Week 4 Term 4

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Carers,

The wait is over, we switched across to the LMBR suite of school administration and finance systems on 17 October. I thank our amazing administration team, led by Mrs Teresa Anderson, for all of the hard work that they have completed over the past two terms in transferring all of our data across to the new systems and in ensuring that we had a smooth transition.

We can now receive and make payments again and you may have noticed that the online payment portal on our website has been reinstated. This is particularly important for parents of students in Year 6 who need to finalise payments for end of year activities no later than 17th November.

To assist the school as we plan class structures for 2017, if your child will be leaving our school at the end of the year, please notify the school office as soon as possible.

The student parliament process has begun and the policy can be now found on our school website. We are very excited about the changes being made to leadership opportunities in Year 6 and we will announce the Ministers for 2017 on Presentation Day. All other school leadership positions will be selected early in Term I 2017.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) for Stage 3 Students

As you may be aware, BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is operating in classes across Stage 3. Children who do not have a device will **not** be disadvantaged in any way as they will be able to share school owned devices with their peers.

The BYOD Policy can be found on the school website, which can be accessed through following the link http://www.summerhill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/technology-summerhill/byod-policy-stage-3-students

Students who are in Year 4 and moving into Stage 3 next year will be receiving information packages in Term 1, 2017.

Use of Technology in the Classroom

Across the Stages, classes use ICT (Information & Communication Technology) in the classroom in a multitude of ways. Not every classroom will be using technology in exactly the same way. Here is some of what we do:

Stage 3

- Giving multimedia presentations students and teachers give them
- Publish writing online e.g. Storybird
- Mathletics and other numeracy programs and websites
- Photography/art
- Class blogs and weeblies
- Research
- Sharing work between students, parents and teachers
- computer coding with Scratch and code.org, and to engage with multimodal literacy texts and information eg BTN.
- Photography/Art/Photoshop
- Coding Programs e.g. Scratch and Tynker
- Filming and editing movies/news programs/'documentaries'
- Creating music compositions
- Trialing new stems units
- Arduino boards and Raspberry Pie.

Stage 2

Interactive whiteboards and projectors (or Comboxes) are used in class lessons/discussions by teachers and by students for presentations/speeches.

Students are taught typing skills - the more access we have to devices the easier this is as

Coming Events

November

- Wed 2 Y6 Soccer Clinic 9.15-12pm
- Wed 2 Schools Spectacular rehearsal 7.30am-4.15pm
- Sat 5 SHPS Fete 12pm
- Mon 7 Kindy Orientation 9.15-10.45am
- Tue 8 Schools Spectacular rehearsal 7.30am-4.15pm
- Thu 10 K-2 Sports Gala Day 9.30-1pm
- Thu 10 K-2 Assembly YI Recorders performing in Hall 2.15pm
- Fri II Remembrance Day K-6 Assembly in Hall 10.45am
- Mon 14 Student Parliament Speeches in Hall
- Tue 15 NAPLAN Information Session in Library 6.30pm
- Tue 15 P&C Meeting in Library 7.30pm
- Wed 16 Y6 Soccer Clinic 9.15-12pm
- Thu 17 Y5 @ ATYP
- Thu 17 Y6 @ Seymour Centre II-am-3pm
- Thu 17 Y3-4 Assembly in Hall 2.15pm
- Fri 18- Y2 Music audition in Hall 9.15am-12.40pm
- Wed 23 Schools Spec Rehearsal 6.25am-5pm
- Wed 23 Y6 Soccer Clinic 9.15am-12pm
- Wed 23 Kindy @ Seymour Centre I lam-3pm
- Thu 24 Schools Spec Rehearsal 7am-7.30PM
- Thu 24 Chess Day in the Hall
- Thu 24 K-2 Assembly in Hall 2.15pm
- Fri 25 Schools Spec Rehearsal & Performance 8am-10.30pm
- Sat 25 Schools Spec Performances 12-4pm & 6-10pm

students need to practice, especially with NAPLAN online coming up.

