

Week 7  
Term 4

Wednesday  
19 November  
2014



## Summer Hill e-News



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Special End of Year Assemblies

The following dates and times have been put aside for special assemblies:

#### Gold Award Assemblies -

Monday 1 December @ 9.30am Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 3 December @ 9.30am Kinder and Year 1

Friday 5 December @ 11.05am Years 2, 3 and 4

#### Special Award Assemblies -

Friday 28 November @ 11.05am Sport Award Assembly

Friday 5 December @ 9.30am Summer Hill Blues Assembly followed by photos

Friday 12 December @ 11.05am Presentation Day Assembly

I look forward to seeing many of our parents at these assemblies in the coming weeks.

### School Enrolment Survey Results

At our P&C meeting last night, Tim Biddlecombe from Arnold & Bolingbroke, Market Research Co., presented the final report for our Enrolment Survey. The report findings are: 75% of the overall school community participated in the survey; the data captures the majority of the school community members. Strong endorsement from the overall school community for the SHPS/P&C proposal to reduce number of OC classes from 2016 (71% voted 'Yes' to the proposal). As a result, the proposal to reduce the number of OC classes from four to two was endorsed by the majority of the school community. This proposal will now be presented to the DEC for their final decision.

### "Deadly Kids Doing Well" Award Ceremony

On Friday 14th November, Year 3 student Tyriq K was awarded with a "Deadly Kids Doing Well Award". These annual awards recognise Aboriginal student achievement in schools across Sydney. The ceremony took place in the University Hall at the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS), and was attended by a number of community Elders and senior Department of Education & Communities and UTS officials. Mr Warnock attended on behalf of our school. We are very proud of Tyriq and his achievements at school. So his is mum!



**TOYS 'N' TUCKER  
PLEASE SEND IN YOUR  
DONATIONS TO THE  
FRONT OFFICE  
BEGINNING MONDAY  
24 NOVEMBER**

### Thank You

I would like to express my gratitude to Liz Jones, Naomi Williams and Gayle Glengarry, our wonderful parents who kindly cleared away the boxes left over from the fete into our dumpster last week. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the parents who presented at the Kindergarten Orientation session last Friday: Chris Braga, Dilum Dassanayake, Deborah Samuels, Helen de Wolf, Susan Terravecchia, Brenda Gaddi and Frances Notman. Your assistance was invaluable and gave our new families the information they need to start their journey successfully at our school. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the P&C in sponsoring Renato Pane and our Girl's Chess Team. These students will be representing our school at a national level and we wish them all the best.

### School Plan and NAPLAN Information Sessions

On Tuesday 2 December from 7pm I will be holding a NAPLAN analysis session followed by the School Plan workshop for parents. This will be held in the Library. All welcome.

## Coming Events

### November

- Fri 21 - K-2 Gold Awards Assembly 11.05am
- Fri 21 - Kindy Orientation 3 in Hall 9.15-10.45am
- Mon 24 - Thu 27 - Yr 2,3 & 4 Swimming Program
- Tue 25 - Yr5 @ Dulwich HS 12.40-3.00pm
- Wed 26 - Fri 28 - Yr 5 Senior Choir @ Schools Spec rehearsal
- Fri 28 - PSSA Assembly in Hall 11.05am (Sport Awards)
- Sat 29 - Yr 5 @ Schools Spectacular Performance

### December

- Mon 1 - Yr 5,6 Gold Awards Assembly 9.30am
- Mon 1 - Thu 4 - Yr 2,3 & 4 Swimming Program
- Tue 2 - School Plan & NAPLAN Parent Info Session 7.00pm in Library
- Wed 3 - Kindy, Yr 1 Gold Awards Assembly 9.30am
- Fri 5 - Yr 2,3,4 Gold Awards Assembly 11.05am
- Fri 5 - K-6 Summer Hill Blues Assembly 9.15am
- Sat 6 - Junior recorders perform at Dobroyd Point PS 1-6pm
- Tue 9 - P&C Christmas Meeting 7.30pm
- Wed 10 - Yr 6 Show Matinee 1-3pm
- Wed 10 - Yr 6 Show Evening 6-8pm



**JELLY CUP STALL MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER \$1.00**

### Charities Supported by our School Community

Our SRC under the guidance of Ms Sue Bosler raised \$805 through the Rainbow Mufti Day to support the following charities: Camp Quality, Cancer Council NSW, CANTEEN, Starlight Children's Foundation, Stewart House, Sydney Children's Hospital, The Shepherd Centre, The Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Each charity or foundation received \$100 from our school community. The Black and White Mufti Day today raised \$865.61 for our girls chess team. Well done SHPS SRC!

