARDENING BEE FOR 2013

**Saturday 7 December from 2pm to 4pm** is the last Gardening Bee for the year. If you can spare an hour or two we'd love to see you. Bring your gloves, gardening tools, families and green thumbs. Everyone is welcome to come and help us keep our school garden beautiful. If you have any enquiries, please contact Alex Munroe, Gardening Committee, 0402 349 209.

## PSSA NEWS

A rather anti-climactic end to the summer PSSA season with rain washing out both the semi-finals and the finals. I can't actually remember this happening before and hope that it doesn't occur again.

Congratulations to our Senior Boys Cricket Team who have been declared joint premiers for 2013 continuing a fine record in cricket at this school. Each of the players will receive a medallion at our annual Presentation Day assembly on Friday December 13. Invitations to parents to attend have been sent home this week.

This ends PSSA for the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank first of all the many children who have represented their school during the summer months with distinction. Great work kids. I would also like to thank our coaches Mrs Simon Steggels and Mr Eddie Otto who gave their time to ensure that the children of the school had the opportunity to attend matches every Friday (weather permitting!!). If you get the chance to thank your child's coach, please do.

Finally, thanks to Eve Bailey and Poppy Krilis in the office who have dealt with the myriad of draw changes, bus break downs and no shows and enquiries throughout the season. Your work is most appreciated.

Regards  
Tim Kay



## ITALIAN NEWS

The Summer Hill Italian Program's Junior class went to Colour Me Mine this morning to create Italian themed plates!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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

## FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

### **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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Bodhi Day (Buddhism) – 8 December**

In the Northern or Mahayana tradition, Bodhi Day celebrates Buddha's Enlightenment, the second most important event of Buddha's life.

### **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.

**DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 10th DECEMBER, 12.00PM.**

### SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

#### ABSENTEE NOTE



(To be returned to classroom teacher first day back after absence)

Students Name: .....Class: .....

Date/s of absence/s: .....

Reason for absence: .....

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Name of Parent/Carer: .....

Signature of Parent/Carer: .....Date: .....