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Newsletter Term 4 Week 2 2021

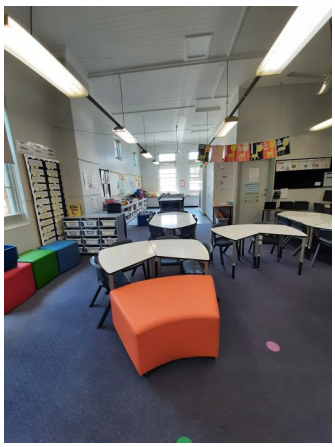
Principal's message

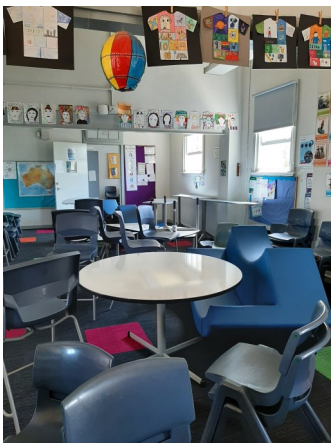
Well here we are, Term 4. We've made it through an extremely challenging term and our students full return to face to face learning is just over a week away. Currently, our aim is to keep you informed about the roadmap for return and up to date with any changes along the way. Thank you to those students and parents / carers who joined us for our virtual assembly yesterday. After a few glitches at the start we were pleased the rest of the assembly went to plan…well except for some Year 3 students joining in on the parent / carer chat. Mr Warnock assures me he had everything under control! The presentation will be available on the website soon.

Carolyn our Senior Administration Manager and I are pleased to let you know that we have refunded last season's PSSA fees and will not be asking families for Semester 2 voluntary contributions this year. Similarly, in support of The Arts, we will be subsiding the Instrumental Music Program for Term 3 and 4 2021. We hope this provides some financial assistance to families who may have been impacted by Covid-19 restrictions.

While many large school events and activities are on hold as we move from Level 4 to Level 3 plus restrictions we are still planning for some. These include our Summer Hill Blue assembly, a number of orientation and transition programs to get students and families ready for a start in 2022, and of course our Year 6 end of year film festival and celebrations. The process to select our Year 6 leaders for 2022 is also underway. Good luck to our Year 5 students who will be nominating for a role.

While our students have been learning at home Ms Rawson, Ms Kepars and Mrs Humphrey's have been refurbishing their classrooms ready for when 2Cassin, 4King and 3/4 Noel-Baker return. Can you guess which room belongs to each class below?





Finally, I'd like to dedicate this newsletter to our fantastic teachers and non-teaching staff for their efforts during remote learning. The impact of remote learning for teachers and non-teaching staff is unimaginable. Nonetheless what they have been able to allow our school and students to achieve is to be congratulated. Read on to find out what's already been achieved since our students return to school at the beginning of this term.

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 https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/. For day to day updates and reminders download our Skoolbag App for your phone or tablet device.

Natalie Armstrong
Principal

October

Mon 18	Kindergarten, Year 1 and 1/2 Lutuli students return to school
Tue 19	Applications for selective high school in 2023 open online
	P&C meeting
Mon 25	Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 students return to school

November

Tue 16	P&C meeting
Wed 17	Opportunity class placement test for entry in into Year 5 2022
	Selective high school in 2023 applications close

December

Thu 16	Last day of Term 4 for students
Sat 25	Christmas Day
Sun 26	Boxing Day

Find more on EVENTS on the school webpage

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Selective High School Placement Test for entry into Year 7 in 2023

Applications for entry in 2023 will open on 19 October 2021 and close on 17 November 2021.

The placement test will be held on 10 March 2022.

Late applications will be considered only where documentary evidence can be provided to show that families were affected by extraordinary circumstances which prevented them from applying on time.

Information is subject to change throughout 2022 for the following reasons:

- COVID 19 arrangements may affect timing and processes.
- The online application web-based system is being expanded and greater functionality may change the way information is requested or notified.

Visit the Department's selective high school - Year 7 webpage regularly to see changes that may occur.

Light it UP REaD for Dyslexia month

Dyslexia is a common learning disability that makes it challenging for people to process language. About 1 in 10 people have dyslexia which makes it common in many of our classrooms. The colour red is used to symbolise the red crosses and corrections received by dyslexic students on their work.

