Summer Hill PS



Newsletter Week 2 Term 4 2019 Principal's message OCTOBER 'How astounding to find ourselves in mid-October, with Term 4 well underway and the end of the school year Thur 24 Y3 - 6 Assembly in hall just two months away' (Mark Scott, Secretary) - so true! We are having an incredible year at Summer Hill and 3MD to host 2:10pm time is going quickly. Symphony Orchestra to perform Did you know that on 29 September our Stage 1 students (Year 1 and 2) experienced a day of old fashioned schooling? Students and teachers dressed up in olden day school uniforms and work clothes to enrich their **PSSA** Fri 25 experience even further. Teachers were stern, marched the students across the school and ensured students were seen and not heard! All until after lunch when everyone engaged in olden day games and participated in a Student Voice Project photo shoot outside of our heritage building. I am pleased to see students engaging deeply with curriculum content and having lots of fun. Mon 28 **K** - Orientation On the flip side primary students have been enjoying 'future-focussed' learning experiences in our newly established maker space, using the PC robotics kit we have on loan from the Department. 5MA particularly enjoyed their first experience with Ozobots - pocket sized coding robots. Students draw lines and colour codes Yeo Park - Orientation with markers and the bots follow along and execute their demands; similarly students can use a device to drag and drop blocks of code together to program their bots. These experiences are designed for students to Stage 2 develop coding and computational thinking skills. Despite a wash out for the Sandy Evans concert in Term 3 our 2019 Musicale continued into Term 4 and was a **Minister Nominees** tremendous success. Both concerts were well received by families due to the students' entertaining performances. Students commitment to music and dedication to their chosen instrument, instruments and/or choir was obvious throughout the concerts. Well done to you all and thanks to those families who attended on Tue 29 Stage 2 the evening or volunteered for the P&C. 5SH OC Wed 30 **OC Open Morning** In hall 9:15am - 10:45am Stage Band performing **Schools Spec Rehearsal** 7:50am - 4:00pm Sydney Olympic Park Y5 Minister Candidate The coming months will continue to provide students with opportunities to continue their learning in all areas of the curriculum and engage in extra curricula activities in sports, academics and the arts. Of course our entire K - 2 Assembly 2:10pm Thur 31 community are particularly excited about our up-coming School and Community Fun Run on Monday 18 1 AP to host November, we hope to see you there. It's looking to be a fun filled day of activities for everyone. **NOVEMBER** Your support is requested. Staff on crossing duty continue to express concerns that some parents/carers, with young children, are walking down the street towards the teacher's car park and stepping out between parked Fri 1 Y5 Minister Candidate cars to cross the road. We want everyone to be safe and teach our students to develop into responsible road users, as pedestrians and eventually as drivers. Already, there are older primary students doing the same thing **PSSA** as the parents/carers. Please use, and remind your child/ren to use, the crossing safely. Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening at Summer Hill Public School, we are very Mon 4 **K** - Orientations excited to report what our students have been doing. If you enjoy reading our newsletter and would like to see 9:15 - 10:45am what's happening around the school more regularly visit the website at https://summerhillp.schools.nsw.gov.au/. For day to day updates and reminders download our Skoolbag App for your phone or tablet device. Click here to go to the school website for further information to upload to your device. Find more on EVENTS on the school webpage Natalie Armstrong

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School life in the 1800s for Stage 1 students at Summer Hill Stage 1

Stage 1 students and their teachers travelled back in time for a day to experience what school life was really like in the 1800's. The students and teachers experience became even more realistic when ironically the power in the classrooms really did stop working suddenly. Students and teachers came dressed for the day in 1800s attire. Children were marched to the infants courtyard where a formal drill was conducted and student's hands were checked for cleanliness before being able to enter their classrooms. Morning lessons were conducted with no electricity, some students even had an opportunity to practise their foundation handwriting skills using ink and quill pens. After lunch the children were involved in a range of different olden day games: skipping ropes, elastics, tug of war, quoits and Jacks were some of the many games played. It was a wonderful way to learn about the true history of school life in the 1800s.

