Summer Hill PS Go forward



Fortnightly Newsletter

Week 10 Term 4 2018

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 PS. This year we farewell Mrs Berna Nakhle, Mrs Sarah Rodrigues, Mrs Janet Sutherland, Mrs Lucy Winters, Ms Natasha Marsh as well as myself (however, I will only be leaving for a year). I have been offered a secondment in State Office at the Employee Performance and Conduct team. I have accepted this position and will be back at Summer Hill in 2020.

Berna Nakhle has been a huge asset to our school over the last 5 years, working tirelessly not only on her class, but also as an IT coordinator Berna always put the school first, for many years using her own time to fix everyone's IT issues. She has also been a great supporter of school sports programs including PSSA and dance. Berna will be moving on to a new school in 2019 and I wish her every happiness in the next stage of her teaching career.

Sarah Rodrigues came to Summer Hill as a targeted graduate 2015. Her expertise in music was immediately put to use as Sarah has directed several choirs at the school over her time here, preparing students to sing at the Town Hall and Opera House. Sarah has also been involved in coaching PSSA teams in her first years at Summer Hill. Sarah will be moving to a new school in 2019. We will miss her and we wish her all the best in her new school.

Janet Sutherland started her time at Summer Hill PS as a parent 20 years ago, and she is still here! In her early years at the school she volunteered her time in various roles, however has been employed for well over 10 years to oversee the administration of all things music at Summer Hill. Janet will retire at the end of the year. Thank you for making such an impact on our music programs. You will be missed and we wish you every happiness in retirement.

Lucy Winters, Nancy McKibbin, Jemma Tabet and Natasha Marsh

Thank you Lucy, Natasha, Jemma and Nancy for your contribution to Summer Hill PS this year. Thank you for your dedication to your students and I wish you every success in the future.

STUDENT NEWS

Dechen from Year 6 went to the Zone Carnival for Little Athletics on the weekend. She competed in four events - discus, javelin, shot put and long jump. She received two personal bests and placed in the top ten in every event. She did particularly well in discus and is now going to Regionals in February. Congratulations Dechen.

Pamela from Year 6 received a Merit Certificate for the 2018 Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement in Community Language Schools. Congratulations Pamela

Theshnie from Year 6 received a Highly Commended Award for the Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement in Community Languages Schools. Congratulations Theshnie.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday 19
Y3 & Y4 at Bowling
Y6 at bowling
Farewell Arch 2.30pm - 3.30pm

LAST DAY AT SCHOOL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JANUARY EVENTS

Wednesday 30
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday 31
Swimming Carnival



















FAREWELL ARCH

On Wednesday 19 December at 2.30pm parents are invited to attend the SHPS Farewell Arch. All students and teachers leaving SHPS at the end of 2018 exit through the arch made by the arms of the returning students.

YEAR 6 SHOW

Thank you to Ms Anton, Ms Ross and all of the Year 6 teachers for preparing an outstanding Year 6 show. It was wonderful to see the confidence, enjoyment and high level of performance skills of the students. Bravo.

YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Tuesday 18 December is the night of the Year 6 Graduation Dinner Dance. Thank you to Mrs Wagstaffe and the Year 6 parents for your hard work in preparing for the night. The students will no doubt have a wonderful time. I look forward to sharing the night with the students in their final moments of primary school.

KAREN KEKALE CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Karen Kekale award was created 14 years ago in order to recognise two students 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 2018 are Era S and Grace L. 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 and for our special guests Mr Williamson, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Tesoriero for attending on the day. Congratulations Era and Grace.

STUDENT PARLIAMENT 2019

It is with great pleasure I announce the Student Ministers and their portfolios for 2019:

Parliament:

Prime Minister: Claudia M Deputy Prime Minister: Angus C Minister for Welfare: Emma C Minister for Sport: Chloe K

Minister for Technology: Christian B

Minister for Environment: Olivia Z

Minister for Justice: Ethan S

Minister for Communication: Nina C

Minister for Education: Ben R

Minister for Arts and Culture: Charlotte H

CLASSES 2019

Preparations are well underway for our 2019 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 students 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 Staff. 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.

