



Principal's message

We are happy to have our school full of our students and staff again. We've had a successful return to face to face learning and students and teachers have been busy. The term is moving quickly thanks to the learning opportunities and engaging activities teachers are delivering to students.

Two highlights of the term so far were our spooky day and the election of our 2022 student ministers.

During spooky day Miss Ma took the opportunity to set up a forensic crime scene as a writing stimulus for her class. The mystery was solved and solved and solved. It was Miss Weston, no it was Ms Sellors, maybe it was Mr Warnock or if you ask Till and Jessica...maybe not! We all had a lot of fun and the writing students produced was highly creative.

Student leadership at our school is highly valued and this year, 30 of our current year 5 students moving into Year 6 in 2022 nominated themselves for minister positions. Thank you to all of our students who want to be a leader of our school, we welcome your enthusiasm! Congratulations to our ministers for 2022 (portfolios will be announced on Presentation Day 10 December): Lewis O, Lloyd S, Wanwisa R, Shlok S, Georgia H, Lyrah L, James S, Isabelle F, Lucas W and Amy D.



Finally, we are excited that restrictions have eased and we can hold more activities and events on site, including after-hours community events. We look forward to seeing our families increasingly onsite.

Carolyn our Senior Administration Manager and I are pleased to let you know that we will be refunding Senior Choir and Intermediate Choir fees and will not be asking families for Semester 2 voluntary contributions this year. Similarly, in support of The Arts, we will be subsidising 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.

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

November

Fri 12 Year 6 dance program

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

Fri 19 Year 6 dance program

Wed 24 Year 6 Film Festival

Fri 26 Year 6 dance program

December

Fri 3 Year 6 dance program

Sat 4 Local government election and bbq fundraiser

Sun 5 Twilight picnic 3-7pm

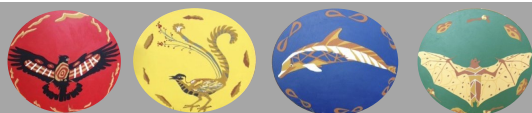
Fri 10 Presentation Day

Mon 13 Year 6 shirt signing

Wed 15 Year 6 graduation dinner evening

Thu 16 Year 6 farewell arch

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



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

Applications for entry in 2023 opened 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.

Opportunity Class Placement Test - 17 November 2021

The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held at our school on the morning of Wednesday 17 November 2021.

Students must arrive at school by 9.15 am. Parents should have received by email a 'Test authority' letter which students are required to bring as a printed copy on the day of the test.

Go to [Opportunity classes – Year 5 \(nsw.gov.au\)](#) to find the 'Test information for parents and students' bulletin which contains very important information about the test, including how to access the familiarisation test. This bulletin should be read carefully.

Regards
Jane Williams
Deputy Principal
Summer Hill Public School

Tell Them From Me surveys - student and parent

This term, our school is taking part in the Tell Them From Me student survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating students will receive a unique username and password. Where fewer than five students respond to a question, the results will be suppressed. The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete and will be administered by the school during normal school hours. Once the surveys are completed by students, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. Your child will not take part if either you or your child do not wish. More information about the survey and the research is available in English at education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

Another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys is the **parent survey**. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Participating in this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated.

More information about the survey is available at: education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm. To access the survey for our school go to: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/summerhps> This survey will close on Friday 26th November. The survey is available in 23 languages.

The staged return to school - Week 6, 8 November 2021 onwards

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	2.50pm	Moonbie Street, main gate
Year 4	9.30am	2.50pm	Moonbie Street, behind Kindergarten classrooms
Year 5	9.30am	2.50pm	Herbert Street
Year 6	9.30am	2.50pm	Junction Road

School visitor check-in

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](#).



Uniform shop

The uniform shop run by Pickles is currently operating by appointment only.

If you wish to purchase uniforms please contact Pickles uniforms via their website: <https://www.picklesschoolwear.com>

They will not be open for drop in purchases.

Statement of account

The office is in the process of finalising students fees for 2021.

A statement of account will be emailed to families with any outstanding fees. A payment link will be attached.

Any queries regarding your account please email the school.