Light it Red for Dyslexia Awareness is a volunteer initiative by Code REaD Dyslexia Network, a national registered charity, to light significant monuments, buildings and landmarks across Australia in RED for Dyslexia Awareness.

Their vision is for all people with dyslexia to be understood, acknowledged, empowered and to have equal access to opportunity. Keep an eye out for any of the lit up buildings around Sydney this month.

Primary Ethics

Bites - online ethics

Ethics lessons aren't able to be taught in school at the moment - but there is an online alternative based on the Primary Ethics curriculum.

Bites are short stories that present ethical dilemmas designed to get children practising their skills of close listening and careful reasoning.

There are **Bites** for K-2 and for Y3-6. They come with notes for parents/carers and are available to all children.

A completely new series of Bites for Term 4 is now available: https://primaryethics.com.au/education/

Summer Hill Kindergarten enrolment for 2022

Summer Hill Public School is taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2022. If you have a child you would like to enrol for next year please complete the online expression of interest form on the enrolment page on the school website.

Return to school in Term 4

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The staged return to school

Students will return to face-to-face learning at school in the following order:

- from 18 October – Kindergarten and Year 1 (plus Year 2 students in 1/2Lutuli)
- from 25 October – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

Drop- offs, pick-ups and gates

Return Week 3, 18 October to 22 October 2021

Year group	Drop off time	Pick up time	School gate
Kindergarten	8.45-9.15am	3.00pm	Moonbie Street, behind Kindergarten classrooms
Year 1	8.45-9.15am	3.00pm	Moonbie Street, main gate
Years 2 to 6 onsite Students who have to be here	8.45-9.15am	3.00pm	Herbert Street

Return Week 4, 25 October 2021 onwards during Level 3 plus

Year group	Drop off time	Pick up time	School gate
Kindergarten	8.45-9.15am	3.00pm	Moonbie Street, behind Kindergarten classrooms
Year 1	8.45-9.15am	3.00pm	Moonbie Street, main gate
Year 2	8.45-9.15am	3.00pm	Herbert Street
Year 3	9.30am	2.45pm	Moonbie Street, main gate
Year 4	9.30am	2.45pm	Herbert Street
Year 5	9.45am	2.30pm	Junction Road
Year 6	9.45am	2.30pm	Moonbie Street, main gate

School visitor check-in

A single School Visitor Check-in system for every school across the state is coming from 18 October!

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate.
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short parent video to see how it works for parents or our contractor video.

Parents and carers entering a school to drop off or pick up children are not required to check-in. This also applies if they are picking up or dropping children off to an OOSHC provider.

Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in. School Visitor Check-in will be ready from 18 October at all NSW Government schools.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.

Fruit and veg month

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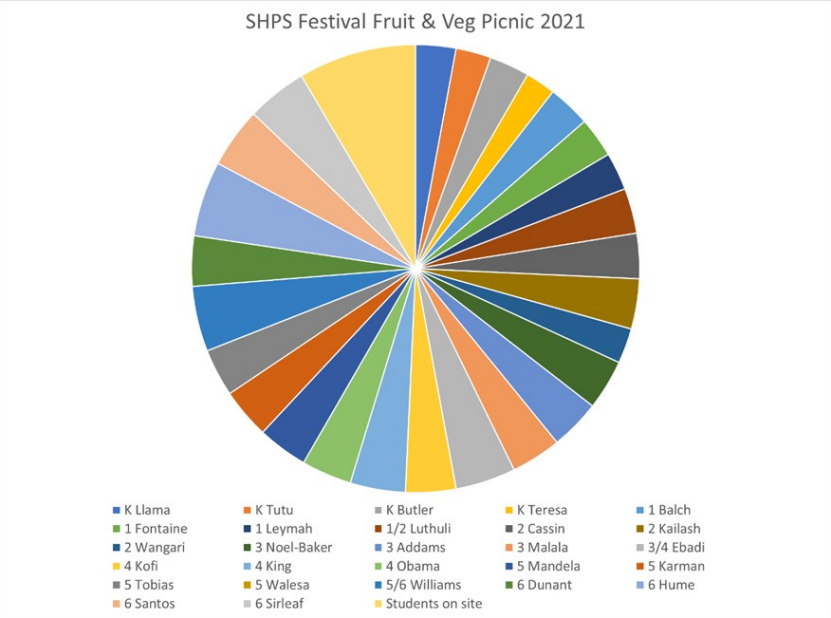
Last Term Summer Hill Public school celebrated Fruit and Veg Month an initiative run by the Healthy Kids Association.

