Summer Hill PS Go forward



Newsletter Term 2 Week 2 2023

Principal's message

We have had a fantastic start to Term 2 and I'm pleased to be able to introduce our Week 2 newsletter. Our students have been busy, which means we have a lot to showcase and celebrate. We also have a number of events and activities to look forward to over the next few weeks. These include Year 6 camp, our school cross country, the P&C Mothers and Special People breakfast, a mufti day to raise funds for a charity nominated by our PRC students, a ribbon assembly, and a K-2 and a 3-6 Gold assembly.

This term students have already recognised and remembered the service and sacrifice of our veterans and serving personnel during out ANZAC Day assembly, and participated in a Musica Viva incursion. The IWPSSA winter competition 'kicked' off last week, and our students were fortunate to be able to play their first game on Friday.

As always, I am pleased to share some achievements of our students with you. Jeremy and Samantha S recently attended the regional trial for basketball. Jeremy was selected to represent the Sydney East Association in the Boys' Basketball team to compete at the NSWPSSA Championship in Tamworth. Jackson Z performed in the Richard Clayderman concert at the ICC Sydney Aware Super Theatre. He received a Future Star Award at Richard Clayderman's 'Forever Love' 45th Anniversary World Tour Australia, and performed with Richard Clayderman.









Did you know we have welcomed some new teachers to our school this term, and welcomed back a few more? Welcome to Miss Chan who teaches 1 Hercules, Ms Cartwirght and Mrs Donato who are sharing the delivery of our Year 1-6 music program, and Ms Wong who is teaching in the library with Mrs McLennan. We are fortunate to have these teachers join our team at Summer Hill.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge and farewell Ms Renee Anton for her passionate and creative contribution to Summer Hill Public School as our specialist drama and dance teacher. Ms Anton leaves us with the following message. 'To the students and families of Summer Hill, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for 9 fun filled years of Drama and another 8 teaching Dance. It has been an absolute joy working with the children of Summer Hill throughout this time. Developments in my career path are now taking me in new directions but I will always remember my time with you with fondness and gratitude. Summer Hill children are talented, creative, kind and just a beautiful bunch to have had the privilege of teaching. I wish you all bright and wonderful futures'. We wish Ms Anton the very best in her future endeavours.

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 Audiri (formerly Skoolbag) App for your phone or tablet device.

Natalie Armstrong Principal May

Fri 5 PSSA sport

Tue Y3-4 Robokids

9 workshop

Wed Y3-4 Robokids

10 workshop

Thu K-Y2 assembly in

11 hall at 2pm

Fri Mother and special

12 persons breakfast

PSSA sport

Mon Opportunity Class

15 2024 applications close today

Y4-6 check in assessment begins

Tue Cross Country

16 carnival at Pratten Park

Festival of instrumental music rehearsal

P&C meeting 7:15pm

Thu Mufti and crazy hair

18 day - cancer council fundraiser

Y3-6 assembly in hall 2pm

Fri PSSA sport

19

Sat Orchestra weekend

20 workshop

Sun Orchestra weekend

20 workshop

Find more on EVENTS on the school webpage









Events



Cancer Council mufti day - Thursday 18 May 2023

Students are encouraged to come to school with creative crazy hair. They may also wear mufti.

Hairstyles should be done at home. Please do not bring hairspray or coloured dyes to school.

Donations can be made online at https://www.doitforcancer.com.au/fundraisers/SummerHillPublicSchool/summer-hill-ps-prc-fundraiser







Ashfield RSL Sub Branch - ANZAC Service

On Sunday 23 April we as your student leaders along with Ms Ma, Mr Williams and Mrs Morris attended an ANZAC Service at the Obelisk in Ashfield Park. This special service was hosted by Ashfield RSL Sub Branch.

It was an eye-opening experience for us all as we commemorated those who served and died while fighting for Australia in the wars that have past. We heard many inspiring stories of courage, bravery, sacrifice and the Anzac spirit. We learnt that these men and woman all united for a common cause – that is to serve our country and fight for our freedom.

