



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### STAFFING NEWS

At the end of each year there is often a change of staff in schools, particularly large schools like Summer Hill. This year we farewell Mrs Jenny Tesiorero, Ms Abbey Richards, Ms Linda Elder, Mrs Smeera Carey and Mr Edward Qiu.

#### Mrs Jenny Tesiorero

Jenny trained to be a teacher at William Balmain Teacher's College that later moved to the Kuring-gai campus of the University of Technology Sydney and began her teaching career as a primary school teacher in the 1970's. She taught at various schools in Western Sydney and then in the Inner West.

Jenny Tesiorero has taught at Summer Hill Public School for the past 26 years as a teacher dedicated to supporting our students who are learning English as another language. She has made a big difference to the lives of so many students through her exemplary teaching and support. Jenny has worked in small groups with her students to develop their language and academic skills and has enabled so many to learn English in an emotionally safe and supportive environment. She has also worked in classrooms, team teaching with her colleagues to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.

Jenny has been a wonderful colleague and friend to so many of us at Summer Hill and will be greatly missed. We wish her every happiness in her retirement after her fine contribution to Public Education.

#### Ms Abbey Richards

Abbey commenced her teaching career on a Year 4 class at Summer Hill PS in 2007, quickly becoming a highly regarded and valued member of our school community. In recent years, Abbey has become a specialist teacher, working in the library and with students of English as an additional language or dialect (EALD) backgrounds.

Abbey has quietly supported many programs at Summer Hill PS, notably those linking sports houses and environmental themes, such as House Teams for Habitat. Abbey has also facilitated whole school assemblies for special events such as NAIDOC and Sorry Day, celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture. In 2017, Abbey was one of the leaders of the group which developed our school's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in consultation with the community. Thank you and good luck Abbey, from all of us at Summer Hill Public School. We will miss you very much.

#### Ms Linda Elder

Linda has been a dedicated teacher and professional who has worked at Summer Hill PS since 2010. Her warm and passionate nature coupled with her ability to put the individual needs of children first have made her an asset to the teaching profession and a well-loved colleague and teacher. We will always admire her enthusiastic presence, creative ideas, support and most importantly her Scottish accent. She will be dearly missed and we wish her all the very best as she continues her teaching career in Byron Bay.

#### Ms Smeera Carey and Mr Edward Qiu

Thank you Smeera and Edward for your contribution to Summer Hill PS this year. Thank you for your dedication to your students and we wish you every success for the future.

#### Farewell Arch

On Friday 15 December at 2.30pm parents are invited to attend the SHPS Farewell Arch. All students and teachers leaving SHPS at the end of 2017 exit through the arch made by the arms of the returning students.

### DECEMBER

Thu 14 Y6 at the Movies

Fri 15 Y3 & Y4  
At Bowling  
9.15am – 2pm

Farewell Arch  
2.30pm - 3.00pm

**FRIDAY 15  
DECEMBER LAST  
DAY OF SCHOOL**

### SAFE HOLIDAYS

**TUESDAY 30  
JANUARY FIRST  
DAY AT SCHOOL  
Y1 - 6**

## 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:

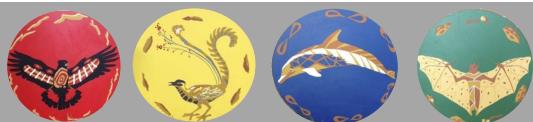
Park legally  
**(Parking in private driveways is not permitted)**

Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns

Give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering or exiting driveways

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.



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## Year 6 show

Thank you to Ms Ross, Mr Monk, Mrs Wagstaffe and the Year 6 teachers for preparing an outstanding Year 6 show. It was wonderful to see the confidence and enjoyment of the students. Bravo.



## Year 6 Farewell

Mrs Shehata and I were very proud to present each Year 6 student with their Graduation Certificate last night at the Year 6 Graduation Dinner Dance. Thank you to Mrs Wagstaffe and Year 6 parent Alison Svoronos for your hard work in preparing for the night. The students had a wonderful time and were enthusiastic in their dancing. The students looked very grown up and certainly ready for high school.

