



Principal's message

This is the time of year for me to take the opportunity to congratulate everyone for an outstanding effort in 2019!

Thank you to our teaching and non-teaching staff for providing the innovative learning programs for each and every one of our students – be it academic, sporting, creative and performing arts, extra curricula or an excursion to a new and exciting place. Your professionalism and dedication to the students of Summer Hill Public School is appreciated.

Thank you to our committed parents and families for what you have provided for our school. As a result of your ongoing support we have achieved many goals this year. Our achievements include enhanced school grounds, play and learning spaces. Of course students have achieved learning goals and outcomes, and made progress due to their hard work and commitment to our values - Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. I would also like to acknowledge the tireless work of our P&C in helping us realise these achievements. FAREWELL to P&C President Danielle Elliot who will not be continuing in the position in 2020. Thank you Danielle. Of course, a big thank you to our students for their love of learning, their community spirit, and friendships. Well done! Year 6 - all the best for high school and beyond. What you have achieved in your time at Summer Hill should take you a long way in life. We will all miss you very much. Keep up the hard work, and maintain the dedication you have to learn as much as you can while you have the opportunities school provides. We also farewell a number of staff who will not be returning in 2020. Thank you Mr Brumby (congratulations on achieving accreditation at Proficient Teacher), Mrs Vaitaki, Ms Carey, Mrs Lerantges, Mrs Barker, Mr Monk, Ms Scaysbrook, Ms Grove, Mr Jacques, and Mr Misikos. We wish you all the best in your endeavours for 2020; and of course look forward to welcoming you back if you will be returning in 2021 and beyond!

A special mention to Ms Jo Meldrum and Ms Paula Smith who will be retiring at the end of the year. Paula has spent many years supporting our kids through our schools' learning and support program as a School Learning and Support Officer – a vital yet sometimes 'hidden' role. Ms Meldrum started at Summer Hill in 1992 as a classroom teacher and was promoted to an Assistant Principal position in 2001. She acted as Deputy Principal and Principal many times. As a class teacher Ms Meldrum taught students from Kindergarten to Year 4. She led teams of staff as our school's Learning and Support Team Coordinator, teacher for students with English as an Additional Language/dialect, and Release from Face to Face teacher. Ms Meldrum coached girls' football, ran food stalls at our Spring Fairs, coordinated the student's representative council, and professionally mentored new graduates. Ms Meldrum's final words to our community as a dedicated and caring educator are: 'My greatest achievements have been supporting all students to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally in a friendly and supportive classroom. I have been so very lucky to have been a part of an amazing school community as both a teacher and parent'.



Finally I'd like to say thank you to the students, staff, parents, carers and friends of Summer Hill Public School for the absolutely incredible year I have had with you and our students, your kids. We are a progressive school and continue to grow from strength to strength, providing many opportunities for our students to grow, learn and develop friendships.

Natalie Armstrong
Principal

December 2019

Wed 18 Last day of school

School Holidays

January 2020

Wed 29 First day back Y1-6

Kindy
Best start

Thu 30 Swimming Carnival

Kindy
Best start

Fri 31 Kindy
Best start

Y4-6 PSSA
Summer trials

February

Mon 3 Kindy
Best start

Tue 4 Kindy
Best start

Year 5
Mindfulness

Wed 5 Kindy
Best start

Concert Band starts
3:00 - 4:00pm

Fri 7 Y4 - 6 PSSA
Summer trials

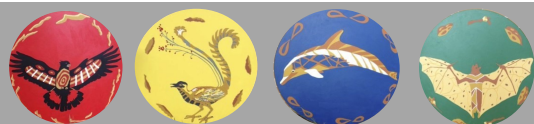
Tue 11 Year 5
Mindfulness

Stage Band starts
3:00 - 4:00pm

Fri 14 Training Orchestra
First Rehearsal
7.30am - 9.00am

Training Band
First rehearsal
3:00 - 6:00pm

Find more on **EVENTS** on
the school webpage



Volunteer students at SHPS

Kids giving back

Three students from SHPS have taken part in a program through the organisation: **Kids Giving Back**. We are proud and delighted to be able to mention the students and thank them for participating, during their own holiday time, in a program that shows kindness and generosity to others in need.

