# Summer Hill PS



#### Newsletter Term 4 Week 6 2020

#### Principal's message

We have welcomed the ease in restrictions in recent weeks, providing increasing opportunities for students to be involved in school and extra curricula activities. I have the pleasure of hearing our bands and orchestras rehearsing from my office in the mornings, and I know the students are thrilled to be able perform together again.

We welcomed our 2021 Kindergarten students (74 so far!) into our classrooms over the past three Tuesdays. Everyone had a great time listening to bear stories and completing bear crafts. This week we finished the orientation with designing a crown to wear to the teddy bear's picnic. Our current Kindergarten students were very excited to join with our new students for a quick snack at the back of the classrooms. Some of our Kindergarten students were special helpers in the classrooms and all the teachers were impressed with how they greeted and helped our young visitors. The teachers were also very happy that there weren't many tears! We look forward to welcoming all our Kindergarten families next year.

On Wednesday 11th November students and staff commemorated Remembrance Day with a brief message from our student leaders Angus and Kristy, a poetry reading and a 1 minute silence as a sign of respect and a time for reflection.



After a long standing service to public education class teacher Ms Glenda Bell is retiring. Ms Bell 'spent 6 wonderful years at Summer Hill working with an absolutely outstanding staff. I loved the way everyone cared for each other. Finishing my full time career teaching OC children for 6 years was the icing on the cake for me. I loved every minute spent with those quirky, academically driven children. They were all amazing individuals who taught me a few things about resilience and determination. Coaching the debaters for 6 years was so rewarding for me. To see them transform from novices to champions was amazing'. We wish you all the best Ms Bell. We also farewell class teacher Ms Lorraine Coote. Ms Coote has resigned from her position at Summer Hill Public School to take up opportunities to teach closer to home. Ms Coote had an 'enriching experience' during her time here. We wish you good luck in your new schools Ms Coote.

The safety and wellbeing of our students' is a priority at Summer Hill Pubic School. When students are required to take medications at school they are supervised closely by a member of staff, and are only given dosages that have been approved by medical practitioners. Occasionally parents and carers provide the school with over the counter medications for their child. If your child is required to take medication at school the office must be notified and medications supplied. Students must never be responsible for administering their own medication throughout the school day; they should not have it in their bag, lunch box or pocket. We appreciate your support in ensuring our procedures for medication at school are followed.

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 at <a href="https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/">https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/</a>. For day to day updates and reminders download our <a href="https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/">Skoolbag App</a> 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

#### November

Thu 19	Summer Hill Blue Award assembly
Tue 24	5SH and 6SO visit Fort St HS
Wed 25	Y6 Film Festival. 12pm: red carpet event. 7pm: online premiere
Thu 26	Y6 Film Festival screening for Y1-2 at 11:45am
Fri 27	Y6 Film Festival screening for Y3-4 at 9:30am
Mon 30	All day chess tournament in hall
	December
Tue 1	5SH and 6SO visit Fort St HS
Thu 3	Band Performance Day (lunch and re- cess)
Tue 8	Y6 picnic at Johnson Park
Wed 9	Y5 visit Taronga Zoo
Fri 11	Presentation Day
Tue 15	Y6 Graduation
Wed 16	Farewell arch 2:30pm

#### Find more on EVENTS on the school webpage

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# Communications

# NAIDOC Week

#### Mascots Banners

As well as celebrating Aboriginal Culture throughout our school this week in so many ways we have just purchased these amazing house team banners for our school, showing the Indigenous names for each of our mascot animals.

#### Acknowledgement of Country

Our Acknowledgement of Country is now live on the school website.



# GreenWay Art Prize 2020

Congratulations to Kimaya D who has won the GreenWay People's Choice Award with her artwork "Bird Bridge". Built out of recycled materials like coffee cup holders, blutac, cardboard bake base and peanut shells, the piece symbolises two adults walking across a GreenWay bridge while the cardboard "wings" signify the many birds which live along the GreenWay.



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### Second hand uniform shop

A reminder that the Second Hand Uniform Shop is now online.

The dedicated team of volunteers have worked hard to make accessible a Covid-safe method of purchasing second hand uniforms for our students. Please visit <u>summerhillpandc.org</u> and visit our 'How it Works' page.

If you are unable to purchase uniforms online, or have any enquiries, please email <u>SHPCUniShop@gmail.com</u>.

Stock is already running low (!) so if you have uniforms that you wish to donate there will be collection tubs at the Moonbie Street gate every Friday at drop off and pick up until the end of term.

### P&C AGM -Tuesday 15 December 2020

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.

The latest Department of education guidelines (at time of writing!), give schools permission to hold P&C meetings once again on school grounds. However this is only if the maximum number of attendees does not exceed 20.