We had 63% of students participate in virtual class Crunch & Sip picnic sessions as part of our Festival of Fruit and Veg. We had 7 students across the school entered the external Fruit and Veg Party Drawing Competition.

You can view the Festival Fruit and Veg 2021 gallery on the school website to see all the wonderful creations by our students. https://summerhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery/fruit-and-veg-2021.html



Competition entries for the Healthy Kids Association drawing competition

Annie Year 4

Ariella Year 1

Anniella Year 2

Louis Year 4

Tasmin Year 4

Thomas Year 2

William Year 5 (left)

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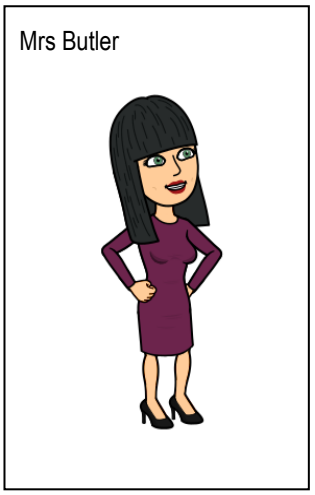
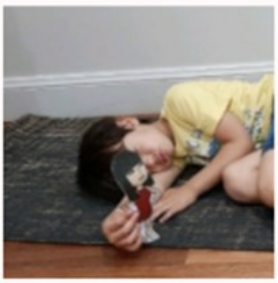
Kindergarten

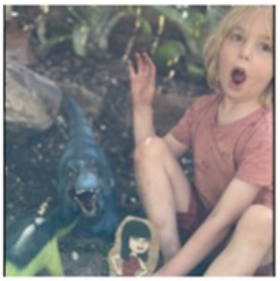
Flattened Teacher Adventure For Kindergarten

Imagine receiving a letter in the post with a flattened version of your teacher. Well that's exactly what happened to Kindergarten during home learning and boy did we all go on some exciting adventures. The Kindergarten teachers were quite entertained by some of the pictures received below.

Mrs Johnson, Ms Grove, Miss Edwards, Miss Budd and Mrs Butler say thank you to Kindergarten for the wonderful adventures we were taken on during home learning.







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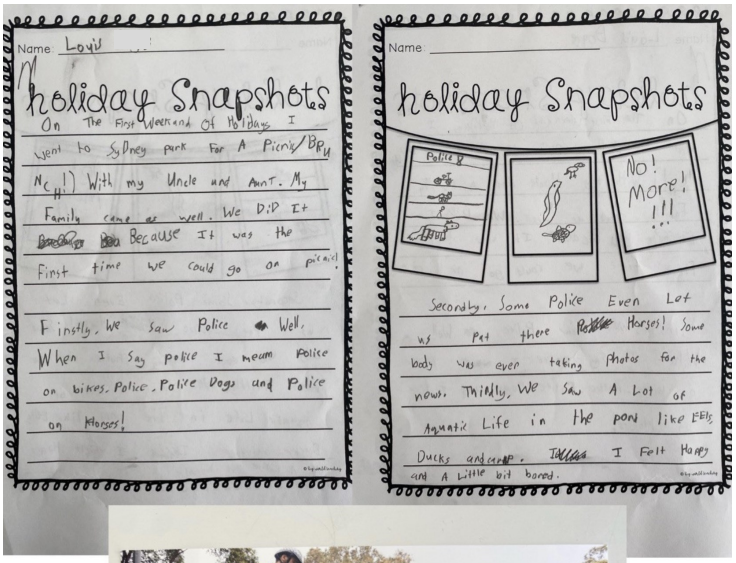
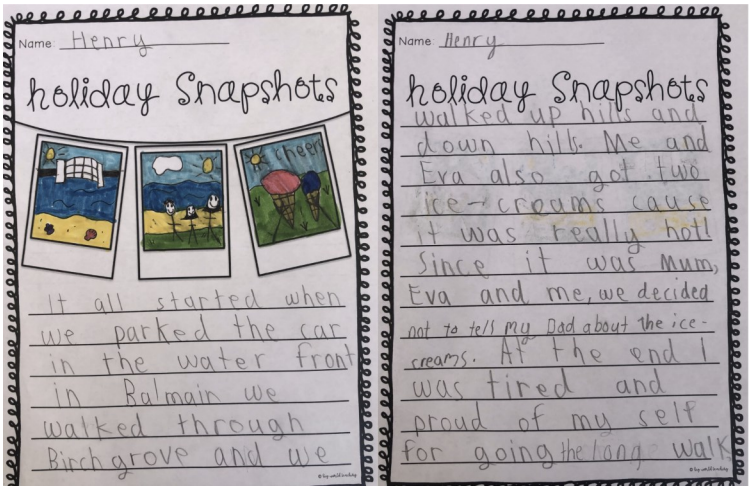
Stage 1