## Karen Kekale

This award was created 13 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 2017 are Emily 2SP and Haruki 2SP. 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 Haruki and Emily



## Student Leaders – 2018

It is with great pleasure I announce the Student Leaders and their portfolios for 2018:

**Prime Minister: Sophia**  
**Deputy Prime Minister: Chloe**  
**Minister for Welfare: Mataya**  
**Minister for Sport: Callum**  
**Minister for Communications: Grace**  
**Minister for Education: Samuel**  
**Minister for Justice: Max**  
**Minister for Arts and Culture: Pamela**  
**Minister for Technology: Muhammad**  
**Minister for the Environment: Alex**

I wish everyone a very happy holiday season. I have enjoyed my role as Relieving Principal for Term 4 this year. As stated in the last newsletter, Mrs Shehata will be returning to Summer Hill PS in Term 2, 2018. I am pleased to announce I will continue the role of Relieving Principal until the end of Term 1, 2018.

The staff of SHPS wish all our students and their families a very safe and happy holiday. 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 2018 and sharing with them a year ahead full of exciting learning opportunities.

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## Classes 2018

Preparations are well underway for our 2018 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.

**Rebecca Salter**

Relieving Principal

## NATIONAL ATHLETICS

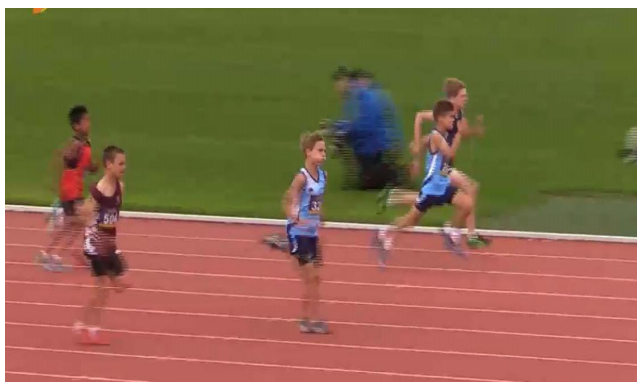
### MAX R AND LIAM K

On Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December, two of our Summer Hill Primary students attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Games in Adelaide. Liam K and Max R represented not only our School, our Zone, our Region but also our State in Track and Field events.

Max R – On Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December, students at Summer Hill Public School were glued to the live YouTube feed as Max competed against the top ten High Jumpers in our Nation (which also including teams from New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and India). He jumped like a true champion!

Liam K – One Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, Liam raced his heart out in the 200m heats. On Monday the 4<sup>th</sup>, we were again glued to the screen as Liam ran in the 100m heat and qualified 5<sup>th</sup> fastest. He did an outstanding job and should be extremely proud of himself. He also helped out the State team by reaching the finals in the relay races finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, receiving a medal as big as an Olympic medal! Congratulations boys, the Summer Hill Community is so proud of you! We cannot wait to see you both at the Olympics one day representing Australia!

Regards,  
The SHPS community



## UNIFORM SHOP

### EXTENDED HOURS

The school's Uniform Shop is run by Pickles Schoolwear  
[picklesschoolwear.com](http://picklesschoolwear.com)

Opening times are  
Tuesday 8:30am - 10:00am  
Friday 2:30 - 3:30pm

**Final 2017 Opening hours - Friday 15 December 2:30 - 3:30pm**

Visit website for extended January hours on campus.

**PICKLES** | [Shop Online picklesschoolwear.com](http://Shop Online picklesschoolwear.com)

Welcome to your uniform shop at **Summer Hill**

| JANUARY 2018                                       |                   | SPECIAL OPENINGS ON-CAMPUS |                   |        |          |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------|
| MONDAY   | TUESDAY           | WEDNESDAY                  | THURSDAY          | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 22<br>Last Day for<br>Postal Orders<br>10am - 12pm | 23<br>10am - 12pm | 24                         | 25<br>10am - 12pm | 26     | 27       |
| 29<br>10:30am - 12:30pm                            | 30                | 31                         | 1                 | 2      | 3        |
| 5  | 6                 | 7                          | 8                 | 9      | 10       |