Karen Shehata (Principal)

**TERM 1 2015 STARTS WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY FOR YR 1 TO 6 STUDENTS.  
KINDY STUDENTS START WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2015 AND WILL BE NOTIFIED OF  
THEIR START TIME BY LETTER.**

## FROM THE DEPUTIES' OFFICES

### STUDENT WELFARE

#### YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERS 2015

Congratulations to the 2015 Chess Captains:

Luke R (5KB)  
Eva G (5SH)  
Finnian C (5SH)

Jane Williams and Mark Warnock.

## PSSA ASSEMBLY



All parents from students in Years 3-6 are cordially invited to attend our PSSA Assembly which will be held on Friday November, 28 in our school hall beginning at 11.05am. At this special assembly the school will be honouring our sporting achievers for 2014. The following teams will be receiving their champions medals for winning their respective competition:

- Junior A girls football
- Senior B netball
- Junior touch football.

As well, each of our summer and winter PSSA teams will acknowledge players selected as the Players Player and the Coaches Player of the season.

We would love to see as many parents s possible attend to support our sporting achievers for this year. If you require any more details, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Williams or Mr Kay.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day was commemorated last Tuesday in a moving and peaceful ceremony in our school hall. Students, staff and community members stopped to remember and acknowledge those who have served and continue to serve in the protection of our country's freedom.







## 2014 INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

On the 12th of November, K-2 participated in the first Summer Hill Public School Infants Carnival down at Yeo Park.

Over 300 students were divided into groups based on fruits and vegetables (crunch 'n' sip theme). After that they participated in a variety of fun tabloid activities. These included, the parachute, egg and spoon races, sack races, moon hopper races, hammock ball, hockey, skipping games, target shooting and many more!

Many thanks goes to the lovely 5/6TK and 6SH students who coordinated the groups and games!! They proved to be fantastic leaders and mentors for the K-2 and the teachers were very grateful for their leadership skills!

It was an amazing carnival and the children had a fantastic time. We hope to make this an annual event!

A big thank you needs to go out to the PDHPE Committee for their organisation. Also, to all the K-2 staff for all their support!

Miss Juliana Ma (Year 1 teacher)



## 2015 ITALIAN PROGRAM



Please email the Summer Hill Italian Program in regards to your child's enrolment for next year. We have already had quite a few enquiries regarding next year from new families coming into our school. Children already in the program have priority. If you would like your child to continue, please reply to us **BEFORE Friday December 12th**. If you are new to the program and would like your child to join, please email us as well, as there will be some space available. Cost is \$100 per term.

Classes will be as follows:

Tuesday mornings with Maestra Elisa 8:00-9:00am

Kindergarten and New Year 1 students.

Wednesday mornings with Maestra Elisa 8:00-9:00am

Year 1 students who have done Kindy Italian with Elisa in 2014, all Year 2 students, and some Year 3 students.

Wednesday Mornings with Maestra Rosa 8:00-9:00am

Some Year 3 students, All Year 4, 5, and 6 students.

May we remind all students to please come on time to class.

The annual End of Year "Festa di Pizza" will be held on Sunday December 14th at 5pm around the SH fountain near Da Vinci's. All children in the SH Italian program are welcome to attend and it's **FREE!**

Grazie!

Susan Terravecchia [sterravecchia@hotmail.com](mailto:sterravecchia@hotmail.com)

Sandy Roberston [sandy\\_robertson@yahoo.com](mailto:sandy_robertson@yahoo.com)



**TITLE: Bubbles**

## CONGRATULATIONS MAX

Congratulations to Max G (5GB) for having his artwork selected for the Operation Art 2014 Touring Exhibition. After exhibiting at the Art Gallery of New South Wales, it will tour regional art galleries and will then become part of The Children's Hospital at Westmead's permanent art collection.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL BANKING TEAM

The last date for School Banking this year will be **Tuesday 9 December 2014** – the second last week of term.

The School Banking team needs you!

The School Banking program is run entirely by volunteer parents and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires volunteer School Banking Co-ordinators to facilitate the banking and distribution of School Banking rewards each week. In 2014 we have had 4 parents sharing this role on a roster system – this means that each parent does the banking around twice each term. Two of our co-ordinators are 'retiring' at the end of 2014 so we are looking for parents to take their place. Processing the banking takes around 3-4 hours and the Commonwealth Bank will provide support in how to run the program. Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Currently, School Banking day is **Tuesday**.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by emailing Kaylene Hubbard at [kayleneandsyd@gmail.com](mailto:kayleneandsyd@gmail.com).

## **SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP – Needs your help!!**



We depend on your kind donations to keep the Shop running and providing affordable uniform items to our families. We are currently in dire need of smaller-sized uniform items, particularly **short-sleeved shirts**, **shorts** (Unisex) & girl's **Summer Dress** (on left), and the **fleecy vest** (Unisex). This will help out our incoming Kinder families who have their final orientation day this Friday.

Please have a look through your cupboards and see if there are any pre-loved items for our shop. Your contributions will be most appreciated – you can leave your donations at the Front Office.

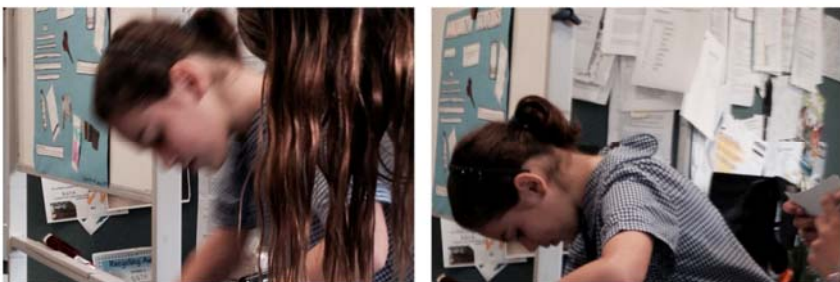
We are open on **Tuesday & Friday mornings (8:45-9:30am)**.

All proceeds go to the P&C coffers.

Thanks in anticipation, *Dilum DASSANAYAKE* (Parent Volunteer)



# SCIENCE COMES ALIVE IN 5/6TK





## **DIVERSITY GARDENS - IDEAS ARE TURNING INTO ACTION!!**

Over the last two weeks, Stage 2 students, teachers and parents have been hands-on in the gardens all over the school, improving the habitat.

We have planted, mulched and watered over 150 local native shrubs and ground-cover plants under the guidance of Ashfield Council's bushcare officer, Adam Ward and the wonderful direction of Ms Grimmett.

Students have been excited to put their ideas and plans for improving biodiversity into action!! They have chosen native plants that will encourage more small birds and insects in our school. Still to come are more habitat features including bird nest boxes, bird baths, rocks and a native stingless bee hive. Students are making these gardens into special areas that can be used in class time so please try not to step on the plants and help keep the gardens free from litter.



This project has been made possible thanks to support from the P&C, Ashfield Council, National Tree Day, Field of Mars incursion, and an Eco-Schools Grant as part of the NSW Sustainable Schools Initiative. Many thanks also to help from Ms E Wilson, Mr B Newlyn and Ms J Williams, helpers at our Garden working bee and the P&C Sustainability and Garden Committees including Richard, Alex, Gina, Kate and Freya.

### **Native Stingless Bee Hive**

Summer Hill Public School is about to get our very first Australian native stingless bee hive, thanks to the initiative and persuasion of 4AW and 3/4JM !

The native bee *Tetragonula* is a small, black, stingless bee. These harmless native bees provide a wonderful service to gardens and the environment. The native bees will help pollinate plants and they can display fascinating behaviour. They are much smaller than the European honey bee.

