

Week 8
Term 4

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Summer Hill e-News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parent Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea

On behalf of the staff and students of SHPS, I would like to invite all our wonderful parents, and grandparents who have assisted the school this year to join us on Thursday 11 December at 10.45am for a special "Thank You" morning tea. We are very grateful for the assistance that has been provided by parents in the classrooms, through our Scripture and Ethics Program, Music Program, Chess Program, P&C parent committees, Class Parents, second hand uniform shop, school banking, fundraising activities etc. Our school would not function as well as it does without these wonderful people who give of their time and energy each year.

Primary Schools One-Day Chess Tournament - NSW Finals

Thirty chess tournaments were held in the series of One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments, 13 in country areas and 17 in the Sydney Metropolitan area. Our school team was one of the top scoring teams in the tournament and has therefore been invited to compete in the NSW Finals to be held on Sunday 30 November at the North Sydney Boys High School hall. I wish our students, Eva G, Selwyn C and Liam J all the best at this tournament. What a fabulous achievement!

Girl's Chess Team Thank You

The families of our 5 students who will be attending the National Junior Primary Chess Tournament in Adelaide on 6 and 7 December, wish to thank our school community for their assistance in fundraising for the trip. The amount of \$296 was raised on Monday at the jelly stall. I will be travelling with the girls for supervision, along with a parent. We will be flying to Adelaide on Friday 5 December and returning on Monday 8 December. This will be a tiring but exciting experience for our students.

Year 6 End of Year Events

There are lots of exciting activities for our Year 6 students in the coming weeks:

Year 6 Show "Lights, Camera, Action" will be held on Wednesday 10 December at 5.30pm in the hall. Due to limited seating, each student was allocated only 2 tickets for the night time show. There are limited seats available at the matinee show, which starts at 1pm. Please email Mr Kay if you wish to organise tickets for the matinee. Students will attend **Boing Central** on Monday 15 December. The bus will leave school at 9.15am. Students are to wear mufti, shoes and socks for this activity. The **Graduation Ceremony** will be held on Tuesday 16 December at 1.20pm in the hall. Full school uniform is to be worn (no Year 6 T-shirts). The **Year 6 Dinner Dance** will be held on Tuesday 16 December at Canada Bay Club commencing at 6pm. Parents drop their children in the foyer of the club where SHPS teachers will be supervising. Parents are most welcome to return at 8.45pm for the final dances. Dress is smart casual. The last activity will be **Bowling** to be held on Wednesday 17 December. The students will return to school by 2.30pm for the final farewell arch. The students have had a great year and these activities will provide lasting memories of their time at SHPS.

School Spectacular

Schools Spectacular will again be shown on Channel Nine on Saturday 29 November, from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. The 31st Schools Spectacular, This is Australia, will showcase 3,600 of the most talented singers, dancers and musicians from 456 NSW public schools. I encourage you to take the time to watch the Spectacular - young people are at the heart of all we do and this show will make you proud of public education at its finest. Tune in to see our Summer Hill PS stars of the future!

Karen Shehata (Principal)

Coming Events

November

- Fri 28 - PSSA Assembly in Hall 11.05am (Sport Awards)
- Fri 28 - Yr5 Sen Choir @ Schools Spec 11.00am-4.0-pm
- 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 - K-6 Summer Hill Blues Assembly 9.15am
- Fri 5 - Yr 2,3,4 Gold Awards Assembly 11.05am
- 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 5.30-7.00pm
- Thu 11 - Church Service 9.30am
- Thu 11 - 'Thank You' Morning tea 10.45am
- Fri 12 - Presentation Day 11.05am-12.40pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRINCIPAL!

Recently our principal, Karen Shehata, received a "Director Public Schools NSW – Principal Award" for "Outstanding Contribution to Public School Education". The award was presented at a formal ceremony at the Sydney Town Hall. This is a prestigious award and we are very proud of our 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.**



**TOYS 'N' TUCKER - PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS TO THE
FRONT OFFICE UNTIL THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER**

FROM THE DEPUTIES' OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERS 2015

Congratulations to the 2015 Library Monitors:

- Yi Nan C
- Kevin H
- Christopher L
- Nevil S
- Tan T
- Jack T
- Sage B
- Fifita C
- Joyce C
- Tilly J
- Michelle L
- Zara S

Congratulations to our Principal!

CANDY CANES

Please try to limit the number of candy canes your child brings to school to give to and share with other students in the lead-up to the end of term. They create a lot of hard work to pick up litter and contain a lot of sugar. Thank you.

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 28 November, 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 as 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.