We were given a very special role during the service and that was to lay a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the students, staff and families of Summer Hill Public School. It was an honour and privilege for us to represent our school during this Service.

ANZAC day is a very important day in the Australian calendar. It is a day for us to reflect on all the lives lost and the sacrifices made during war. It is also a day for us to be grateful for all the opportunities that we have and all the wonderful things we have in our lives today.

Regards,

Patrick B James P

Prime Minister Deputy Prime Minister







Easter Hat Parade 2023



Easter Hat Parade - Thursday 6 April 2023

Students in Kindergarten to Year 6 wore a festive bonnet and paraded with their buddy class.

I liked the Easter Hat Parade because we got to show off our hats and there was music that we could dance to as we paraded our hats. - Elena

My hat was reused from last year. The rabbit on top of my hat used to be darker pink but it has now faded. I enjoyed wearing this hat for the second year in row. - Iggy

I loved the Easter Hat Parade because we got to walk around with our buddies and I saw my mum! - Uliana

I made my hat from reused materials from other celebrations such as Christmas and my birthday. I used a regular hat and added different things like roses and crowns to it. - Sophia





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.

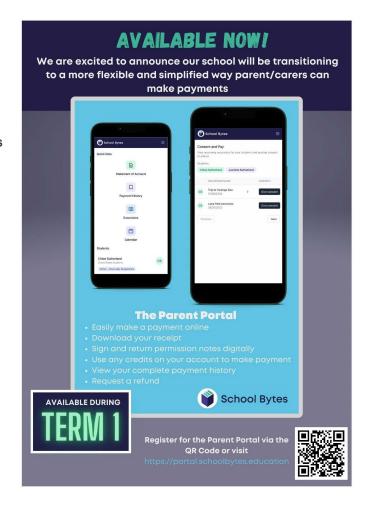
Through the portal you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

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

Further information and <u>parent/carer user guides</u> can be found on the school website. Register for the Parent Portal via the QR code or visit the <u>School</u> Bytes Parent Portal log in page.

If you still have questions please contact SHPS school administration:

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



Skoolbag transition to Audiri

Dear parents and carers,

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



Notices



Opportunity class (OC) Year 5 entry in 2024 - applications open 30 March - 15 May 2023

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2024 opened on Thursday 30 March and close Monday 15 May, 2023.

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes cater for high potential and intellectually gifted students.

They help students learn by:

- · grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning more when their classmates have similar abilities and interests.

Note: Opportunity classes are unzoned so you can apply no matter where you live.

Applications for entry into Year 5 opportunity classes in 2024 opened on Thursday 30 March.

Apply online at education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Applications close Monday 14 May 2023

Test centre and test authority advice released on Thursday 13 July 2023

Opportunity Class Placement Test held Thursday 27 July 2023

Last day to change opportunity class choices is Sunday 6 August 2023

Placement outcome expected to be released on Friday 20 October 2023

Check In Assessment - Term 2

Year 4 and Year 6 students will participate in the Check-in assessment between Monday, 15 May - Friday, 9 June (the assessment window).

Please organise your child with a pair of headphones or earbuds ready for Monday, 15 May (Week 4). The headphones/ear buds will stay at school for the duration of Week 4, Week 5, Week 6 and Week 7. The headphones/earbuds will enable students to hear audio during the assessment. The type of computer connection needed is an AUX or USB.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading, numeracy and writing assessment available to support schools/teachers to assess and monitor student learning. Please note: Year 4 will not participate in the writing assessment. The writing assessment is a Year 6 (only) assessment.

The assessments are intended to inform teachers and support them in tailoring their teaching more specifically to student need.

Students with a disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

Kind regards

Stage 2 Teachers and Stage 3 Teachers

Uniform Shop - Pearl Pacific

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

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

Service NSW has released more vouchers and rebates.

