



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SCHOOL PLAN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

The staff and community have been collaborating on the writing of the 2018 - 2020 School Plan, with community morning and afternoon sessions facilitated by Jane Williams over the last two weeks. The School Plan will comprise of three Strategic Directions which will have a variety of projects attached to them to ensure continuous growth and improvement in areas targeted in the plan. When complete, the School Plan will be uploaded to the Summer Hill PS website. Thank you to all staff, parents and volunteer translators who have been part of the process so far.

STAFFING NEWS

Karen Shehata has been relieving as Director of Schools – Port Hacking region this term. Recently 45 additional directors have been appointed to work across NSW in 2018. These new roles will commence in Term 2, 2018. Mrs Shehata has been asked to stay on as Director of Schools for one more term until the incoming directors take up their roles. She will resume the principalship at Summer Hill in Term 2, 2018. Mrs Shehata has visited Summer Hill PS a number of times this term and is working closely with the Summer Hill PS executive team on the 2018-2020 School Plan and all school matters. She looks forward to attending the Year 6 Farewell in December.

YEAR 6 SHOW

The Year 6 Show will be held on Wednesday 6th 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. Two tickets will be sent home to each family for the evening performance. Donations at the door will be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Congratulations to the students who participated in the 2017 Schools Spectacular. The performances were held at the Qudos Bank Arena at Sydney Olympic Park last Friday and Saturday with over 5000 talented students involved in the performances, all from NSW Public Schools. I was very impressed with the quality of the performances, the enthusiasm and excellent behaviour exhibited by the students. I would like to thank Mrs Wagstaffe, Mrs Donnelly, Mrs Allen and Miss Marsh along with the parent helpers for preparing, supervising and assisting with the logistics of getting all students to the right place at the right time. The 2017 Schools Spectacular will be televised on Channel 7 on Saturday 16th December, 2017 at 7.30pm.



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR



ICAS AWARDS

ICAS WRITING MEDAL

On 23rd November, Jio K in Year 4 attended the annual ICAS medal ceremony at the University of UNSW. Jio was awarded the ICAS medal for the Year 4 student with the highest mark in the Year 4 division of the writing competition. What a remarkable achievement!

Rebecca Salter
Relieving Principal

NOVEMBER

Thu 30 K - 2 9.45am
Final Merit Assembly

Y3 - 6 2.15pm
Final Merit Assembly

DECEMBER

Fri 1 K - 6 9.15 am
Summer Hill Blue
Assembly

Summer PSSA
12 - 2.30pm

Mon 4 Karen Kekale Award
Kindy Courtyard 9.30am

Chamber Orchestra
& Y2 to perform at
Karen Kekale Assembly

Tue 5 5OC at Fort St HS

Stage Band
Last Rehearsal

Wed 6 Year 6 Show
Matinee (1 - 3pm)
Evening (6 - 8pm)

Symphony &
Training Orchestra
Last Rehearsal

Thu 7 Christmas Service
9 - 15 - 10.45 am
Orchestra to perform

'Thank you'
Morning Tea 10.45 am

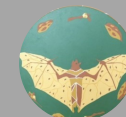
Senior Band
Last Rehearsal

Fri 8 K - 2
Athletics Carnival
11 - 2.30pm at Yeo Park

Y3 - 6 9.15am
PSSA/ Sport Assembly
Stage Band to perform

Training Band
Last Rehearsal

Mon 11 Year 6
At Strike Bowling
9.30am - 2.30pm



STUDENT AWARD ICAS MEDAL

Jio Y from 4TK receiving her medal at the ICAS Presentation Ceremony for outstanding results in writing. We are all very proud of Jio and her achievement.

Tim Kay
Assistant Principal



NATIONAL MEDIA LEADER JACOB G

Over the weekend Jacob took part in a National conference on media literacy for young people.
<https://mediame.crinklingnews.com.au/>

He and 34 other young Australia's were chosen to develop and draft a media literacy action plan.

Over two days they developed and wrote an action plan that was signed off by the kids and teens and then handed to Senator Simon Birmingham - the Federal Education Minister.

It was an amazing experience talking and meeting academics, journalists and politicians and on Monday it was broadcast live on Facebook. Jacob met and talked with senator Sam Dastyari and Megan Mitchell, the national children's commissioner. He did an amazing job. He did us all proud.

Here is the link for the action plan.
<https://www.crinklingnews.com.au/2017-11/put-media-skills-class/>



WIRES AND OUR NATIVE ANIMALS THANK YOU

As your environment minister I would very much like to thank you all for your efforts in getting dressed up as a native animal for our fund raising for WIRES.

We made \$742 which will go towards saving our native animals in need.

Aurelia Salter
Environment Minister



2017 FINAL PARLIAMENT PRESENTATION

The 2017 Ministers' have finished off a fantastic year of leadership as the first group elected within the new parliamentary system. It has been a great pleasure to work alongside this group of students and their mentors for the year.

During their final Parliament session the leaders looked back on a huge year of student voice and celebrated the outcomes of so many of the terrific suggestions students had presented to the Parliamentary Representative Council (PRC).

Please follow this link: **Final Parliamentary - Minister Report**, to view powerpoint slides with student notes, that shares their great leadership work.

Jane William
Deputy Principal

STUDENT WORK

EXCUSES FOR NOT DOING HOMEWORK BY 3ES

1. My dog mistook my homework for apple pie!
2. The Queen visited my house but her pointy high heels got onto my homework, and it ripped!
3. My mum was baking a cake, but when she was not looking, my brother put my homework in the batter!
4. My cat was blind, so it mistook my homework for a pile of kitty litter!
5. My brother scribbled all over it!
6. My brother threw it into the toilet!
7. It gave me a paper cut, so I gave it one back!
8. It got dirty so I washed it!
9. My brother put his collection of slugs on it!
10. My homework got crumpled, so my dad put it under an oven dish to flatten but then my mum put my homework in the oven!

Aisha

1. I like making teachers angry.
 2. I didn't want to do my homework.
 3. I was laying with my Rubik's cube and I almost beat the world record but then my mom said I had to do my homework and messed me up so I cried for 7 hours until I had to sleep so I had no time to do my homework.
 4. My mom thought my homework was a free shopping list so she wrote on it and I couldn't get it off because she wrote too much.
 5. My hand was sore from playing a lot of video games so when I tried to do homework I broke my wrist and had to get a cast so I couldn't do my homework. By Austin
1. My sister ate my homework.
 2. Once I brought my homework to the toilet, but it ran out of toilet paper so I used the homework as the toilet paper and flushed it down the toilet.
 3. Once we were on the car and my cheeseburger got dizzy so we opened the window and my homework flew outside.

Richard

1. I'm setting the table.
2. I need to make shore that my cat and dog don't eat it.
3. I'm doing the washing.
4. I need to watch TV.
5. I am busy planning my retirement.
6. I'm writing to Santa.
7. I am asleep.
8. I am cooking dinner.
9. I'm busy hugging my mum.
10. I am doing gardening with my mum and big brother.

Pippa

1. It fell in the pool.
2. My dog ate it.
3. The queen visited my house and said, "these days, kids should never do homework," so she insisted that I not do homework.
4. My dog peed on it.
5. My younger sister threw it in the toilet.
6. My little sister ripped it because she was angry.
7. I don't have any pencils left.
8. There was an evacuation.
9. I went to Hawaii.
10. I went to the beach.

Lila

P&C NEWS UPDATE

Final Meeting for the Year

The P&C held its final meeting for the year last Tuesday night. Following a very successful fundraising year, the meeting approved up to \$34,000 to be spent on air-conditioning works in 7 classrooms in the Kindy and C Block. This is in addition to the \$21,000 already allocated for air-conditioning of 6 classrooms in B Block. The meeting also approved \$21,000 to be spent on a new intuitive play area around the artificial turf field, some of which may be covered by grant monies. A further \$4,000 was allocated to a fund for ongoing maintenance of the artificial turf field and \$200 was provided to students who are representing the school at national competitions.

High School Choices Survey

The P&C is conducting a survey of the school community to find out how much support there is for a local co-educational high school option in the Summer Hill school catchment. The results of the survey will help the P&C determine what follow up action, advocacy work or campaigning, if any, it might undertake for families to gain greater access to co-educational high school places.

This short survey only takes a minute to complete. We encourage all parents and carers to fill it out today, so we know what you think!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ND9VGTN>

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the P&C this year. Our success is directly linked to our community's involvement with the P&C and our school. In particular, I would like to thank Hulya Coleman for being Spring Fair Coordinator for 3 years and Alison Dexter for coordinating our gardening bees this year. I would also like to acknowledge those parents whose children are leaving our school this year and thank them for their contribution over many years. They include Elise Catterall, Selena Choo, Kelly Johnstone, Eugenia Munro, Lisa Polesek and Shiya Surendran, all of whom have contributed significant time to our P&C and school.

Looking ahead

Our planning is already underway for 2018 and there are lots of ways you can get involved. We need new coordinators for the Art Show, Spring Fair, Ride to School Day and people to be part of our Music Committee. Our AGM and first meeting of 2018 will be held on Tuesday 20 February at 7.30pm in the library. All executive positions will be open for election so please come along, become a member for the year and vote. Finally, the P&C has a new and improved webpage on the school's website. Check it out .

Regards

Paul Gaukrodger

LIBRARY REMINDER

Thanks to all students and families for supporting our school library program in many wonderful ways including volunteering, remembering to bring in library books and bags, playing with friends in the library before school and at lunchtimes and enjoying reading anytime. Please help to keep our library and literacy collections intact by checking at home for Summer Hill Public School library books and home readers. As the end of the year approaches, your assistance in returning library books is very much appreciated. If your child has brought home a notice about an overdue library book and you seek clarification of the details, please contact Ms Grimmitt carmel.grimmitt@det.nsw.edu.au

Congratulations to those students who have completed The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2017, Certificates will be given out in K-2 and 3-6 assemblies on **Thursday 30 November**.

Carmel Grimmitt
Teacher Librarian

ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE DRIVING AND PARKING NEAR SCHOOLS

Dangerous driving behaviour around schools puts children at risk.
Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

You should always:

- Park legally
- Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns
- Give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering or exiting driveways
- Avoid using the school car park or driveway
- Avoid parking in the school bus bay
- Make sure your child uses the Safety Door (rear kerb-side door) to get in and out of the car.



MUSIC CALENDAR TERM 4



TERM 4	
29 th November	Concert Band last rehearsal
30 th November	K-2 Final Merit Assembly 9.45am: Training Band to perform 3-6 Final Merit Assembly 2.15pm: Concert Band to perform
1 st December	K-6 Summer Hill Blue Assembly in the Hall 9.15am: Symphony Orchestra to perform
4 th December	Chamber Orchestra last rehearsal
4 th December	Karen Kekale Award 9.30am in the infants courtyard: Chamber Orchestra to perform
5 th December	Stage Band last rehearsal
5 th & 7 th December	Last Junior Recorder classes
6 th December	Symphony & Training Orchestra last rehearsal
7 th December	Senior Band last rehearsal Xmas Service in the Hall 9.15am: Training, Symphony & Chamber Orchestra to perform TBC
8 th December	Last rehearsal for Training Band
8 th December	Yr3-6 PSSA/Sport Assembly 9.15am: Stage Band perform to perform
13 th December	Chamber Orchestra rehearse 10.30 -10.45 am Senior Band rehearse 8.30 - 9.00 am in the Hall Presentation Day in the Hall 11.00am: Chamber Orchestra & Senior Band to perform

SPORT NEWS

NEW UNIFORMS

New sports uniforms are now available from the uniform shop.
They are optional for any of the following sporting events

Carnival
Got Game
Friday sport

Visit Pickles Schoolwear
picklesschoolwear.com

Please note students involved in
PSSA have different uniforms.