World's Biggest Classroom errata

Apologies to Joel O. from 6SP, who was unfortunately left off the list of students involved in creating the World's Biggest Classroom poster published in last week's newsletter. We hopefully will have the poster on display at school before the end of term.

Gillian Bale

AUSTRALIA DAY CHOIR OPPORTUNITY

Members of the Intermediate and Senior Choir in Years 3-5 are invited to be a part of a special Australia Day "Salute to Australia" Choir. If students are available to be in the city on Australia Day 2015, and attend a rehearsal the day before on Sunday 25 January, please come and get a note from the office and return the expression of interest form to the school by **this Friday 29 November** so our school can apply to be a part of this exciting event!

Gillian Bale

P&C NEWS

VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting on 18 November, we had a record number of attendees. Our focus item for the evening was the results of the recent survey conducted by Arnold & Bolingbroke. Tim Biddlecombe presented the findings. 75% of the school community participated in the survey and 71% were in favour of the proposal to reduce the number of OC classes from 4 to 2 in 2016. This proposal will now be presented to the DEC.

Karen Shehata was recently awarded a NSW Principals award for her outstanding contribution to Public School Education. Karen showed us the award and said "It was a great honour and a humbling experience". The P&C would like to congratulate Karen for an amazing achievement.

A recent audit of the available space within the school has been conducted by the DEC and the school executive. The school has decided to create an exciting new flexible learning environment in the EAL/D room.

The success of the Fete was discussed and the committee thanked all the volunteers for making the day a success, it was a shame about the weather.

Thankyou to everyone who has made a contribution to the P&C in 2014, no matter how big or small, your contributions are valued. Special thanks go to the retiring president Deborah Samuels, Deborah has done a fabulous job over the years, giving up hours of her time, to liaise with the Principal, chair the meetings and generally advocating for the school. Thankyou Deborah you will be missed.

Priscilla Strachan
Vice President

FINAL P&C MEETING FOR 2014

Celebrating the achievements of 2014, a chance to reflect on the year gone by and talk about how we might do things better next year as well as farewelling our departing P&C Members.

Please join us for an informal P&C Meeting with drinks and nibbles on Tuesday 9th December @ 7.30pm under the COLA. Bring a small plate of something to share.

P&C Executive Positions – ELECTION

All P&C Executive Positions will be up for election next year.

Are you keen to get involved.....

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| • President | • Treasurer |
| • Vice President(s) | • Deputy Treasurer |
| • Secretary | • Fundraising & Events Coordinator |
| • Deputy Secretary | |

No experience necessary, just enthusiasm and commitment.

A fantastic way to meet people and have a say about what happens at Summer Hill PS.

Election of these positions are at the first P&C Meeting in 2015 – Tuesday 17th February.

If you are keen, considering or just want some more information please get in contact now.....shpandc@gmail.com.

What do the P&C Executive do.....

President

Ensure the Executive meets regularly.
 Chair the P&C meetings to ensure all members have an opportunity to contribute at meetings.
 Work with the P&C Executive to facilitate implementation of the decisions of the P&C made at meetings.
 Meet regularly with the Principal to ensure effective communication between the P&C and the School.
 Represent the P&C where appropriate.
 Other tasks as allocated at the meetings

Vice President(s)

Assist the President by sharing the responsibility of writing the monthly Presidents report following the P&C Meetings.
 Chair the P&C Meeting in the Presidents absence.
 Attend the monthly P&C Executive and the P&C meetings.
 Other tasks as allocated at the meetings.

Secretary

Recording of discussions at the monthly P&C meetings, drafting of minutes and distribution of minutes to the database;
 Checking the gmail account weekly for correspondence and distributing and communicating this correspondence as appropriate;
 Checking the P&C tray (in the office) for correspondence and distributing and communicating as appropriate;
 Attendance at the monthly P&C executive meetings where the agenda for the next meeting is set and business discussed;
 Distribution of the agenda and committee reports for the upcoming meeting to the P&C database;
 Co-ordination with subcommittees: request subcommittee reports in advance of meeting and distribution of these with the Agenda.
 Other tasks as allocated at the meetings.

Deputy Secretary

Attend the monthly P&C Executive meetings and P&C Meetings. Take minutes at the meeting in the absence of the secretary, record the minutes and email to the secretary for distribution.
 Other tasks as allocated at the meetings.

Treasurer

Attends the monthly P&C Executive Meetings and P&C Meetings.
 Receives and deposit monies, maintains records, draws cheques and presents accounts to each general meeting, presents all records for auditing each year.
 Other tasks as allocated at the meetings.

Deputy Treasurer

Attends the monthly P&C Executive Meetings and P&C Meetings.
 Assists the Treasurer. Organises the "Counting House" for the Spring Fair.
 Other tasks as allocated at the meetings.