Mrs Butler



Application for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2021 Reminder

The application process for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2021 has started. Important dates are as follows:

8 October 2019: Online applications open

- 11 November 2019: Online applications close
- 12 March 2020: Selective High School Placement Test

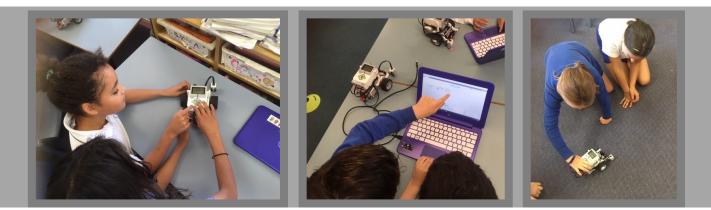
To apply online go to https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7

Stage 2 have fun with Robokids Update

Stage 2 have been involved in an exciting and engaging full day workshop with the Robokids team. Each class in Stage 2 spent a full day learning about how to program a simple robot using various coding specifications and algorithms. The workshop supported logical thinking and problem solving. They had fun watching their robots perform various routes and dances while making interesting sounds.

Regards Stage 2 Team

Images below: Students programming, making decisions, watching their results.



Stage 3 Ozobots 5MA



5MA used "Ozobots" in their technology lesson on Monday. They had so much fun creating playgrounds, mazes and codes.

Y6 Dance Lessons

Year 6

This term, Year 6 have had the pleasure of learning to dance with Ashley. So far we have learnt to dance to the song 'The Gid Up' and it has been really enjoyable to get out of the classroom and have some fun with another class. The dance we have learnt so far is a hip hop style. It has been lots of fun to dance along to the music and play rhythm games, even if some of us get a bit embarrassed. The dance we have learnt is with and without partners. It has been really fun and we can't wait to learn more dances!

Regards, **Zoe L, Zahra & Amelie - 6VK**

Combined Band Camp

From the adventurous activities, to the wonderful notes flowing out of our instruments, the Combined Band Camp was an amazing experience for everyone. We played some amazing music and very cool recognisable songs such as the Great Escape, Byzantine dances, Hard Times In The City, Happy Together which features in many different ads and last but not least Skyfall featuring in the James Bond movie, Skyfall. A special thank you Ms Chan for conducting us and another giant thank you to Ms Wagstaffe for accompanying all of the Summer Hill students. The 2019 Combined Band Camp was the best!!!



3MD Tinkercad designs for The Greenway by 5SH 5SH

5SH has been using the Tinkercad program during their Computer Lab lessons to create some fantasy 3D designs for a redesign of a section of The Greenway in the Inner West. They have come up with some very creative designs!



P&C Update

Hi everyone,

Come to the P&C AGM - Tuesday 10 December

At our AGM we will share the Annual Report. It's a great way to get a wrap-up of the year. We will also hold **general elections for the 2020 P&C Executive positions**. Woo Hoo! All Executive positions become available at the AGM and anyone who is a financial member can stand for election and/or can vote. A number of our current Execs are retiring, so there will be plenty of opportunity. It's a great way to get involved! Here are the positions that I think a lot of you would be excellent at:

President Vice President x 2 Treasurer Secretary Executive Officer x 4 If you're even a little bit interested, feel free to reach out to the current P&C Executive for more information: summerhillpandc@gmail.com

Committees

There are also several Committees that you can join. No election process, just let us know which Committee you'd like to join and we will put you in touch with nice people:

Fundraising & Events (new coordinator needed) Music Sustainability & Grounds (new coordinator needed) Gender & Inclusion Cyber Safety

Joining a Committee is a great way to get involved in the school community! Plus you only talk about the thing you are interested in.