\* No postal order guaranteed before School returns.  
Ensure that you purchase your uniforms before the end of term 4 2017.  
Please note uniform orders can not be completed in the school holidays period, all stock is kept on-campus.  
Please do not leave purchasing uniforms to the week before school starts as we cannot guarantee:  
• Postal delivery service in the final week  
• Sizing availability



## LIBRARY NEWS

### PRC AWARDS

Congratulations to all the big readers of SHPS, especially to those who took up the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge this year.

|             |             |             |             |             |           |                        |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------|
| Alyssa A    | Felix F     | Tasmin J    | Ellie M     | James S     | Alwin W   | <b>Gold Awards</b>     |
| Daniel A    | Lila F      | Alan Boao J | Charlotte M | Rika S      | Leora W   | Joseph B               |
| Amy A       | Cameron F   | Leo J       | Rose M      | Matthew S   | Shanti W  | Miranda L              |
| Tanmaya B   | Ruaridh F   | Mark J      | Haruki M    | Sebastian S | Caitlin W | Aiden V                |
| Leo B       | Liam F      |             | Jasmina M   | Keilin S    | Georgia W |                        |
| Rafael B    | Chloe G     | Toya K      | Laura M     | Sana S      | Archer W  |                        |
| Jade B      | Ewan G      | Atticus K   | Aditi N     | Leonardo S  | Eloise W  | <b>Platinum Awards</b> |
| Madeleine B | Juliette G  | Marcus K    | Danny N     | Frank S     | Summer W  | Christian B            |
| Ross B      | Sebastian G | Cameron K   | Audrey P    | Alex S      | James W   | Aileen C               |
| Phoebe B    | Rahul Ram G | Zoe K       | Suvana P    | Ajay S      | Ailun W   | Isabelle H             |
| Patrick B   | Sanjeev G   | Georgia K   | Tilly P     | William S   | Hailee X  | Ryan H                 |
| Shang Fu C  | Freya G     | Jessica L   | Emily P     | Penelope T  | Annie Y   | Amanda W               |
| Annie C     | Lucas G     | Venus L     | James P     | Arthur T    | Anthony Y | Howie Y                |
| Joy C       | Isabella G  | Eliza L     | Ollie P     | Sidaarth T  | Richard Y |                        |
| Lauren C    | Maya H      | Eric L      | Lertwat P   | Artem T     | Mert Y    | Aurelia S              |
| Saoban C    | Hugo H      | Anna M      | Oliver P    | Isabella U  | Juliet Z  | Soomin J               |
| Indigo C    | Cary H      | Genevieve M | Beatrix Q   | Luke V      | Andy Z    | Mia S                  |
| Georgia C   | Ashlyn H    | Evie M      | Maya R      | Ethan V     | Caiyi Z   | Andrew S               |
| Kimaya D    | Bailey H    | Josephine M | Maddy R     | Angela V    | Ivan Z    | Emily W                |
| Kim D       | Elsie H     | Poppy M     | Maxwell R   |             | Jacky Z   | Aatish Y               |
| Laura D     | Polly H     | Lilia M     | Dusty R     |             | Angela Z  |                        |
| Emma D      | Soha H      | Isaiah M    | Hazel R     |             |           |                        |
| George E    | Joshua H    | Audrey M    | Jemma R     |             |           |                        |
| Luuk E      | Frankie H   | Amelia M    | Owen R      |             |           |                        |
|             | Ethan H     | Hayden M    |             |             |           |                        |

**Carmel Grimmatt**  
Teacher Librarian

## STUDENT NEWS

### SYDNEY SOUTHEAST SYMPHONIC WINDS

Summer Hill PS members of Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds Emma, Stella, Aileen, Charlotte and Ben celebrating after their final performance at Sutherland Entertainment Centre. During the year they also played at the Sydney Opera House and Royal National Park (birthday celebrations).

Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds is just one of the NSW Department of Education's external musical groups which Summer Hill PS children can audition for and gain valuable performing arts experiences. More information at [www.gpsensembles.com](http://www.gpsensembles.com)

A number of children at the school also take part in wonderful choral and instrumental groups, as well as exciting drama and visual arts activities conducted by the Department of Education's Arts Unit, based at Lewisham PS.