Campese
Red



Lewis
Yellow



Border
Blue



Flemming
Green

SPORT NEWS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Laura M from Year 6 who has been selected in the NSW Girls cricket team to compete at the national carnival in Barooga (first person not Laura to tell me where Barooga is wins an ice block!!).

This is our first NSW cricket rep for 20 years.

(Ice block to the first person who can tell me our last NSW cricket rep before Laura).

Good luck Laura.

Tim Kay

Assistant Principal



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Term 1- 2018 - After school Robotics

Summer Hill PS on Wednesday Afternoons- Beginning Term 1, Week 2.

TIME: 3.15pm to 4.30pm

COST: \$275 for 10 week program

DATES: February 7th - April 11th, 2018

ROOMS: closest to Junction Rd gate

Workshop 1: EV3 Robot - for those who completed WeDo's in Term 4, 2017 and are ready for the next challenge.

Workshop 2: WeDo Robot - for beginners or those who want a repeat of Term 4, 2017. Learn to code using robotics motors, sensors and software.

Bookings now open: click and book in <https://www.trybooking.com/TBSP>

See our website <https://www.robokids.com.au/>
or contact melissaclark@robokids.com for more information..



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2018 NSWPS MILLENNIUM MARCHING BAND !

The NSW Public Schools Millennium Marching Band is one of The Arts Unit's many ensemble within the Department of Education. It is a dynamic group full of energy and drive with a focus on fun and entertainment. The Marching Band provides a unique opportunity for students from Year 7 to Year 12 (Year 6 in Term 4) to make new friends and perform both nationally and internationally. Rehearsals are one week-end each month at Cumberland High School, Carlingford.

This youtube link shows students an insight into what the band is all about.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSCwbjKI7sA>

You can also see more photos and videos of the band at <https://www.facebook.com/nswmmb/>

I would encourage you to invite your talented students to apply to be part of this exciting and unique ensemble for NSW Public School students.

APPLY TODAY

<https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-ensembles/millennium-marching-band>

If you have any queries

please email katrina.andrus@det.nsw.edu.au or call 0409 929 908.

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Community Newsletter 4 – July 2017 Summer Hill substation project



Photomontage of the proposed substation – view from James Street, Summer Hill

Project update

As you may be aware, Ausgrid is planning to replace our substation in Summer Hill as the existing facility is ready to be retired. The existing substation entered service in 1966 and Ausgrid is planning to build the replacement substation on adjoining land at 14A and 14B James Street and 238 and 240 Old Canterbury Road to maintain a reliable electricity supply into the future.

Ausgrid presented concept designs for the new Summer Hill substation to the community in November 2016. Following several stages of community engagement and planning, we are now preparing the environmental assessment and detailed design.

Before this can begin, the existing structures at the proposed new substation site need to be demolished. This will enable Ausgrid to complete site investigations. This information is required for the environmental assessment, project approval process and detailed design phase.

This newsletter contains a project update and information about the next stages of the project.

Your involvement

Ausgrid has been seeking feedback from the local community throughout the planning and design process. Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback to date.

The photomontages of the concept designs and a detailed summary of the community feedback is available on the project web page. As the project progresses, we welcome feedback at any time.

Key stages

- From October 2017**
 - Demolition and environmental assessment**
Demolition of existing structures on Ausgrid's adjoining property at 14A and 14B James Street and 238 and 240 Old Canterbury Road
 - Site investigations
 - Review of Environmental Factors (REF) prepared
 - Detailed design
- Late 2017**
 - Target for project construction approval**
REF on public display for comment and community feedback considered by Ausgrid to finalise plans
- Early 2018**
 - Target for start of construction**
Construction of the new substation on Ausgrid's adjoining land
 - Associated cable work to connect the new substation to the network
- 2019**
 - Demolition of old substation**
The existing substation will remain in operation until the new substation is connected to the network. Once the new one is commissioned, the old one will be demolished
 - After this time, Ausgrid will consider the future use of the land.