Danielle Elliott

P&C Events

Gardening Bee Sunday 10 November 2:30-4:30pm

Like to get your hands dirty? Have a green thumb? Handy with a paint brush? Come along to the P&C Gardening Bee on Sunday 10 November 2:30-4:30pm. No gardening experience necessary, just willing workers to help with planting, weeding, painting benches and other odd jobs! It's a great way to spend some active fun time outside with the kids and help keep the grounds looking great. Bring gardening tools (if you have them), sun protection and kids! Signup here: <u>https://signup.com/go/JdthWxw</u>



School Fun Run Monday 18 November

Four weeks to go until our School Fun Run, which will be held on Monday 18 November. Students have been busy fundraising - so far we've raised over \$13,000 towards our target of \$50.000 which will go towards a new multipurpose court and playground area! This is a fabulous start!

How does my child fundraise?

Sponsorship packs were sent home with your child last week. To participate in fundraising go online at schoolfundraising.com.au, create a student profile page, then share your link to raise money. (If you need help with this, contact the School Fun-Run Organisation on 1800 FUN RUN or help@schoolfundraising.com.au). Students who raise \$10 or more will earn a prize - the more money raised the better the prizes! Students have been educated on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, and we encourage you to reiterate this at home. Fundraising will close at midnight on Monday 18 November.

**There will be a class prize for the class who has the most number of students registered online by the end of this week! **

What will happen on the day?

The school and P&C are organising a great day for our school community. Parents and carers are invited to come along and join in the fun. There will be a picnic lunch starting at midday, and the Fun Run will kick off at 1:30pm. Year 6 parents will be running a BBQ, the PRC will host a cake stall, and the canteen will be selling coffee, tea and snacks – so pack your money, picnic rug, water bottle and keep cup and come along for an afternoon of fun and colour! Students can wear mufti on the day – old white or light coloured clothing will show the colour the best. If you have any questions, please email <u>summerhillpandc@gmail.com</u>. Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you there! (In the case of wet weather the event will take place on Thursday 21 November.)



Library Book Club

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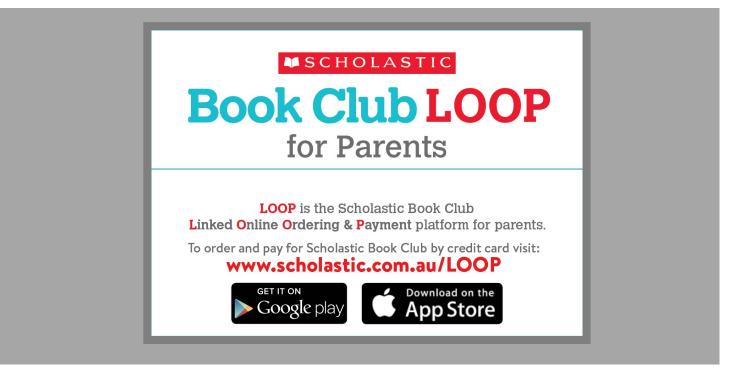
Book Club

Our school is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** starting in Term 4 this year. Once a term your child's teacher will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages. You will have 2 weeks to place your orders.

Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school; however, there is never any obligation to order. The school will earn 20% of the value of all school orders.

There is always a wide range of books for all ages in the Scholastic catalogue, including books for as little as \$2.

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform allows you to pay by credit card. There are no cash payments. The books will be delivered directly to your child's class. You can place your order at <u>scholastic.com.au/LOOP</u> or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.



Summer PSSA

Check the draw weekly on the school website (School - Programs/Sport). Please note venue changes can occur at the last minute. If you are unsure about when and where your child's PSSA match is to be held, encourage your child to ask their coach before Friday so that they can pass the details on to you. We thank you for your support, https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-programs/sport.html

Summer PSSA Training

Cricket	Junior	Senior	Monday 3 - 4pm
T-Ball	Junior Girls	Junior Boys	Thursday 3 - 4pm