I wish everyone a very happy holiday season. I have enjoyed my role as Acting Principal for the last 5 terms. As I move into my secondment into State Office I would like to welcome Principal Natalie Armstrong who will commence at Summer Hill in Term 1, 2019. The staff of SHPS wish all of 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 2019 and sharing with them a year ahead full of exciting learning opportunities.

Rebecca Salter **Acting Principal**



STUDENT WORK

ASK GRAN NOT GOOGLE

4TK participated in the Ask Gran Not Google program that encourages young people to connect with the elderly members of our society. Students were asked to compile some questions to ask an elder person and also join in a general conversation about whatever was relevant. Our photos show members of 4TK deep in conversation with residents of Opal Aged Care, Cardinal Freeman, Summer Hill. The kids were brilliant, respectful and totally entranced by the residents. Thanks also to Liz (Zara's mum) and Peter (Ebony's dad) for helping on the day.

Tim Kay Assistant Principal





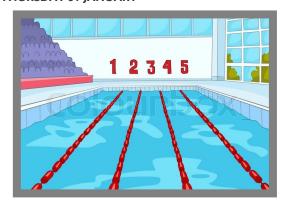






2019 PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL - REPEAT

THURSDAY 31 JANUARY



The 2019 Primary Swimming Carnival will be held on **Thursday 31 January**

(ie the second day back for students next year).

The carnival will be at Canterbury Aquatic and Leisure Centre for those students who will be in Years 3 to 6 in 2019.

Thank you to those who have responded to the Edsmart electronic consent form. For those who have yet to reply, please check your email.



STUDENT WORKS

STAGE 2 DIGI ED

Great fun and exciting learning was had in stage 2 this week as Digi Ed ran all day workshops for our Stage 2 students. The children composed, shot, edited and polished short films using stop motion technology.

Tim Kay Assistant Principal





STUDENT WORKS

STAGE 2 EXODUS SUPPORT

A wonderful way to finish our school year with 4SP, 4FD, 3/4PC, 4NA and 4TK combining to donate a vast amount of food items to the Exodus Foundation in Ashfield. The children walked to the Foundation to personally deliver their food items and to also sing impromptu carols. Great work kids and thank you parents for your generosity.

Tim Kay Assistant Principal





P&C COMMUNICATIONS



P&C NEWS

UPDATE

This year has been an incredible year of learning for me. I now know more about the school than ever, I know how much goes into every event that we run and I know what it takes to listen, understand and work through parent + carer priorities. We have such a large and diverse school community and the P&C works to try to facilitate the ongoing conversation between the school and the parent + citizen body. It's not easy, but it is very rewarding.

The above is a lead in to my last request for the year for you to get involved....

Here's how:

- Come to the P&C meetings. They are held in the school library at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month. Our first one will be the AGM on 19 Feb.
- Nominate yourself (or someone else, with their permission) to be on the P&C Executive. This will mean you have a specific role within on the P&C (eg President, Vice President, Secretary ...).
 To do this, send an email to summerhillpandc@gmail.com to let us know prior to the meeting.
 We will hear nominations for positions and then vote during the AGM.
- Email the P&C (<u>summerhillpandc@gmail.com</u>) if you want an agenda item raised throughout the year and then attend the relevant meeting to be part of the conversation.
- Email the P&C with any questions at any time.
- · Volunteer at any of our events or in the uniform shop, for school banking, at gardening bees etc
- Become a class parent

I'll be at the AGM, and I'm happy to be part of the P&C next year (this is me nominating myself as a candidate to be on the Executive (see how easy it is?!). All roles will become vacant so that all nominations are considered and voted on.

Thanks again to all those who volunteered, joined in, raised money, generally had a say on a P&C topic at school this year. Our school is a better place because of your involvement.

Enjoy the holidays!

