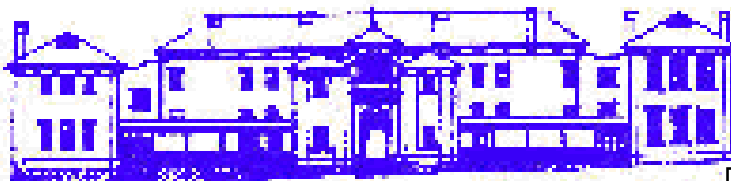


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



*Dear Parents and Caregivers,
The staff of SHPS wish all our students and their families a very safe and happy Christmas. We wish our students and their families who are leaving us all the best in their new schools. You will be missed. We look forward to welcoming all our new students and their families to the Summer Hill school community in 2017 and sharing with them a year ahead full of exciting learning opportunities.*

Classes 2017

Preparations are well underway for our 2017 classes. The class groupings are dictated by the staffing formula handed to us by the Department of Education then marrying this allocation with the needs of all students across the school. When deciding on the classes for any year, we attempt to obtain as much information as possible to ensure that; given the resources of the school (number of teachers, classroom availability, number of children, etc..) we place children as best we can.

The classes are officially based on best social and academic fit - and they always will be.

What we do is have teachers form classes in consultation with the Executive. Please be assured that 99% of the time the issues the parents bring to us we know about and have dealt with already.

Parent Volunteer Thank You

The staff and students are extremely grateful to all our parent volunteers who have given of their time and energy throughout the year to provide support in the classroom, participating in committees, through working bees, helping with excursions, or being part of the P&C. A very special "Thank You" to the members of our P&C who will be leaving us at the end of the year. The school could not achieve all our goals without your assistance and your support is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank our Scripture and Ethics teachers who volunteer their time each Thursday to provide our students with religious and ethical instruction. We have an amazing school community.

Presentation Day Assembly

Parents are invited to join us on Wednesday 14 December at 11.05am for our Presentation Day assembly. This special assembly acknowledges the many achievements of our students and is an opportunity to celebrate the year we have had. I would also like to thank all my staff for their dedication and commitment to the education of all our students.

Year 6 Show

What a fabulous night! The Year 6 students put on a great show on the theme "Better, Faster, Stronger ...Together". I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Ms Renee Adele, Ms Donna Ross, and Ms Alison Wagstaffe in supporting the students with their performances, as well as Mr Kay and all our Year 6 teachers. Well done! (See more photos of the Year 6 Show on page 4 of the newsletter and website gallery)



Coming Events

December

- Wed 14 - Presentation Day 11.05-12.40pm
- Thu 15 - Y6 Graduation in Hall 1.20pm
- Thu 15 - Y6 Dinner Dance 6-9pm
- Fri 16 - Y5 Bowling
- Fri 16 - Y6 Sky Zone 9.30-2.15pm
- Fri 16 - Farewell Arch 2.30-3pm

Friday 16th December Last Day of Term 4 2016 for Students

January

Monday 30th January First day of Term 1 2017 for Year 1-6 Students

February

- Thu 2 - Y1-6 Assembly in Hall 2.15pm
- Fri 3 - Y4-6 PSSA Summer Trials 1.20-3pm
- Mon 6 - Kindy start
- Thu 9 - Kindy first day photos
- Thu 9 - Y1-2 Assembly in Hall 2.15pm
- Fri 10 - Y4-6 PSSA Summer Trials 1.20-3pm
- Tue 14 - Welcome new families breakfast 8.30-9.15am
- Tue 14 - Y6OC @ Fort Street 12-3pm
- Thu 16 - Y3-4 assembly in hall 2.15pm
- Fri 17 - Summer PSSA begins 12-2.30pm
- Mon 20 - Group photo day in hall
- Tue 21 - Y6OC @ Fort Street 12-3pm
- Tue 21 - P&C meeting in library 7.30pm

Karen Kekale Award

This award was created 12 years ago in order to recognise a boy and a girl in Year 2 at Summer Hill PS. who show the same character and values held by this wonderful teacher who passed away suddenly. She treated others with genuine respect, compassion and kindness. She dedicated her working and personal life to putting other people's needs ahead of her own.

It is really very grounding to stop at the end of every busy year to think of how these simple and genuine values are demonstrated by so many of our wonderful students at Summer Hill. It is wonderful to reflect on the behaviour and actions of these young people who show kindness towards their peers and understanding of other people's needs at such a young age. It is a pleasure to announce that the Karen Kekale recipients for 2016 are Kristy T 2DT and Richard Y 2MA. These 2 students make a difference to other students' lives through their demonstration of fairness and kindness and they are two really important values in all our lives. Thank you Ms Meldrum for organising this special event each year. Congratulations Kristy and Richard!



This is the yellow rose bush that we have planted in the Karen Kekale Memorial garden. Yellow roses were Karen's favourite flower. We were thrilled to see it bloom so quickly and it will be a permanent reminder for us all in regard to the importance of respect, compassion and kindness

MindQuest

An exciting enrichment program designed to challenge and extend gifted and talented primary students from government and non government schools. Congratulations to the following students for attaining certificates of achievement: Caitlyn T-S 3/4WW for "Fun, Foam an Floaty Bits" and Sebastian L-C 5GB for "Mysteries and Conclusions"

Year 6 Graduation

On Thursday 15 December, the Year 6 Graduation Assembly will be held in the hall from 1.20pm. At this assembly, all Year 6 students will be given their graduation certificates. This assembly will be followed by the Year 6 Dinner Dance to be held at Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL in the auditorium from 6.30pm—9.30pm. Parents can drop their child off from 6pm and join us at 9pm for the cutting of the cake and final proceedings. I would like to thank Ms Wagstaffe and the Year 6 teachers for organising this year's dinner dance, and especially our parent committee for their amazing support.

On Friday 16 December, we will be holding our Farewell Arch from 2.30-3pm. This is when we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 students who are leaving us to begin the next adventure in their educational journey. We also say goodbye and thank you to many of our wonderful parents who have been a part of the Summer Hill school community for up to 7 years. You will be greatly missed and we thank you for your support and commitment to your child and to the school.

PSSA 2016

Congratulations to all our PSSA teams on their continued sportsmanship and conduct. We are very proud of the achievements of both our Summer and Winter teams in 2016. A special congratulations to coach Ms Phillips and the Junior Boys Softball team for being awarded joint premiers at the Grand Final last week! (Read Ms Phillip's report on page 5 of the newsletter).

School Zone Flashing Lights

40km/h school zones help protect children on their way to and from schools at the times and places where they are often in high numbers. School zone signs, pedestrian crossings and dragon's teeth road markings improve the visibility of school zones. School zone flashing lights warn motorists when they are enter a 40km/h school zone. This lower speed limit reduces the risk and potential severity of a crash. The NSW Government has ensured that every school in NSW has at least one set of school zone flashing lights. Additional schoolzone flashing lights will soon be installed on Robert Street and Drynan Street, Summer Hill to increase safety for Summer Hill Public School and nearby St Patricks Primary School.

Karen Shehata

TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS IN 2017

Term 1 - Monday 30th January to Friday 7th April

Term 2 - Wednesday 26th April to Friday 30th June

Term 3 - Tuesday 18th July to Friday 22nd September

Term 4 Monday 9th October to Friday 15th December



P&C NEWS

2017 is shaping up to be another great year with plenty of opportunities to get involved. Add these dates to your diary so that you are fully prepared for another year of fun at SHPS.

Tues 14th Feb 8.30 - 9.15 - Welcome New Families Breakfast

Sat 11th March 8pm - Comedy for a Cause (tickets available now see below)

Friday 17th Mar - Ride to School Day

Friday 24 Mar - Disco K - 2 (5pm - 6.30), 3 - 6 (6.30 - 8pm)

Fri 12 May - Mother's Day Breakfast

Fri 19 May - Walk to School Day

Term 2 - Possible movie night date TBA

Term 2 - Card Creations

Term 3 - NAIDOC Week Afterschool Picnic date TBA

Friday 25 August - Book Week Parade

Friday 1 Sept - Father's Day Breakfast

Sat 16 Sept - Adult Event - Trivia Night

Tues 31 Oct - Mufti Day - Gourmet Hamper Donation

Sat 4 Nov - Spring Fair

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events please contact dewolfies@yahoo.com and you will be contacted in February 2017. Please make sure that you volunteer for at least one event in 2017.



BOOK NOW

Book in now for the SHPS Comedy for a Cause Night

www.comedyforacause.net/SHPS

Comedy For A Cause presents a showcase of some of the best comedians from the Sydney and Melbourne International Comedy Festival in support of Summer Hills Public School .

Date: Saturday March 11, 2017

Doors: 7:00pm

Showtime: 8:00pm

Conclusion: 10:15pm (approx)

Tickets are not allocated – so first in best dressed.

Please note that this show is directed at adults and may contain some course language.

Tickets: \$40

Adults Only

Venue

Western Suburbs Australian Rules Football Club

40 Hampton St,

Croydon Park

Contact Details:

Mat Wakefield: mat@comedyforacause.net 0421 244 288

YEAR 6 SHOW 2016

See more photos on the school website - [click here](#).



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SPORT NEWS PSSA FINAL - JUNIOR BOYS SOFTBALL

Friday 2nd December saw twelve Summer Hill junior softball players travelling to Henley Park in 30+ degree weather for the PSSA Softball Grand Final. The boys' spirits were high and their anticipation was even higher as they warmed up (both their skills and their temperatures) before the game as they knew they were playing for first or second, not win or lose.

We met Newington Public School in the grand final, having not played against them since the first few rounds in Term 1. They are a fantastic team with many skilled players and an excellent sense of sportsmanship; it was a true delight to have such a great team as our opponents.

Our team continued to demonstrate outstanding teamwork and resilience in the field - their excellent fielding streak from the last few games continued, with a few double plays made throughout. Newington led for the first few innings with the score eventually sitting at 7-0. Our boys remained unfazed and kept their focus, with "forget it, it's nil-all!" heard after every play. Henry T made the first Summer Hill home run of the game, triggering the start of a spectacular comeback with more Summer Hill home runs scored until the score sat at 7-6 to Newington at the start of the final innings. This is truly a testament to our team's amazing resilience and support for each other, as the boys continued to play calmly and steadily even while myself and the parents felt the intensity of the game building.

At the final moment of the game, Summer Hill was up to bat in the final innings, with loaded bases, two outs, and two strikes. The score was 8-7 to Newington and the intensity was almost unbearable. We were already fifteen minutes over time but the umpire (and the coaches, parents and students) all wanted to see the innings played out. Zac was up to bat and made an excellent hit on his third strike, allowing Oliver to get home and equalise the score before another runner was caught out.

With an 8-all draw and all playing time used up, the umpire called the two teams together and brought the softball convenor across to announce the result. Due to the excellent skills, sportsmanship and support shown throughout the game, the convenor called it as a draw rather than revert the score and both teams were named joint premiers - an excellent result and a very satisfying end to an intense, heart-pounding grand final!

This result is even more impressive when you know that this was the first competitive season for all the junior boys, with no previous softball experience and only some players with baseball experience. The team has improved out of sight this year, both in their skills and their teamwork and support of each other. Congratulations to Zac, Caleb, Callum, Min, Tim, Angus, Oliver, Oscar, Henry, Gus, Jai, Liam - I hope you all try out again next year and keep playing softball in the years to come!

- Ms Phillips
PSSA Junior Softball Coach

(Special thanks to Tim's mum and Min's mum for the ice-blocks and watermelon!)



SPORT NEWS

PSSA SPORTS AWARDS

PSSA Girls Touch Football

Best & Fairest - Emma D
Player's Player - Lucia D

PSSA Senior Boys Touch Football

Best & Fairest - Zac M
Player's Player - Ryan G

PSSA Junior Boys Touch Football

Best & Fairest - Alec H
Player's Player - Gus J

PSSA Junior Cricket

Best & Fairest - Laura M
Player's Player - Kyron T

PSSA Senior Cricket

Best & Fairest - Blake H
Player's Player - Elliott B

PSSA Senior Girls Softball

Best & Fairest - Taniah K
Player's Player - Lucia D

PSSA Senior Boys Softball

Best & Fairest - Joseph S
Player's Player - Michael M-D

PSSA Junior Girls Softball

Best & Fairest - Ruby M
Player's Player - Mataya C

PSSA Junior Boys Softball

Best & Fairest - Tim S
Player's Player - Gus J

PSSA Senior Girls Football

Best & Fairest - Kimberley T
Player's Player - Isabella S

PSSA Junior A Girls Football

Best & Fairest - Ruby M
Player's Player - Laura M

PSSA Junior B Girls Football

Best & Fairest - Andriana L
Player's Player - Ava M

PSSA Senior Boys Football

Best & Fairest - Louis R
Player's Player - Harry C

PSSA Junior Boys Football

Best & Fairest - Kaiki D
Player's Player - Jai C

PSSA Senior A Netball

Best & Fairest - Sophie L
Player's Player - Rose M

PSSA Senior B Netball

Best & Fairest - Honey Y
Player's Player - Helen C

PSSA Junior A Netball

Best & Fairest - Nan W
Player's Player - Grace W

PSSA Junior B Netball

Best & Fairest - Lily M
Player's Player - Madeleine R

MUSIC NEWS 2017

All those that applied to join the Band and Orchestra in 2017 have been made an offer. There are still a few people who have not responded to the offer, they will be getting reminders this week. All those students who auditioned to progress to the next ensemble should know if they were successful, if you have not heard from us then please get in touch. Please note all Orchestra members audition at the first rehearsal of 2017.

Rehearsal Times

Chamber Orchestra: Monday 8-9am in the Computer Lab, starting 13th February

Stage Band: Tuesday 3-4pm in the Music Room, starting 7th February

Symphony Orchestra: Wednesday 8-9am in the Hall starting 8th February

Concert Band: Wednesday 3-4pm in the Hall, starting 8th February

Senior Band: Thursday 8-9am in the Hall, starting 9th February

Training Orchestra: First rehearsal 7.30-9am in the Music Room on Wednesday 15th February, all rehearsals after this date are Wednesday 8-9am in the Music Room.

Training Band: First rehearsal 3-6pm in the Hall on Friday 17th February, all rehearsals after this date are Friday 8-9am in the Hall.

Hire Instruments

If you are leaving the school at the end of the year and you hire a school instrument then please return the instrument to the school office by Thursday 15th December, unless you have made a prior arrangement. For all those students who hire a school instrument and will return to the music program next year, please take good care of your instruments over the holidays and maybe dust it off and have a practise!!

Have a safe and happy Xmas Holidays.



UNIFORM SHOP 2017

Ensure that you purchase uniforms before the end of term 4 2016.

Please do not leave purchasing uniforms till the week before school starts.

Summer Hill Public School uniforms are available on our website. Order and pay for your uniforms securely online. Delivery can be via Australia Post or delivered to your child's classroom free of charge. Internet postal orders cannot be filled till we re-open on Tuesday 31st January 2016. Delivery of postal orders cannot be guaranteed before school starts.

Summer Hill Public School Regular Opening Hours

Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30am

Friday 2.30 - 3.30pm

Extended Trading hours in January 2017

Monday 23rd January 10am-12pm

Tuesday 24th January 10am-12pm

Wednesday 25th January 10am-12pm

[Click here for 2017 Order Form](#)



ITALIAN 2017

Italian will start on Monday February 6th (Senior Class) and Tuesday February 7th (Junior Class). Both classes will run from 8-9 a.m. Come through the Junction Rd gate and you will be directed to your child's Italian classroom. If you are not sure which level your child should be in, please email Susan (sterravecchia@hotmail.com) and Angela (angela.altus@gmail.com). If you have not emailed us requesting re-enrolment for 2017, *please do so by the last day of school, Dec 16th*. New enrolments are also being taken. The cost will remain at just \$100 per term. The classes are taught by our qualified native Italian speaker.



Buona Vacanza a tutti e ci vediamo nel 2017!
Susan, Angela, and Maestra Gianna

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Beginners Mandarin Language Club for Non-native speakers at Summer Hill PS! (exclusive to SHPS students)

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- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy

Term 1 Classes will start in Week 1 on Wednesday 1/2/2017 in the 3MA classroom.

K-1 3.10pm – 4.00pm

2-6 4.05pm – 4.55pm

To indicate your interest, please email your child's name & year group and your name & phone number to: enrol@mandarinstars.com.au



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