More information at [www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au](http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au)





## K-2 FUN DAY

### INFANTS FUN DAY / SPORTS CARNIVAL

The Infants Fun Day / Sports Carnival was held on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Straight after recess 320 of our Kindergarten to Year 2 students and 90 Primary students made their way down to Yeo Park. Our Summer Hill Primary Students rose to the challenge, leading activities including novelty races, parachute games and tug of war. They were also leading Infants students around to different activities making sure they were all having fun!

A big thank you to 5FD, 4/5AW and 4NA students for showing great leadership skills and responsibility!

The K-2 students had fun and were actively participating in all games. If only the clouds could have continued drifting south we could have stayed at the park all day!

**SHPS PDHPE Committee**



## PSSA

### SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all four Summer Hill Public school softball and t-ball teams who finished their competitions last Friday. Rain and an inconsistent draw made our weekly matches sometimes a bit of a lottery. However, all the children enjoyed themselves, played some really fine matches and displayed a very high level of sportsmanship. Attendance at training was also generally of a high level. Our teams finished in the following positions:

Senior Boys-7<sup>th</sup>

Senior Girls-4<sup>th</sup>

Junior Boys-1<sup>st</sup>

Junior Girls-2<sup>nd</sup>

The junior boys were deserved premiers after a somewhat controversial season. The team was made up of players who had never played before, a couple of players from last year and a few cricketers trying softball for the first time also. They blended nicely which resulted in a successful season. Their play was always positive, the batting at times brutal and the fielding improved as the season progressed. Congratulations to all players.

The junior girls started the season slowly but improved rapidly to record only 2 losses for the entire season. The girls started to really understand some of the finer points of t-ball and this will be very beneficial for future seasons. Batting was also a team highlight and most pleasing was seeing some of the skills that were practised at training being used in matches. Congratulations to all players.

Our Senior Softball teams concluded their season on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Both teams started the Summer PSSA Season in Term 1. There was some adjusting to fielding positions and with the long breaks between games due to rain, both the girls and boys worked hard to build and succeed as a team. When Summer PSSA resumed at the end of Term 3 after a long break, they truly found their groove. Both teams winning games and showing great respect to umpires and their opposition. I am so proud of their effort, hard work and resilience. It will be sad to say goodbye to many of our skilled players leaving for Year 7 next year. Looking forward to seeing how the seniors in 2018 follow your lead!

### Congratulations to all 2017 Senior Softballers:

#### GIRLS:

Elin A  
Chloe O  
Soomin J  
Mataya C  
Ruby M  
Aurelia S

#### GIRLS:

Charlotte C  
Andriana L  
Elise G  
Isabella M  
Lillika H  
Pascale S

#### BOYS:

Zac F  
Owen LS  
Ben H  
Caleb B  
Andrew S  
Michael MD

#### BOYS:

Oscar H  
Jai C  
Liam K  
Callum C  
Keinan S  
Jasper B



Thank you must go to Mrs Allen who worked tirelessly with her teams every Thursday afternoon and Wednesday morning.

Cheers

**Tim Kay**

## MUSIC

### 2018 PROGRAM

#### Attention 2018 Music Program New Starters

Thank you for responding so promptly to the offers made to our 2018 new starters. At the beginning of 2018 Training Band and Training Orchestra have an introductory session which is a "one-off" rehearsal to get all the administration and teething problems with instruments out of the way. All students will receive their instruments on that day. The introductory sessions will be held on:-

Training Orchestra Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30am-9.00am in the Library.

Training Band Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm-6.00pm in the Hall.

Reminders will be sent out next term.

#### 2018 Rehearsal Times

Rehearsals start in week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February.