Well Done Micah M-C (4SP), Alexandra N (3OB) and Louis N(5WW)! **Kids Giving Back** is a charity whose mission is to create the next Generation of Generosity. Their programs are delivered for children 6-18 years old and their families and offer opportunities to assist vulnerable people in the community. Their range of volunteering experiences aim to assist students to acquire empathy, experience altruism and achieve a sense of belonging. If you would like to know more about the programs, you can checkout their website at <https://kidsgivingback.org/>.



Community language students

NSW Community language schools programs

We would like to acknowledge these fabulous students who have received certificates for their participation in *NSW Community language* schools programs: Nina D and Emma D, who have both participated in Japanese lessons and Sebastian L and Sofia S Q, who participated in Portuguese language lessons.

Congratulations!



Kindergarten

The Field of Mars

The Kindergarten classes had a wonderful day at the Field of Mars located near the Lane Cove National Park. The skies were clear and the weather was perfect for our excursion. While at the education centre we built shelters using sticks and branches. We learnt what animals need to survive and we had great fun going on a bushwalk. We searched for bugs using microscopes and went for a walk along the river. We took our teddy bears and soft toys with us to enjoy a picnic lunch. Our teddy bears went on their own adventure and we had to try to find them before lunchtime. We now know how important trees are for our native animals. Thanks to Mrs Donato for organising our excursion.

Regards

The Kindy Staff



Stage 1 Wrap up Term 4

Term 4 has been fun filled, educational and very busy for Year 1 and 2. In November we visited the Powerhouse museum to explore more about the concept of space, we had opportunities throughout the term to visit the new technology room with our buddy classes to learn about coding using ozobots, we participated in the school fun run and loved getting sprayed with lots of different colours, we learnt a variety of songs and performed them at special occasions like the Summer Hill Blues assembly and the Karen Kekale assembly. Some classes had a special visit from Moonbie Street Preschool where Josh Pyke singer, song writer and author of Lights Out, Leonard came along to read his new book and sing. We also participated in the responsible pet ownership program so that we could learn about how to carefully and safely approach dogs. The teachers and students have enjoyed each and every experience. What a wonderful way to end the school year.

Finally, the Stage 1 teachers would like to wish all Stage 1 students the very best of luck next year. We all hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Regards
Katherine Butler



Stage 2 Travel brochures

4SP have displayed their travel brochures that they have researched, designed and created. The brochure was based on an Asian country. The students also presented exciting speeches to persuade Ms Pillay and their classmates to visit their chosen country.

Regards
Tim Kay



Stage 2 Exodus Christmas Appeal

Congratulations and thank you to Stage 2 students and their families for their generous support of the Exodus Christmas Appeal. Summer Hill supplied mountains of food items, drinks, bakery and even presents for those less fortunate than us. The children sang carols and were warmly greeted by Reverend Bill Crews and thanked for their generosity. Well done Stage 2....you made all your teachers very proud.

Regards
Tim kay



Starry Night 5/6WW

This term, 5/6WW completed artwork which were inspired by Van Gogh's Starry Night. The buildings were added because we were learning about urban development and the impact it might have on the environment. We thought it would add a cool effect to an otherwise traditional artwork. These artworks were done by Echo (top left) Zara (top right) Gabbie (bottom left) and Hitomi (bottom right).

By Jemima and Zara
5/6WW



Side Show Alley Year 6

The day of the fun run Year Six were tasked with creating a stall to occupy the younger years of Summer Hill Public School. There was lots of great feedback as all of the students and parents loved it. Some of these stores were, magic cups, what's in the box?, knock em down, human ring toss and many more. The prizes were house tokens which the students could put in their house boxes. Overall it was a fun way to spend the lead up to the much anticipated fun run.

Written by Ellie & Louis, 6VK



Sports News Congratulations

Congratulations Freddie V. Freddie V, of 4FD, competed at the Little Athletics NSW State Relay Championships at SOPAC two weeks ago and won a gold in the 11boys 4*100m and silver in the 11mixed 4*400m.

Well done Freddie.



Drama

Year 6 Show 2019 The Road to Home

All Year 6 students participated in this year's show, The Road to Home. This original story included play built drama and original songs. There were musicians, singers, dancers and lighting and sound technicians. We even had our very own song writers and composers using digital electronics. A big thank you to all of the artists, designers and teachers behind the scenes too. We all worked very hard and had a lot of fun. Well done Year 6.