- Students learn how to use software programs (eg: Word, Excel, Word Cloud, iMovies, Photoshop, PowerPoint, Google Drive)
- Students are taught to be careful about online behaviour
- Students are taught critical literacy skills regarding the reliability of online resources and information
- Computers are used as work/research/publishing stations especially for inquiries/projects.
- Students use USBs and/or Google Drive to store and share work.
- Emails are used to communicate between teachers and students for both class and home tasks
- Year 4 students make short Claymation movies.
- Year 4 students access the internet for investigations as part of the iMaths program.
- Reading Eggs tasks are set in class and/or for homework
- Mathletics tasks are set in class and/or for homework
- Weebly websites are used by some classes to communicate with/to parents.
- Classrooms have 4-5 computers for students to use
- Classes visit the computer lab once a week to use the computers there for research, Mathletics, etc. (one computer per student)
- Classes use the laptop banks to enable access to more devices in class (one computer per student or one computer per two students) – used for research and publishing, and to develop and practice typing skills.
- Some classes use iPads in small groups usually used for reading and spelling
- A Friday Years 4-6 Sport group is the Pokemon Orienteering group. Students follow the BYOD policy and we
 hunt for Pokemon! The students incorporate data analysis, map reading, problem solving, road safety, knowledge of the
 local community, healthy lifestyles and fitness made possible by technology.
- Some teachers use Studyladder which enables students to learn more about an in-depth topic of study
- YouTube is a valuable resource for teachers to show appropriate videos relating to content eg: "Bill Nye the Science Guy".

Stage I

ICT is used in Stage I to teach basic computer skills such as, logging in and accessing the student portal, typing a document on to Microsoft Word and learning how to use the tools on the Microsoft Word tool bar.

Google Drive is used mainly by the teachers to communicate quickly and effectively, teachers can also share work, photos and other teaching resources through Google Drive.

In the computer lab students can access: Mathletics, Reading eggs, Microsoft Word to type, edit and illustrate stories. Photoshop to manipulate and recreate photographic images, GOOGLE search in order to research and write information reports in Science and History.

Interactive whiteboards are used in the classroom by teachers during modelled teaching time to demonstrate skills/concepts in all learning areas. (Multimodal and visual literacy concepts can be explored using the interactive whiteboards) examples include: Literacy shed, study ladder, YouTube viewing, ABC Splash for History units, Scootle for Science topics, Notebook, Scanning students work and displaying on the interactive for editing and peer assessment tasks.

Using iPads for/to:

- Take photos to use in stories for animation creation purposes.
- Guided reading group time- children record themselves for reading fluency, expression, volume, pace and phrasing.

Other Literacy apps to help with spelling, reading and vocab are:

- Puppet pals exploring characters in stories.
- Spelling city learning how to spell, syllables, blends, cvc words etc
- Sight Words: Kids Learn teaches sight word development
- Sky writer- writing skills
- ABC Phonics Phonics
- Word Bingo spelling
- The hero factory Create your own superheroes
- Study ladder maths and English games/concepts
- Story maker/creator kids use character animation and voice recording to create their own stories.

Math ability groups where the following apps are used:

- Monster Maths for problem solving skills
- IXL Maths and English APP
- Targeting Maths I Explores all concepts in Maths
- Peter Pigs Money Coin Counter Money concepts
- Let's do the Math addition and subtraction word problems
- GS Kids! Shapes and Colours

Kindergarten

Kindergarten uses a variety of technology in the classroom, most particularly the iPads. IPads do not require passwords which means they are ideal for Kindergarten students to use whilst learning early literacy skills. IPads are used for small group work predominantly to support literacy and numeracy. A variety of apps are used right from the start of Kindergarten to help with letter and number identification, sound recognition and writing. Students in Kindergarten also use the iPads to take photos to integrate into all Learning Areas. As students develop throughout the year, different apps are introduced. Having an individual class set for small groups mean that teachers can have apps on the iPads that relate directly to the learning needs of the students in their class. Teachers are able to set up the iPads in advance to ensure they are utilised to their full potential. The applications are limitless!

TARONGA ZOO 100TH BIRTHDAY PARADE

Where can you find corroboree frogs, marine turtles, greater bilbies, regent honey eaters, platypuses, Asian elephants, Sumatran tigers, Sunda pangolins, sun bears, and Sumatran rhinos, all dancing down a city street? Well, on Saturday 15th October this unlikely event happened here in Sydney to celebrate Taronga Zoo's 100th birthday – a parade from Hyde Park to the Opera House along the usually bustling Macquarie Street. Ms Pagano and I took 39 Year 5 and 6 students to represent Summer Hill and our animal was the mighty sun bear! These creatures are the smallest bears in the world and even though they are fast and strong, they are at risk of extinction due to illegal poaching and hunting overseas. Stage 3 students from across Sydney came together on Saturday night to stand up #forthewild, wearing onesies and following brightly-lit animal floats and lanterns to represent 10 different animals that are in need of our help. Students danced throughout the city to raise awareness of these vulnerable animals.