Fundraising & Events Coordinator.

Attends the monthly P&C Executive Meetings and P&C Meetings.
 Works with the Fundraising Committee to procure prizes from local businesses, school community and corporates for use throughout the year at P&C Events.
 Liaises with the school to plan the P&C event calendar.
 Assists Event Coordinators with planning & preparation for events.
 Maintains the P&C Warehouse.

Committing to a P&C Executive Role involves a commitment of attending at least half the meetings throughout the year which equates to approximately 10 meetings.

CLASS PARENTS....THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all those who volunteered to be Class Parents in 2014.
 You have helped in so many ways to keep our school connected, more organised, better informed and efficient.
 The P&C would like to say "Thank You" for all that you have done for us and the children at Summer Hill Public Schoolplease come along to help celebrate another fabulous year on Tuesday 9th Dec at 7.30pm under the COLA.

CARD CREATIONS

Card Creations have arrived and they look fantastic. Thank you to Angela Lerantges for coordinating this event and to all the volunteers who helped in the classrooms on Card Creation Day.

NSW Premier's *Reading* Challenge 2014

The New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge

The New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be presented to participating students during the following assemblies:

- **Y5 & 6** – New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be presented in the assembly on **Monday 1st December** which commences at **9.30am**.
- **K-Y1** - New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be presented in the assembly on **Wednesday 3rd December** which commences at **9.30am**.
- **Y2, 3 & 4** - New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge certificates will be presented during the assembly on **Friday 5th December** which commences at **11.05am** in the Hall.



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all students and families for your support of our library program during this busy year. In order to allow time for stocktaking our collection, all library loans will cease for 2014 at the end of Week 8.

No library loans will be available after Friday 28th November 2014.

Please return all Summer Hill Public School library items as soon as possible.

Good luck to all the lovely Year Six people who are moving on to high school, please remember to leave our SHPS library books for younger SHPS students to enjoy .

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



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 12th December**. 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 14th December 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

Sandy Roberston sandy_robertson@yahoo.com

CHESS NEWS



On Wednesday 19 November, more than 70 students took place in our annual SHPS Chess Tournament. Selwyn C was the overall winner, and Eva G took both 2nd place and the Girls Prize. Congratulations to the other students (see photo) who won medals and trophies. Everyone had a great day and there was plenty of time between rounds for playing soccer and trading cards!

For information about chess activities over the school holidays, you could consider supporting the NSW Junior Chess League by attending one of their tournaments or workshops: <http://www.nswjcl.org.au/>

Likewise, The Sydney Academy of Chess has various coaching and workshop options, as well as The Central Coast Summer Chess Challenge on 19th January. Go to their website for more information: www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au

In 2015 chess will begin on Tuesday 3rd February. The "Try Chess Days" will follow the week after. Please watch this space for more information!

The Chess Program would like to thank the Summer Hill School Community for their support on our black and white mufti day which took **\$865.60!**

Susan
SHPS Chess Coordinator



JELLY STALL THANKS

On Monday the 24th of November, we ran a Jelly Stall in order to raise money for the Girls Chess Team, who will be going to Adelaide in early December to represent New South Wales.

The Jelly Stall was held at lunchtime and raised almost **\$300!** This will help the five chess girls to pay for their flight to Adelaide and back, as well as their accommodation.

Quite a few parents made jelly in huge amounts. We would like to thank all the parents and helpers who gave up their own time for helping in both making and selling jelly. In particular, many thanks to Anica's mum, Melissa's dad, Eva's mum, Melissa S, Lyn D, in helping out with the stall.

We would also like to thank all students who bought the jelly and supported us financially. We hoped everyone enjoyed jelly!

By Melissa S



YEAR 5 GOLD WORKSHOP AT THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

On Monday 10th and Monday 17th November, Year 5 students attended the Powerhouse Museum where they were involved in the 'Life In The Gold Rush' workshop. A character from the 1800's greeted the students. They then watched a short play where they learnt historical facts about what life was really like on the gold fields. Students were provided with information packs where they worked in research groups and presented interesting facts about life in the 1800's. This was followed by a tour of the museum where they got to see an 1855's steam locomotive.

The highlight came soon after lunch where students performed a role-play called, 'Life In The Gold Rush'. Bankers, doctors, shop keepers, gangsters, bank clerks, wives, police and people suffering from illnesses were some of the roles performed by the students. Year 5 certainly enjoyed the experience as you can see from the photos below. A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to all the Year 5 teachers and parent helpers who came along.



FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Thanksgiving Day (USA) - 27 November

The first Thanksgiving Day was held by Plymouth Plantation colonists in 1621. It was a three day feast to celebrate their first harvest. "Thanksgiving Day" was first proclaimed by President George Washington in 1789 as a day for public prayer and thanksgiving. Various dates for this occasion were used in the ensuing years until 1941 when President Roosevelt set it at the fourth Thursday in November. The day is symbolised by a cornucopia, the horn of plenty.

St Andrew's Day (Scotland) – 30 November

St Andrew, one of Christ's apostles was crucified by the Romans on an X-shaped cross. Scotland's flag today is the Cross of St Andrew. Although the reasons why he became the patron saint of Scotland have been lost, this feast day (St Andrew's Day) has been on the Scottish calendar for more than a thousand years. St Andrew's Day is not a public holiday however it is still celebrated wherever people of Scottish descent gather.

World AIDS Day – 1 December

In 1988, a World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programs of AIDS Prevention called for the opening of channels of communication worldwide. They wanted to strengthen the exchange of information and experience for dealing with AIDS and to promote a spirit of social tolerance. World AIDS Day receives support from the World Health Assembly, the United Nations and governments and communities around the world.

International Day of People with a DisAbility – 3 December

In October 1992 the United Nations general Assembly declared 3 December as International Day of Disabled Persons. In 1997, Australia renamed this observance as the International Day of People with a DisAbility in recognition of the abilities and achievements of people living with disabilities.



Summer Hill PS Waste Management Map

We are cleaning up

HOUSE TEAMS 4 HABITAT



SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL SUSTAINABILITY CAMPAIGN 2014

OUR SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

HOUSE TEAMS 4 HABITAT 2014 CUMULATIVE SCORES

	BORDER	LEWIS	FLEMMING	CAMPESE
ROUND 1	20,000	5,000	50,000	10,000
ROUND 2	20,000	10,000	5,000	50,000
ROUND 3	50,000	10,000	10,000	5,000
ROUND 4				
BONUS				
WINNER!				
REWARD:	The Golden Garbage Bin Trophy! <i>.....KEEPING OUR PLAYGROUND HABITAT CLEAN.....</i>			

We are Composting



We are using new recycling bins

CO-MINGLED WASTE



Bottles



Cans



Plastic Containers



COMMUNITY NEWS



30.11.14 GRADING DAY

Leichhardt Wanderers Netball Club is holding its first ever grading day.

WHERE Richard Murden Courts (our training courts)

WHEN 3pm, Sunday 30 November 2014. Put it in the diary!



WHY Our fantastic club has grown from one team per age group to six teams in the new age groups. Our goal for the day is to create a graded first division team in each age group and keep other existing teams together. We want all girls to play netball in a way that works for them: giving more competitive girls the opportunity to tryout for a first division graded team, and girls playing for fun/fitness the assurance they'll be with friends in established teams that cater to all skill levels.

WHO Grading is for 2015 U10 and over age groups only. Not compulsory unless you want to trial for the top team. If there are more girls interested we can grade two or more teams on an opt in basis. Please wear training gear and bring a drink bottle, your 2015 rego form and a smile!

COME ALONG, RE-REGISTER AND PLAY NETBALL






NETBALL

Leichhardt Wanderers Netball Club is a young and growing club. In 2014 there were two u8 teams made up of SHPS students. New to club players welcome, including minis, 8's and 9s, bring a copy of your birth certificate or passport and register on the grading day.
All games at Cintra Saturday mornings. Season commences, approx weekend after Easter or First Saturday in Term 2.

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

- 1 All you need to do is purchase a gift. 
- 2 Wrap the gift. 
- 3 Pop the gift under the tree in your local Ray White office.  Don't forget to tell the Ray White team if the gift is for a boy or a girl and their age. 
- 4 Your gift will be delivered by Rotary to a local family who will appreciate the lift to their festive season. 

Start giving from 01 December

Ray White Summer Hill is once again partnering with Rotary Burwood and Burwood Community Welfare Services to bring a bit of Christmas cheer to disadvantaged children in our area. **The Little Ray of Giving** campaign launches across Australia and New Zealand from 1 December 2014 with our locals being asked to dig deep to put smiles on the faces of some special children in their community. Last year alone almost 3000 gifts were donated across 55 offices and delivered to children in need across Australia. So come on Summer Hill...lets get those gifts rolling in! Drop them off to us at our office **6a Sloane Street Summer Hill** from **1st of December**, let us know if the present is for a Boy or Girl and their age group and we'll do the rest. Thank you.

DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 9 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:.....

Name of Parent/Carer:.....

Signature of Parent/Carer:Date: