



## Principal's message

Where has the year gone? I know that years seem to pass more quickly the older we get, however students are also noticing how quickly 2020 seems to be going! Yes, we are well into the year and its' fantastic to see our students happy faces engaged in learning and playing with friends each day at school.

We have an extremely busy term ahead with events and activities including Year 1-6 2021 orientation days, Kindergarten 2021 orientation days, Book Week mufti day and parades, Summer Hill Blue Awards assemblies, Year 6 film festival, Year 5 and 6 theatre excursion, student parliament sitting and Presentation Day. Of course a number of these events will be reimagined, determined by restrictions at the time. We will also provide as many opportunities as we can for parents and carers to 'be involved'; our staff are continually developing and adapting new and innovative ways to include our families in their child's experiences. Of course the P&C are working hard to maintain visibility across the school during these times. I thank them for their support.

On Saturday 17 October student Prime Minister Angus and I were guests at the official opening of the new Ashfield Aquatic Centre. We were invited by Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne and were lucky enough to have a tour of the new facilities. Angus and I were amazed by the transformation. I particularly liked the steam room and sauna; and it seems Angus' was very impressed by the innovative technology and equipment in the gym. You can read Angus' report in this newsletter.



At Summer Hill Public School we provide a culture of ongoing school improvement. To achieve this we regularly ask our community, students, staff and families to complete surveys. Tell Them From Me is a suite of surveys for measuring student engagement and wellbeing. The surveys capture student, parent and teacher voices, providing reliable evidence we use in identifying strengths and areas for improvement. I would like to thank our students, parents and carers, and teachers who completed the 2020 survey. The survey window is closing and the information will be available to our school soon.

Of course our teachers continue to work tirelessly to ensure high quality teaching and learning takes place in every classroom every day. On Tuesday evening this week teachers attended a three hour workshop lead by Deputy Principal Jane Williams, with a relentless focus on the delivery of English syllabus learning outcomes. Keeping abreast of best practice and innovation is vital in ensuring ongoing school improvement and delivery of quality education for our students. You can read more about all the stages of schooling from starting Kindergarten to finishing high school here, <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/parents/parent-guide>

Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening at Summer Hill Public School, we are very excited to report what our students have been doing. If you enjoy reading our newsletter and would like to see what's happening around the school more regularly visit the [website](#). 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.

Natalie Armstrong  
Principal

## October

Thu 22 Annual character parade mufti day. Curious creatures, wild minds

Tue 27 Y4 Mindfulness program  
Y6 dance lesson

## November

Tue 3 2021 Kindy orientation

Y4 Mindfulness program

Y6 dance lesson

Thu 5 Y5 Theatre at Seymour Centre

Tue 10 2021 Kindy orientation

Y4 Mindfulness program

Y6 dance lesson

Wed 11 Remembrance Day

Mon 16 Application for Selective HS close

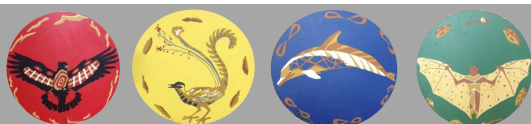
Tue 17 P&C meeting online via Zoom

Wed 18 Y4 OC test

## December

Wed 16 Last day of Term 4 for students. Happy holidays!

[Find more on EVENTS on the school webpage](#)



## Wear it Red for dyslexia day

Last term, Summer Hill students were asked to wear red to raise awareness about the experiences of people living in our communities who are dyslexic. The colour red has been chosen for this special day as a symbol of all the red crosses and corrections these students experience when they are trying to read and write.

Phoebe Z, who herself has dyslexia, spoke to all the stage 3 students about her experiences and how it is nothing to be ashamed of, just a life challenge to work around.

We raised \$592 that will now go to the Australian Dyslexia foundation. Thank you Summer Hill!

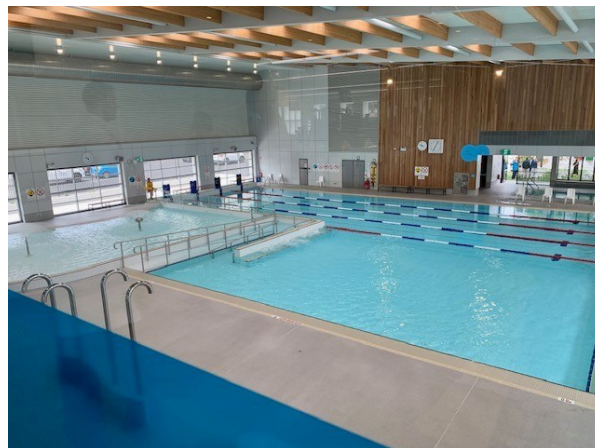
Kristy T  
Deputy Prime Minister, Parliamentary Representative Council



## Ashfield Aquatic Centre

On Saturday 17 October, Miss Armstrong and I went to the opening of the brand new Ashfield pool! It has a much better look, a new spa, steam room, showers, bathrooms, changing rooms and cafe. It has a very minimalist aesthetic with the wood and white walls perfectly balanced. At the opening I got to meet Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne and get a tour of the new building! The new technogym (see pic) was very cool and could be synced to your phone. Whether you want to visit the gym, do your swimming lessons or just have some fun the new Ashfield pool is the place to go for anyone with time on their hands.

Angus B  
Prime Minister



**P&C AGM – December 15th at 7:15pm**

We will be holding our P&C AGM on December 15th. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the P&C by either standing for, or voting to select, our Executive.

In line with social distancing requirements at time of writing, this meeting will be held online via Zoom.

A Zoom meeting ID and password will be sent to our email database. Please contact the P&C at our new email address: [summerhillpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:summerhillpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) if you wish to receive the log in details.

A reminder for anyone who is not a paid-up member and wishes to vote at the AGM. You must be a paid-up member prior to the meeting start. There is a P&C box at the school office for gold coin collection. The coin can be placed into an envelope with the members details and we will collect the box prior to the meeting.

**Used uniform shop**

Thank you for all the clothing donations received. We are working hard towards getting the online shop up and running as soon as possible. We will release a Skoolbag notification as soon as the site is live. Thank you for your patience with getting the second hand uniform shop online.

If you need uniforms urgently please contact the uniform committee at our email [SHPCUniShop@gmail.com](mailto:SHPCUniShop@gmail.com)

**Library**

**Australian Children's Book Week 2020**

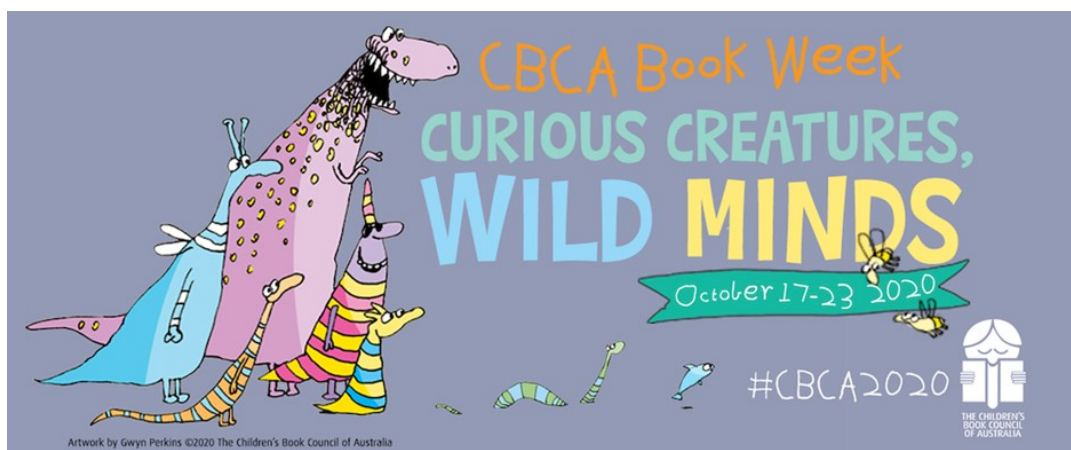
Please note the change of our annual character parade mufti day:

**Thursday 22nd October (Term 4, Week 2)**

Each Stage will parade in the hall during their usual assembly time. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend but photos will be shared on the school website.