Parents can search for <u>businesses and providers that accept</u> the <u>vouchers</u>. Pearl Pacific is registered as a business provider for the back to school vouchers and can be found on the <u>business</u> and <u>voucher finder page</u>.

https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/concessions-rebates-and-assistance/vouchers

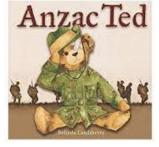


Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten

ANZAC Day Assembly

The students of Summer Hill Public School attended the special assembly for ANZAC Day last Thursday. To prepare for the assembly, Kindergarten students read the story ANZAC Ted to learn about the experiences endured during war time. They wrote about why ANZAC Ted was special and drew a picture of him.

Anzac Ted picture book video read aloud

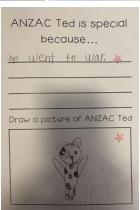


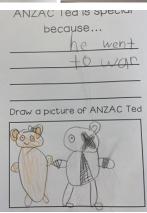














Students also created poppies to make a wreath to lay at our assembly. The flower reminds us of those who lost their lives or suffered in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.







Stage 1 - 1 Tarzan

Writing wizards!

In Stage 1 we have been learning all about the different types of words (parts of speech) we use in our writing and speech. We have noticed how a noun can completely change by using different adjectives, for example a cosy, warm home, or a haunted, ruined home. Being selective with our words helps create a descriptive piece of writing that evokes a picture in the reader's mind. Here are some examples of the wonderful writing done in 1 Tarzan, focusing on the use of prepositions to describe the movement of a bird:

The beautiful birds flew over the trees. The birds are happily flying. They landed on a leafless branch and began walking on the soft grass. By Ayana

The brown birds soar high through the sky, among the trees, towards the sun. Then, past a school and onto a tree. The birds start making a nest. The birds are laying eggs. There are two eggs. The eggs are hatching. There are now two baby birds. By Ari

Maths Mania

We have started Term 2 with lots of maths enthusiasm in 1 Tarzan, learning a few new maths games to use in our rotations. The students had lots of fun playing 'Tens Frame Filler' and 'Garbage.' These games are helping build our quick recall of sequencing and number bonds to 10, with simple tools like a deck of cards and some pens and paper! Best yet, is when the class manages to beat the teacher! Congratulations mathematicians, you're off to an Add-standing start to the term!











Anzac Day Assembly

Last Thursday, we spent some time in the morning working together to create poppies for our wreath to lay at assembly. We read the books, 'Anzac Biscuits' and 'This Old Thing,' to learn more about the significance of ANZAC Day and discussed the difference between a commemoration and a celebration. It was a beautiful Assembly hosted by 1 Hercules and 5 Winnie, where each class got to lay a wreath in remembrance.





Strong Science Shelters

We have been learning all about different materials in science – which one's bend, which one's stretch, and which one's snap! 1 Tarzan has teamed up into small groups to work together to collaboratively design and build a shelter that will be able to survive the breath of the Big Bad Wolf. We've heard that he is making his way to the classroom next week to see if he can blow the houses down. Let's hope the shelters are strong and sturdy!











Stage 1 - 2 Flash

Easter Hat Parade

2 Flash ended the term in an egg-cellent way. We had so much fun creating Easter hats at home and sharing our masterpieces with the school at the annual parade.







Anzac Day assembly and Musica Viva

We are excited to be back at school and have already participated in some amazing events. Thursday 27 April marked the day that we paid our respects to the ANZAC's. We made and wore poppies in commemoration of this historical anniversary. In Week 2, we engaged in the musical journey from the rich cultures of San Ureshi musicians. We got to listen and appreciate their music with our peers in Stage one.







Stage 2 - 4 Happy

Portrait Art

In Term 1, Stage 2 were exploring different styles of portraits. Enjoy these portrait works of art re-imagined as photographs. Students chose a famous artwork that inspired them and used their creativity to reimagine themselves as the subject. Ayrton (2/3 Genie) even took a trip to the Art Gallery of NSW during the holidays to find the perfect piece. He chose his painting because it made him think of himself and his dog Winston. Ayrton also thought it was interesting how the artist showed human feelings in a dog. All students said they had a lot of fun recreating these masterpieces.

















Anzac Art

In Week 1 this term, Stage 2 joined the rest of the school at the important ANZAC day assembly. Each class laid wreaths in remembrance of the soldiers who have fallen while serving Australia. In class, we continued our commemoration of this day by completing some ANZAC themed artworks.

















