

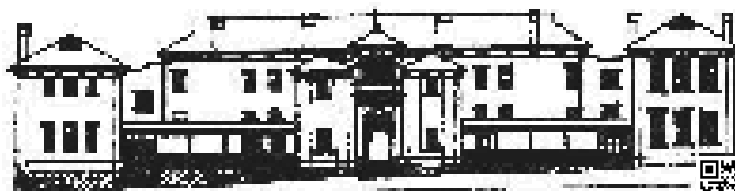
Week 6

Term 1

Wednesday

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2014



Summer Hill e-News



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Friday 11 April we will be holding our **Easter Hat Parade** for our K-2 students. This year we have discussed having our students make their hats at school with their buddies. This will not only strengthen the bond between the students, but will encourage creativity and imagination, which are integral to developing successful 21st Century learners. As we get closer to the date, teacher may ask for parents to donate some items for decorating the hats. We look forward to seeing some great creations!

Harmony Day is fast approaching. This year we will be holding a special assembly on Friday 21 March starting at 9.15am Parents are welcome to join us. This day is also the *National Day for Action Against Bullying and Violence*. This annual day provides a focus for our school to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen our existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

The **High School Information Evening** will be held on Tuesday 11 March at 6.15pm in the hall. Year 6 parents are invited to attend and find out how to fill in the 2015 High School application form and to ask questions relevant to the application process. I will be joined by Mr Tim Kay and Mrs Katherine Butler for this presentation.

Update on Grassed Playground Area

Last week we had a final inspection and collection of building material following the cutting of the grass. The hygienist report has been sent to Public Works with their recommendations for addressing the issue. These recommendations will be costed and sent onto our DEC Asset Management Officer who will then provide me with the report and recommendations. This may take a further few weeks. In the meantime, with all the watering and rain, the grass is growing and covering the area thereby successfully containing the area. I will notify you with any further updates when I receive them. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

International Women's Day is celebrated on 8 March each year. It is a day to celebrate the contribution women have made across the world to their communities and the progress that has been made for equality. It is a time to raise awareness about the unjust treatment that many women and children are still facing around the world and in Australia. International Women's Day was first declared in 1910 with the first event held in 1911. The United Nations International Women's Day 2014 theme is Inspiring Change. This year UN Women Australia has chosen a focus of Ending Poverty for Women and Girls

Coming Events

March

- Fri 7 - Kindy Parent "Home reader" Info Morning 8.30am KRS
- Fri 7 - Yr 3-6 Assembly 11.05am
- Fri 7 - PSSA Sport
- Mon 10 - Yr 3 @ Mosque 11.05am-3.20pm
- Tue 11 - High School Information Night 6.15-7.30pm
- Thu 13 - High School Selective Test
- Fri 14 - K-2 Assembly 11.05am
- Fri 14 - PSSA Sport
- Mon 17 to Fri 21 - Harmony Week
- **Mon 17 - Photos in Hall**
- Tue 18 - Music Committee Meeting 6.30pm
- Tue 18 - P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- Wed 19 - National Ride 2 School Day
- Wed 19 - Regional Swimming @ Homebush
- Fri 21 - K-6 HARMONY DAY Assembly 9.15am
- Fri 21 - PSSA Sport
- **Mon 24 to Wed 26 - YEAR 5 CAMP - NARRABEEN**
- Mon 24 - Buddies @ K-2 performance in Hall 1.30-2.30pm
- Thu 27 - Yr 3 @ Kuringai NP 9.15am-3.00pm
- Fri 28 - K-2 Assembly 11.05am
- Sat 29 & Sun 30 - Orchestra Workshop
- **Mon 31 - Group Photos**

April

- Fri 4 - Kindy @ Seymour Centre 10.45am-2.15pm
- Fri 4 - Training Band & Orchestra Breakfast 8.00am
- Fri 4 - DISCO K-3 (5pm-6.30pm)
Yrs 4-6 (6.30 to 8pm)
- **Sun 6 - Daylight Savings Ends (Turn clocks 1 hour back)**

Helping your child at home

Homework help

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments?