Therefore, prior to the meeting the we will send an email to our database asking for RSVPs. If the number of RSVPs exceeds 20 people, the meeting will be held online via Zoom once again.

If you wish to be added to the email database please email the P&C at summerhillpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

A reminder also that only members (those who have given a gold coin donation at some point during the year) are eligible to vote at meetings. This is particularly important with the AGM coming up in December. If you wish to arrange paid membership please email the P&C at summerhillpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au or 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.

# **Mindfulness program**

The Life Skills Group program, Mindfulness in Action, recently commenced and the students and teachers could not be more excited! Mindfulness is the practice of being fully present to what is happening in the moment, without thinking about the past or imagining the future. Life Skills Group programs are curriculum aligned. Each week Life Skills teachers facilitate classes aligning lifelong values, fundamental movement, and positive psychology through various games, breathing exercises, guided stories and relaxation. Each stage is developmentally appropriate and carefully geared to each specific year level. We are happy to be working with you, your child and the school community to support, grow, inspire, and build happy, healthy children.

Visit the <u>school website</u> to follow your child's <u>mindfulness program</u> and practise the daily activities with your child. Remembering that the practice of mindfulness works best when it is maintained regularly, even if in very small ways. We can assure you it will be fun and a lovely way to spend a few minutes extra with your child.





### Kindergarten

Kindergarten students collected beautiful gum leaves from our garden and decorated them. They worked together in small groups to make them into wreaths for Remembrance Day.



### Stage 1

In Week 5, Year 1 and Year 2 celebrated NAIDOC Week. The theme for 2020 is "Always Was, Always Will Be". Students participated in reading Dreaming Stories, creating collaborative posters, writing stories using symbols and creating artworks to celebrate. Students also participated in the Remembrance Day assembly led by our Student Parliament via Zoom to remember those who died or suffered for Australia in all wars.



### Stage 2 Alliteration poems by 3HR

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#### **BUZZ!**

Bang, Boom, I'll get a Baboon. Bang, Boom, I'll get a Balloon. Bang, Boom, Bangy Bang Boom. Such a good Bang and a Boom. Bang, Boom, look at the butter. Bang, Boom, the butter is better Such a good bang and a boom. Together they make a Buzz!

By Oliver

#### Billy baked a bagel

Billy baked a brilliant bagel he bought from the bakery. Billy ate the bagel bought from the bakery. The Bagel was brilliant, So he bought another brilliant bagel.

By Cameron

#### The nanny

Nicholas hired a nanny named Ned for his son, The Nanny came one November night. Nanny claims to have won nine Nobel prizes, She made nutritious noodles which where a nightmare.

Ned neglected Nanny's instructions, And gave the nickname 'Nerdy Nattie', Ned baked a nugget and sent Nany North.

By Ethan

#### Cass the cat

Cas the cat clawed the curtains. Cooked cod, drank Coke, Cas then ended up in cat court.

By Isabella

Students in 3KK have been learning to write exciting and meaningful endings to their stories. We read The Red Tree by Shaun Tan. Before reading the ending, students wrote their own. Alliteration poems by 3HR

But sometimes, things can change. After a while, things can be positive. People soon understand. They realise how you're feeling. Soon enough, they care. Everything becomes happier... And so do you.

Anthony, Jeremy, Jamie

As you look up, the darkness, loneliness and confusion parts, revealing a beautiful, happy world. If you look up and let the things around you soak in and just be happy, you can avoid sadness.

Frankie, Angela, Yejin, Jasmina

The hopeless girl made a huge boat out of rubbish. That night she sailed to find another world. She saw a glittering red tree in her line of view. She sailed towards the shore of the island. She slept in the boat and woke up to the sound of music by maracas. Her greatest dream had come true! She was happy! It was like all her worries had gone away and she now had friends!

Jason, Rafael, Leo

### Writing about being scared

I trembled in fear, my heart beat as fast as a jet plane's engine. My brain stopped from boredom.

Rufus 4TK





#### Stage 2 - War poems

Poppies sprout in Flanders Field Acting like a little shield Protecting those who have died Bringing hope to those who cried Why poppies? We don't know Maybe hope for those down low Would something special be revealed...

by Tillara 4TK

Sadness and darkness everywhere People dying Bombs explode like thunder The scent of poisonous gases Soldiers battle The air is dirty and musty House blown up The cold wind gives me an unhappy feeling Everything around me broken and in pieces Families lose their loved ones Shed unhappy tears

by Natalie R 4TK

Ashes were burning on my cheeks The war had been lasting for weeks Dead bodies littered everywhere The general gave me a glare BANG! A mortar shell landed Civilians abandoned All hope lost The world covered in a frost Sudenly a flower A symbol of power Tanks rumbled over in ager Like they have a never ceasing hunger A ray of hope.

by Frank 4TK

War is fighting It is about people People are crying They loved their dad Dad died in war Never to return home Ever again

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by Harmony 4TK

## Stage 3 - The 2020 Game Changer Challenge

Last Friday, on the 30th of October, six students represented Summer Hill Public School (as the "Summer Hill Sparrows") in the Game Changer Challenge, a design thinking competition. Those 6 students were Max, Owen, Bhargavarama, Constantina, Mira and Susan. Mr Williams supported us all through the day, helping us take our initial idea through the design thinking process.