Students are encouraged to wear a simple costume to celebrate a favourite literary character or to explore the theme, 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

Gold coin donations for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation will be collected by student buskers at each gate as students come into school that morning



## Kindergarten

Kindergarten are participating in a dance program in the hall on Monday afternoons. Today we moved our body to the beat. It was lots of fun for everyone.



## Stage 1

The Infants Athletics Carnival was held in the last week of Term 3 in our school grounds. We proudly wore our house colours and participated in a variety of activities. Some of our favourites were captain ball, long jump and the sack race. Most people enjoyed rob-the-nest. We had fun.

Hannah and Justin



## Stage 2

Year 4 students are participating in Mindfulness designed to help with focus, concentration and well being. Students in 4TK have been practising the art of writing dynamic dialogue.



## Stage 3

### Year 5 Athletics Carnival

On the last day of Term 4, Year 5 students participated in their athletics carnival. The students participated in long jump, running races, ball games, novelty games and vortex throwing. What a great way to end the term!



## 6FD - Objective vs subjective writing

### Humpty's Fall

At precisely 11:11 am yesterday morning, a living egg was reported cracked. The guards of the Living Museum had called 000 with panic in their voices.

When paramedics arrived at the scene, Mr Humpty Dumpty was laying down on the ground with his shell cracked, He was reported sitting on a wall when he took a fall, cracking his shell. All the King's horses and all the King's men are trying their best to put Humpty together again.

"It was quite shocking actually, I was in charge of watching Mr Humpty Dumpty. It was 10 minutes to my lunch break so I quickly ran to the kitchen to get myself a snack. Next thing I heard was a loud crack so I ran back to the wall where Humpty was sitting. Mr Humpty Dumpty had eggshells all around him and was yelping in pain on the floor," the guard looking after Humpty Dumpty told authorities.

" I just have this one fear that all the King's horses and all the King's men won't be able to put Humpty together again," the manager of the Living Museum said. " But at least there's a moral to the story, Humpty Dumpty is not trusted to be alone," he joked afterwards.

By Kristy T 6FD

### The Black Sheep

Today at 3:27pm it was reported that the Black Sheep did not have three bags full of wool. This is the first time in 20 years that this has happened.

"This afternoon I went to the paddock to do the whole 'baba black sheep' thing ya' know. Except this time Baba Black Sheep said back to me, "I don't have any wool." and then he said, "Why don't you go get your own wool, huh!"

"Like, can you believe him! He is so old and grumpy! Like, what's his problem?! He's been doing this for 20 years, what's his problem now?! What about the boy down the lane! Or me, the master?! We'll have no wool!"

Later I went to tell Miss Muffet what had happened. She contacted all the vets in the village but none of them found anything wrong!

So basically the Black Sheep is just being a lazy grump! He said that I should get my own wool if I wasn't going to pay him more but I think that's ridiculous!"

By Emily P 6FD

## Year 6 Film Festival preparation

Year 6 students have been hard at work preparing their films for our upcoming end of year festival. Behind the scenes they can be seen rehearsing, acting, writing, directing, filming, animating and editing. Film making involves a great deal of communication, collaboration and critical and creative thinking. Other tasks include sourcing and downloading royalty free music and sound effects, taking photos and screen shots, designing costumes, moulding clay, sharing files and providing and listening to feedback from teachers and peers. We are looking forward to our festival going live in November. Stay tuned for more details!