The free School A to Z app has been created by the Department of Education and Communities to help parents and their school-aged children, wherever and whenever they have homework and study questions.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z>

When lunch comes home again – uneaten

Almost nine out of 10 Australian parents say children's resistance is a major obstacle in their efforts to provide a healthy diet, and in many cases school lunches are one of the battlegrounds.

But it's a battle families can do without and there are some simple steps to help avoid it.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/food/when-lunch-comes-homeagain>

Help with English

Does your child need help with spelling or writing? Here are some resources that may help.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english>

Maths

Struggling to remember everything you learnt in Maths? If you need a refresher course, here are some tips and tools to help you to help your child.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics>

At our first P&C meeting, I raised the possibility of holding **3 Way Interviews** between parents, teachers and students at the end of Term 1. This would provide parents with the feedback on their child's learning early in the year, as well as opportunities to discuss with teachers the best way to support students in their learning at home. I have added a survey to this newsletter and ask parents to complete and return the slip with your preference to your child's teacher by **Friday 7 March**. Please note, if interviews are held at the end of Term 1, parents may still have the option to request a meeting with their child's teacher after receiving the Semester 1 reports. Staff will also be surveyed and I will provide the results of the survey to the community by Week 7. Thank you for your support with this request.

Karen Shehata

3 Way Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews Survey

I would like to have the 3 Way interviews at the end of Term 1

I would like to have the 3 Way interviews at the end of Term 2

Signed (optional) _____

Return by Friday 7 March

FROM THE DEPUTIES' OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

POLICIES

Our student welfare policies can be viewed on the school's website at:

<http://www.summerhill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/caring-for-students/student-welfare-policies>

RESTORATIVE PRACTICE PARENT WORKSHOPS

Thank you to approximately 45 parents who attended the Restorative Practice parent workshops on Wednesday last week. It was a great opportunity to find out more about this whole-school program.

THE SCHOOL DAY STARTS AT 9:15AM

It is a legal requirement that school-age children are present at their school of enrolment during the hours of operation of that school. Our school day commences at 9:15am, and students must be here by that time to commence their lessons. Thank you for your support.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

We welcome students cycling and/or scooting safely to school, with parent permission (in writing, including email).

Extract from "Student Travel to and from School" Policy:

Students in Years 1-6 are permitted to ride bicycles and scooters to school with the permission of their parents/carers. Parents/carers are required to inform the Deputy Principal, Student Welfare, in writing if their child is going to ride to school.

The conditions under which the school expects a student to ride a bicycle or scooter to school are:

- *the student rides safely to and from school*
- *the student wears a helmet while riding the bicycle or scooter*
- *the student does not ride the bicycle or scooter in the school grounds and*
- *the student provides a chain and padlock to secure the bicycle to the student bike rack outside the school office during school hours, or arranges with their class teacher an appropriate place to store the scooter during school hours.*

The school does not accept any responsibility for the care of the bicycle or scooter or associated equipment during the school day.

CHANGE OF ROUTINE

We encourage all families to have a plan whereby changes to end-of-day pick-up routines can be communicated effectively and arrangements for a 'Plan B' are in place (eg: a late pick-up or a change to an after-school activity). This may include attending an after-school care provider or going to a friend's house. This can prevent a lot of worry when occasionally things change.

REMINDERS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our photo days are coming up – Monday 17th March for classes (main day) and Monday 31st March for other groups. On the main day all class photos and family/individual portrait photos will be taken. Weather permitting, we also take the Year 6 group photo. On the second day the other group photos (eg: band, orchestra, library monitors) will be taken. The prefect photo will be taken on 17th March because the prefects are out of the school on the 31st.

All orders and payments for class, individual and family photos are to be given to the photographers on the day. **NO MONEY OR ORDERS ARE TO BE HANDED TO CLASS TEACHERS OR TO THE OFFICE AT ANY TIME.** Spare order forms are available from the office. Family (sibling) photo order forms are available from the office.