We were absolutely delighted with how well our Summer Hill students represented the school – with beautiful behaviour and enthusiastic participation throughout the entire event. The parade drew a huge crowd, made the problem of these endangered animals clear, and was an absolutely spectacular sight – and hopefully an experience the kids will never forget. A huge thank you to our parent helpers, and the students who participated (and their parents and carers for helping them out!)





Ms Phillips

I enjoyed the Taronga Zoo 100th Birthday Parade because I did it with my friends. It was cool to dance to the Opera House and perform. I loved all the floats and the onesies. We were one of the only groups who danced the whole way and we were really happy about that. We saw lots of people cheering us on and it was really amazing. Once we got to the Opera House a radio host introduced Taronga Zoo and we began to dance. Once we finished we walked to the closest park and drank lots of water. After we were no longer too hot we waited to go home. Overall the experience was an awesome, amazing and brilliant opportunity. I don't think anyone will forget this anytime soon!

Josie D 5SP



YEAR 5 HSIE

Last year, during HSIE lessons, Year 5 students researched a charity and in pairs or small groups, raised money for that charity. Max R. and Charlie C. from 6TK worked tirelessly making and selling cookies for to help raise money to build a school in India. We have received this photo that shows where Max and Charlie's raised money went to. Congratulations to both Max and Charlie for your selfless act of kindness and your real life demonstration of social responsibility. Summer Hill is so very proud of you both.

SCOUTING SUCCESS AT SUMMER HILL PS

At Summer Hill Public School we are always encouraging our students to pursue the 3 R's-Resilience, Respect and Responsibility. Students strive to show and develop these qualities throughout the year in and out of the classroom.

Congratulations to Patrick H in 5JR for being warded the prestigious Cub Scout award the **Grey Wolf Award**. This is a testament to Patrick's determination, responsibility, resilience and leadership.

The **Grey Wolf Award** is the ultimate award for a Cub Scout. It requires participation in a number of outdoor activities, attendance at Pack Councils, achievement of a number of Level 2 Achievement Badges and Special Interest Badges, and the development of a Jungle Book group resource.

At the presentation last Wednesday night, the District Commissioner spoke when she awarded the badge to Patrick about the determination required to set the goal as a new Cub at age 8 and follow it through for the 3 years to complete the award.

Congratulations on your great achievement Patrick. We are very proud of you!



P&C NEWS



SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 12-6PM

Only Three More Sleeps To Go... until this year's Spring Fair

The Spring Fair raises more money for your school than any other event in the year. But we can't do it without you...

VOLUNTEERS?



The next few days are huge for the parents who work very hard to make sure the Fair is a big success. Virtually all of our stalls are run by parents at the school and without them we wouldn't have a Fair.

Have you volunteered yet?

Volunteer numbers are down this year, meaning we are struggling to staff all stalls for the duration of the Fair. We only need an hour or two of your time on Fair day. Setting up; spending time on the stalls, or helping pack up - you choose. Please just let us know what you can do at SHPSspringfair@gmail.com Please do it now - there are several Stalls that won't be able to run if we don't get enough volunteers.

It's not too late!

HANGERS?

Do you have any spare clothes hangers hanging around in your wardrobes? This year we are running a Children's clothing stall and we welcome your hangers to make your donations look the best they can on Fair day. Please leave your hangers at the back of the Hall.

BOOKS, TOYS and CHILDREN'S CLOTHING (up to 12 years old only please)

Please leave your donations at the back of the Hall. Your clean, good quality Books, Toys and Children's Clothes that will sell!

Please Note: Donations are NOT to be left in the Office.

CAKES

The cake stall and Summer Cafe need your baked goods! Bring them along to the stall on Fair day. Egg free, dairy free, nut free, gluten free options are always appreciated by families of kids with allergies, and it's a huge help for them if you can list your ingredients on a piece of paper to accompany your creations.



WRISTBANDS FOR THE RIDES

Pre-buy and save!



Get your rides wristbands on Friday 4th November, underneath the COPA for \$25 each. Pre-selling Friday morning from 7:30 - 9:30am
Friday afternoon from 2:30 - 4.00pm

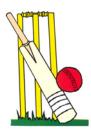
Wristbands and individual rides tickets will also be available on Fair Day at the rides stall. At the Fair they will cost \$30 each or, \$5 per ride.