Regards
Renee Anton Drama Teacher

Ms Megan Kelly, Director Educational Leadership
Dr John Montgomery, Curriculum Inspector, Creative Arts, Nesa
Ms Renee Anton, Drama Teacher & Director, Summer Hill Year 6 Show



P&C Update

Hi Everyone,

Happy last week of school for 2019! This is my last newsletter notice as President, so a huge and heart-felt thank you to everyone who has contributed to P&C activities throughout the year. You may have attended an event, bought a second-hand uniform, cooked at the BBQ, listened to your kids practice their instrument, organised an event, you may have worn it purple, or even dug up weeds in our gardens. It doesn't matter to me how you contributed - big or small - it all matters. Thank you to the P&C Executive for 2019, Helen De Wolfe, Lassity Martin, Paul Rawlings, Gail Philpott, Pamela Chalmers, Lachelle Uzcataguigaymon and Kate Wake. We held our AGM on Tuesday 10 Dec, which means our P&C has a new Executive team (hooray!):

President - Lachelle Uzcataguigaymon
Vice President – Paul Rawlings
Vice President – Connor Woods
Treasurer – Joe Harber
Secretary – Shannon Watkin

There is still opportunity to join the P&C Executive as an Executive Officer. We decided to hold these positions for election in 2020 to allow new people to the school to consider taking on a position. These positions will be elected in the new year. If you want to get involved, you can also join one of the P&C Committees. These are Events, Disco, FASP, MASP, Parent Night, End of Year Fundraiser, Music, Gender & Inclusion, Sustainability & Grounds, Cyber Forum.

You can take a look at our 2019 Annual Report here <https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/p-c/about-the-p-c.html>

Have a great holiday!
Danielle

Chess News Term 4

On Monday the 3 December students participated in an all day chess comp at Summer Hill Public School. Congratulations to the following students:

1st place Mandi N
2nd place Andy J (2nd countback)
2nd place (3rd countback) Kalan H

Girls Champion Aiyang W

Best players in each age group

Year 6 Charlotte C

Year 5 Angus B (champion on countback)

1st Eric H Silver medal (2nd countback)

Year 4 Awei W

Year 3 Summer W

Year 2 Anthony M

Year 1 Aiden T

Music Band & Orchestra 2020 Information

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.

Currently the program in 2020 is set to start at week 2:

Training Band: Friday 8-9am in the Hall (*Please note first rehearsal 14 February 3-6pm in the Hall*)

Concert Band: Wednesday 3-4pm in the Hall (starts 5 February)

Senior Band: Thursday 8-9am in the Hall (starts 6 February)

Stage Band: Tuesday 3-4pm in the Music Room (starts 11 February)

Training Orchestra: Friday 8-9am in the Library (*Please note first rehearsal 14 February 7.30-9am in the Library*)

Symphony Orchestra: Wednesday 8-9am in the Hall (starts 5 February)

Chamber Orchestra: Wednesday 8-9am in the Hall (starts 5 February)

Please note any changes will be communicated at the start of the year.

Farewell to all those leaving the music program – all the best to you in your new school. Thank you to all the music community for your support and involvement. Kris Golds will be your point of contact next year. Finally, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Angela Lerantges
Music Administration