Stage 1 students have hit the ground running this term! Students have been working hard and have shared lots of learning with their teachers.

We are very proud of all of the hard work that has gone into remote learning. We can't wait to see everyone back in the classroom in the coming weeks.





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Stage 2

Living Things

This term, Stage 2 have started learning about 'Living Things' as part of our Science Unit. Students were asked to list information they already know about the topic as well as what they wonder and hope to learn more about. This showcased the inquisitive minds of Stage 2 students.

Regards
Stage 2 team

I KNOW... What do you already know about living things? List some thoughts below.	I WONDER... What do you want to know more about? Write your questions below.
• They eat, drink and sleep • They are humans or animals or plants • They all have different ways to live • They all have different way to move • They live in the sea or land or both • Kangaroos live Australia • Koalas live in Australia	• Are the rhinos a relative of the dinosaurs? • What is the fastest water animal? • Where did the T-rex live? • When was the ice age ? • Why does a kookaburra laugh?

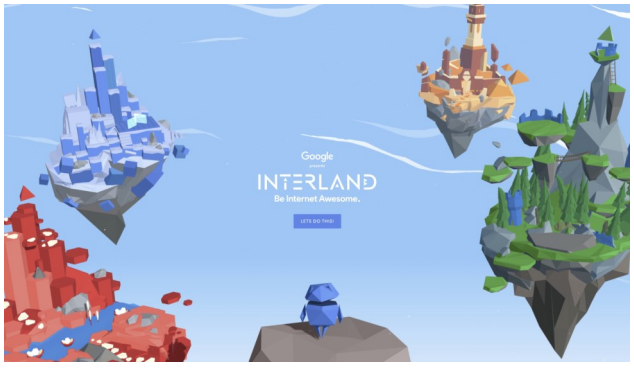
I KNOW... What do you already know about living things? List some thoughts below.	I WONDER... What do you want to know more about? Write your questions below.
• Living things breathe • Living things eat • Living things grow • Living things drink • Living things reproduce	• Do all living things taste? • Do all living things think? • What living things have as many bones as us?

I KNOW... What do you already know about living things? List some thoughts below.	I WONDER... What do you want to know more about? Write your questions below.
• Living things grow • Living things die • Living things need nutrition • Living things can move • Living things breathe	• How many living things are in the world? • How do trees breathe?

I KNOW... What do you already know about living things? List some thoughts below.	I WONDER... What do you want to know more about? Write your questions below.
• That they only have one life. • They have a max time of living. • They sometimes can die easily. • That living things has a cycle to it. • That they have organs. • They function very well. • That they can speak.	• I wonder how many cells are in humans body? • I wonder how many animals and species in the ocean. • I wonder how a trees life cycle starts? • I wonder how long a tree can live?

Be Internet Awesome!

Stage 2 has been learning how to be internet awesome! As part of our learning from home, students played the online game 'Interland' where they learnt about the fundamentals of digital citizenship and online safety so that can explore the online world with confidence. The game is accessible for everyone and comes highly recommended by our Stage 2 students.



