

Principal's message

2023 has been a year full of opportunity for our students, and we were pleased to showcase our school and celebrate our student's achievements at our recent Presentation Day assembly. While the holidays are almost here, the learning hasn't stopped. Our students continue to work hard and have fun right to the last day. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students have been writing about their Elf on the Shelf each day, Year 6 have been to Luna Park and 5Wasabi were invited to the zoo to trial and promote new teaching and learning programs.

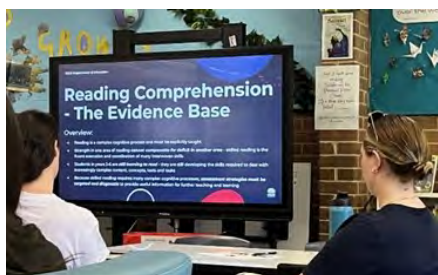
Students, congratulations for the tremendous effort you have all put into your learning and friendships at Summer Hill Public School this year. Year 6, all the best for high school. Thank you for the contributions you've made to our school community in your time here. Be proud of your achievements and what you have learnt.

I would like to thank our Principal for a day Bridget, for her support in leading and managing the school on Thursday 16 November. In celebrating our students' achievements beyond the classroom for the final time this year, I'd like to congratulate Nathan W who was awarded "Most Potential Award" at 10th Sauter Piano Competition, age group 9-12yrs; and as a member of Sydney Youth Orchestra, Nathan performed at The Opera House, as part of celebration of SYO's 50th Gala.

Colleagues, thank you for providing the safe and inclusive learning environment and innovative programs for our students – be it academic, sporting, the creative arts, extra curricula or simply fun and laughter. You have continued to support our students as they become increasingly self-motivated learners and confident and creative individuals. Our staff also commit to their own professional learning journey and have participated in weekly professional learning sessions to maintain a currency of practice. We are all currently involved in learning about the Curriculum Reform.

While we say goodbye to 2023 we will also be farewelling some of our teaching staff. Ms Cartwright, Ms Simou and Miss Apostolov. Ms Cartwright will be teaching at a school closer to home, Ms Simou will be returning to Lewisham Public School and Miss A will be starting her year at Forest Lodge Public School. Miss Wright and Miss Payne will be teaching in other states. We wish you all the best and are proud that you have made a positive contribution to our school.

P&C executive, members and volunteers, thank you for your support and involvement across many aspects of the school. You continue to impact our school, staff, families and the broader community. Our students love the newly established mindfulness learning space! I'd also like to thank Conor Woods for leading our P&C as President and acknowledge outgoing P&C members and volunteers Lassity and Caroline for their contribution to Summer Hill Public School. Lassity and Caroline's youngest child will complete Year 6 this week.



Parents, carers and families, thank you for the support you have provided for our school. The partnerships we share contribute to our students becoming their best selves.

December 2023

Thu 14 Combined Christian Scripture

Fri 15 Y3-4 Archie Brothers excursion

Y6 shirt signing

Farewell arch at 2:30pm

Last day of Term 4 for students

Mon 18 School development day - pupil free

Tue 19 School development day - pupil free

Mon 25 Christmas day

January 2024

Mon 1 New years day

Tue 26 Australia day

February

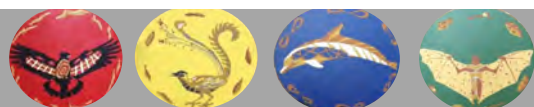
Thu 1 First day Term 1 for Y1-6 students

Mon 5 Y5 leave for camp

Wed 7 First day of Term 1 for Kindy

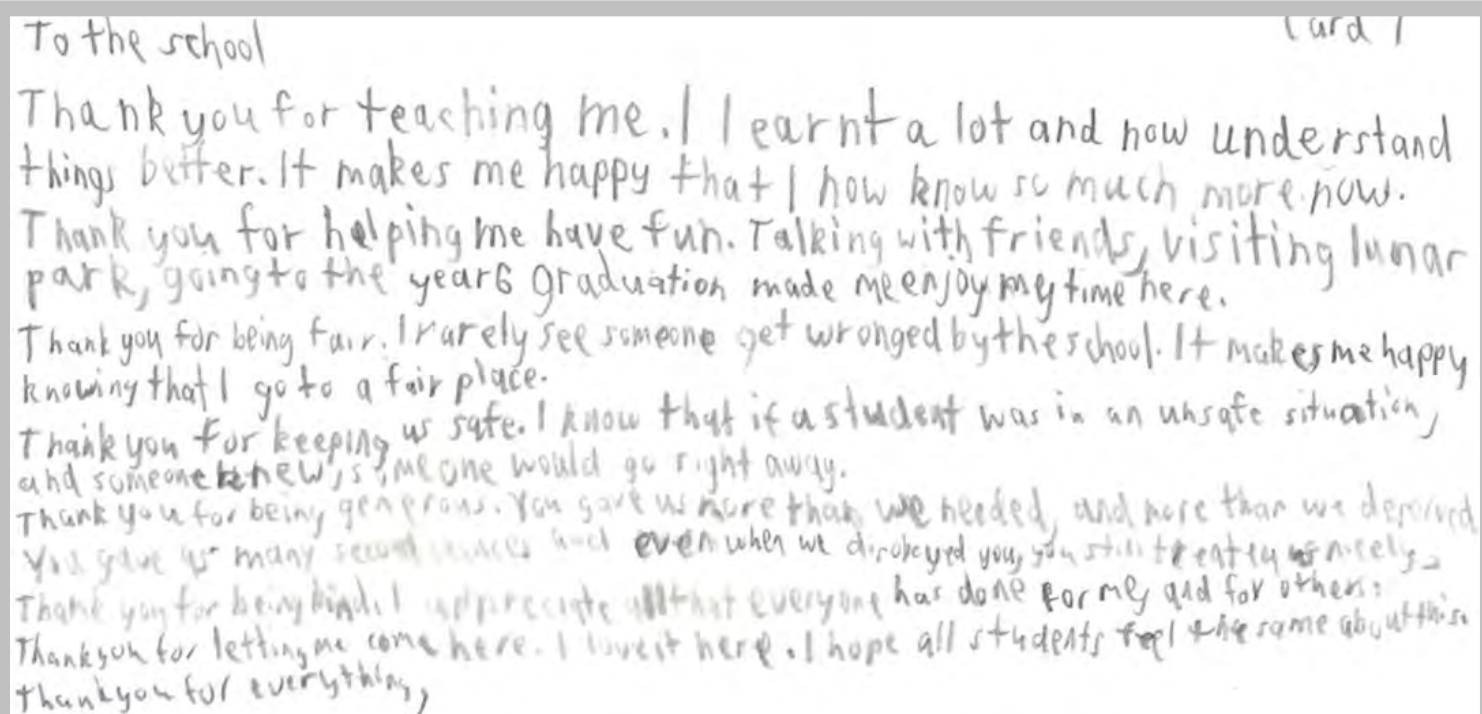
Wed 14 School swimming carnival

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Principal's message continued

Finally, I'd like to share a message I received in a Christmas card from one of our Year 6 students.