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<p>Thursday 19 December 2019</p> <p>Service Closed</p> <p>Pupil Free Day!</p>	<p>Friday 20 December 2019</p> <p>Service Closed</p> <p>Pupil Free Day!</p>	<p>Monday 23 December '19</p> <p>In Centre Day</p> <p>Bikes, Scooters, Refreshment Stalls</p> <p>Summer Hill kids love to ride on our specially designed track.</p> <p>Ride all day and stop for refreshments, food, or rest at the cafe. Remember, if you infringe the law of SH police you will be arrested.</p> <p>MUST wear a Helmet & complete a safety check. No training wheels. Children not permitted to share bikes/scooters.</p> <p>Stalls: Create your own stall for our rides to stop and rest.</p> <p>Cooking: Make snacks and other refreshing treats.</p>	<p>Tuesday 24 December '19</p> <p>In Centre Day</p> <p>Ho Ho Ho Santa at 3Bridges?</p> <p>Christmas is just around the corner. Get your creative flare happening as you create gifts for your families and friends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifts. • Cookies • Christmas craft making • Make your own Christmas Gnome to take home. 	<p>Monday 31 December '19</p> <p>Centre Closed</p>	<p>Tuesday 1 January 2020</p> <p>Centre Closed</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>	<p>Wednesday 1 January 2020</p> <p>Public Holiday</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>Thursday 2 January 2020</p> <p>In Centre Day</p> <p>Mad Science Day</p> <p>Einstein move over. SHOSHC is here and we are exploring Science.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an Erupting volcano • Make Slime • Bath bombs • Floating eggs and steel wool and vinegar. <p>We're also having:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Games • Sports • Music to dance to • Cubby making 	<p>Friday 3 January 2020</p> <p>In Centre Day</p> <p>Space Day</p> <p>It's Space Week!</p> <p>Learn to make and cook things that are out of this world!</p> <p>Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galaxy in a jar • Moon rock • Make your own planet • And much more <p>Cooking:</p> <p>Make space rock cake! YUM</p>
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<p>Monday 6 January 2020</p> <p>In-Centre Day All Children</p> <p>Sustainably Summer</p> <p>Learn about Summer herbs. Plant and take them home.</p> <p>Heaps of recycling activities during the day.</p> <p>Twist, Tie and Color</p> <p>Tie Dye our own t-shirts.</p> <p>(Bring a cotton washed shirt /preferably white)</p>	<p>Tuesday 7 January 2020</p> <p>Excursion Day All Children</p> <p>Movies at Westfield Burwood</p> <p>See the latest G & PG movie Optional: Bring \$5 for ice cream (exact change please)</p> <p>Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Transport: Train & Walk</p> <p>On Return to the Centre:</p> <p>Make clay models of your favourite movie characters.</p>	<p>Wednesday 8 January 2020</p> <p>Inter Centre Incursion Day All Children</p> <p>Disco Dance at Summer Hill Vacation Care</p> <p>Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm</p> <p>Be sure to wear your brightest outfit today for a big disco party day. Our friends from Mascot and Rockdale are joining us.</p> <p>Fashion Craft: Learn how to upcycle and use old clothes to give them a brand new life.</p>	<p>Thursday 9 January 2020</p> <p>Excursion Day All Children</p> <p>Cafe and Swim at Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre & Petersham Park</p> <p>Enjoy a special day out. Have brunch in the Cafe, play in Petersham Park then enjoy a small swim & splash at Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre.</p> <p>Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Transport: Train, bus & Walk</p> <p>Pools accessed based on swimming ability/ Must pack a towel, sun safe shirt, swimmers and hat!</p> <p>On Return to the Centre:</p> <p>Chill out with a movie & popcorn or playing games.</p>	<p>Friday 10 January 2020</p> <p>In-Centre Day All Children</p> <p>All our Favorite Activities in One Day</p> <p>Cubby House: Construct your own cubby house with lots of sheets, pillows and mats!</p> <p>Arts and Crafts: Heaps of craft to take home</p> <p>Technology: Bring in your devices and wind down from a busy week.</p> <p>Cooking: Make your own healthy fruit smoothie</p>	<p>Monday 13 January 2020</p> <p>In-Centre Day All Children</p> <p>Ice and Chill</p> <p>Chill out and have some fun. We will start the morning with group meditation. Later we will explore nature and try to find some interesting insects and bugs to investigate and draw.</p> <p>Cooking: Make your own Frozen Ice blocks.</p>	<p>Tuesday 14 January 2020</p> <p>Excursion Day All Children</p> <p>Wonder of Reading at Ashfield Library</p> <p>We love to read and once again we return to Ashfield Library. Choose a book or two to read and let your imagination do the rest. Be prepared to be inspired!</p> <p>Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Travel: Walk and Public Bus</p> <p>On Return to the Centre:</p> <p>Origami and Paper Airplane making.</p>	<p>Wednesday 15 January 2020</p> <p>Inter Centre Excursion Day All Children</p> <p>Carnival Games with Play on Sports at Mascot</p> <p>Test your speed, strength and balance in a day full of fun with our friends from Rockdale & Mascot at Mascot Public School!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obstacle Course • Relay Races • Games Galore! <p>Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Travel: Private Bus</p> <p>On Return to the Centre:</p> <p>Bingo competition, who will win bingo first? Heaps of prizes too!</p>	<p>Thursday 16 January 2020</p> <p>In-Centre Day All Children</p> <p>Block Construction Masterpiece</p> <p>Build your own rooms, house or building with cardboard, boxes, sheets and mats.</p> <p>Lego competition: construct more structures with our new Lego. Prizes for the best architecture.</p>	<p>Friday 17 January 2020</p> <p>Excursion Day All Children</p> <p>Andrew Boyd Charlton Pool at The Domain</p> <p>Andrew Boyd Charlton Pool (1.2 metre depth pool). Children can enjoy swimming and playing in a shallow children's pool.</p> <p>Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Transport: Train & Walk</p> <p>Pools accessed based on swimming ability/ Must pack a towel, sun safe shirt, swimmers and hat!</p> <p>On Return to the Centre:</p> <p>Chill out watching a movie with popcorn or playing board games.</p>
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[Click here to view the full holiday program on the school website.](#)