The office will not be able to give change on photo day and will not be able to phone home on photo day for students who do not have an order form. Late orders can be made through the photography company and may incur a late fee.

Group photos will be available for order after they have been taken and we have been sent samples to have a look at. These will be on display for a period of time once they have been made available to us.

All enquiries regarding photo packages, prices and photos after they have been taken are to be made directly to the photography company: Advancedlife 1300 728 972

Mark Warnock and Jane Williams.



LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you for assisting to maintain our school library collection by ensuring children bring a waterproof bag to school on library days.

THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The SHPS library staff continues to promote the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) as a great way to extend children's reading skills and expose them to a 'smorgasbord' of classic writing for children.

PRC titles in the K-2 (marked with a Pink Star) and Y3-4 (marked with a Yellow Star) sections of the PRC are located separately in the school library for ease of selection.

Students in Years 5 and 6 can locate NSW Premier's Reading Challenge titles held in our library collection by using the 'Reading Lists' section of our school library catalogue 'My Library'.

Once read, the title should be recorded into the student's reading record online at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge

Children can log on to the PRC website using the same username and password they use to access the Kid Space Portal.

*Please note that the library computer system does not record your child's loan history so it is important to record each title your child reads before returning it to the library!

THE ANNUAL WRITER IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Students in Year 3 and 4 will soon enjoy their visit from the first of our writers in residence this year. Deborah Abela is a dynamic and captivating storyteller. She delights in creating thought provoking writing activities for the children who attend her workshops.

The Year 5 and 6 writer in residence, John Heffernan, will come to Summer Hill PS in Week 11. John's new book, Naveed will be launched during that visit, more details to come soon.

K-2 students will meet up with Sarah Davis, visiting author and illustrator, in term three.



CHESS TOURNAMENT at NEWINGTON COLLEGE THURSDAY MARCH 6th

There are a record **140 students** participating in the SH Chess Club. Approximately 15 of these players will be representing our school this Thursday at the Chess Tournament at Newington College. If your child is going, please ensure they are dressed in a clean, full school uniform (with a hat - we will have recess!). All students should bring their morning tea. Lunch can also be brought, or purchased at Newington. All students are expected to be on their best behaviour. Students are not to bring phones. If you need to contact your child for whatever reason, you can call Susan on 0411738445. If any other parents can stay for an hour or two and help supervise the team, it would be most appreciated

Newington has instructed parents to drop their children off in front of the school, or just through the entrance past the footbridge. There will then be ample signage that will direct the children to the function room above the swimming pool where the tournament will be held. Parents may not park inside the school grounds.

GOOD LUCK SUMMER HILL!

FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace - 8 March

This is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world to commemorate the historic struggle to improve women's lives. The United Nations has promulgated this day and has helped create internationally agreed strategies, standards, programs and goals to advance the status of women worldwide.

Commonwealth Day – 10 March

Commonwealth Day is an annual event, held on the second Monday in March, when all fifty-four member countries of the Commonwealth celebrate their links with one another. This day promotes international cooperation and understanding of world issues, bringing into focus the work of the Commonwealth. The Queen issues a special message through Commonwealth Prime Ministers and Presidents to the citizens of the Commonwealth, particularly school children.

P&C NEWS

YOU CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC! NOBODY CAN STOP THE MUSIC!

That's right ladies and gentlemen...it's DISCO TIME!

Enjoy the last Friday of daylight savings at the School Disco!

WHEN Friday 4 April

K-3 @ 5pm to 6.30pm

Yrs 4-6 @ 6.30 to 8pm

WANTED

Creative minds to join the committee to help make this disco really rock the schoolhouse!

Contact Helen 0408 003 757 or dewolfies@yahoo.com.au

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Summer Hill Public School will be celebrating active travel on **Wednesday 19 March**. We encourage students and their families to leave the car at home on this day and walk, ride your bike or scooter to school.



leighringrose@hotmail.com

We support our students to walk or ride to school because:

- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day.
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases 'drop off congestion'.
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Don't forget you need to wear a helmet when riding to school and bring a lock to use on the school bike and scooter racks.

