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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.

School Spectacular

Last Friday night I attended my first Schools Spectacular concert. I was absolutely enthralled and amazed by the quality of the performances and so proud of our students who participated in the choir, band or dancers. These wonderful opportunities for our students would not be possible without the dedication of staff who have supported this program for the past several years. I would like to thank Mrs Rebecca Salter, Mrs Gillian Bale, Mrs Pam Carroll and Mrs Sharon Pillay for all their hard work and support of our students. This year our students were buddied up with a rural school, Gloucester PS, and used our connected classroom to practice their songs together. It was great catching up in person with these students and getting to know them personally.

NAPLAN and School Plan Parent Meeting

I would like to thank all the parents who attended the meeting last night and contributed to the editing of our new School Plan 2015-2017. Their comments and suggestions were greatly appreciated and will inform our school's direction for the following 3 years. At the meeting it was suggested that the school hold some Parent Inquiry Group session in 2015 on topics of interest to the parents. The first session will be on Grammar and will be held in Term 1 next year. Suggestions for further topics can be made to the Principal.

Reports to Parents

Reports will go home via students on Friday 12 December. Please notify the school if your child will not be present on this date, or will not be returning to our school in 2015.

OperationArt

Our Operation Art student paintings are on display in our foyer. Please pop in a take a look at the talent of our students.

P&C—Last Meeting for the Year

The last P&C meeting for 2014 will be held next Tuesday 9 December under the COLA. This will be a meeting to celebrate the achievements of our school community this year, lead by the P&C committee and especially our P&C President, Deborah Samuels. As Deborah will be stepping down from her role, I would like to take the opportunity to thank her for the dedication she has shown in her role as P&C President, and the achievements she has made that have positively impacted on the whole school, both socially and physically. She has been an amazing support to me, in my first year as Principal, and she has at all times placed the greater good of the school as paramount in her decision making. She will leave a lasting legacy and I am so very grateful that I had this opportunity to work with her this year and wish her and her family all the very best for 2015.

Karen Shehata (Principal)



Coming Events

December

- Thu 4 - Yr 2,3 & 4 Swimming Program
- 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 1.20-3pm
- 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
- Mon 15 - Yr 6 @ Boing Central Trampoline Centre 9.15am-3.00pm
- Tue 16 - Yr 6 Graduation 1.20-3.00pm
- Tue 16 - Yr 6 Dinner Dance 6-9pm
- Wed 17 - Yr 3&4 @ Movies & Picnic
- Wed 17 - Yr 5 & 6 @ Bowling 9.30am-2.30pm

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.

Wed 17 - LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2014

MUSIC NEWS

ADVANCED UKULELE AND ADVANCED RECORDERS

will be visiting the Cardinal Freeman Aged Care Facility on Thursday 4th December.

The aim of the visit is to connect with the local community and spread some Christmas cheer. We will be meeting at 9.am in the Music Room and leaving the school grounds at 9.15am . We will be walking to and from Cardinal Freeman returning to school at approximately 11 am. Parent helpers are welcome to come along. Advanced Ukelele rehearsal will be on as usual on that morning.

BEGINNER UKULELE

It will be our last rehearsal of the year next Monday 8th December. We have had a great year and looking forward to a big bang finale. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who have come along to support your children and played along throughout the year.

Donna Ross

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The last choir rehearsal for 2014 will be Monday 8 December.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR SUCCESS!

Last week from Wednesday to Saturday 16 students from the senior choir attended rehearsals and performances of the 31st Schools Spectacular. It was a fantastic show full of dancing, singing, rapping, tapping and drama. We even got a picture with Anja Nissen from "The Voice"! Other students in the show were Max T from 6JG (Dance Ensemble), Sacha L. 5MD, Ellen P. and Olivia R. 6BN (Junior Singers). There were also many ex Summer Hill students in the core choir, orchestra and stage band.

We had a great time catching up with our buddies from Gloucester Public School, as part of our SpecConnect program.

It was Mrs Shehata's first experience of being at Schools Spec this year and she thought it was AMAZING! It was also great to have the Musical Theatre Group come and watch the matinee with us!

Gillian Bale, Rebecca Salter and Pam Carroll



The Summer Hill Choir – stars in the making!



That's us, first yellow line, ready to sing "River Deep".



That's us with Gloucester Public school, ready to party!



Here we are with Anja!