The NSW Department of Education's Game Changer Challenge is for STUDENTS to try and solve a real world "wicked" problem, using a theme and taking that problem through the design thinking steps. Our theme was "How can technology bring our community closer together?"

We were trying to solve the problem for students who were not able to attend school for medical reasons. It originated from our own Covid Lockdown experience and online learning. We really missed socialising in the playground and to solve that problem, we went through the steps of design thinking to find a solution. Our solution was a "virtual playground" that both students at school and outside of school (home or hospital) could participate and interact.

Although we didn't make it into the Game Changer Challenge grand final, we learnt heaps about the design thinking process and had a lot of fun and that it is what really matters.

Here is some feedback from our teammates:

Max: "It was a fun and a good learning experience".

Bhargavarama: "I thought it was really cool because I got to meet and work with Brian and Summer, who are professional design thinkers who work for the Department of Education."

Mira: "I loved this experience. At the start of this year I had no idea that there was a thing called design thinking. I really learnt about it on the day, though I did have some knowledge due to the very frequent meetings with the team and Mr.Williams that took up our lunchtimes preparing. It was so amazing coming up with a solution to our problem and by the end of it, my brain was hurting!"

Susan: "I really enjoyed having the chance to do something so interesting. Even though we didn't make it into the grand final, at least we tried our very best. I really liked meeting all the judges and mentors. Though I still think our idea was the best!"

By rookie reporters: Susan and Mira, signing off.





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## Stage 3

#### Public Speaking Region Winner

During Term 3, we underwent extensive learning in the area of speaking and listening, a mandatory part of what we learn. This took the form of the Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition. Representatives were picked from every Year 5 and Year 6 class, who competed at a stage competition. The winner would progress and move onto the next level, where they had to represent Summer Hill Public school. Each class representative presented both their prepared speeches and were as ready as they could be for the impromptu speeches.

I was the successful winner of the Stage 3 competition. This meant I progressed to the next level of the competition, where I represented Summer Hill Public School in the Canterbury region. I recorded a video of myself delivering my prepared speech. This was the same speech I delivered at our Stage 3 school competition. My topic was: 'why money can buy happiness'. On Wednesday 21st October, I presented my impromptu speech via a live Zoom link. The topic of the impromptu speech was 'surprises'. It was a very interesting experience and it was great to see other schools from the area 'zoom-ing' in. In the end, I won the regionals and I will be proceeding onto the finals. This will be held in November, where I will represent Summer Hill Public School and the Canterbury region.



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Keira H 6SO

## Nishkala 6SO – Raising Awareness and Funds for Aloepecia



I have been growing my hair for around two years, to help people with Aloepecia. Aloepecia, is a condition that causes people to lose hair from a single area or from multiple areas of their head, face or body. To help the people with Alopecia, I went to AAAF (Australia Alopecia Areata Foundation) and found out how to donate my hair. My mum helped me to create a page where people can donate money to help support Aloepecia. I have raised \$550 of AUD. On the eighth of November, I went to the haridressers, and cut off 36cm of hair. It was a fun and meaningful experience. I am glad that I was able to help people with Aloepecia.

https://aaafhairdonation.gofundraise.com.au/page/Nishkala

### 6AW – Donating Hair for Alopecia

My name is Jed and I have been growing my hair for the last three years. I made the decision to cut my hair before the hot summer arrived and thought what would be better than donating my hair to a charity. Mum found the charity Sustainable Salons and we headed off to a hairdresser who is involved in this charitable organisation. They will donate your ponytail to charitable organisations and local wig makers where they can become wigs for those suffering medically induced hair-loss conditions such as Alopecia and cancer. I managed to donate six ponytails (20 are needed on average to make a wig) and feel proud that I have made a difference to someone's life.

https://sustainablesalons.org/ponytaildonations/



# Drama



#### Year 5 Theatre excursion

On 5 November all of Year 5 attended the Drama excursion Flashbacks at the Seymour Centre, produced by the Treehouse Theatre.