Stage 3

6 Buzz Investigates States of Matter

This semester, as part of our science unit, students in 6 Buzz have been investigating different states of matter, with a focus on the properties of solids, liquids and gases.

We conducted plenty of experiments during our visits to Fort Street High School last term. While we were there, we made oobleck, a non-Newtonian fluid that shows properties of both solids and liquids. We also made cartesian divers to investigate air pressure.

Our learning at school culminated in a shared Science Day with 5 Wasabi. In groups, we took on the role of science education YouTubers, and created experiment demonstration videos of our very own. Our experiment involved tipping a balloon full of bicarbonate of soda into a bottle containing white vinegar. By mixing a solid and a liquid together, we were able to make a gas – carbon dioxide – which inflated our balloons! As well as conducting our experiment, we had to work as a team to rise to the creative challenge of planning, scripting, filming and editing our videos.

"Science Day was an exciting day full of experiments and recording on iMovie, where I had the opportunity to collaborate with my classmates more." - Brian C.

"Science Day was a very fun day because we learned new things and recorded a video. I hope we can do this again!" - Ethan T.

"6 Buzz and 5 Wasabi had a fun time celebrating Science Day. The activity was creative and required us to work cohesively in a group, and was a success!" - Lilian Y.

"I found that Science Day was mostly about collaboration, safety, time management and fun. I enjoyed the experiment and think that my group planned well and collaborated effectively." – Niki H.













Library





We are excited to announce that we've purchased 3000 new books to add to our K-6 literacy programs. Receiving the books is a mammoth task and we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to our fantastic parent volunteers who have supported this process. The love for reading that we instill in our students is made possible through the constant support from our fabulous Summer Hill community. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these new books will make on our students' love for reading.

The Premier's Reading Challenge continues to be a fantastic way to engage your child with reading at home. Students love sharing their reading logs and finding new titles through the Premier's recommended reading list. We encourage you to continue to add to your child's reading log by following the link: https://tinyurl.com/24zsjzx2. Please contact the library if you would prefer a hard copy to write and track your child's reading. Students can also log their reading by using the Premier's Reading Challenge tile in their student portal.

Holiday reading

Congratulations and many thanks to everyone who shared their fantastic holiday reading selfies!

It's great to see books taken to so many unique places.

You can continue to share your reading selfies through your child's Class Dojo Portfolio. Hardcopies are also welcome in the library.

I look forward to sharing more photos during Book Week next term.



Library



We are excited to announce the installation of new Promethean boards in four of our classrooms! These boards offer a range of benefits, including interactive lessons, increased student engagement, and enhanced collaboration opportunities. With the ability to write, draw, and manipulate digital content, our teachers are able to create dynamic and immersive learning experiences for their students. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these boards will have in our classrooms and students' learning outcomes.





Chess

NSW Junior Chess League Competition 2023

The Primary Schools Competition draw is now available for all zones being held in weekly home-and-away format. You can find it on the NSWJCL website http://www.nswjcl.org.au/Schools/2023/Primary/DrawAndResults/InnerWest.htm, there are 5 divisions, select the tab/draw at the bottom of the web page.

Round 1 - Friday 5 May 2023

All Round 1 chess matches will be held at Summer Hill Public School library from 3pm - 4:15pm

Students have been notified of the team they are in by the chess club coach and a roster will be put up on the chess board in the library.

Light afternoon tea will be provided to students prior to the competition.

Any parents that would like to volunteer their time during chess matches at Summer Hill Public School, please reply by email (summerhill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) your expression of interest to volunteer.

Volunteers are required to complete the declaration for child-related workers form (available from the school office) and bring their photo ID when the completed form is handed to the school office.

Music



New Music Teachers

The new teachers for weekly class music lessons are Miss Cartwright (left) and Mrs Donato (right). Miss Cartwright is teaching music on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays to Stage 1, Stage 2 and 5 Ariel. Mrs Donato is teaching music on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to Stage 3.