## Dancing with your hands



Year 4 are looking at story telling through movement and dance this term. Here is a look at some Year 4 super stars with their beginner TUTTING sequences. After watching a guided video demo and tutorial then working together with each other, many students were able to present some intricate choreography after just one lesson. Well done to the Year 4 and 5 students who participated in this lesson.

## Digital photography and book week stories

Stage 2 studied some beautiful Book Week nominated picture books in Term 3. These images show students using mime and tableau to recreate pages of the book and capture them with digital photography. We then studied and compared the images from the pages of the book and observed the composition of the photographs and the body language used by the actors. Year 3 and 4 students shared files from their iPad devices using airdrop and many of them also utilised their editing skills to create a well-balanced and meaningful image.



## Acknowledgement of Country video sessions

Our Aboriginal students and House Team Captains have been involved in a special project this week. We are making a video recording of our school Acknowledgement of Country. We are proud to share these images of some of the students speaking in the video wearing house team colours and mascot animal items. The video will be going to the Department of Education's Research, Policy and Engagement Team and will also be used here at school.



## Athletics Carnival



Scenes from the Stage 2 athletics day.

## Year 6 Athletics Carnival

Last term, Year 6 participated in their final athletics carnival at Summer Hill Public School. The day was a great success and a big congratulations to everyone who participated in the many exciting events of the day. Everyone did a fantastic job coming to school dressed in their house colours as well as going the extra mile to put a splatter of red to acknowledge children who have Dyslexia. Year 6 rotated around to several activities throughout the day, such as, shotput, badminton, relays, long jump, parachute and egg and spoon races. After a day of sport, fun and sun, Year 6 finished with a reward of a refreshing ice block! The athletics carnival may have been different this year, but it was still definitely a great experience. I would like to thank all the staff, teachers and administrators that helped the dream of an athletics carnival become a reality. It wouldn't have been possible without you and on behalf of Year 6 we are extremely grateful.

Miranda and Deanna 6AW



## PSSA Update Term 4

We have been advised by the Western Suburbs PSSA that due to COVID-19 restrictions, all Western Suburbs PSSA competitions have been cancelled for the remainder of the school year. It is our sincere hope that PSSA can resume in 2021. We thank you for your continued support throughout this most challenging year.

Mrs Kapoor and Mr Kay.

## Inner West Council, Good Shepherd is offering our 2 part workshop series Tweens, Teens and Technology for parents of 9 to 17 year olds

In partnership with Inner West Council, Good Shepherd is offering our 2 part workshop series Tweens, Teens and Technology for PARENTS of 9-17 year olds online via Zoom.

Workshop details:

5:30pm to 7:30pm Wednesday 28th of October 2020  
5:30pm to 7:30pm Wednesday 4th of November 2020

The workshop series will be offered over two consecutive weeks with an emphasis on practicing and integrating learned skills at home in the week between each workshop.

The workshop series is designed to help parents:

1. Navigate technology, social media and gaming with your young person;
2. Educate yourself about social media and gaming;
3. Have conversations with your young person about technology, social media and gaming;
4. Create a whole of family approach to technology, social media and gaming;
5. Know what to do when issues arise.

To book into the workshop series please see link below: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tweens-teens-and-technology-for-parents-2-part-series-tickets-123286261527>

FYI - The one registration link covers attendance for both sessions.

Please note the Zoom link will we sent separately once registration has been confirmed.



## Applications open for the 2021 Instrumental Music Ensembles

### Available to public school students in years 5-12

The Arts Unit offers six instrumental ensembles that rehearse on a weekly basis in Lewisham. We have two wind ensembles, two jazz stage bands, one string ensemble and one symphony orchestra. Our ensembles are open to public school students in years 5-12.

These ensembles perform regularly at the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Town Hall, present concerts and workshops in regional NSW, and tour internationally.

### How to Apply

Applications will close on Friday 30 October 2020. For more Information about weekly instrumental ensembles and to apply visit our website <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/weekly-instrumental-ensembles>

For further enquiries please contact Lindsay (lindsay.pringle2@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone (02) 8512 1188.