Have a safe and relaxing holiday break. Merry Christmas!

Natalie Armstrong

Academic Reports Semester 2 2023

Student academic reports for Semester 2 are available on the School Bytes parent portal.

Instructions on setting up School Bytes parent portal can be found on [page 26 of the newsletter](#).

2024 School term dates

Term 1: Thursday 1 February to Friday 12 April

Term 2: Tuesday 30 April to Friday 5 July

Term 3: Tuesday 23 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October to Wednesday 18 December

Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop will be operate each Monday from 8.30am-10am and Wednesday from 2.30-3pm during term.

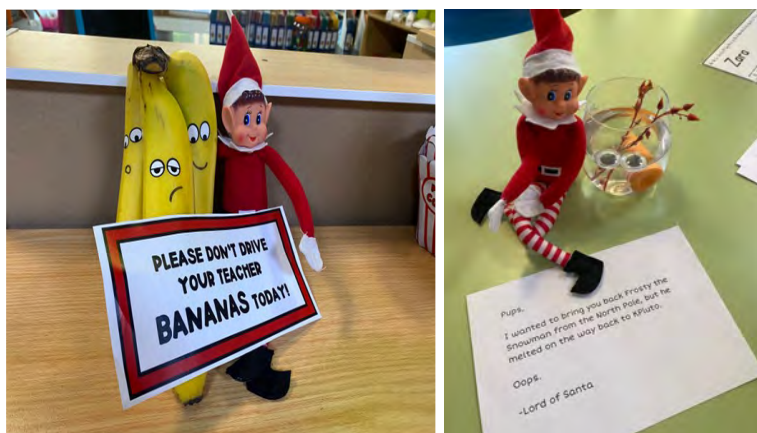
Uniforms can be ordered online via this link <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/sumhillps>

Additional opening times during summer school holidays:

Thursday 18 January 10am to 1pm and Thursday 25 January 10am to 1pm.

Across the stages

Early Stage 1



Kindergarten have some very mischievous visitors at the moment. On December 1st, Santa sent us all an elf to keep an eye on us during the last weeks of school. Each class named their elf and have been writing about their elf's daily adventures. And goodness me, the elf has been getting into some mischief. We have had toilet paper decorating our classrooms, elves riding dinosaurs, they have played cards and found some new friends to help them get into trouble. We are happy to report that each of the kindy classes are on the nice list ... so far.

We are so proud of each and every one of our kindergarten students who have worked so hard this year and wish them all the best next year.



Stage 1

1 Dolores

Elijah S - This year I liked maths and drama a lot. In drama I loved learning how to use Toontastic and stop motion. In maths I liked learning about addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. I also liked the field of mars excursion because it had lots of activities in nature.

Ottillie G - I really liked the comprehension box in reading groups because it helped me improve my reading. I also liked doing gymnastics because it **made me feel really happy and it's fun. I also loved drama because I got to go on the iPad and play Toontastic with my friends,**

Mya D - I liked going to Field of Mars because we got to make cubbies with big sticks and find different kinds of birds in the trees. I loved doing every art activity, especially the painted flowers. In drama I loved making cartoons with my group.

Edwin C - I loved reading groups because it helped me to read better. I loved doing the elf on the shelf booklet because we got to draw where our elf was and write about what it did every day. I also loved free play because we got to play with everyone and build lego. I also loved book week!



1 Hercules

Georgia Y - My favourite thing this year was literacy groups, Got Game and Art. I like literacy groups because we get to read, write and work in groups. I like to do Got Game because we get to work hard and exercise. I like Art because we get to do unique work and develop our skills.

Phoebe H - My favourite thing to do this year was Art. I like doing Art because we can be messy and we can do unique work. My favourite lesson was when we made the poppies. I also like when we went to the Field of Mars excursion.

William C - My favourite thing to do this year is free time, Got game and Art. I like to do Got Game because we get to exercise and use our body. I like to do Art because I get to use my imagination.

Phoenix N - My favourite thing to do is colourful artworks because it makes our classroom pretty. I also like Got Game because we exercise and get faster. I also like writing because I like writing imaginative texts.



Stage 1

1 Tarzan

Petra B - This year I really liked writing all the stories and information reports. They've just got me to focus and learn. I've also enjoyed the Easter Hat Parade. I've enjoyed almost everything! It's made me grow and I love being in Year 1. It has made me very happy!

Ari D - My favourite subjects in Year 1 have been art, library and drama because they are fun. Since I love doing them, I feel like I just concentrate more. I have had a nice teacher who helps me. I have a lot of friends who also help me as well. I feel like Year 1 has been the best!

Iggy L - This year I liked Sound Waves and Heggertys because it is good to hear and understand the sounds in words. I also liked learning handwriting because it is good to be neat so people can understand what you are writing (especially if it is important!)

Ayana J - This year I have enjoyed learning and doing so many activities! On our excursion we did a great bush walk. In gymnastics I have learnt pencil roll and tuck roll. In art I really enjoyed painting butterflies. Lately, it has been exciting seeing what our Elf has been getting up to! On day 1, she was on the clock. On the second day she was adding stars to our star jar to help 1 Tarzan earn free play. She has also made a bed in our tissue boxes, read some of our books and created a domino snake. It has been so fun with Ms Taylor this year, I will miss her.



1 Mickey

Leo L - This year I have enjoyed doing maths groups and playing maths games. I have also liked running and Got Game. The most exciting thing this year has been having parties and buddies. It has been a very fun year.

Justin T - This year I have enjoyed buddies and playing soccer. The most exciting thing this year has been having our buddy party and doing Got Game. I have liked doing maths groups. It has been lovely having my mum help out in the classroom. I have done lots of learning this year.

Camille G- This year I have enjoyed buddies and literacy groups. My mum helped out with literacy groups and It was fun. The most exciting thing this year was growing our own butterflies and releasing them. I am going to miss being in Year 1.

Kaylie L - This year I have enjoyed reading groups and releasing our butterflies. The most exciting thing this year was our buddy party. We had a great day on our excursion and learning about nature. I have done lots of reading and writing this year.



Across the stages

Stage 1

2 Flash

Aaric - This year I really enjoyed going to the computer lab. I also had a lot of fun in the chess club. I won a trophy for being the best player in year 2.

Lily - I liked the music trials, I tried all the instruments but my favourite was the saxophone. Our class also had fun playing sport, especially Golden Child because I got all of my team to home base.

Xavier - This year, year two students got to play mini soccer, we were the only students allowed. I played everyday with my friends and practising my kicking skills. I also like doing literacy rotations because the activities are fun and we get to play maths games on the iPads.