We are already appreciating the musical talent of Summer Hill Public School! This term's music lessons relate to the 'Life is an Echo' Musica Viva performance held at our school on Monday 1 May. We hope students will have fun in music classes and learn new concepts about singing, percussion, composition and the elements of music.

Regards

Miss Cartwright and Mrs Donato





Sport

PSSA Code of conduct for students

- Play for the fun of it.
- •Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.
- Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
- Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.
- Play only when you are fully fit. To play with injury will handicap your team, and may expose you to the risk of further and more serious injury.
- Be a good sport. Applaud the good play of your teammates and that of your opponents.
- At all times cooperate with your coach, teammates and opponents, for without them you do not have a competition.
- Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.
- Sensible and responsible behaviour to be displayed in the classroom. If this rule is not followed, this could result in you not participating in PSSA on Friday afternoons.



Mothers and Special People Breakfast 2023 - Friday 12 May from 7.30am to 9.15am

We are holding a BBQ breakfast for the mothers and carers of the children of Summer Hill Public School. Dust off those BBQ aprons! We need partners, friends and family to show your support by helping cook and serve bacon and egg rolls, haloumi and mushroom rolls and sell raffle tickets. This will be a sustainable event, so please bring your reusable coffee cup with you.

We need plenty of volunteers for this one, so please help out!

Please sign up in this link https://signup.com/go/GxbMBnP



Movie Night - Saturday 27th May in the hall

We are holding another movie night in the hall, with a fun family movie, food, popcorn and friends! More info to come, but please save the date!



Disco - has moved to Friday 21 July, more details to come!

Scholastic Book Clubs – this will be coming out this term, look out for the catalogue in your child's bag!



Fundraising

We are looking for a new team to help with fundraising, it is all set up and quite easy to take over.

Please contact the P&C on summer hill public school @pandcaffiliate.org.au

Before and after school programs





Summer Hill PS (Afterschool) Auskick

Tuesday's 30/5 - 20/6, School Astro Turf, Ages 5 - 12, 3pm - 4:10pm

Come & try the new NAB AFL After School Auskick program at Summer Hill Public The program runs for 4 weeks for boys & girls aged 5-12

Each participant will receive their own NAB AFL Auskick pack including a football, pump, trading cards, draw string bag, fidget popper and access to FREE tickets to a Sydney Swans match all for \$50pp

Contact: George.steelepark@afl.com.au 0402462064

Register Below!



play.afl/auskick





Help your 7-13 year old child get healthy, active and happy with Go4Fun*.

Go4Fun® is a 10-week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13 who are above a healthy weight, and their families.

Sessions run once a week for two hours after school, during term.

Registrations are now open.
Call to find out about your local program

to register: free call 1800 780 900

SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back Register online at www.go4fun.com.au







Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Summer Hill Public School is held on:

1 day per week code: Wednesdays from 7:50am to 8:45am, starting on 26 April 2023

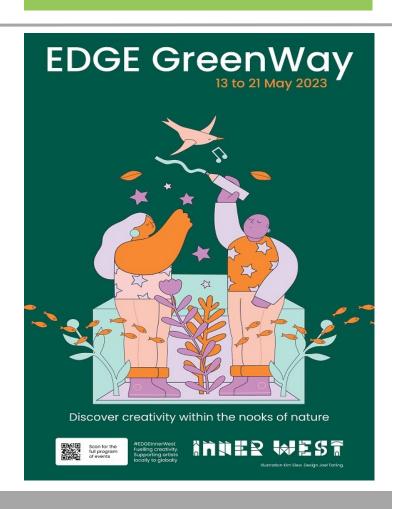
Wednesdays from 7:50am to 8:45am, starting on 26 April 2023

2 days per week code: Wednesdays from 7:50am to 8:45am, starting on 26 April 2023

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



Community notices



Share Our Space Free School Holiday Activities

There are free holiday activities being offered at selected schools during the holidays. Make sure you check out what holiday activities are on offer near you - Free holiday activities (nsw.gov.au)





DRIVING OFFENCES IN SCHOOL ZONES