We are very excited to be getting a small hive to keep, and we hope it will produce a small amount of honey next year. Many other schools in our area have successful hives including Ashbury, Wilkins, Stanmore and Orange Grove public schools. If you have any questions or are interested to know more or be part of this project please contact Freya Hartley from the P&C sustainability committee - [freya@p-sys.net.au](mailto:freya@p-sys.net.au)



## **THE 2014 SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR IS ALMOST HERE!!**



The 2014 Schools Spectacular kicks off next week and our Year 5 choir members are rehearsing madly to get ready for four big performances next Friday and Saturday. As you can see from the photo, we are all so excited to be a part of these amazing performances - even conductor Matt and I are getting into the moves! Not only are our singers involved, but four Year 6 students from 6SP took photographs of Summer Hill to enter a poster for the World's Biggest Classroom exhibition - Amy H, Toby B, Finn M and Amber B (see next page). This poster will be on display at the Qantas Credit Union Arena from next week while the show is on - isn't it a great representation of Summer Hill!

If you aren't coming to see the show live, you can watch it on Saturday, November 29, from 7.00pm on Channel Nine. It will be AMAZING!!

Gillian Bale



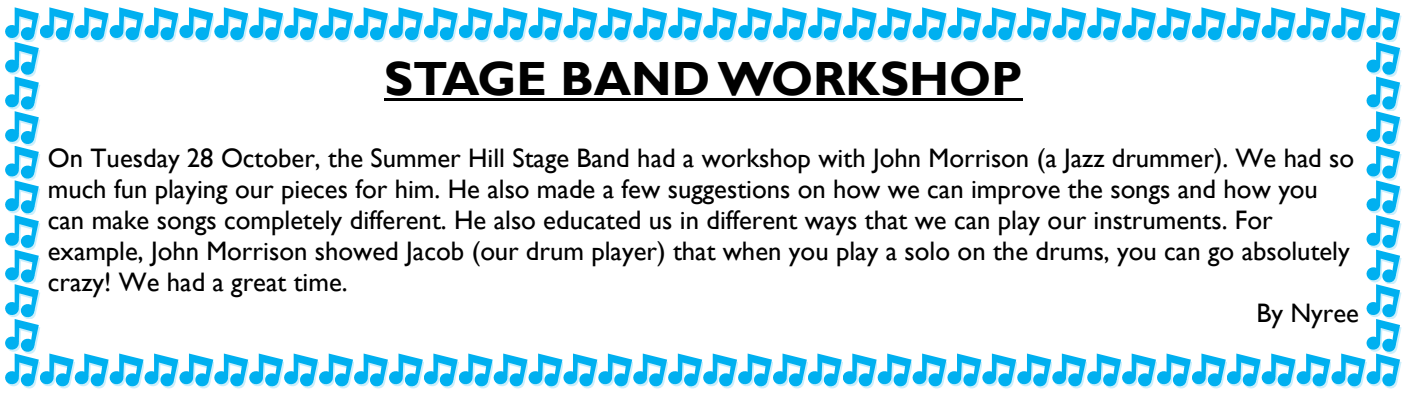


# Summer Hill Public School SpecConnect-Our Place

Summer Hill village is a special place for us. It has many memories encased in its bricks, giving it a warm and welcoming feel. Also the community makes it a place where you feel you're a part of something.







# STAGE BAND WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 28 October, the Summer Hill Stage Band had a workshop with John Morrison (a jazz drummer). We had so much fun playing our pieces for him. He also made a few suggestions on how we can improve the songs and how you can make songs completely different. He also educated us in different ways that we can play our instruments. For example, John Morrison showed Jacob (our drum player) that when you play a solo on the drums, you can go absolutely crazy! We had a great time.

By Nyree

## CARD CREATIONS

Cards are being distributed to classes this week. Look out for them in your child's bag. Contact Angela [alerantges@bigpond.com](mailto:alerantges@bigpond.com) for any further questions.

## FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

### **Universal Children's Day – 20 November**

The United Nations General Assembly designated Universal Children's Day in 1953. It is a day when children are honoured by special ceremonies and festivals to make children's needs known to governments. It is observed on different days in different ways in more than 120 countries.

### **World Television Day – 21 November**

In 1966, the United Nations general Assembly proclaimed 21 November as World Television Day. Member states are invited to observe the day by encouraging global exchange of television programs focusing on issues such as peace, economic and social development and the enhancement of cultural exchanges.

### **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – 25 November**

In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The date commemorates the political assassination of the Mirabal sisters in the Dominican Republic in 1960. The UN was concerned to raise awareness of the fact that endemic violence against women was impending women's opportunities to achieve legal, social, political and economic equality in society.

**DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 2 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: .....