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<p>Monday 20 January 2020</p> <p>Excursion Day All Children</p> <p>Strike Bowling at Darling Harbour</p> <p>Enjoy a game of bowling followed by lunch in the park with a view of the Harbour.</p> <p>Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Transport: Walk & Train</p> <p>On Return to the Centre:</p> <p>Chill out by having a massive board game session.</p>	<p>Tuesday 21 January 2020</p> <p>In-Centre Day All Children</p> <p>Mystery Box Challenge 2</p> <p>Children requested another challenge, this time with Summer in mind. Hats on and be prepared.</p> <p>We are cooking savory and sweet dishes. The best is you get to eat it all!</p> <p>With all that eating, let's get physical with some outdoor activities.</p>	<p>Wednesday 22 January 2020</p> <p>Inter Centre Day All Children</p> <p>Athletics Day with Got Game</p> <p>Challenge yourselves! Mascot and Rockdale will join us for a fun day of Athletics games with Got Game.</p> <p>Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p> <p>Other Activities Include:</p> <p>Arts and Craft: Cork magnets with plant</p>	<p>Thursday 23 January 2020</p> <p>Excursion Day All Children</p> <p>Movies at Westfield Burwood</p> <p>See the latest G & PG movie Optional: Bring \$5 for ice cream (exact change please)</p> <p>Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Transport: Train & Walk</p> <p>On Return to the Centre:</p> <p>Design your own Sun Catcher to take home.</p> <p>Group games on the grass for the energetic or more relaxed games in the Hall.</p>	<p>Friday 24 January 2020</p> <p>In-Centre Day All Children</p> <p>Toy Swap and Contemporary Australia Day</p> <p>Celebrate Australia Day with diversity and Indigenous heritage of Australia.</p> <p>Australia Day</p> <p>Toy Swap: children bring in your old toys and leave with a new ones. (max. 3 toys per child - toys must be in good condition) Cook your own BBQ!</p>	<p>Monday 27 January 2020</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Australia Day Public Holiday</p>	<p>Tuesday 28 January 2020</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>Pupil Free Day!</p>	<p>Wednesday 29 January 2020</p> <p>Back school and OSHC</p>		
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Uniform Shop
Dates for the diary



SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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JANUARY 2020 - EXTENDED TRADING HOURS

Welcome to your uniform shop Summer Hill Public School,
located on school grounds.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED	1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED
5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED
12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16 CLOSED	17 CLOSED	18 CLOSED
19 Last Day for Online Orders CLOSED	20 * 9am-11am	21 * 9am-11am	22 * CLOSED	23 * 2pm-4pm	24 * 2pm-4pm	25 * CLOSED
26 * CLOSED	27 * Public holiday	28 * Pupil free day Uniform shop open: 8.30am-10am	29 * CLOSED	30 * CLOSED	31 * 2pm-4pm	1 * CLOSED

NORMAL TRADING HOURS RESUME:

Tuesday 4 February 2020, 8:30am-10:00am AND Friday 7 February 2020, 2:30pm-3:30pm

LAST DAY FOR ONLINE ORDERS IS SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY 2020

Orders placed online after the 19th January 2020 cannot be guaranteed for delivery or pickup before school resumes 30th January 2020.

NO ONLINE ORDERS GUARANTEED SHIPMENT OR DELIVERY BEFORE SCHOOL RETURNS.

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

Order and pay for your uniforms securely online. Delivery can be via Australia Post, or delivered to your child's classroom during term time free of charge.

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