Parents who are interested in helping out on the day can contact Leigh on

OPERATION ART 2014

Summer Hill Public School has been invited to participate in Operation Art which is an initiative of the Children's Hospital at Westmead and the NSW Department of Education and Communities. This program provides a forum for schools and students to display their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armoury Gallery Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of NSW.

Last year a painting by **Max G (5GB)**, was chosen as a winner. It is currently part of an exhibition that is being shown in regional galleries across NSW. Eventually it will be hung in a hospital to help brighten up the wards.

Each participating school may submit up to four pieces of work by any student from Kindergarten to Year 6. All the pieces submitted by our students will be judged by a totally independent art expert from **The Royal Art Society of**

NSW who will decide on the four pieces which will represent our school. The theme of the work must be something cheerful and uplifting that is appropriate for display in a hospital.

The piece of work can range in size from a minimum A4 (30 x 21 cm) to a maximum A2 (42 x 60 cm) and a maximum depth of 5mm.

Paintings do not need to be framed. Winning entries will be professionally framed and exhibited at the Armoury Gallery in Olympic Park.

The closing date for submissions is **Friday 11th April 2014**.

All art work is to be given to **Mrs Bell** by this date.



ITALIAN NEWS

A few vacancies have become available in Italian. If you are interested in a spot for your child, please email sterravecchia@hotmail.com. Preference will be given to those who have expressed interest before and have put their names down on the waiting list.

On Wednesday March 13th the Senior Italian Group will be having class at Da Vinci's restaurant on Lackey Street, SH. The children will be learning how to make their own pizzas from scratch, all in Italian. Pizza and Gelato for breakfast! You will need to drop your child off at Da Vinci's by 7:30 a.m. (with an apron and hair tied back) and we will walk them up to school at 9 a.m. The Junior Class (Years 1 & 2) will have their chance at making pizzas for breakfast the following week, March 20th, at 7:30 a.m. There is no cost for this excursion as it is included in the term fees. The Kindergarten group will do this excursion later in the year.

Grazie,
Susan

EXCURSION TO CANBERRA - THURSDAY APRIL 24

The Summer Hill Italian Program is having a fundraiser – a day trip to our nation's capital city, Canberra, and you are invited. Spend a fun day out during the school holidays with friends and classmates! Bring a friend, a classmate, even your Mum or Dad!

When: Thursday, April 24th 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 pm

How: Via Telford's Luxury Coach (DVD/CD, AC, Toilet & Seatbelt Equipped) G or PG movies will be shown both ways.

How Much: \$75

Why: To raise money for the growing Italian Program at SHPS (55 children enrolled!)

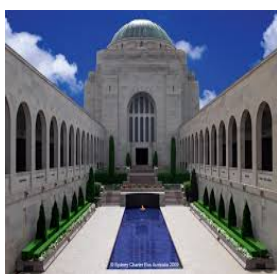
Who: Anyone can come. The ratio of chaperones/parent volunteers to children will be at approx. 1:10

What's Included: Morning Tea, Visits to The War Memorial, The Summit of Mt Ainslie, Entry to Questacon, and a tour of The National Museum of Australia. BYO lunch/afternoon tea.



Spaces are limited, so book now by filling out the permission slip below and handing it in either at Italian class or at the school's office before Friday April 4th. Exact change only please!

Email sterravecchia@hotmail.com for more information.



I, _____ (Parent/Carer) give permission for my child _____, age _____, to attend this excursion to Canberra on April 24, 2014. My child has _____ medical conditions you should be aware of (use back if more space is needed and send your child with own inhalers/Epipens, etc.) I understand that my child will need to be at the bus in Summer Hill Village (near the fountain) by 6:00 a.m. and picked up by approximately 7:30pm in the same place.