Greenway Art Prize 2021

Kimaya D (4 Obama) and Kavya D (2 Kailash) are finalists in the Small Sculpture Prize and Youth Art Prize category at the 12th Greenway Art Prize 2021. Their art work will be on exhibit from the 3 - 19 December at Level 4, Mungo Scott Building, Flour Mill of Summer Hill.

Kimaya D exhibits are titled, 'Curious bird' (Small Sculpture), 'Feather crown' and 'Friendship tree' (Acrylic on canvas)

Kavya D exhibit is titled, 'The Blossomed Tree' (Acrylic on canvas)



12th ART greenway PRIZE 2021

exhibition
3 - 19 Dec 2021
L4 Mungo Scott Building
Flour Mill of Summer Hill

prizes
open art prize \$5,000
small sculpture prize \$2,000
local artist prize \$1,500
photo prizes \$1,500
people's choice \$500
youth art prizes \$1,500

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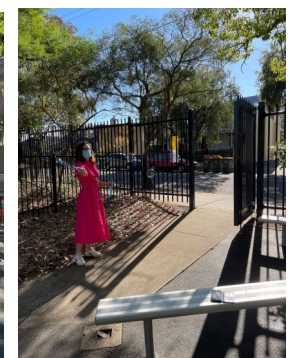
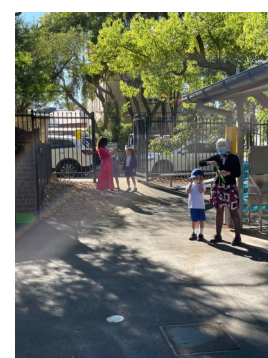
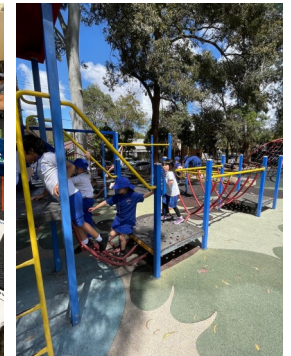
Kindergarten

Kindergarten return to school in Term 4

After a long time in Remote Learning, Kindergarten students returned to school on October 18. The students were very excited to see friends and to learn and play in their classrooms again.

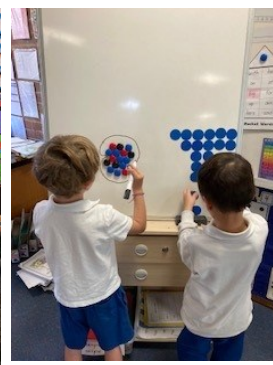
Here are some photos from activities in the classrooms and in the playground.

Regards
Kinder Team



K Lama

We were exploring how to make halves by folding different shapes.