Chamber Orchestra TBC

Symphony Orchestra Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Hall 8.00-9.00am

Concert Band Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February in the Hall 3.00-4.00pm

Senior Band Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February in the Hall 8.00-9.00pm

Stage Band Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Music Room 3.00-4.00pm

Training Band Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February in the Hall 8.00-9.00am

Training Orchestra 16<sup>th</sup> February in the Library 8.00-9.00am

## CHESS

### NEWS

Congratulations to our girls, Emma, Nan, Shuyi, Mandy and Aiyang for making it to The Australian Schools Chess Championship. While the girls didn't take a place, they played with determination and showed great resilience and respect.

Well done to Danny, Quentin and Ryan who have been selected as Chess Captains for 2018.

Any Chess enquiries can be directed to [enrolment@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrolment@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au)

## ITALIAN

In 2018 Classes begin on:

Monday Mornings Feb 5<sup>th</sup> (Senior Class Y3 - 6)

Tuesday Mornings Feb 6<sup>th</sup> (Junior Class YK - 2)

Please settle any outstanding 2017 fees today and pay Term 1 2018 fees(\$100) as soon as possible to secure your child's place.

**Susan Terravecchia**

[sterravecchia@hotmail.com](mailto:sterravecchia@hotmail.com)

## MANDARIN

In 2018 classes will be held on:

Wednesday afternoons 3.30pm - 5.30pm

For more information follow the link [www.mandarinstars.com.au](http://www.mandarinstars.com.au)

## ROBOKIDS

In 2018 classes will be held on:

Wednesday afternoons 3.15pm - 4.30pm

For more information follow the link [www.robokids.com.au/nsw-sydney-east-inner-west/](http://www.robokids.com.au/nsw-sydney-east-inner-west/)

## TENNIS

In 2018 classes will be held on:

Friday mornings 8.00am – 8.45am

For more information follow the link [leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com](mailto:leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com)

## GREEK

In 2018 classes will be held on:

Monday afternoons 3.30pm - 5.30pm

For more information email [education@goc.com.au](mailto:education@goc.com.au)

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Take the Summer Reading Challenge!

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017-2018 GAME ON!

<https://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/art-events/events-and-festivals/summer-reading-challenge>

To celebrate the 2018 Commonwealth Games coming to Australia, our Summer Reading Challenge theme this year is Game On! So get ready to supercharge your summer as we celebrate sports, games, technology and team spirit. There are heaps of books and family passes to be won, plus all your points count towards your school's total. The school with the most points wins some great prizes for their school. The challenge starts Friday 1 December 2017 and ends Friday 16 February 2018.

#### How to enter – ages 5-12

Download an entry form or pick one up at any Inner West Library

1. Tell us ten books that you have read or are reading this summer and give each of the books a mark out of 5. This challenge is worth a total of 10 points.
2. Choose one of the books you have read and write a review on the book. This part of the challenge is worth 10 points.
3. Hand your completed entry form into any inner west library on or before 16 February 2018.

**You can enter as many times as you like so get reading!**

#### Prizes

Individual prizes. You can be in with a chance to win one of the following:

- A selection of great children's books
- Family tickets to an NRL Club game of your choice in 2018 at ANZ Stadium
- A family pass to the Powerhouse Museum
- A family pass to the Sydney Observatory
- A family pass to the Museums Discovery Centre
- A family pass for Taronga Zoo
- A family pass for the Australian Museum

**A family pass for the Australian National Maritime Museum**

#### School Prize

The school with the most points attained by their students overall, will win a selection of books for their school library, plus merchandise and a visit by members of the Wests Tigers!

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## ✕ SPRING FAIR ✕

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### FREE STAMP WORKSHOP SYDNEY YOUTH STAMP GROUP

**Date:** Thursday 18 January 2018 - Theme -  
*Australia, It's Symbols & Icons*

**Venue:** Philatelic Association of NSW, Inc.  
(Philas House)  
17 Brisbane Street, Surry Hills

**Time:** 10:30am to 3:00pm (children are to be seated by 10:30am, Parents please arrive a little earlier to have your children's names checked off). A free lunch is included. The workshops are for children who want to further their stamp collecting enjoyment and skills and we especially welcome beginners. Children must be able to read and write at a minimum of a Year 3 level as the activities conducted require this.

Go to  
<http://sydneyyouthstampgroup.org.au/workshop.html>  
for more information and to sign up.