Allison - My favourite lesson this year was in the computer lab because I got to practise my typing skills. I also liked playing sport because I get to exercise and get fit.



2 Violet

Aria - This year I have enjoyed the reading activities in literacy. I liked working collaboratively with my class in English and art. I have enjoyed doing fun maths activities, playing maths games and learning about science.

Evren - This year I have enjoyed learning maths in particular division and multiplication. I now know the order of operation when solving a mathematics problem. I have also enjoyed science and learning about lifecycles.

Maisie - This year I have enjoyed learning art, mathematics and English. I liked doing many class activities such as reading, free drawing and working as a team.

Louis - This year I have enjoyed maths, sport and English. I have enjoyed writing interesting stories and sharing them with the class. I have had fun learning gymnastic skills in Got Game and learning how to type on the keyboard in the computer lab.



Across the stages

Stage 1

2 Slinky

Neo - This year I have liked going on excursions. I also liked doing sport with my friends, playing maths games and doing literacy rotations.

Marcelo- I have liked how we went out for sport and did fun activities with all of Stage 1. I also liked doing Gymnastics and art.

Charlie - This year I have loved doing art with Ms Wylie and Ms Grove. With Ms Wylie we did lots of artworks like an under the sea scene, a self portrait and aboriginal paintings. With Ms Grove, we did realistic animal artworks with oil pastels

Isabella - This year I have loved how we have been using class dojo points. We started using them in Term 3 as a whole class. Then one day Miss Stafford said "How about we start doing dojo points independently?". We were given target numbers to work towards that got harder and harder each time we achieved them. When we reach our target points we get to spin a reward wheel while the rest of the class chant "spin the wheel". Whatever the spinning wheel lands on is the reward we get.



2/3 Genie

Magnus N - This year I have enjoyed maths. I liked being in a composite class because the maths was harder and I made a lot of new friends in year 3. The best part of the year was the Easter Hat Parade because I made a paper hat with bouncy chickens.

Violet P - This year I've liked doing tricky work with the year 3s. I also loved Taronga Zoo because we got to see lots of animals. My favourite were the giraffes and gorillas. I also loved writing narratives because I got to be creative and could use a picture to inspire me instead of having to think of an idea myself.



Stage 2

Students in Year 3 and 4 have been viewing and creating their own artworks inspired by famous artists.

Paper Flowers are inspired by the work of Australian artist, Margaret Preston. She championed a distinctly Australian style, based on modernist, Aboriginal and Asian art. Students viewed works by Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein to explore pop art. We combined this with onomatopoeia in English for students to create their own piece of pop art. We investigated work by Australian artist Ben Quilty and discussed the use of symmetry as a visual technique to show objects reflected.

2/3 Genie

Artwork inspired by Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, Margaret Preston and Ben Quilty.



Stage 2

In English in Year 4, students have been studying poetry in its many forms including haiku, cinquain, slam poetry, limericks, narrative poetry and free verse. We learned about a variety of poetic devices and techniques such as word play, repetition, alliteration, personification, imagery, rhythm, purpose, **meaning and mood**. We returned throughout the term to the question, 'what is poetry?'

Horses

Trotting along the paths of the railroads.
On the train tracks with passing trains.
Hoofs clapping along.
Boom crash smash

Int another train boom crash smash smoke was everywhere
The horse trotted away to its owner
He wasn't hurt.
And ws alright.

Everyone was alright on the train
Outside the owners were speechless.

By Stella, 4 Colette

After The Humans

After the nukes, the bombs, the tanks
After the guns, the lasers, the war. After the humans.
The frogs are still here.

A rugged battlefield, full to the brim with corpses,
the sky bleached red with dust.
Everything dead,
Except the frogs.

The trees all chopped,
The water all drained.
A war crisis, seemingly taking its toll on everyone,
Except the frogs.

Through everything,
And anything,
And despite all the chaos...
The Frogs Are Still Here.

By Louis B, 4 Colette



Christmas

Finally, final it's here its CHRISTMAS!!!
Presents presents everywhere.
Ribbons, bows, wrapping everywhere!!!
But we all know the toys are the best!

Food, fancy food chicken turkey
'too much to explain.
Delicious smells in the air and a whiff of dessert.
And my favourite food is potatoes.

It's now time to go to bed
Excitement every where wondering what I will get.
It's bright and early I jump out of bed and rip my presents open.

BEST CHRISTMAS EVER!!!

By Romany, 4 Colette



Seals

Seals swim in the water having fun,
Hungry as ever the seas go catch fish,
When the seals get their food they eat,
They were satisfied wit the food they ate.

Seals looking after their babies,
Baby seals drink milk from their mother.
Seals are training to catch fish and swim,
The seals are teenagers and go off.

Seals scared of sharks and whales,
They swim away trying not to die,
Whales or sharks trying to eat the seals,
The seals stay on land waiting for the whales or sharks to get away.

By Jayden, 4 Colette



Across the stages

Stage 2

My Dog

My dog—such a cutie loves hanging in the park and going for walks
What would we do without him?
I love my dog he's the best

My dog's name is Louie, sooo cuddly he is always hungry
He'd eat anything
My dog loves to play

My dog is from the shelter we rescued him last year
He turned four in November so we think
When found he wasn't microchipped

By Milla, 4 Colette



4 Happy

Artwork inspired by Margaret Preston and Ben Quilty.



Stage 2

Christmas

The lights that sparkle and shine
The lights that bring christmas cheer
Oh those lights, you have us
For your bring many a tear
Glimmer, glow, twinkle and more
You'll have us walking through the door
Whether you're gold, green or blue
You'll sparkle on the count of four
But is that all that matters to you?
Is that all Christmas is?

The snow, the snow, the snow is here

By Iris, 4 Kanga

Leap the Sheep

There once was a sheep called Leap
Who was always falling asleep
He was too big to sit on a lap
Because he was so fat
So he curled in a ball to weep

By Darcy and Justin, 4 Kanga

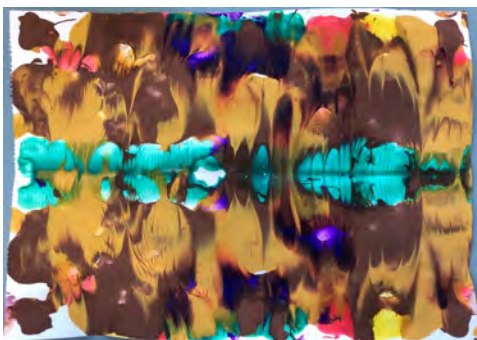
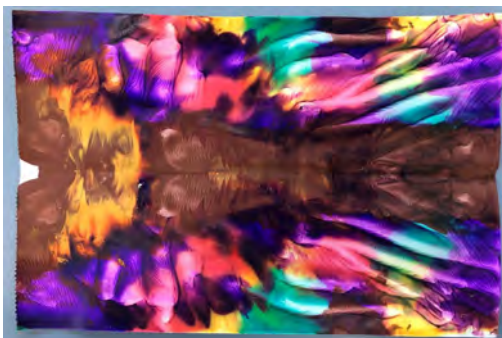
Christmas

The snow, the snow, the snow is here
We will see footprints near
Might they belong to Santa's deer
Or just my dad drinking beer
Santa's warm cookies are out
With a side of milk I shout
I eat my dinner happily
Staring at the creamy milk
I quickly tuck myself in bed
There's excitement in my head
I wake up to find my stash of gifts
My sister stares at my mists
One last time I play in the snow
I walk inside feeling low
Saying bye to my holiday
School is starting, I say yay!