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Music

Music Calendar Term 4

Term 4		
24 October	Y3 – 6 Assembly in Hall 2:10pm : Symphony Orchestra to perform	
28 & 29 October	Sydney Southeast Orchestra Camp @ Stanwell Tops.	
30 October	OC Open Morning: Stage Band to perform 9:15am	
30 October	School Spectacular rehearsal 7:50am - 4:00pm (Senior Choir)	
7 November	MUSIC COUNT US IN perform in the hall Time12:15 – 12:45pm	
7 November	Parliament Y3 – 6 in Hall 2:10pm : Stage Band to perform	
11 November	School Spectacular rehearsal 9:30am - 3:00pm (Senior Choir)	
11 November	Remembrance Day Assembly in the hall 10.30am: Solo Performance (trumpet)	
13 November	Year 2 Music Tryouts for Band & Orchestra 2019 in the Hall 9.30-12.00pm	
21 November	3-6 Final Merit Assembly 2.10pm:	
21 November	School Spectacular Dress rehearsal 7:00am - 7:00pm (Senior Choir)	
22 November	School Spectacular Performances (Yr5 Senior Choir)	
	10:00am - 2:30pm (matinee at 11:00am)	
	6:30pm - 11:00pm (evening performance at 7:30pm)	
23 November	School Spectacular Performances (Yr5 Senior Choir) 12:00pm - 4:30pm (matinee at 1:00pm)	
	6:00pm - 10:30pm (evening performance at 7:00pm)	
28 November	K-2 Final Merit Assembly 2:10pm: Stage Band to perform	

BAND & ORCHESTRA ENSEMBLES 2020

Our instrumental ensembles are looking for interested students to join next year, the ensembles include a Senior Band, Stage Band and a Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band and Training Band, Symphony Orchestra and Training Orchestra. Students from Years 3-6 can participate in any of these groups, which require varying levels of musical ability. The Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Senior Band, Stage Band and Concert Band assume prior musical training of one year or more on an instrument. Training Band and Training Orchestra require **no prior musical knowledge or training** as we learn skills together throughout the year.

For the year 2 students only: Our band and orchestra conductors as well as some of our senior students will be demonstrating all the instruments played in the ensembles on Wednesday 23 October. This will take place in class time and at the end of the demonstration all the students will be given a note to take home, giving all the details concerning the ensembles.

If you are currently in an ensemble you do not need to re-apply. Your conductor will talk to you soon about auditions and how to progress to the next ensemble.

All students who would like to apply to join the Band & Orchestra in 2019 should fill in a Google form at this address <u>https://forms.gle/ukcuugjDooLCr3Ap8</u>. When filling out the form please give as much information as possible about your child's music background, this will help us to make a decision regarding instrument and ensemble. Applications are open now and close at <u>3pm on 13 November</u>. Any applications made after that time will be placed on a waiting list.

Notes from the Music room Term 4

On Thursday the 7 November at 12:30pm we will be performing the Music Count Us In song for 2019, 'We Are'. There will be a large music ensemble playing the music for the school to sing along to. This is a nation wide incentive to promote music in schools. Any parent/carer wishing to participate are very welcome. We have had a lot of fun learning the music and words for this song during our music sessions in this second semester.



Community notices







SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2019

TICKETEK QUDOS BANK ARENA FRI 22 & SAT 23 NOVEMBER

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All NDIS questions answered. It does not matter if you have a plan or not. Everyone welcome. Meet other parents and chat about your experiences.

Local speakers include:

- -ECEI partners (0-6 age group NDIS)
- -Local Area Coordinators (7+ age group NDIS)
- -Local Disability Advocacy Agency
- -NSW Dept of Education

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know.

EVENT INFORMATION:

WHEN: Wed 27 November 2019 9:30am - 2:00pm (Registration 9:15am)

WHERE:

Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club 20-26 Canterbury Road Hurlstone Park NSW 2193

RSVP: The Better Start Team CALL US: 1800 242 636 EMAIL: betterstart@carersnsw.org.au

COST: Free

Morning tea and light lunch will be provided, tell us if you have any allergies or dietary requirements.

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