Danielle Elliott

P&C BUILDING

BUILDING FUNDS

It's the end of the year - and what to do with that pesky <u>Flexischools</u> balance? Not enough to buy your favourite child lunch as well as their sibling? Why not donate it to the P&C Building Fund! Log in today and use your balance to 'order' something from the Building Fund. Remember, donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

BANKING & 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **2nd hand uniform shop** and the **school banking program** are still looking for new volunteers! It's a great way to help the school and a fun way to meet people.... For more information on volunteering for either of these please contact **teresasimone@hotmail.com** or phone 0412 301 321

BECOME A VOLUNTEER - MAKE A DIFFERENCE





LIBRARY

UPDATE

Thank you to all students and families for your support of our library program during another busy year. Loans to all students 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 Grimmett, Teacher Librarian, if you have any concerns regarding school library items on loan to your children. carmel.grimmett@det.nsw.edu.au

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2018

Congratulations to all students who persevered with the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2018. Certificates were presented to eligible students at K-2 and 3-6 assemblies this term. Unfortunately, we have not yet received the Gold and Platinum NSW Premier's Reading Challenge certificates but will distribute them to students as soon as we do receive them.

Carmel Grimmett Teacher Librarian

MUSIC TRAINING BAND & TRAINING ORCHESTRA

2019 INFORMATION

Summer Hill School Training Band/Training Orchestra 2019 & Newcomers to the music program

Here are a few things you need to know before the start of next year.

- I. Ensemble fees are currently \$175 for 2 terms and instrument hire is \$130 for 2 terms. These fees are under review and may change, but we will let you know at the beginning of the year.
- 2. If you have said you are thinking of buying an instrument great. Go and visit at least 2 shops before you buy. Please don't buy off Ebay, you probably don't know enough about instruments to get a good deal. The school uses the following shops Sax & Woodwind, Engadine Music Centre & Turramurra Music for band instruments. Logans Pianos and Sydney String Centre for string instruments. Some of these shops including MusicCorp have a "Hire & Buy" scheme for those people who don't want to make a big payment upfront
- 3. If you have said you would like to hire from the school then we will try to accommodate you. Now that most of the responses have come back we can see what instruments we have available. If we can't offer you an instrument we will let you know before the end of the term.
- 4. If you are hiring then your child will be given their instrument at the first rehearsal next year. You can then take it home and look after it as if it was your own.
- 5. Tutors your child is expected to have a "one-on-one" lesson with a tutor once a week. The rehearsals get your child to play as part of a team but they don't provide personal tuition. That's what the tutor is for. Follow this link for the list of tutors that support our music program.

https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-programs/music/music-tutors-2015.html

Some of them teach at the school, their names are marked with **. The list may change in 2019 some tutors may leave some may arrive. Please take the time to check the list if you are still looking for a tutor in 2019.

6. Rehearsal times

The first rehearsal is always a longer affair than normal:-Training Orchestra – first rehearsal Friday 15th February, 7.30-9.00am in the Library Training Band – first rehearsal Friday 15th February, 3.00-6.00pm in the Hall

New students will be assigned their instruments and music, and will then go in groups with tutors to learn how to assemble and play a few notes on their instrument. A reminder with more details will be sent out next term.

Please note the normal rehearsal times, which start the week after are:-Training Orchestra: 8-9am in the Library & Training Band: 8-9am in the Hall



MUSIC BAND & ORCHESTRA

2019 INFORMATION

Music Ensembles in 2019



We are currently experiencing some difficulties with our email account and have decided that all future communication with the Music Community will be via **Skoolbag**. **Please upload the Skoolbag App and select the ensemble(s) that your child attends.** You will receive messages on your phone and then next year it will also include emails.

The music program gets started in 2019 in week 2, see the rehearsal times and start dates for all ensembles:-

Training Band: Friday 8-9am in the Hall (Please note first rehearsal 15th February 3-6pm in the Hall)

Concert Band: Wednesday 3-4pm in the Hall (starts 6th February)

Senior Band: Thursday 8-9am in the Hall (starts 7th February)

Stage Band: Tuesday 3-4pm in the Music Room (starts 12th February)

Training Orchestra: Friday 8-9am in the Library (Please note first rehearsal 15th February 7.30-9am in the Library)

Symphony Orchestra: Wednesday 8-9am in the Hall (starts 6th February)

Chamber Orchestra: Wednesday 8-9am in the Hall (starts 6th February) Please note this time to be confirmed

Farewell to all those leaving the music program – all the best to you in your new school.