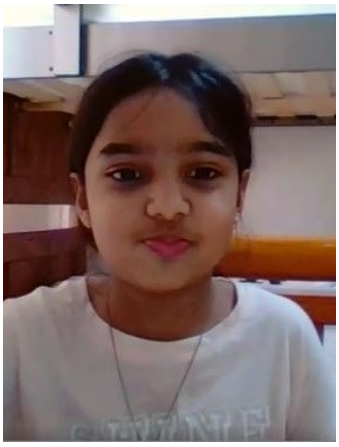
Stage 2 continued

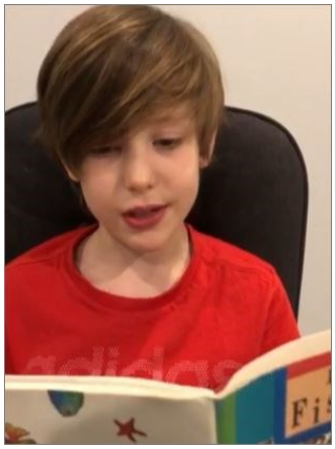
3 Malala Read Aloud

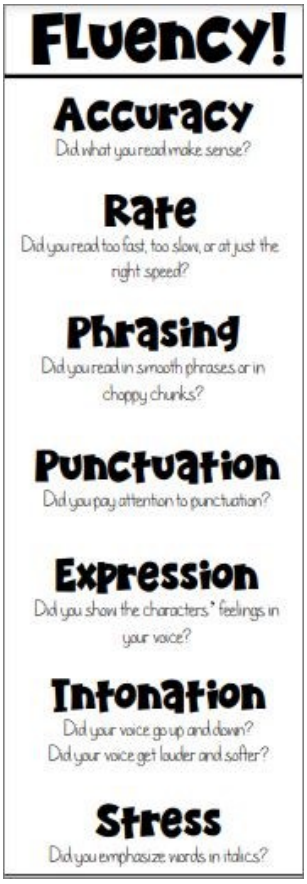
One of the things I've missed about being at school is listening to 3 Malala read aloud. This week the class used ClassDojo to record themselves reading a text of their choice out loud. They all read with expression and fluency. It was great that the class remembered the skills of fluent readers. Students monitored their reading for accuracy, read at a smooth pace, used punctuation to inform their pauses and used expression to show the characters feelings in speaking parts.

Good reading fluency engages children to read on and can improve their comprehension of a text. 3 Malala use the reading fluency bookmark to continually improve their reading fluency.

Regards
Mrs McLennan







Diamante Poems by 6HUME

Work
Tedious, resented
Complaining, slacking, procrastinating
Finished with minimum time, done with minimum effort
Playing, relaxing, luxuriating
Appreciated, enjoyable
Leisure

By Mandy N

Pass
happy, proud
Relieving, accomplishing, smiling
Going up and Falling down
Disappointing, annoying, frowning
Sad, Defeated
Fail

By Samuel S

Carnivores
Murderous, predatory,
Hunting, slaughtering, butchering,
Surviving in ways completely opposite,
Grazing, relaxing, hiding,
Serene, fearful,
Herbivores

By Rhys S

Chaos
Catastrophic, pandamonium
Clamouring, panicking, overreacting
A fright to the ears - calm in the mind
Dreaming, meditating, quietening
Silent, tranquil
Peace

By Miranda X

Mountains
Steep, colossal,
Towering, looming, ruling,
The tallest peak, the deepest vale,
Underlying, waiting, sleeping
Silent, unnoticed,
Valleys

By Kayla B

Fire
Heat, flames
Scalding, burning, devouring,
Volcanos, droughts, floods, oceans,
Calming, cleansing, refreshing,
Foamy, clear,
Water.

By Daniel C

Stage 3 continued

Diamante Poems by 6HUME

Thoughts
Calm, collected
Thinking, musing, wondering
Dreams, mindfulness, then pain, torment
Agonising, screaming, shocking
Painful, unbearable
Panic.

By Jasmine Y

Leaf
Tiny, insignificant,
Swaying, changing, falling,
From something small to something big,
Growing, reaching, developing,
Strong, sturdy,
Tree

By Jie Yin Y

Captivity
Limited, small
Haunting, boring, scarring
The darker face of our own home -
Laughing, smiling, moving
Cheerful, refreshing
Freedom

By Grace C

Cats
Small, ferocious
Pouncing, catching, sleeping
Hunters in the dark - Begging for food
Chasing, frolicking, catching,
Harmless, cute
Dogs

By Andrew D

Heroes
Alert, Brave
Helping, Caring, Saving
Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman and Green Lantern
Destroying, Hurting, Endangering,
Inattentive, Cowardly,
Villains

By Divyan G

Bach
Sonorous, Mellow
Interpreting, Appreciating, Discovering
Sophistication, Elegance, Style, Struggle
Laboring, Composing, Improvising
Unsentimental, Harsh
Beethoven

By Anna L

Library

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Library news

We love to read! We are wearing it red for dyslexia this week!

Story Box Library

Story Box Library is a treasure trove of Australian children's literature.

Families can access Story Box Library with the username SummerHillPS and password shps

Story Box Library supports students who face reading challenges by offering the choice of closed captions and variable delivery speeds on their stories.

Our ebooks also offer a variety of ways of accessing texts to support the needs of readers:

You'll have almost full control over how your eBook is displayed when read using the browser reader.

Don't like the fonts or background colour used? Find the character or line spacing too tight? Just use the customisable settings to change them to your own preferences.

Background colours, font sizes and styles, and spacing between lines and characters can all be changed to best suit readers.

If you've been reluctant to read because of poor eyesight or reading challenges like dyslexia, the ability to customize your eBooks will help you to re-discover the joy of reading. Research-based recommendations are available in ePlatform to offer some guidance on which fonts and styles are most suitable.

Thank you from Wilcannia

Good news, we received a 'Thank you Summer Hill' phone call from Wilcannia this week in response to our school community's recent donation of masks and hand sanitiser. Watch this space for more information about our growing connection to the Wilcannia school community, from little things, big things grow.

Sarah Donnelly, winner of the Telstra Aria Music Teacher award 2020 co-ordinated the effort to support members of the Wilcannia community during the COVID outbreak.

Details of the Inner City Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) AGM can be found here.

Carmel Grimmett
Teacher Librarian

Drama

Drama

Year 6 Film Festival

Year 6 students are busy planning for their Film Festival in November. Check out these great logo designs created by Isabella H, Freddie V, Kyra M and Justin S.

Remote Learning

Thank you to all students and families for your fabulous efforts during Drama remote learning time. Here are some creative images from Sophie F and Liam J in Stage 1 demonstrating movement, mime and body shapes from the book "You Might Find Yourself" by Tai Snaith.

Regards

Renee Anton
Drama Teacher

P&C

P&C President report

Welcome to Term 4 and freedom at last. Soon the kids will be back at the school. The P&C will also return with its monthly meeting scheduled for the 19th of October starting 7:15 pm. Join us on Zoom – Meeting ID: 695 4377 9323 Passcode: Summer.

The lockdown has taken us right into the last term of school we are therefore now looking towards 2022 for the P&C calendar and events planning. It is probably also a good time to get the message out for expressions of interest for various P&C related roles (i.e., either as a volunteer on the sub committees or to join the P&C executive committee)

On other news the P&C now has a new website www.summerhillpandc.org be sure to check it out. The website is now a one stop shop for new/renewal of P&C memberships, used uniform shop, events calendar, and the building fund. Thank you Rose.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Take care,

Nilesh Deshmukh
President, SHPS P&C

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Returning to School after Lockdown and Isolation

You and your child might be worried about heading back to school. Below is some information and strategies for you and your family to use to get ready for a return to school.

Talking to your child is one of the best ways to work through fears and anxieties. Use language they can understand to discuss returning to school. This is an excerpt and image above from DHHS Victoria.

Early Primary School

- Balance plans to return to school with reassurances that their schools and homes are safe
- Remind them that adults are there to keep them healthy and to take care of them
- Discuss handwashing as a step in staying healthy at school and home
- Use language such as 'adults are working hard to keep you safe'

Upper Primary School

- They may be more vocal in asking questions about whether they truly are safe and what will happen if COVID-19 comes to their school or community
- They may need assistance separating reality from rumour and fantasy
- Discuss efforts of school and community leaders to prevent germs from spreading

High School

- They may be able to discuss COVID-19 in a more in-depth fashion and can be referred directly to appropriate sources of information
- Provide honest, accurate information about the current status of their schooling. Having such knowledge can help them feel a sense of control
- Plan together what the return to school will look like

Plan Ahead: Check uniforms, equipment, bags and other resources.

Talk to your child about going back to school and that things may look different.

Eat well, sleep well and be active.

Name the possible support people at school, home or care.

If you are concerned that your child is not coping, seek further help. See details on the next page.

Take care of yourself and acknowledge the difficulties you have been through.

If you need further support

Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service (Beyond Blue)

1800 512 348

However the pandemic is affecting your mental wellbeing, you can talk it through with a counsellor who will provide advice and support based on your needs. 24/7

Lifeline

13 11 14

Provides suicide and crisis support if you are experiencing emotional distress 24/7

Suicide Call Back Service

1300 364 277

Domestic Violence Line

1800 737 732

Keeping safe is a priority. If you or someone in your home is experiencing domestic violence, please contact the Domestic Violence line for support.

Parent Line

1300 1300 52

Parent Line is a free telephone counselling and support service for parents and carers with children aged 0 to 18 who live in NSW. 9am to 9pm Weekdays, 4pm to 9pm Weekends

Kids Help Line

1800 55 1800

Provides free online support and counselling for children and young people aged 5-18 across Australia

Translating and Interpreting Service

131 450

If you require an Interpreter, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service TIS.

Wellbeing Apps

Smiling Mind

Meditation app, with programs available ages 7+. Available in some Aboriginal languages.

Insight Timer Meditation App

This app has over 25000 free guided meditations and guidance. Ages 12+

FitOn

Free workout app with a variety of fitness options. Yoga, Cardio, Strength, Barre, Pilates and more. Videos range from 10 minutes to full workouts.

Niggle

An app for kids to work on their wellbeing. It includes games and puzzles and videos. Produced by Kids Helpline.

Web resources

Sydney Children's Hospital Network. This website has a variety of reliable COVID-19 resources for yourself, your children and your family including links to mental health resources.

https://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-information

Reach Out

Helps under 25's with tough questions and through difficult times. They also have a page for parents.

WayAhead

Mental health support and information.

https://wayahead.org.au/

SANE Australia

Counselling support, Peer support, live blogs moderated by health professionals. Visit www.sane.org

Head to Health

Links a variety resources https://www.headtohealth.gov.au/

Brave Program

Program for children and young people with anxiety. Can also be completed by parents and carers.

http://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/

If you need more support, you can contact your GP to talk about receiving a mental health care plan with a psychologist or support from a Psychiatrist.

ParentWise

Strengthening your relationship with your teenager

FREE parenting course

ParentWise is a six-week parenting course for parents and carers of 12-17 year olds.

The program supports parents to better communicate and strengthen their relationships with adolescents.

ParentWise provides you with

- Strategies to connect with your adolescent based on their stage of development
- The skills to identify and set appropriate boundaries Knowledge and understanding of various parenting styles
- Tools to effectively communicate with your adolescent
- The opportunity to share experiences and ideas with other parents.

Registration is essential

To make an enquiry call 8571 7800
or email reception@goodshep.org.au

Program details

WHEN
TERM 4, 2021:
5.30pm to 7.30pm Wednesdays
20 October to 24 November 2021

WHERE
ONLINE

Due to current restrictions the course will run online via Zoom

"I now have a better understanding why my teenager acts and feels the way they do."

"ParentWise helped me feel more confident in my choices as a parent."

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CREATIVE KIDS

SPANISH ONLINE CLASSES FOR SUMMER HILL PS STUDENTS

Since COVID started, almost 50% of our current students attend our online classes. Parent and student feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive as they find the lessons to be very effective and engaging!

Tuesdays 3:10pm

We will run the lessons online until we are able to resume face-to-face at the school same day and time.

SPECIAL T4-2021 PRICE: $242 (11 lessons)
Get $100 OFF with a Creative Kids voucher

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