By Kavya & Zara, 4 Kanga

4 Kanga

Artwork inspired by Margaret Preston and Ben Quilty.



Stage 2

Three Haiku

Rage bubbles in
me
Like an angry volcano
I will erupt soon

As a flower blooms
A forest begins to grow
Springtime is here now

Darkness covers me
I feel something in my heart
It is peace and joy

By Alice, 4 Kanga

Sharks

Sharks
Scaly, Shady
Small, interesting, cool
Deadly, terrifying, fatal
Poison

By Stavros, 4 Kanga

Dragons

Dragons
Fearsome, scary
Stomping, roaring, biting
So free, flying high, diving low
Scary

By Sadthawut, 4 Kanga

Summer

Summer
Hot, amazing
Swimming, lying, building
Excited, happy, proud and free
Seasons

By Miykal, 4 Kanga

Seasonal Tessellation by 4 Collette



We wish all Summer Hill PS students and families a safe and restful summer break.

Stage 2 teachers

Stage 3

5 Ariel

5 Ariel have enjoyed being the buddies of K Jiminy this year. As a Stage 3 class we feel a sense of responsibility and care for our younger friends. It's incredible to see your bright smiles and boundless energy every day. We want you to know just how special you are to us, and how much we appreciate having you as our buddies.

Here are a few messages from us to you:

Matthew, you have been a great buddy this year! -Oscar

Emmanuel, you are a very cool and smart kid. -Nicholas

My buddy George from K Jiminy is very nice and kind. He is also a person who will play with you if you need someone to play with. He is very funny as well. -Nathan

Nina, you have been an amazing buddy this year and I hope you enjoy Year 1! Merry Christmas! -Charlotte.S

Aurora, you have been a really good buddy this year. We've looked forward to Thursdays when we see you. We wish you good luck for the rest of your life. -Olivia and Hattie



To Michelle, you've been an amazing buddy who is playful and always full of energy. I love spending time with you even if we are just talking to each other. I hope you enjoyed your time with me and goodluck next year. To Elsie, although I haven't been your buddy for a long time, I have grown to love **your company**. **Whether it's reading a book or playing in the playground, you are very interactive and I hope that continues for the rest of your time here.** Both of you good luck next year. -Aleisha

To Mackie, you've made my year a wonderful time! Every Thursday it brings a smile on my face because I get to see you. -Aya

Julia, you've been an amazing buddy in the short time I've had you. Even though you're sometimes really cheeky, I'm very grateful that I could take care of you. I look forward to Thursday every week so I can see you. I hope you enjoy Year 1! Merry Christmas and Happy New year. - Eva G

Rosin, you're so cheerful and love to have a good time. I'm so happy that I got to be your buddy, to have fun and see you smile and learn. You're an amazing little girl who is creative and smart, I hope you have a great year next year in Year 1 and have another amazing year and a great buddy. -Iris

Rosin is so amazing and so smart. Rosin loves to do Soundwaves and read books to us. -Eva M.

George, you are a very funny child. -Michael

Matthew, you're an amazing buddy! I hope you have a great year in Year 1! -James

Across the stages

Stage 3

5 Ariel

I really enjoyed being your buddy and I hope you have a great future. -Ishan

To Ziggy, you are a very smart, thoughtful and happy child and I will never forget you as a buddy. I've looked forward to Thursdays every week ever since I met you. Although I have not been your buddy that long, I have definitely enjoyed being your buddy. I have learnt some stuff about buddies this year, including that you are the best buddy I have ever had. Good luck for year one and I hope to see you next year as next year will be my last at Summer Hill. -Marlowe

To Louis, you are a very good buddy and as well as that an extremely smart boy. On my first day at buddies I always hoped I would get you as my uddy. You have made my day every Thursday of our time as buddies. I have high hopes for you and your future so good luck. I hope I see you next year, and I hope you aspire to be a good person when you grow up and in your future life in school. -Andrew

Tilly, I have had so much fun with you this year. You are kind, caring and so mature for your age! You are a great buddy and I hope you have an amazing time in Year 1. I will miss you when I go to high school. Keep on being the wonderful person that you are. Happy holidays! -Anusha

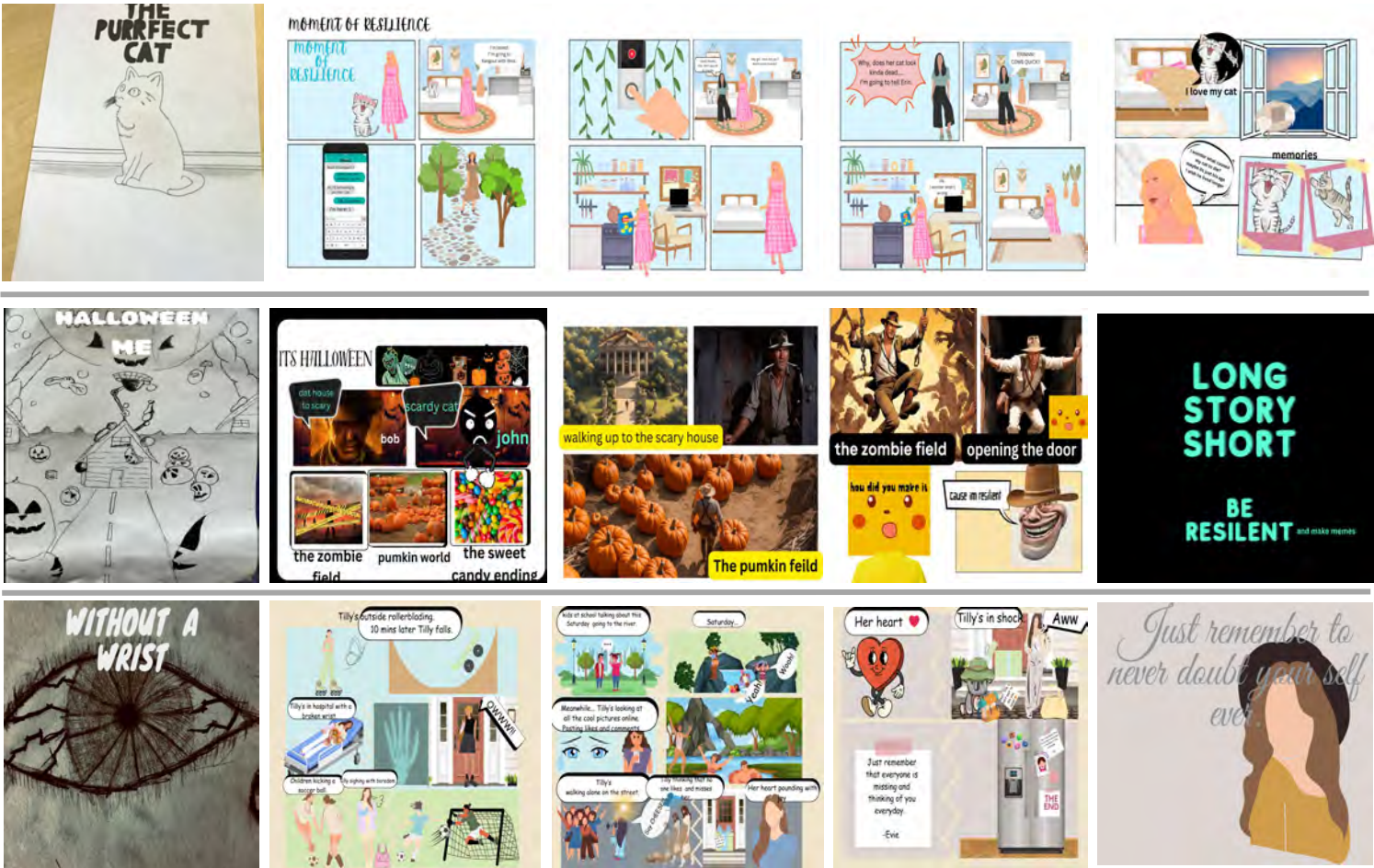
Milana, thank you for being my buddy this year. I hope to see you going on many amazing adventures throughout your school life. I have loved being your buddy, being with you was the highlight of my week. Happy Holidays and hope you have a wonderful Year 1 -Edie



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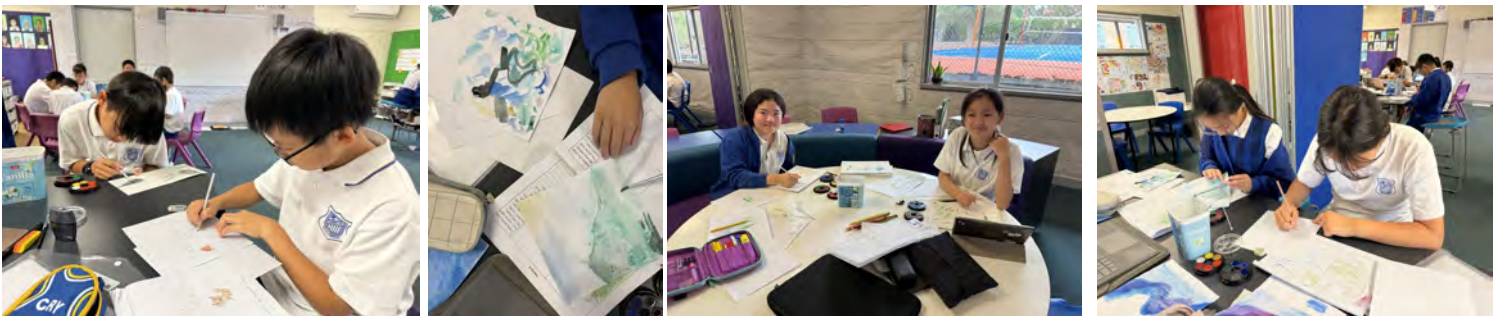
5 Pascal

This term 5 Pascal completed a unit on Visual Literacy where the class learnt about the different type of visual styles and perspectives such as Birds Eye View, shadow/light and extreme close ups. With this new knowledge 5 Pascal used an online graphic design tool called Canva and created a fabulous comic of their own entitled. "A moment of resilience".



5 Wasabi Picture Books

5 Wasabi have been creating their very own picture books based on the concept of sustainability. In Term 3, we wrote quirky and creative information reports on a natural phenomenon. Our information report helped us to write an imaginative text in Term 4, as our picture book topics were based on the environment from our information report. We have managed to weave informative structures throughout our picture books, to both engage and inform our audience. The trickiest part has been creating imagery that follows the structure of 'Show, Don't Tell'. We have learnt all about characterisation and the effective use of speech, thoughts, actions, effect on others and character profiles. We can't wait to take our picture books home for Christmas!



Stage 3

5/Winnie

5 Winnie have certainly had a busy Semester 2! With carnivals, leadership campaigns, field trips, cleaning up the school and lots of learning. We have **enjoyed reading a variety of texts in literacy groups (Artemis Fowl, Nim's Island and James and the Giant Peach to name a few examples)** and a number of great poems, such as Jabberwocky. On the Get Epic online platform, we have read over 1000 books.

In maths, we have solved problems from many different areas. Decimals, algebra, cubic metres. In geography, we redesigned our local GreenWay corridor and produced Environmental Impact Statements to support our ideas. In science, we studied habitats and pondered the sustainability of various fibres.

Our field work trip along the GreenWay inspired us to dream big. Our redesigns had turtle sanctuaries, futuristic gardens and miniature protected habitats.

Our Eco Warriors team continues to lead the way in helping our school environments. After the Year 6 show, the Warriors noticed a lot of empty juice containers. They were collected, dropped off to a local Return and Earn centre and the \$26.30 was donated to ORRCA, a marine animal charity.

The last month has seen us apply for 2024 leadership positions. The process required a fair bit of determination and for some, resilience was also required.

In sport, many of our class members continued to shine. Emily represented us at the State Athletics Carnival while Hugh, Ivy Jane, Arvin, Jarvis, Jed, Kingston, Adelaide, Emily, Reeha, Lauren, Bridget, Heidi, Ceidi, Finn, Henry, Harriet and Bella did us proud in PSSA teams.

Overall it has been a Semester full of learning and fun. We are all ready for the next challenge – Year 6

Mr Williams and 5 Winnie



Across the stages

Stage 3

Mock High School

On Monday 4th December, Year 6 attended a Mock High School experience at Canterbury Boys and Canterbury Girls High School.

Upon arrival, we were greeted by Canterbury Boys prefects and taken to their school library. Their principal spoke to us about resilience and the key differences between primary school and high school, such as having at least four different teachers in a day.

We split off for the day, half of us heading to the Canterbury Girls campus. We participated in many high school classes and moved around the school with our own bell times. Each group did three activities, examples being: drama, music (ukelele), HSIE, science (exploring light or making poo - yes you read that correctly), art, coding, English, PE, technology, and a maths murder mystery.

The schools kindly provided a sausage sizzle lunch, juice, zooper doopers, and their canteens were open for orders!

The closing featured some riddles and jokes! We thanked everyone involved from our own teachers, to the teachers at the high schools, to the prefects. We gave a special thank you also to the Canterbury student volunteers who followed our classes through the day, participated with us and helped with directions!

Year 6 students had a fantastic time! We really appreciated this first time event between our schools, and we hope to help introduce Summer Hill students to high school in this way for years to come.

Needless to say: Year 6 are definitely (almost!) ready for high school!! We're not quite ready to let them go yet!

By Miss Wright



Library News

Our library refit is almost complete and in 2024 the library has big things instore. Thank you to all our parents and friends who have supported updating our classroom reading collections. It is fabulous to see students making connections to the new titles that cater to both fiction and non-fiction readers.

The Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates have arrived! Well done to the 482 students who participated this year. When a student has completed the challenge four years in a row, they receive a Gold Certificate. Students are awarded a Platinum Certificate when they have participated in the challenge for seven years. This year we received 4 Platinum and 17 Gold Certificates from the Premier. These awards were presented to students at our presentation day ceremony.

Unfortunately, our library is closed for student loaning. We are keen to review our collections and replace any lost or damaged books. To support us in this process, please check your child's book/s have/has been safely returned to school. Students don't need to wait until their library day to return books, they can stop by the library in the morning or when the library is open at recess. If a book has been lost or damaged, please complete the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/25fmomD5nP7Bmiwc8>

Remember that our library range of eReads are still available for loaning during the holidays. Students from Years 3 – 6 have all practiced loaning one of these titles. Loaning eReads can support your child's reading in a few ways. Students can adjust the font size, page colour, put into night reading mode and even have the story read aloud to them. These books are also extremely handy when packing for a holiday. Happy holiday reading!

Technology News

In the lead up to the festive season, some of our Stage 3 students have given up some of their recess time to use MinecraftEdu to create Santa's village. Our village includes; Santa's house, toy factory, sleigh shed, deer stables, elf houses and a Christmas tree to carol around. Below are some of the student comments and snaps of their design.



Charlie Z - I like the Minecraft club because we get to build using different blocks, and we get to work together to build different things.

CyberSafety Month

To end Cyber Safety month students from 5 Aerial participated in a Grok Academy demonstration lesson. Teachers from the Department of Education's CyberBranch attended our school to reinforce how important it is to protect personal information from social media platforms. The students learnt how to sign into the GrokAcademy website where they could access a variety of eLearning modules connected to both cyber safety and coding. All students, from Years 3 to 6 can use their student portal login details at the GrokAcademy site <https://groklearning.com/> to explore further learning opportunities.

PSSA Senior Cricket

This is the end-of-year report for the Senior Cricket Team. We have had a fun and very productive year. We made it all the way to the semi-finals which we sadly lost to Haberfield Public School.

One of the reasons we made it so far was our amazing coaches - Mr Otto and Mr Williams. They supported us all the way through. We learnt a lot and had fun - in training on Wednesday and in the Friday games.

We believe all of the senior team members learned a lot this season. We will lose some players next year as they go off to Year 6 and we wish them all the best in their cricketing careers. However, the senior team for next year is looking strong and we can't wait for trials to come around again!

by Kingston, Jed and Jarvis.



PSSA Junior Cricket

"Crack!" Ahhh... the sound of a cricket ball flying to the boundary once again. Quite frankly, that's all we've heard this season. part from the occasional "Ding...Howzat!" And the stumps fall down.

This season Marlowe and I have been taking turns in captaining the Junior PSSA cricket team. We've had many tight moments and nail-biting games against amazing teams like Haberfield P.S.

Our growth and improvement has been good this sun-filled year of PSSA. From our batting and the number of fours we've hit to the game winning catches and wickets, our slippery journey has led us all the way to the grand final this Friday.

Some of our players had never held a bat before this season. And some of our players play in significant clubs. However, at the start of the season Mr Williams and Mr Otto picked the right kids for the team. Some of us initially thought that Year 3's and Year 5's wouldn't collaborate well together. As we head into the grand final this Friday, I believe we have!

by Raf



PSSA Senior Boys Basketball

Basketball was a fun experience with a lot of fun, excitement and enjoyment. Everybody was having a fun time whether they were on the bench or dominating on the court. There were three basketball teams: the Juniors, and both the Senior teams. The Juniors were a mix of boys and girls and the two Senior teams were either boys or girls. We woke up bright and early every Thursday for a training session with competitiveness and fun. Our senior boys basketball team made it to the grand final! Although we lost by 1 in overtime, we tried our best, and in the end, that was all that mattered. As a team, we were a little bit overwhelmed at the start of the season, but as the season went on, we found our stride and we played phenomenally as a team. On the way to our games most Fridays, basketball had the privilege to have some karaoke on the bus. That fuelled our energy for the games and contributed to our success. Off the court, we quickly made friends with each other, bonding during lunch and recess. On behalf of the senior boys basketball team, we would like to thank Ms Weston, who was our coach in the first semester, Ms Schumacher and Ms Geha, who coached and mentored us on this great journey, and without them, this season would not be possible.

By Jeremy and Joel



PSSA Senior Girls Basketball

This year was the first year of PSSA basketball for Summer Hill. Starting off in Term 1 each team had their first games, it was a great start for all the teams picking up their first win of the season. The senior girls enjoyed the season getting to the semi finals, only losing by a few points against Russell Lea. The heat made it difficult all season but we found creative ways around it, like we baked cookies and cheese toasties on a frying pan. Throughout the season I had so much fun and learned a lot about basketball. Also thank you to Ms Schumacher, Ms Geha and Ms Weston for being so encouraging and kind.

By Maya and Juliet



PSSA Mixed Basketball

This year, basketball was introduced as one of the Inner West Sydney (IWS) PSSA sports. The number of highly talented students who tried out was absolutely jaw dropping and the quality of the resultant teams showed it. Many witnessed the multiple matches played, and the quality of each and every game was absolutely exhilarating. The mix-juniors, unfortunately, was one of the teams that did not qualify for the knockout rounds, but the situation just made our chemistry stronger than ever. As a team, we were not built on skills but more on our teamwork and our gameplay as a team, and although we did not make the semi finals, we recognise this time as a chance to make the links between us stronger and to keep working hard to achieve more in the future.

By Joshua, Brendan and Ben



PSSA Senior Boys Softball

The season began with a rocky start losing our first two games but a win in our last game of semester one gave the team a big morale boost. Going into semester two our hopes were high and our winning streak continued giving us a confidence boost. After we beat first place we started to realise we had **a good shot of winning the comp. We continued to play well winning our semis but, sadly we couldn't end the season on a win**, losing our grand final. All and all it was a good season even though we didn't win we made lots of memories along the way.