Dear Parents,

This is an outline of the 2015 Summer Hill Public School SPORT Calender. Please note that it is accurate at time of publishing however details may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Also note that it does not include sport played at an individual class level and several one-off programs that we are planning for 2015 such as Bootcamp and Tennis. Got Game is a new program that will help promote the school's athletics program in the first half of the year and gymnastics in the second. Thanks goes to the P & C Sport Committee for their support in the organisation of this calender.

Kind regards,
The S.H.P.S. PDHPE Committee

SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORT - 2015

Grade	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
Kindergarten	Outdoor Structured Play	Got Game - Athletics/FMS	Outdoor Structured Play	Got Game - Balance, Rhythm, Movement (Gym)
1	Tabloid Sports (based on FMS)	GG - Athletics/FMS	Tabloid Sports (based on FMS)	GG - Balance, Rhythm, Movement (Gym)
2	GG - Athletics/FMS	Tabloid Sports (based on FMS)	GG - Balance, Rhythm, Movement (Gym)	Tabloid Sports (based on FMS) Swim Scheme
3	GG - Athletics/FMS Carnival of Codes	Tabloid Sports/FMS	GG - Balance, Rhythm, Movement (Gym)	Major Game - (eg. T-Ball, soccer, etc based on FMS) Swim Scheme
4	GG - Athletics/FMS Summer PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.) Year 4 Day Camp	Class Sport Winter PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.)	GG - Balance, Rhythm, Movement (Gym) Winter PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.)	Class Sport Summer PSSA B@S Sport Swim Scheme
5	Year 5 Camp Summer PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.)	GG - Athletics/FMS Winter PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.)	Winter PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.)	GG - Balance, Rhythm, Movement (Gym) Summer PSSA B@S Sport Swim Scheme
6	GG - Athletics/FMS Summer PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.)	Year 6 Camp Winter PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.)	GG - Balance, Rhythm, Movement (Gym) Winter PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.)	Summer PSSA B@S Sport - (eg. T-ball, Soccer, etc.) Bowling
Carnivals	School Swimming Carnival Thursday February 12 th @ Ashfield Pool (8am - 3pm) Carnival of Codes Year 3 - Monday 23 rd February Zone Swimming Carnival Thursday 5 th March	School Cross Country Tuesday April 28 th @ Yeo Park (9.30-2.00pm) Back up date: Tuesday May 19 th at Yeo Park Infants (K-2) Sports Gala Day (Sem. 1) Tuesday June 23 rd Yeo Park (9.30 - 1pm) Zone Cross Country Thursday June 11 th	School Athletics Carnival - FIELD Monday July 20 th @ school Back up date: Monday July 27 th School TRACK Wednesday July 29 th @ Pratten Park (9am-2.30pm) Back up date: Wednesday August 5 th @ Pratten Park Zone Athletics Carnival Tuesday 19 th August	Infants (K-2) Sports Gala Day (Sem. 2) Monday November 9 th Yeo Park (9.30 - 1pm) (K-2 & Yr 6)

SPORT NEWS

ATHLETICS SINGLETS

We have a large number of athletics singlets that are missing from our sports storeroom. The singlets are very expensive and were donated by the P. and C. Please check your child's room and return any singlets this week so that we can continue our stocktake.

The Sports Committee

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 PSSA AWARD WINNERS!



CONGRATULATIONS ICAS MEDAL WINNERS!



On Friday 28th November, Richard H, Ella H, Sabrine W and I (Alexander P) went to the University of New South Wales to receive our medals for an outstanding performance in the International Competitions and Assessments in Schools. These tests are made by the Educational Assessment Australia and to receive a medal we had to achieve full marks in these tests. Ella, Richard and I are in Year 6 and Sabrine is in Year 5. Ella received her medal in the English test while Richard, Sabrine and I received ours in the Maths test. We were welcomed with a breakfast in the Scientia building then were guided to the John Clancy Auditorium for the presentation ceremony. We all thoroughly enjoyed our time at the UNSW and would like to heartily thank our parents for making this possible.

Signing out, Alexander P.



THE YEAR SIX SHOW

The Year 6 Show will be held on Wednesday December 10. We have a small number of tickets for the matinee show that begins at 1.20pm. Please email the school if you are interested in attending the matinee performance. Tickets are free of charge.

Year Six Students and teachers



6JG Share Picture Books with KAP

Recently, we finished creating our own picture books in 6JG. Miss Pinhey had a look at them and was very impressed with what she saw, so some of us went down to KAP to share our picture books. We split into small groups and read aloud to the kindergarten students. They asked us questions and talked about their favourite parts. We talked about how our picture books were put together and what materials we used. Both classes had fun!

by Linda W and Anny C, 6JG

P&C NEWS

FINAL P&C MEETING FOR 2014

The last P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday December 9th at 7.30 in the COLA. Please join us - drinks will be provided but please bring a plate to share.