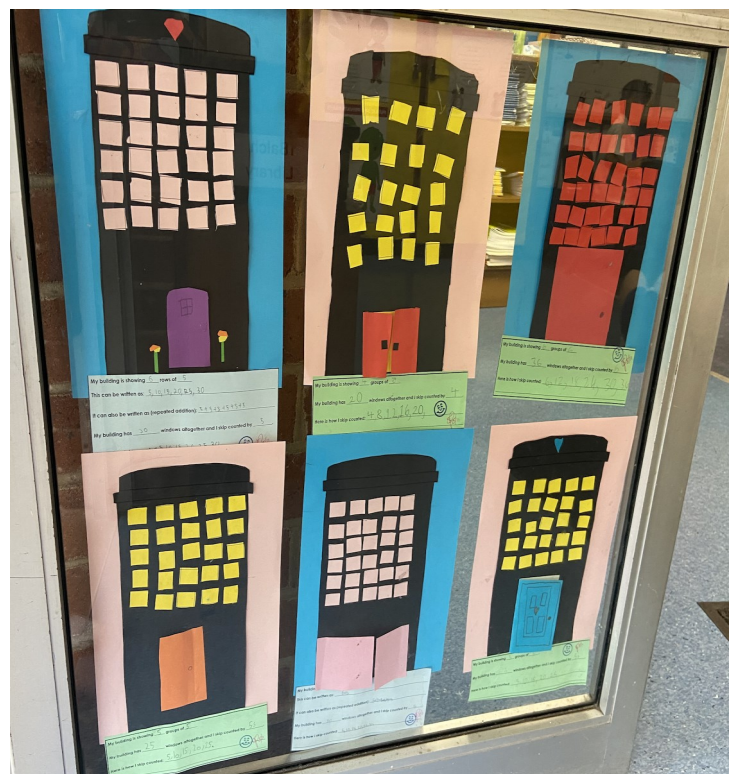
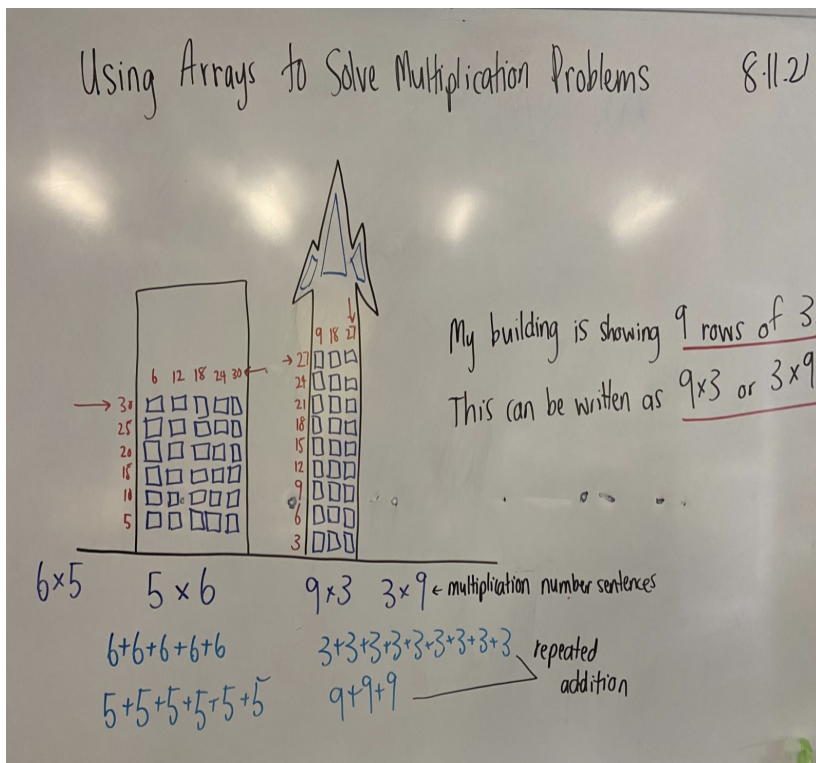
K Tutu



Stage 1

Stage 1 has been learning about multiplication and division and using arrays to help us solve problems.

Arrays are a great way for students to visualise the concept of equal groups, which is fundamental when learning how to multiply and divide!



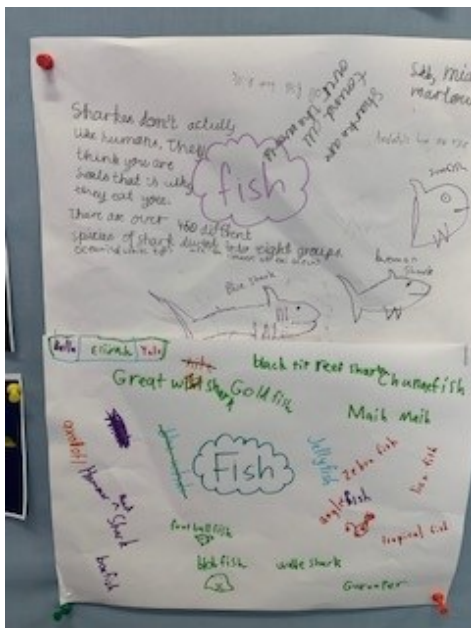
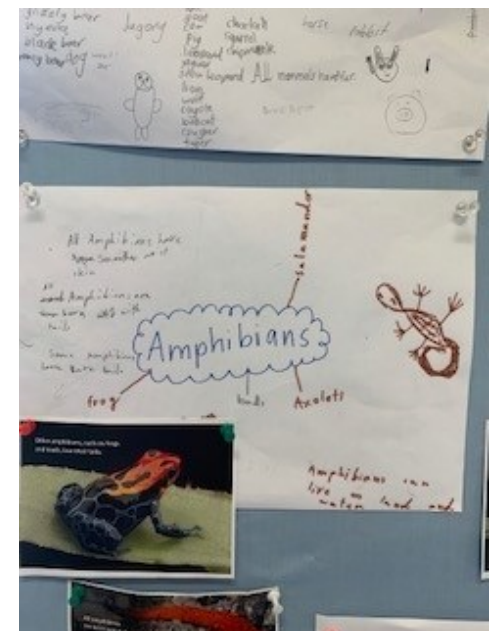
Stage 2