If you have any queries about The Fair, please get in contact with the committee at shpsspringfair@gmail.com

We hope to see you at the Spring Fair at School on Saturday. It's going to be a great day and your support makes a real difference to our students, your children.

NSW GIRLS CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIPS

☆ Good luck to Laura M from 5JR who is attending the NSW Girls Cricket Championships this
 ☆ week at Hawkesbury. Laura is a very talented cricketer who is participating at the Championships for the second year in a row. We wish her all the very best and are looking forward to hearing of her exploits in our next newsletter.



SPORT NEWS - PSSA DRAW

Date	Round	Cricket	Softball	
4/11	13	vs Burwood Henley	vs Croydon Park Henley	
11/11	14	vs Newington Queen Elizabeth St Lukes	vs Haberfield Ashfield Hammond	
18/11	15	vs Homebush West Campbell	vs Abbotsford Campbell	
25/11	16	Semi Finals at Henley	Semi Finals	
2/12	17	Grand Final at Henley	Grand Finals	

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

MUSIC COUNT US IN - THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER



We are ready to rock on Celebration Day (Thursday 3 November) as all registered schools unite via a live stream to celebrate music and perform 'Let It Play' together – half a million kids all singing the same song, on the same day, at the same time. A live stream will showcase the main event LIVE from the Sydney Opera House. It will include video packages, speeches and live music and will end with the singing of 'Let It Play'.

Summer Hill PS staff and students will gather in the school hall at 12pm to sing 'Let It Play', accompanied by an outstanding ensemble of orchestra, band, recorder and ukulele students. Parents are welcome to join us for the sing fest.

Here is a link to the videos if you want to access the song at home, as well as the lyrics and the 'Let It Play' Mp3.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEpXT4Gn8YYCvq2N74L RnwkXTDCQ9jVc

Click here for the lyrics to Let it Play

FAIR DAY CAFE

Fair Day is nearly here!!

Thank you to all the students who have volunteered to perform at the cafe.

I will make up a performance schedule and put a copy up at the canteen and on the door of the front office on Thursday, so you know what time your performance is. If you miss your scheduled time on the day, don't worry!! Come in and we will find another time for you. It is a relaxed and supportive venue for you to step out into the limelight.



Looking forward to seeing you there.

Donna Ross Music Teacher

SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE UPGRADE



The school's website has undergone an upgrade to make it more mobile friendly. All features on the school website can be accessed on your smart phone to keep you up to date with school news and activities.

BAND & ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLES 2017

Our instrumental ensembles are looking for interested students to join next year, the ensembles include a Senior Band, Stage Band and a Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band and Training Band, Symphony Orchestra and Training Orchestra. Students from Years 3-6 can participate in any of these groups, which require varying levels of musical ability. The Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Senior Band, Stage Band and Concert Band assume prior musical training of one year or more on an instrument. Training Band and Training Orchestra require **no prior musical knowledge or training** as we learn skills together throughout the year.

If you are currently in an ensemble **you do not need to re-apply**. Your conductor will talk to you soon about auditions and how to progress to the next ensemble.

All students who would like to apply to join the Band & Orchestra in 2017 should fill in a Googleform at this address https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1373DjxybTs5hHng9pY_i8Zltcw4]D5YQ6OtlGTwUWos/viewform? <a href="mailto:c=0&w=1&usp=ma

Applications close at **3pm on 17th November**. Any applications made after that time will be placed on a waiting list. Auditions will take place on **Friday 18th November only those students who have applied online will be auditioned**.

	MUSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 4		
2 nd November	School Spectacular rehearsal (Yr5 Senior Choir)		
5 th November	Fete: All bands to perform		
8 th November	School Spectacular rehearsal (Yr5 Senior Choir)		
9 th November	OC Open Morning: Senior Band to perform		
II th November	Remembrance Day: Solo Performance (trumpet)		
15 th November	Sydney S.E. Orchestra perform at Sutherland Entertainment Centre		
18 th November	Year 2 Music Tryouts for Band & Orchestra 2017 in the Hall 9.15-12.45pm		
23 rd , 24 th & 25 th Nov.	School Spectacular rehearsal (Yr5 Senior Choir)		
26 th November	School Spectacular (Yr5 Senior Choir)		
30 th November	Last Concert Band rehearsal		
I st December	3-6 Final Merit Assembly 2.15pm: Concert Band to perform		
2 nd December	K-6 Summer Hill Blue Assembly in the Hall 9.15am: Symphony Orchestra to perform		
5 th December	Karen Kekale Award: Chamber Orchestra to perform TBC		
6 th , 7 th & 9 th December	Last rehearsal for Stage Band, Symphony Orchestra, Training Orchestra, Training Band		
6 th & 8 th December	Last Junior Recorder classes		
8 th December	Senior Band rehearse as normal Xmas Service in the Hall 9.15am: Training, Symphony & Chamber Orchestra to perform		
9 th December	Last rehearsal for Training Band		
9 th December	ecember Yr3-6 PSSA/Sport Assembly 9.15am: Stage Band to perform		
I4 th December	Chamber Orchestra rehearse as normal 8.00-9.00am in the Drama Room Senior Band rehearse 9.30-10.00am in the Hall Presentation Day in the Hall 11.00am: Chamber Orchestra & Senior Band to perform		

DIWALI

On Thursday 30th October the Diwali Show performed at the Year 3-6 Assembly.
This year Diwali was celebrated on Sunday, October 30, 2016.

Diwali means "a row or cluster of lights" or "rows of diyas (clay lamps)".

Diwali spreads the message: Good over Evil - Light Over Darkness - knowledge over Ignorance - Hope over Despair







DREAM BIG

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2016

For the first time ever, this year's 'Schools Spectacular' will feature two hours of exciting, family friendly, pre-show entertainment and activities in the 'Wellbeing Zone'!

What is the Wellbeing Zone?

The 'Wellbeing Zone' is a place for families to come and enjoy **FREE** pre-show entertainment and participate in fun activities together. There will also be a range of delicious food and beverage stalls available.

Where is the Wellbeing Zone?

The Wellbeing Zone is right in front of the Qudos Bank Arena's main entrance.

What time will the Wellbeing Zone be open?

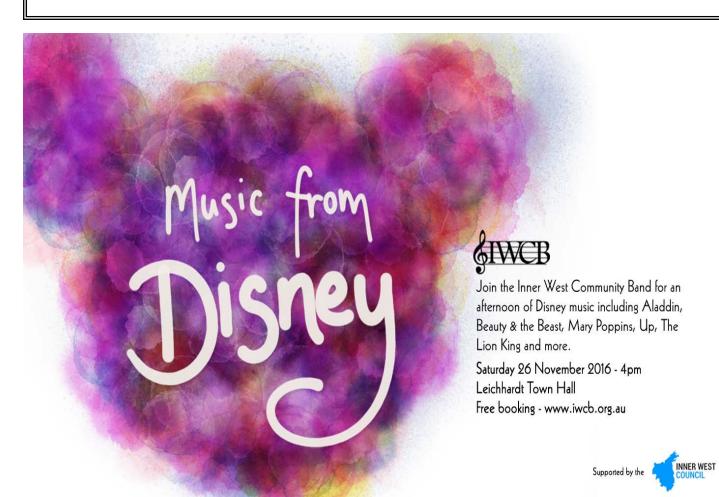
The 'Wellbeing Zone' will start two hours before each Schools Spectacular performance.

What will we see and do in the 'Wellbeing Zone'?

- Performances from our singers, dancers and musicians across three purpose built stages in front of the Arena
- Our spectacular Marching Band
- A variety of delicious food stalls
- Promotions from our Wellbeing partners
- Interactive 'Augmented Reality' activities to promote the voice of children and young people
- The opportunity to learn more about you and your family's wellbeing

Participate in a range of lifestyle and wellbeing activities

So bring the family early and enjoy all the pre-show fun and activities!



DRAMA & DANCE NEWS

Congratulations Grace, Jeanette and Dahlia on your performance with the Stage Right Ensemble at the 2016 Ultimo Schools Directorate Drama Festival at NIDA.

Well done Hannan & Raeja from 6SP who competed at the annual Theatresports Gala Day on Friday 28 October at the Seymour Centre with students from other schools and ImproAustralia.

Excellent work from Kindergarten at the KAP assembly where they showed us their moves to "Can't Stop The Feeling"! Thanks KAP for your lovely dancing and to all the other students who joined in our flash mob.











CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Later this month Jo Haylen MP will be launching this year's Christmas card competition. The theme is Christmas in the Inner West and all students are encouraged to enter and submit artwork.

A finalist will be announced from each school. The winning student will receive a book voucher and their design will be used on the front of Jo Haylen's annual Christmas card.



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