I'm saying goodbye to everyone as I retire at the end of the year. I've had the best time — I've seen young musicians start in the training ensembles barely able to play a note. And every year I see them progress as they move through the ensembles until they reach year 6 as very accomplished young musicians. My favourite time of year is Term 4 when I get to hear all the ensembles play at the various assemblies, where we can all appreciate the progress they've made over the year. I'm really going to miss that. Thank you to all the music community for your support and involvement. We rely on it and we couldn't run a lot of our events without your help — Thank you and keep up the good work!

The music program is being left in a safe pair of hands – Angela Lerantges, she will be your point of contact next year. Finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Relax and enjoy yourself and come back in 2019 ready to play your hearts out!

Janet Sutherland Music Program

SKOOLBAG APP REPEATED

RECEIVE INSTANT NOTIFICATIONS

Skoolbag has recently undergone an upgrade, existing users will be prompted to update when they open the Skoolbag app. By the end of Term 4 all users should have upgraded to the new Skoolbag app as the old app will stop working. See below for detailed instructions on how to update your app on Apple on Android device.

Updating the SkoolBag app on your Android device

- 1. Firstly, uninstall the current SkoolBag app that you have installed in your mobile.
- 2. Open the Google Play app and search for the app as "SkoolBag"
- 3. Click on 'Install'
- 4. After the installation is finished, **Get Started** in the new SkoolBag app
- 5. Subscribe to the school groups that you would like to appear in your notification feed.

Updating the SkoolBag app on your Apple device

- I. Firstly, uninstall the current SkoolBag app that you have installed in your mobile.
- 2. Open the **App Store** app and search for the app as "SkoolBag"
- 3. Click on 'Get'
- 4. After the installation is finished, **Get Started** in the new SkoolBag app
- 5. Subscribe to the school groups that you would like to appear in your notification feed.

Link to web page for Skoolbag App update:

https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/parent-information-and-forms.html





COMMUNITY NOTICES



TENNIS

SHPS_2019 MONDAY MORNING TENNIS APPLICAITONS

SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL TENNIS CLUB 2019





CONTACT: Phone: Neil Armstrong 0404 845 925 Email: leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com

TENNIS HOT SHOTS

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots programmes provide kids with a fun way to play tennis, using modified nets, racquets and balls. With reduced court sizes younger players have the chance to serve, rally and score from the first time they step onto a court. Kids are actively engaged having FUN. Kids build SOCIAL skills such as working co-operatively and building friendships. Kids learn to PLAY and develop tennis SKILLS.

DATE: TERM 1 to 4 2019 (MONDAYS)

TIME: 8.00 – 8.45am

MEETING PLACE: School Soccer Pitch

COST: (\$18 per lesson + card/account fees applies)

COST: (\$18 per lesson + card/account fees applies NOTE: ALL CHILDREN ARE UNDER THE SUPERVISON OF QUALIFIED COACHES FOR THE DURATION OF THE LESSON'S

HOW TO ENROL: Email Neil at leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com or call 0404 845 925

For your information

- These programmes are specifically aimed at boys and girls of primary school age.
- Children cannot be accepted without a completed enrolment form.
- For the most enjoyment it is preferable that each child has their own tennis racquet.
- Our coaches will turn up irrespective of the weather conditions.



Child/ren's name	Age/s	Parent/Guardian's Name	Mobile Num	Mobile Number	
		Buying a Tenn	is Racquet (\$30):	□Yes □ No	
Email address		Buying 3 Start	Buying 3 Starter Tennis Balls (\$10): ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Medical conditions		Before school	care:	□Yes □ No	

PAYMENT

Please fill in Direct Debit form.

RE ENROLMENT

All children are automatically re-enrolled each term. If you wish for your child to take a break, please respond to re-enrolment email sent out each school holidays.