Flashbacks was about young refugees' life experiences. Carine 5MA

Flashbacks is about traumatic events that have happened to them causing them to flee. Ezekiel 5MA

The beginning and end of Flashbacks was enjoyable and funny. The middle was very emotional. Natalie 5AW

I learnt that if you have suffered serious trauma your brain will feel threatened. Jemima 5MA

It made me feel fortunate for what I have. Miki 5MA

I learnt about their situations back in their home countries and why they had come to leave. Desmond 5MA

The play made me feel grateful I am safe and have freedom. Symon 5MA

It is a play about finding home and belonging. Victoria 5AW

#### Year 6 design work - project based learning

In the leadup to their Film Festival, Year 6 students have been taking on some design tasks relating to the theme. These artworks were produced to complete the 'Design a Logo' and Design a Virtual Ticket' tasks.



#### Year 6 Film Festival - promotional video on the school website





#### Band and Orchestra Ensembles for 2021

All students in Years 2 to 5 who would like to apply to join a Band or Orchestra in 2021 should fill in the Band and Orchestra Enrolment for 2021 form.

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.

Applications close on Tuesday 24 November. Any applications made after that time will be placed on a waiting list.



#### Notes from the music room

#### **Busking for books**

Students from the Advanced Ukulele Group took their talents to the gates to raise funds for Indigenous Literacy. They raised \$140 as well as providing some welcoming morning music. We have had limited opportunities to perform this year so it was a great opportunity or the students to perform to an audience. A big thank you to the students for their efforts and organisation for a worthy cause during book week.



# **Community Notices**



### 3Bridges vacation care program December/ January 2021



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#### GET DEVISING IN 2021!

Audition for the NSW Public Schools Drama Company for 2021 at The Arts Unit, Lewisham.

Auditions are via video and open to all students who attend public schools in 2021 and will be in Years 7-12. That means current Year 6 students are eligible to apply if you are going to a public high school next year.

You'll work with other students from across the state as well as a professional tutor and industry partners like NIDA and Monkey Baa to create an original children's theatre show that will be filmed and distributed to primary schools across NSW.

Go to this link to apply and find all the relevant information. https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/2021-nsw-public-schools-drama-company

Get into 2021 with creativity and passion!

Activities for this program currently have to adhere to current DoE COVID-19 restrictions.

The commencement of the 2021 Drama Company program will be contingent on advice provided by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with NSW Health.



#### Arts Unit - Dance

Applications are now **OPEN** for the **2021 NSW Public Schools Dance Ensembles** program.

#### Dance Ensembles 2021:

- All members of the 2020 Dance Ensembles, are offered a place the ensemble for 2021 (no audition).
- **New students** will need complete the online application and submit 2 video auditions.
- Further information and application forms are on our website <u>https://</u> www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/dance/weekly-ensembles

#### **Ensembles Offered:**

- Primary Dance Ensemble | Years 4-6
  Every Monday; start 15 February 2021 5.00
- Every Monday; start 15 February 2021 5.00-7.00pm
  Senior Dance Ensemble | Years 10-12 Every Tuesday; start 16 February 2021 4.30-7.00pm
- Junior Dance Ensemble | Years 7-9
- Every Wednesday; start 17 February 2021 5.00-7.00pm

#### **Rehearsal Space:**

 Rehearsals will take place at AMPA Dance Studios in Alexandria after school hours during the term.

#### **Performance Opportunities:**

We are currently working on a variety of exciting new projects that will give the 2021 dancers opportunities in performance throughout the year.

The Dance Team are so excited to be able to offer our new program and cannot wait to deliver exciting dance classes next year.

Have a great week, stay safe and keep on dancing.

Applications will close on Friday 27 November 2020.



To secure your place please complete a 2021 booking form in Term 4. We strongly encourage enrolling, in case you require access to emergency care. **Condition:** Enrolment is free, fees only apply if care is accessed.

GET IN EARLY! \$25 registration fee discount for first 2 families to enrol or

re-enrol. Conditions: To be eligible, Families must email a booking form to childcare@3bridges.org.au

If you have been affected by COVID19 you may be eligible to receive up to 100 hrs subsidised care per fortnight until 4 April 2021.

Condition: families need to check eligibility with Centrelink at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au NEW FAMILIES - WELCOME! Children starting school in 2021 can attend Vacation Care in January, We encourage children to attend, supporting their transition to school. Condition: Kindy children can attend on days In-Centre programs provided.

\$25 Vacation Care booking fee will be waived for new families with a new kindy child wishing to trial Vacation Care. Condition: Families must email a booking form to childcare@3bridges.org.au

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\$25 registration fee discount if an existing family recommends a new family. Condition: Referring family must notify admin via email noting new family name & admin will confirm referral with the new family.

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