We will also be farewelling our retiring P&C president Deborah Samuels who will be greatly missed!
Hope to see you there.

2015 Ashfield Council Grant for Diversity Gardens



We are excited to announce that the P&C Sustainability and Garden committees have been awarded an Arts, Community and Environment Grant from Ashfield Council for 2015 to further develop Summer Hill Public School's diversity gardens project.

The \$2000 grant will help us extend our school's innovative learning programs about biodiversity to include cultural diversity. In 2015, new students will be involved in planting to create habitat, with a focus on bush tucker species. We hope to create a special art feature for our school grounds that acknowledges and respects Aboriginal culture, cultivates local partnerships and adds to our natural play landscaping features. Teaching students to value and care for their school environment and be inclusive of other cultures will benefit the way they engage in the wider community. We would like to hear from anyone from the school community, particularly Indigenous families, interested in this project, please contact Freya Hartley at freya@p-svs.net.au.

Photo: Ashfield Council. Noticed anything different about Ashfield Park lately? Aboriginal artists James and Danny Eastwood have skilfully carved and painted a tree trunk with the dreaming story of the Rainbow Serpent. The Tree Trunk artwork project is supported by the Ashfield Aboriginal Consultative Committee and was launched by Mayor, Councillor Lucille McKenna OAM, last Thursday 27 November.



WASTE FREE WEDNESDAYS Tip:

Thinking of buying new uniforms, drink bottles or lunchboxes for your children over the holidays? Have a new child starting school? Looking for a useful Christmas present?

What about NAME LABELS?

Purchase customised name labels from www.brightstarkids.com.au and raise money for our school. Just remember to nominate 'Summer Hill Public School P&C' when you review and pay at the checkout online.

Send us your questions, tips and ideas to shwastefreelunchbox@gmail.com

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 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.

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.

CYBERSMART SAFETY PRESENTATION AT SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL COMING IN 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online.

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the Internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Summer Hill Public School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- Tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

The Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on **Tuesday 24th February 2015** in the school hall. The session will begin at 5:30pm and conclude at 7pm.

To register your attendance, please fill out the slip below and send back to the school office by Monday 9th February.

Regards,
Katherine Butler
Assistant Principal Summer Hill PS

CYBERSMART SAFETY PRESENTATION AT SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

I/We are looking forward to attending the Cybersmart Presentation on Tuesday 24th February 2015.

Number of parents attending: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

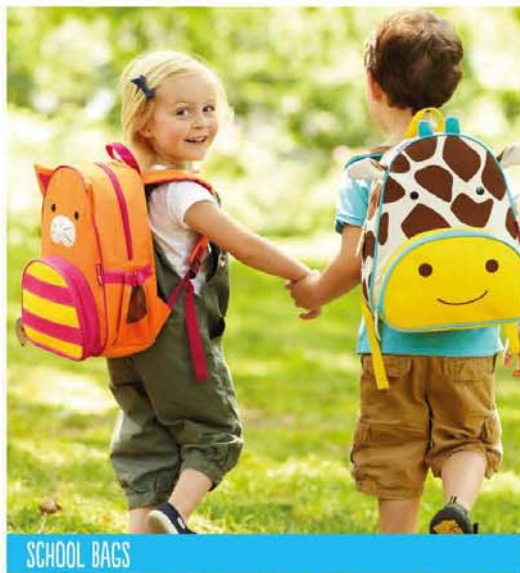
UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED TRADING HOURS

Monday 19th January 2015 to Friday 23rd January 2015
10.00am to 12.00pm



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COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE BRASS TUITION for Ages 8 -12

The Salvation Army "Just Brass" Band in Dulwich Hill offers FREE brass tuition (trumpets, tubas, baritones, horns, etc) for children aged 8-12.

The children receive

- a one hour weekly lesson on Wednesdays 5-6 pm by experienced brass teachers, in very small groups
- the free loan of the musical instrument, with case
- a free music book with CD
- the occasional chance to perform at small local events (they will perform at Carols in the Park Dec 7th in Johnson Park Dulwich Hill if you want to check them out)

If any SHPS students are interested, their parents should email Pamela Johns on mpjohns@iinet.net.au for more information. Places are limited, and the new term starts on Wednesday February 4th.

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

DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 16 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: