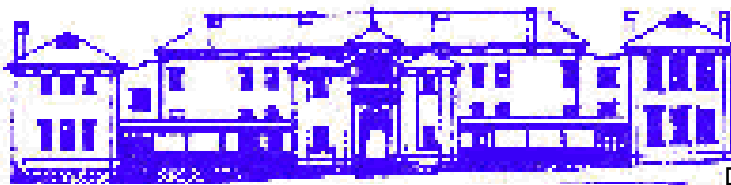


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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

On behalf of the school I wish Mrs Alison Humphreys all the best as she commences leave for the arrival of her second child.

### Student Award Recipients



This year Summer Hill PS participated in the 24th Annual Primary Schools Citizenship Awards night, hosted by the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Burwood. The award recognised those students in our school who showed initiative and a special concern for others. This was not an academic award but one that recognised the exceptional qualities displayed by a student that helped to build our school's community.

The presentation evening was held at Burwood RSL Club at 6pm on Monday, 21 November 2016 and was a special evening for all participants. School staff as well as awardees, family and friends were invited to the presentation dinner to honour the awardees.

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Congratulations to Ethan N and Hanan D on receiving this special award.

The qualities these 2 students displayed include:

- Leadership skills and personal initiative
- A positive caring attitude and encouraging of others
- Reliable and trustworthy
- Active participant in school and community events
- Co-operative behaviour towards staff and the school community in general

### ICAS Mathematics and English Presentation

Year 6 students Rayne, Aaron and Isabella, with their ICAS medals after the presentation ceremony at UNSW on Friday 25th November. They received them for achieving the highest score in Year 6 in Mathematics (Rayne and Aaron) and English (Isabella). Congratulations!



### Canterbury Boys High School –

#### Partners in Learning with Sydney University

Canterbury Boys' High School was one of thirteen schools across all school systems to be selected for the Sydney University STEM Academy. Canterbury Boys were selected for its academic achievements in science, technology, engineering and maths.

In October and November this year, Year 5 and 6 students at Summer Hill Public were taught by teachers from Canterbury Boys in the area of STEM. Over four weeks students participated in science and robotics workshops. Year 6 engaged in experiments surrounding light including dispersion, refraction and optical illusions. Year 5 engaged in the design process to build and program robots to perform every day and more complex tasks. We thoroughly enjoyed the program and are thrilled to be extending this into a semester based STEM program at Canterbury Boys in 2017.

If you are interested in speaking with Canterbury Boys, please contact 9798-8444. Their Open Day for 2017 is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. More information will come on this in the new year.

### Year 6 Show

The Year 6 Show will be held on Wednesday 7 December in the hall. Parents are invited to our matinee at 1pm - 3pm or to the evening performance to be held between 6pm - 8pm. No tickets are required for the matinee performance. 2 tickets will be sent home to each family for the evening performance. Donations at the door will be greatly appreciated.

## Coming Events

### December

- Thu 1 - Y3-6 Merit Assembly in Hall 2.15pm. Concert Band performing
- Fri 2 - Summer Hill Blue Assembly 9.15am. Symphony Orchestra Performing
- Fri 2 - Summer PSSA Finals 12-2.30pm
- Mon 5 - Karen Kekale Award in Kindy Courtyard. Orchestra performing
- Wed 7 - Y6 Show in Hall Matinee 1-3pm Evening 6-8pm
- Thu 8 - Christmas Service in Hall 9.15-10.45am. Orchestra performing
- Thu 8 - "Thank You" Morning Tea
- Thu 8 - K-2 Merit Assembly in Hall 2.15pm Singlets Choir performing
- Fri 9 - Y3-6 PSSA/Sport Assembly 9.15AM. Stage Band performing
- Mon 12 - Y6 Bowling 9.15-3pm
- 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**

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

### Quality Numeracy Kindergarten - Year 2

Congratulations to Ms Johnson, Ms Butler and Ms Divis for completing the Quality Numeracy K-2 course. This was an insightful extension of the new Mathematics curriculum providing stimulating ideas to challenge children's thinking and to cater to all children's needs.

They are to be commended for completing 20 hours of modules after school for over a term. This information will be shared amongst all staff and implemented into classroom programs.



### NAPLAN Online advice

NSW schools have been advised by the school sectors that paper-based delivery of NAPLAN tests will continue in 2017, with timelines for transition to online delivery to be communicated early next year. This follows agreement by the Education Ministers that NAPLAN will transition to online delivery over a three-year period from 2017.

Parents wanting to know more can review ACARA's transition research and development program and other key national information about NAPLAN Online, including frequently asked questions.

A public demonstration site of the online assessment platform is available to schools, students and the community via the ACARA website. It contains sample questions covering all test domains and NAPLAN year levels. It provides an opportunity for students to become familiar with the question types and format of the online tests and schools to assess the technical requirements for delivering NAPLAN Online. To access the sample assessments, and for further information on research studies, testing and technical specifications, visit the Online Assessment section of the NAP website: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

### TEACHING kids about money

Teaching kids about money can be a chore but many children have their first money experience by doing simple jobs around the home. New research from financial comparison website [finder.com.au](http://finder.com.au) shows about two in six children earn money for washing the dishes or doing their homework, while one in six get paid for cleaning the house.

But surprisingly, about 43 per cent of children don't do anything to receive pocket money.

The site's spokeswoman, Bessie Hassan, says children learn a lot about money from an early age and "pocket money is a terrific way to teach kids how to value money".

The Teacher's Mutual Bank 50 Years of Pocket Money report, released on Monday 21 November, 2016 found almost 70 per cent of people received pocket money as a child, and about two in three say their allowance was dependent on them doing household chores. Teachers' Mutual Bank chief executive officer Steve James says handing out pocket money is a great way for children to develop a foundation for becoming "money smart."

"The survey showed almost 66 per cent of respondents say children should be looking after things like pets or doing the laundry, mowing or gardening or doing household jobs around the kitchen," he says.

"The survey showed anywhere between \$5 and \$20 is the (weekly) amount to be given."

### Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to the students that participated in the 2016 Schools Spectacular. The performance was held at Qudos Bank Arena Sydney Olympic Park last Friday and Saturday with just over 5000 performers making it the largest Schools Spectacular to date. We are now in the Guinness Book of World Records.

A huge thank you to Mrs Salter and Mrs Winters that helped with this event.

See page 5 of the newsletter of more photos and a student report of the event.



### PSSA Sport Final

We wish the Junior Boys Softball team all the best this Friday 2nd December when they verse Newington Public School in the grand final at Henley Park.

*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**



★ ★ **DRAMA NEWS** ★ ★

**YEAR 6 – SEYMOUR CENTRE, YORK THEATRE**

*Suitcase Stories – Tangled Lives*

Year 6 attended the Treehouse Theatre’s annual production working with students from refugee backgrounds. Here are some of the students’ thoughts after watching the show.

**Sometimes it was funny. I learnt a lot about others people’s lives. Penny W.**  
 It showed me the difficulties refugees face and how hard it is for them to come to Australia. Tom B.  
**“I felt like it makes us lucky people and we think and review our lives.”**  
 “The actors must have rehearsed for a very long time. Their actions were profound”.  
**“At times I felt sad and sympathetic. At others I laughed out loud.”**  
 “I thought their lives were bad from the moment they were born but this showed me I was wrong.”  
**“The stories were moving and they were very fortunate to make it to Australia.”**  
 “I didn’t know how hard some of their lives have been. It makes me regard them with great respect.”  
**“Refugees are just normal kids who like music, fun and comedy.”**



**Year 5 & 4/5 – AUSTRALIAN THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

*Fight With All Your Might the Zombies of Tonight.*

On 18<sup>th</sup> November Year 5 went to ATYP and watched Fight With All Your Might the Zombies of Tonight. They also had a drama skills workshop. Kavan, 5GB

**Boom, pow! The smoke flooded out of the asteroid, a hand reached up and the narrator popped out! The play was entertaining, funny and well planned with smooth scene changes and a friendly Q & A with actors. Mia, 5JR**

The play was about a cat lady who turns everybody into zombies and a group of kids had to stop her before 12 O’Clock. Lua, 5JR

**The play had a very strong message that being different doesn’t make you a bad person. It was all about finding your voice and standing up for yourself. Holly, 5JR**

The play was great – it was about being yourself and having friends you can rely on. Ben, 5PC

**I think it was about standing up to bullies and being yourself no matter what other people say. Hannah, 5JR**

I think the play was about courage and I loved that it was a story and a metaphor at the same time. Joe, 4/5SH

**A ‘weirdo’ is someone who doesn’t hide behind their identity and they are who they really are. Ada, 4/5SH**

I think it was amazing, with shapes, lines and dance. Saskia, 4/5SH

**I really liked the zombie tips game because it made me focus but at the same time was fun. Rachel, 5SP**



**KINDERGARTEN – SEYMOUR CENTRE, YORK THEATRE**

**Snugglepot and Cuddlepie**

Kindergarten enjoyed an afternoon at the theatre watching this beautiful production adapted from the classic May Gibbs books.

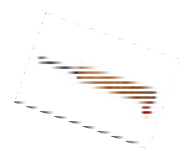




# STATE PSSA TOURNAMENT

In week 4 I went down to the Hawkesbury to play in a state girls cricket PSSA tournament . The tournament went for 4 days. I was the captain of the Sydney East Team. I versed 12 other regional teams. My team played 7 games and won 5. Overall we came 5<sup>th</sup> . My best figures for bowling were 4/4 off 3 overs and in batting my high score was 44 not out.

By Laura M 5JR



# SHPS SPRING FAIR CAFE BRINGS OUT OUR BEST

A BIG THANK YOU to the parents who ran the Café and the performers who shared their wonderful talents. There was a fantastic atmosphere this year and the standard of performances was at an all time high.



# YEAR 5 STUDENTS RAP - WHITE RIBBON DAY

## Treat Women with Respect

Don't say anything that is rude,  
otherwise you'll have a really big feud.

We should treat women with respect,  
not rudely, aggressively or neglect,  
If you were a woman would you abuse me or would you treat me respectfully?

If you knew a woman who had to live in fear,  
Would you stand back and just shed a tear?

We should treat women with respect,  
not rudely, aggressively or neglect.  
If I were a woman would you abuse me or would you treat me respectfully?

Connor and Evander 5SP

## Rap

Sup my names James,  
I might seem lame but I can prove,  
I care as much as you do,  
Let's stop the violence and make an alliance.  
Let's stop the bullying and make a helping community.  
Every one cares we can help this,  
we are not hopeless we are the future bro.  
Also I am master helping women's respect faster,  
I can help this world come out of plaster.

James P 5SP





# SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2016

The lights flashed on, the cameras zoomed past our faces! Fear and excitement shot through us at the same time, we felt like superstars!

School Spectacular is a fabulous annual showcase filled with students from Public Schools all over NSW, displaying their creative talents for all to see. There was singing, dancing and so much more!

This is the first year we have performed in the Qudos Bank Arena at the Homebush Olympic site. This year was the 33<sup>rd</sup> year of School Spectacular! We were both in the arena choir and it was a thrilling experience for young kids like us. There were lots of rehearsals and late nights, but overall it was a great achievement for all. In fact we were all part of a Guinness Book World record for the "LARGEST AMATEUR VARIETY ACT" ever.

If you want to watch this year's School Spectacular it will be on TV. It's playing on Channel 7, at 7pm this Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016. Maybe you will get a glance of our fabulous students on the big screen.

Here are some comments from School Spectacular participants.

Lua B: "All the lights and performances were amazing, and the props were really cool too! I also liked the build up for the finale."

Amelia E: "I loved how we could watch the acts over and over again, especially the dancers."

A BIG thank you must go to Mrs Winters and Mrs Salter for all of the work they have put into organising School Spectacular for the students at Summer Hill Public School. Thanks for transporting us on the trains, supporting us and supervising us while we rehearsed and performed an amazing 3 shows.

Bring on next Year !

By Holly B and Mia S 5JR



[Click here to view more photo's on the website](#)



## P&C NEWS

We are nearly at the end of a very successful year for the P&C. We have held many events which raised funds for our school and brought our community together. Our November Meeting was held a few weeks ago. In keeping with the technology plan we agreed earlier in the year we committed a further \$20,000 for tablets in the junior school. We also resolved to add \$3,000 to our playing field maintenance fund and pay premiums for student injury insurance in 2017.

We are always grateful for feedback about how we operate and communicate as a P&C. At the meeting we went through the answers provided by parents regarding the P&C in the survey conducted earlier in the year. We have compiled a running list of P&C tasks and projects which we will publish and update to keep parents informed of everything the P&C is working on. There are so many ways parents can be involved and contribute to the school community.

**We are having an informal get together on Tuesday 13 December at 7.30pm in the library. Bring a plate and have come along for a chat. The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 20 February 2017 at 7.30pm in the library. All positions will become vacant and elections will be held for officers.**

Have a happy and safe holidays.

This year has been very successful year for the P&C

Paul Gaukrodger  
P&C President

### **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

Thank you to all the volunteers that have helped at our events throughout the year. You have once again proven that together we can do some fantastic things for our children's school.

Thank you also to those of you who donated money or prizes. We understand that not everyone can come along to our events or has time to volunteer. We are very grateful for your donations.

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

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](mailto:dewolfies@yahoo.com)  
Please make sure that you volunteer for at least one event in 2017.

### **Gardening Bee**

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who made a huge difference to the look of the school grounds at the Working Bee Sunday 20 November!



### **School Banking**

The last collection of school banking for 2016 will be Tuesday 6th December.





## SPORT NEWS

**PSSA FINAL - FRIDAY 2nd December 2016**

SHPS Junior Boys Softball Team vs Newington PS 12pm at at Henley Park

## MUSIC NEWS



### **BAND & ORCHESTRA 2017**

Thank you to all those students who came along to the “try-outs” for Band & Orchestra 2017. Ms Chan is now trying to match up students with instruments bearing in mind instrument availability. We hope to send out emails in the next week letting you all know which ensemble and which instrument you will have for 2017.

### **Instrument Hire**

If you are hiring an instrument from the school and are leaving the school at the end of the year, then please return your instrument to me **at the office by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.**

For all students who are hiring an instrument but are intending to stay in the band/orchestra next year, they get to take it home, love and care for it and practice every day!!!! (usual Xmas holiday joke!)

There may be some students who hire an instrument but they know that Santa Claus is going to make an exciting delivery of a new instrument over Christmas. Please email me to let me know if this is going to happen as it then means that we have another instrument that we can give out next year. We will be discrete with this information as it may be a surprise, contact us and we can arrange a date for the return of the instrument.

	<b>MUSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS - TERM 4</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Last Concert Band rehearsal
1 <sup>st</sup> December	3-6 Final Merit Assembly 2.15pm: Concert Band to perform
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	K-6 Summer Hill Blue Assembly in the Hall 9.15am: Symphony Orchestra to perform
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Karen Kekale Award: Chamber Orchestra to perform
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Last rehearsal for Stage Band, Symphony Orchestra, Training Orchestra, Training Band
6 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Junior Recorder classes
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Band rehearse as normal Christmas Service in the Hall 9.15am: Training, Symphony & Chamber Orchestra to perform
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr3-6 PSSA/Sport Assembly 9.15am: Stage Band to perform
14 <sup>th</sup> 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

## LIBRARY NEWS

This term, the Summer Hill Public School Library program has delivered coding classes to all grades, using peer to peer tutoring wherever possible. It has been very rewarding to witness the enthusiasm that older student mentors have brought to delivering coding lessons to their younger buddies. We have focused on the use of open source software, based around the Scratch coding program (and Scratch Jr on iPads), introduced elements of physical computing (Arduino, Rabperry Pi) and robotics (Sphero.)

Thank you to all students and families for your support of our library program during another busy year. Loans to our lovely Year Six people have now ceased. Year Six students, please remember to return our SHPS library books so that SHPS students can enjoy them in the future.

Please contact Carmel Grimmert, Teacher Librarian, if you have any concerns regarding school library items on loan to your children.  
email [carmel.grimmert@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:carmel.grimmert@det.nsw.edu.au)



## NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

Thank you everyone for another great year of music at Summer Hill Public School. To all the students who participate in the Music programs and all the parents that support us, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to building on our achievements next year. To the Year 6 students who are moving on to bigger and better things, I wish you all the best in the pursuit of your dreams and I hope that music will always be a part of your lives.

**Beginner Ukles** will be performing at the Karen Kekale Award Ceremony on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. We will be bringing a little Christmas cheer and that will be our finale for the year. **There will be no Ukulele Classes in week 10.** Thank you Helen for your support and taking on the extra group this year. It is very much appreciated.

**Advanced Ukles** made the main stage at Fair Day again this year. Thank you to all who came and made it another fabulous performance. You never fail to impress me with what you have achieved. The Café was also graced with some wonderful ukulele performers. Thank you for another great year.



**Advanced Recorder** will be performing for the last time this year on Friday at the Summer Hill Blue Assembly. Thank you to all the students who have worked hard throughout the year. We are already learning our first piece of music for the Opera House concert 2017. I am looking forward to welcoming students from the Beginner Recorder Group next year. I wish all our departing Year 6 students all the very best for their High School years. Please come back and visit us !

## MUSIC: COUNT US IN - THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

MCUI culminated a mass school performance on Celebration day, Thursday 3 November 2016. The day was celebrated nationally right across the country – all registered schools sang the same song, on the same day, at the same time. The main event was streamed live from the Opera House so that all participating schools could tune in and feel connected to the rest of the country as they sing the song that stops the nation! The whole of Summer Hill Public School came to the hall to participate on the day. Students and teachers sang 'Let It Play' accompanied by an amazing ensemble of students from the band, orchestra and ukulele groups. It was truly a celebration of music and a reminder of how lucky we are to be so well resourced to provide these opportunities to our students.



## 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

**Please note the uniform shop will be closed Tuesday 6th December**

**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](#)**





# CHESS NEWS



The school held its annual chess comp last week. Congratulations to all the participants who gave it their all and to those that demonstrated our three R's. Well done!

Visit Summer Hill Public School website for more Community News, High School information and School Holiday Programs.

# SAVE THE DATE



Featuring comedians from Sydney & Melbourne International Comedy Festival

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8pm - March 11, 2017  
Magpie Sports  
40 Hampton St, Croydon Park NSW 2133  
Tickets: \$40 at [comedyforacause.net/SHPS](http://comedyforacause.net/SHPS)  
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**CANTERBURY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2017 OPEN DAY**  
**Saturday 25th February 2017**

**10.0am—2.00pm**

**Holden Street Canterbury**

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