-Jamie, Cary and Lucas



PSSA Senior Girls Softball

Girls softball was a fun and interesting experience this year. Even if we lost a few of our games, we still had a lot of fun and reflected on the game afterward. We discussed what we would do different next time. When we did win a game, we had a great time celebrating. We always encouraged each other and helped each other.

This year in softball I loved making new friends and meeting new people from other schools. It has been fun for me to learn a new sport and develop new skills.

We would like to thank our coach Ms Payne for guiding, supporting and umpiring for us!

by Ivy-Jane, Adeliade and Heidi



PSSA T-Ball

I was fortunate enough to be a coach of our T-Ball team with students from Years 3, 4 and 5. I would like to acknowledge not just the swings and catches, but the incredible sportsmanship and dedication of our junior t-ball players. Their enthusiasm and teamwork have been remarkable throughout this season. They demonstrated that winning isn't just about the score; it's about the effort, the resilience, and the kindness shown on and off the field.

Congratulations on a fantastic season! You've all been amazing ambassadors of sportsmanship and it was a delight to be junior t-ball coach.

Ms McLean

Summer Hill Sounds Concert

Congratulations to all of the students who performed at our recent Summer Hill Sounds Concert. We had thirteen different ensembles showcase their talents to their families and friends and it was a wonderful afternoon of orchestras, bands, choirs, recorders and ukuleles. Thank you to all of our conductors and music teachers Ms Chan, Ms Biffen, Ms Cartwright, Mr Parks, Ms Olofsson, Ms Crossley, Mr Rosenbaum and Mr Booth for working hard to prepare our students and for giving up their time. Our 2024 music captains had the opportunity to be inaugurated into their role by the outgoing captains, Cormac, Caitlin, Lauren and Rika who will be leaving for high school next year. Thank you for your leadership and we hope you continue to make great music.



A big thankyou to our parent photographers Michael and Zoe who so generously donated their time to capture all of our musical ensembles in action and to our hard working parent music committee for their organisation of this wonderful event.

Farewell Lauren Olofsson

A big thank you to Lauren Olofsson who will leave the music program at the end of this year. Lauren has been working with the training orchestra for the past three years and like many of our talented tutors and conductors she is a past student of Ms Chan. We all wish Lauren the very best with her new career pathway and will miss her.



Farewell Caroline and Lassity

We sadly farewell our wonderful Parent Music Committee Coordinator Caroline who, along with Lassity, has rolled up her sleeves for the last five years to support the students and staff in the music program. Thank you for your dedication and passion for all things musical. We will miss your positive presence and generosity in the school and hope you enjoy your new adventures with your talented boys in high school. We welcome Gail Philpott into the role next year and encourage all music parents to join the committee and help out by volunteering at future music events.

Please email shpsmusiccommittee@gmail.com for details.



Schools Spectacular

The year 6 students from our Senior Choir joined 2,500 students to form a combined choir in Schools Spectacular this year. Schools Spectacular is an iconic cultural event incorporating students from diverse backgrounds and communities across the state.

Summer Hill Public School was also represented in the Arts Unit ensembles that took part in the show. You can watch the show any time on TV on 7Plus - keep a keen eye out for our choir and our Arts Unit kids.



Junction St Gate Concerts

Our orchestras and bands entertained the arriving school crowds at the Junction St gate last week with their classic songs, Christmas Carols, festive hats and, of course, lots of tinsel.

Chess

Chess Challenge 2024 at Summer Hill Public School

Congratulations to...

1st Place - Timothy H Summer Hill Public School Chess Champion
2nd Place - Kiran H
3rd Place - Ehtem H

Girls Champion - Ivanna H
Best Year 2 - Aaric R
Best Year 3 - Anik K and Alex B
Best Year 4 - Dimirtri B
Best Year 5 - Aiden T and Richard X
Best Year 6 - Andrew C



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Vacation Care DECEMBER - JANUARY 2023-24 SUMMER HILL PROGRAM

BOOKINGS OPEN:
7.00 AM | 13 NOV 2023

BOOKINGS BY:
6 PM | 8 DEC 2023

MONDAY 18	TUESDAY 19	WEDNESDAY 20	THURSDAY 21	FRIDAY 22
<p>Staff Development Day</p>	<p>Staff Development Day</p>	<p>Centre Day All About Christmas Cost \$65</p> <p>Today is all about Christmas! We will be creating lovely suncatcher ornaments, painting Christmas statues, making delicious gingerbread and drinking yummy hot chocolate! Let's get into the Christmas Spirit and have some fun!</p> <p>Afternoon Fun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Card Making Christmas Craft Gingerbread making for afternoon tea. Christmas Movie 	<p>Incursion Day Fit Kids - Boot Camp Cost \$65</p> <p>Boot Camp, which offers activities like boxing, strength training, tug of war, and ab challenges. Designed for children of all skill levels and focuses on fun, teamwork, and personal growth. It's a fantastic opportunity to have a great time, make friends, and develop valuable skills!</p> <p>TIME: 1PM</p> <p>Morning Fun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colouring Competition Beyblades Tournament Group Games 	<p>Incursion Day Christmas Cooking Day Cost \$65</p> <p>Today, we're going to cook up a super-duper Christmas extravaganza with the kids to get everyone into the jolly Christmas mood! We've got a special treat in store as we provide morning snacks, a scrumptious lunch, and afternoon delights. The children are in for a fantastic time, cooking up a storm and tasting all the yummy creations they make.</p> <p>Cooking Activities</p> <p>Morning Tea - Angel Fairy Bread with Fruit</p> <p>Lunch - Pizza Scroll Christmas Tree</p> <p>Afternoon Tea - Rudolph Reindeer Chocolate Crackle</p>

Please use the QR Code to access Vacation Care Booking Form!



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MONDAY 1	TUESDAY 2	WEDNESDAY 3	THURSDAY 4	FRIDAY 5
<p>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p>	<p>Incursion Day No Limit Sports - Multi-Sports Cost \$75</p> <p>Hey there, future superstars! Are you ready to become a pro at throwing, catching, striking, and kicking? Today is all about turning these awesome skills into the most exciting games and sports you can imagine!</p> <p>TIME: 1PM</p> <p>Morning Fun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design your own team flag! Make your own paper football! Draw your favourite sports player! 	<p>Excursion Day Beverly Hill's Cinema Cost \$85</p> <p>Get ready to dive into the vacation care fun with an awesome outing to Beverly Hills Cinema, joined by friends from Mascot, Rockdale, and Narweel! As an added treat, each child will receive popcorn and water to enjoy while watching the movie. It's going to be a fantastic cinema adventure that you won't want to miss!</p> <p>Departure: 8.30-3pm Movie: TBC Travel: Private Bus</p> <p>*Popcorn and water included in fees</p> <p>Afternoon Fun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lego Competition Parachute Games Sand art Creations 	<p>Incursion Day Fit Kids - Archery Cost \$75</p> <p>Learning the art of archery in the most fun and safe way. It's like stepping into a world of heroes and legends, right in your own vacation care! Take aim at your target, focus your energy, and release your arrow like a true archer. Will you hit the bullseye? There's only one way to find out!</p> <p>TIME: 1PM</p> <p>Morning Fun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chalk Drawing Table Tennis Make your own worry dolls! 	<p>Centre Day All About Slime Cost \$65</p> <p>Today is all about slime! The children will be making their own slime with various colors and craft. They can make it however they like with different textures and feels to make it unique to themselves! They can also bring their creations home with them!</p> <p>Afternoon Fun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slime Fluffy Slime Silly Putty Homemade Stress Balls

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After school programmes

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TERM 1/2024

After-school art classes

**BOOK A
SPOT
TODAY!**



After-school art classes

AT SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

GREAT FOR:

- ✓ CONCENTRATION
- ✓ CREATIVITY
- ✓ RELAXATION
- ✓ BUILDING RESILIENCE
- ✓ FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- ✓ AND MORE!

TIME: TUESDAY 15.15 - 16.15
STARTING: TERM 1/2024
VENUE: SCHOOL CLASSROOM
FEES: \$225 (9 WEEKS)
***WE ACCEPT CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHERS.**

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Dulwich Hill Public School 5-12yo	Tuesdays 3:30-4:15pm	\$22 PW
Summer Hill Public School 5-12yo	Wednesdays 3:15-4:00pm	\$22 PW
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ROBOKIDS Robotics Workshops ARE BACK!

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Term 1 - 2024 - 8 week program

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* Robotic Workshops for students in Years 1-6

Fun with engineering, coding, programming, robotic challenges and more! Build Robots with Lego, and learn to code!

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Wednesday Afternoons - Beginning Term 1 - 2024


TIME: 3.00pm to 4.30pm
 COST: \$240 for an 8 week program inc. GST
 CREATIVE KIDS voucher may be used to save \$50
 DAY: Wednesday afternoons - 14/2/24 - 3/4/24
 ROOMS: TBA

*We have a Covid Safe Plan and will follow all Summer Hill PS Cleaning and Health Protocols
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time for Greek School

Greek Afternoon Classes 2024

Summer Hill Public School

Every Thursday

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Supervision from 3pm




Minister's Awards

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- Rhymes, Songs & Games
- Fun Reading & Writing Curriculum
- Professionally Trained Teachers
- K12 Year Certificate Students
- Afternoon & Saturday Classes

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- Announcements to be made via our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/goenwseducation> and our website: <https://goenwschools.weebly.com/>

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Before and after school programs

Chinese Community Language School

Enroll Now for the 2024 Academic Year!

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2024 Enrollment Now Open! Are you ready for a transformative educational experience? Secure your spot for the upcoming 2024 academic year at Sydney China Talent School.

First Semester Commences: February 3, 2024

Morning Session: 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM Start your day with engaging lessons and dynamic activities that fuel your curiosity and passion for learning.

Afternoon Session: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

New Chinese Enrichment Class at Summer Hill Public School Exciting news! We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Chinese Enrichment Class at Summer Hill Public School. This specialized class focuses on Chinese language enrichment and will be a fantastic addition to our diverse program offerings.

Visit Our Website for More Information

Contact 0416682288

Sydney China Talent School: Where Excellence Meets Opportunity!

Before and after school activities 2024

The programs listed below are run by external providers, not the school. To register for any of the programs please contact the provider directly. Registration is required prior to attending.

Art on Canvas starts Tuesday 13 February at 3:10pm. To register contact 0424 093 991

Chess Club starts Tuesday 13 February at 7:45am, Wednesday 8 February 7:45am and Thursday 7:45am to register contact sydneyacademy@gmail.com

Chinese Language Community School starts Saturday 11 February 9am. To register contact sydney.yucal@gmail.com or 0416 682 288

Gecko Sports starts Wednesday 7 February at 3:10pm. To register contact natascha@geckosports.com.au

Greek Orthodox Community Language School starts Thursday 8 February at 3:10pm. To register contact education@goc.com.au

Robokids starts Wednesday 8 February at 3:10pm. To register contact melissaclark@robokids.com.au

Soccer Skills starts Friday 16 February at 7:45am innerwestsoccer@gmail.com

Tennis Club starts Monday 13 February at 7:45am. To register contact leichhardttennisacademy@gmail.com

School Bytes finance, attendance and consent form system!

What is the School Bytes portal?

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for parents and carers to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including pay for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time, day or night.

Through the portal you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we still accept payment via cash and cheque.

Further information and [parent/carers user guides](#) can be found on the school website. Register for the Parent Portal via the QR code or visit the [School Bytes Parent Portal log in page](#).

If you still have questions please contact SHPS school administration:

summerhill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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Skoobag transition to Audiri

Dear parents and carers,

Please update your Skoobag app on your device following the instructions below.

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FAQ

Why is Skoobag updating to Audiri?
We're transitioning to Audiri for a number of reasons:
• As a product we're focussing on communications – rebranding the app to Audiri reflects its heritage as a communication product
• We're upgrading our technology platform to include new features and integrations, and will continue to do so in the future.
• All improvements are focussed on streamlining the parent experience with your school – bringing everything together into one place, and reducing the number of apps and communication channels a parent will need to monitor to know what's happening at school.

When is the update expected to be released?
We will be releasing the updated app in the GooglePlay and AppStore from 1 May.

What do parents have to do to upgrade to Audiri?
Parents will simply need to update their Skoobag app – just open the app store on your device, go to the updates tab in the App Store, or the My apps & games tab in the Google Play store and select the update button. Simple!

Will I need to create a new account?
No – we have made the transition as easy as possible for you. All existing login credentials in Skoobag will work with Audiri as well.

What should I do if I encounter any issues during the update?
We've done a lot of testing and do not expect any user issues – parents will simply need to update the app in the app store. If you do experience a problem, try restarting the device, or uninstalling and reinstalling the app. If the issue persists, contact our support team for assistance – we're here to help! support@audiri.com.au

Will I lose data or settings during the update process?
All data – groups and user settings – will be seamlessly transitioned to the Audiri platform as part of the update process. Your data will be subject to the same high security standards as you've enjoyed with Skoobag.

Will Audiri be compatible with my device?
Audiri has been developed for both Android and iOS devices. We have focussed on improving and streamlining the experience for the end user, so it will be simpler for parents to navigate and find important information and updates. Audiri works across tablets and smartphones, optimising for different screen sizes.

How can I provide feedback on Audiri?
We'd love to hear your thoughts about Audiri – contact our customer support team through the app or the website and let us know what you think! We'll use your feedback to continually refine the app and make even more improvements to usability and features into the future.