The Living World

Stage 2 has been learning about how animals are classified as part of our science unit 'Living Things'. Students used online resources to research different vertebrates and created posters to display in the classroom.

Regards

Stage 2 Teachers



Stage 2 continued

Sorting Fractions

In mathematics, Year 3 have been looking at fractions. 3 Addams students sorted through a variety of pictures and grouped them based on the fraction depicted. These were used to create a classroom display. Students reported some fractions were more delicious than others.

Regards
Miss Wilkinson



Measuring Area

Year 3 students measured the area of one of their hands and one of their feet using a colour coding system. Students then compared their results to determine whose hand and whose foot had the smallest and largest area.

Regards
Year 3 Teachers



Silly Sound Waves

4 King students used their knowledge of sounds to create a silly paragraph. Students chose a sound, brainstormed words containing the sound and then used those words to create their paragraph.

Regards
Ms Keparas

Once upon a time there lived a zebra. This zebra was not like others this one had spots instead of stripes and had very longfur which was very fuzzy. The zebra was called names and was made fun of, so he stepped up for his rights and searched for all the different zebra's and made a speech called "I have a dream". The speech inspired everyone. And then his dream came true.

Hana 4 King

Stage 3

Year 5

5 Karman have really enjoyed being back in the classroom and learning face to face. We have done so many fun things since we have been back. This has included: Spooky day, learning about information reports, conducting science experiments, and putting our white-board desks to good use in our lessons. Check out our "lockdown art wall" - It has wonderful artworks from when 5 Karman was learning from home. It is so lovely to have the wonderful students back in the classroom.

Miss Ma



Year 6 end of year activities

Year 6 Dance Sport

Date: Friday Week 6 – Week 9

Location: Summer Hill PS

Year 6 Shirt Signing

Date: Monday 13 December

Location: Summer Hill PS

Year 6 Activity Day

Date: Tuesday 14 December

Location: Summer Hill PS

Activity to be confirmed.

Year 6 Farewell Arch

Date: Thursday 16 December

Location: Summer Hill PS

Year 6 Yearbook

The Year 6 yearbook will be handed out to students at the Year 6 Graduation with their certificates. The cost for this is \$5.

The purpose of this SkoolBag message is to notify parents and carers of upcoming dates. Specific information in regard to each event will be sent out separately.

Drama



Library

Waste Free Wednesday - Week 8, Wednesday 24 November 2021

Thanks to student leaders who are keen to continue our school activities, we will have a Covid version of Waste Free Wednesday in Week 8.

Students who bring a waste free lunch will get a house team token in their classroom during crunch and sip time on the day.



P&C President report

Hello all,

Under the current Level 3 settings the P&C will be allowed back on site in a COVID safe manner. The next P&C meeting will therefore be a hybrid format. We look forward to the members and the new parents and carers community joining us on Tuesday 16 of November 2021 from 7:15 pm.

Please be on the lookout for further communication about the meeting including the zoom link via the usual communication channels. As numbers will be limited do not forget to RSVP if planning to attend in person. A reminder that all parents and carers and community members wishing to attend onsite P&C events must be fully vaccinated.

On other news, the P&C's Events and Fundraising committee is planning an exciting year end Twilight event and an Election BBQ. Parents and carers and the community members are invited to volunteer for these events. Further details will be shared in coming days via the usual communication channels including a sign-up link for volunteers.

As mentioned in the earlier newsletter the new P&C website is now active. We encourage parents and carers to familiarise themselves with the website as it has links to the online Used uniform shop where you can purchase preloved uniforms, and a link to pay for or renew your SHPS P&C membership.

We continue to seek expressions of interest for various P&C related roles i.e. either as a volunteer on one of the sub committees or events, or expressions to join the P&C executive committee. The P&C is currently carrying a vacancy for the Vice Presidents role. If you or someone you know may be interested, please reach out to us via the P&C mailbox.

Finally, a friendly reminder that the SHPS P&C AGM has moved from December 2021 to February 2022. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

In the interim, feel free to get in touch with the P&C via email: summerhillpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Nilesh Deshmukh
President, SHPS P&C

Social: <https://www.facebook.com/summerhillpublicschoolpandc>
Website: www.summerhillpandc.org

Scholastic Book Club is back - all orders are due by Monday 15 November 2021

No cash, all orders through [Scholastic LOOP](#).

Remember, every order you place helps buy books for our school library!



Events

We are managing to squeeze in two events between lockdown and the end of the school year!

Election BBQ P and C Fundraiser - Saturday 4 December 2021

The P and C will be holding a sausage sizzle at the school as a fundraiser, during the local council elections. More details and a volunteer sign up to come. Please sign up!

The Year 6's will be holding a cake stall at the elections too. They haven't had much opportunity to fundraise this year with all the lockdowns, so please help out and bake or buy a cake on the day.

Twilight Picnic - Sunday 5 December 2021 3pm - 7pm

We are holding a school community event on Sunday 5th December. Come and celebrate the end of a long old year with your school friends! We will have food stalls, gelato and a jumping castle! More information to come.

School banking

Unfortunately the school banking program has come to an end.

All active accounts can order one last prize.

Please complete the [form](https://forms.gle/nkKfd2XBWwWJou9J9) (https://forms.gle/nkKfd2XBWwWJou9J9) to request your prize before Wednesday 17th November. Late submissions cannot be accepted.

Illegal parking puts children's lives at risk



Council parking officers are patrolling school zones

INNER WEST

ILLEGAL PARKING PUTS CHILDREN'S LIVES AT RISK

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need YOU to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

No Parking
You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

FINE = \$191 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

No Stopping
Do not stop for any reason. The first 10m from an intersection is a No Stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.

FINE = \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Bus Zone
Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.

FINE = \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Mobile Phones
Know the rules. Illegally using your phone is dangerous. Avoid the temptation.

FINE = \$457 + 5 DEMERIT POINTS
May be subject to Double Demerits

Speeding Offences
40km/h is the limit. Children are about, so slow down in school zones.

PENALTIES FROM \$200 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS
May be subject to Double Demerits

Pedestrian Crossings

1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.
2. It is unsafe to let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.

FINE = \$457 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Driveways & Footpaths

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.

FINE = \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

U turns

Illegal U turns in a school zone are dangerous.

FINE = \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.

FINE = \$344 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS

INNER WEST
*Fines current as of July 2020. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information, go to www.nrs.nsw.gov.au and search "school zone offences".

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 [DHS Victoria](http://DHS.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'

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eat well, sleep well and be active.

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

Kids Help Line
1800 55 1800

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

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



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/>

School Link

the children's hospital at Westmead

The Sydney children's Hospitals Network

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.



TERM 4 OUTDOORS!

JF Laxton Reserve Dulwich Hill

Free Trial Class

WE'RE COVID SAFE ACTIVE KIDS

GeckoSports After-School Multi-Sports

AFL > SOCCER > NETBALL > RUGBY LEAGUE > BASKETBALL > CRICKET > ATHLETICS > BOXING BOOTCAMP > MINI-OLYMPICS > TEAM CHALLENGE

THURSDAYS 3:30pm - 4:30pm	Enrol Anytime. \$19 per week
Different sport every week	5 -12 years old
JF Laxton Reserve (Park) Dulwich Hill	Active Kids vouchers accepted
Book Online geckosports.com.au	Maximum Fun. Real results. Get Fit.

How to wear a mask 



1 Ensure the mask covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face

How to wear a mask 



2 Make sure the ear loops are firmly in place

How to wear a mask 



3 Fold the metal strip in the mask around your nose so it stays in place

How to wear a mask 



4 Try not to touch your face while wearing your mask