Direct Debit details will be used each term for payment of tennis fees.

Release of Liability - The undersigned "Registrant" or parent/legal guardian of the Registrant, recognizes that tennis is a vigorous sport and that the Registrant may suffer temporary or permanent serious physical injury including, but not limited to sprains, fractures, brain or spinal damage, paralysis or even death while playing tennis or attending a game, tournament, practice or scrimmage. Will knowledge of the above-referenced risks, and in consideration for Leichhardl Tennis Academy, and pursuant to the recreational assumption of the risk, the Registrant and if (if parent or legal guardian) hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any and all harm caused by negligence and release, discharge, and/or otherwise indemnify Leichhardt Tennis Academy including all staff, directors, and owners.

Parent/Guardian's signature: ___

Date: ____/___

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



UNIFORM SHOP

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The Uniform shop will be open on the following school holiday dates:

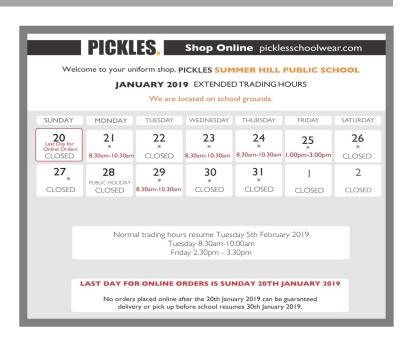
Monday 21st January 8.30 -10.30am

Wednesday 23rd January 8.30 - 10.30am

Thursday 24th January 8.30 - 10.30am

They will be here back to normal starting:

Tuesday 29th January 8.30-10.00am



COMMUNITY NOTICES



VACATION CARE

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Summer Hill Before/After School & Vacation Care

3Bridges Community Summer Hill Before, After School & Vacation Care programs operate from the Summer Hill school hall located near the Herbert Street entrance.

Children are welcomed to our services and develop friendships, a sense of community and learn through play. Our friendly, experienced Educators and qualified OOSH leaders provide a dynamic range of play-based activities that reflect your child's interests, abilities and culture.

Families can trust children are safe and well cared for while they work, study, attend appointments and pursue other activities.

We invite families to come and see our programs in operation at the school hall during before, after school and vacation care.

Service hours:

- Before School Care: 7:00am 9:00am, Monday to Friday
- After School Care: 3:00pm 6:00pm, Monday to Friday
- Vacation Care: 7.00am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday during public school holidays.

How to enrol:

- I. Go to http://www.afterschoolcare.org.au/
- 2. Select Summer Hill
- 3. Complete the Booking Form and email to **child-care@3bridges.org,au**

Once confirmation of place is received, you will be contacted to enrol. Administrative support available on 1300 327 433, dial I for children's services. We encourage families to enrol so your child can be cared for at short notice or in an emergency. Enrolment fees are not charged if the service is not used.

Fees, service details and vacation care programs can also be viewed on this website.

Fees:

Eligible families can access Child Care Subsidy to reduce the cost of care.

Our OSHC philosophy:

We, as educators, collaborate with children in our care and the wider community to create vibrant programs and opportunities which empower each child to explore, grow and learn through meaningful life experiences, social connections, play and leisure.

How will your child be cared for?

Our experienced educators ensure your child's wellbeing while supporting them to form friendships, make their ideas a reality or just enjoy being children.

Children can choose art and craft, cooking, music, games, reading, sports and free play. A healthy afternoon tea is served daily.

About us:

3Bridges Community is a registered charity and we have been caring for children since 1978. We deliver numerous programs and activities to vulnerable people. The range of services can be seen at www.3bridges.org.au

We are very pleased to be part of the Summer Hill Public School community.





For further details visit our website or give us a call

1300 327 434 | WWW.AFTERSCHOOLCARE.ORG.AU

REFER TO COMMUNITY NOTICES ON THE WEB FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

P&C COMMUNICATIONS



P&C NEWS

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS

Our sponsors this year were:

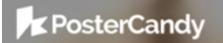


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A huge thank you to the local business that donated to the Spring Fair:



























Australian National Maritime Museum

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