Parent name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Contact Numbers: _____

COMPETITION

To encourage students to “Say No To Bullying” Interrelate is running a poster competition. The competition is open to all NSW public school primary school students. Entries must be received at Interrelate by 18th March.

A judging panel will choose the winners from the students whose posters best depict the theme “My School Without Bullying”. The winners will be announced on the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence on 21st March at Interrelate’s Head Office in Sydney and notified thereafter.

POSTER COMPETITION



To enter, draw a picture of:

‘My school without bullying’

PRIZES

- 1st prize in NSW wins \$500
- Highly commended student from each school wins a book
- The school with the most entries wins \$1000
- All entrants receive a small gift

Write your name, age, grade and school on the back of your poster and hand in to the school office.



Friday 21st March
Support the National Day of Action
Against Bullying & Violence

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open three times a week for you to pop in and purchase any uniform essentials. We are open Tuesday 8.30 - 9.30, Friday 9.00 - 10.00am & Friday 2.30 - 3.30pm. Come in and try on uniforms or get some advice on what's needed.

Alternatively you can choose to order online at our website www.youruniformshop.com.au, and go to the Summer Hill page from the drop down menu. On placing your order you can nominate to have it delivered free to your child's class or pay a postage fee to have it sent to any nominated address.

YOUR UNIFORM SHOP

THE ONE STOP ONLINE SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

WEB: www.youruniformshop.com.au PHONE: (02) 9905 2711





YOU CAN ORDER YOUR UNIFORM BY DOING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Order/pay the web: www.youruniformshop.com.au
- Place your order via fax: (02) 9905 2815
- Visit Pickles Schoolwear Retail Shop in Brookvale
- Visit the website to check opening for times

SUMMER HILL UNIFORM CATALOGUE

SUMMER UNIFORM



Girls Short Sleeve Summer Check Dress



Girls Royal Skort



Unisex Short Sleeve Poly Cotton Polo Shirt



Unisex Short Sleeve 100% Cotton Polo Shirt



Boys Royal Cargo Shorts



Boys Royal Knit Shorts

WINTER UNIFORM



Girls Winter Tartan Tunic



Girls White Cotton Skivvy



Girls Winter Skort



Girls Royal Bootleg Winter Pant



Unisex LS Poly Cotton Polo & LS 100% Cotton Polo



Boys Royal Cargo Pant

FLEECE

HATS



Unisex Navy Zip Fleece Jacket



Unisex Royal Polar Fleece Jacket



Unisex Royal Zip Fleece Jacket



Boys Royal Cargo Pant



Royal Slouch Hat
Royal Alice Hat
Royal Legionnaires Cap

ACCESSORIES



Unisex Royal Raincoat



Royal Backpack (Medium & Large)



Royal Library Homework Bag



Thick Cotton Tights



3 Pack White Socks



Navy Winter Knee High Socks



Satin Bow on Elastic; Gold, Navy, Royal or White



Royal Satin & Winter Check Headband (Narrow & Wide)



Recorder Descant

COMMUNITY NEWS



**Ashfield's
Carnival
of Cultures**

**Sunday 16th March 2014
10am-4pm at Ashfield Park**

Free event with live entertainment across two stages, international food, market stalls and fun activities for all the family. Rides, plant giveaway for residents and roving entertainers.

Free shuttle bus will run regularly from Ashfield Mall. Cycle to the Carnival and use the free secure bike parking to go in the draw for a prize.

For details contact Ashfield Council on 9716 1800 or visit www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2014

together in
MOTION
WOMEN IN SPORT FESTIVAL



Sunday 9 March
PCYC/STEEL PARK, MARRICKVILLE
VISIT REPOST.MARRICKVILLE.NSW.GOV.AU

**SUMMER HILL
LAKERS NETBALL CLUB**


ESTABLISHED 1992

✦ **REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON FOR 2014** ✦
WINTER COMPETITION

Would you like to play Netball or learn to play Netball?
We have a few spots left in the teams listed below.
Join a team today!



WHO Modified: 9-10yrs
Juniors: 11-12yrs & 13-14yrs

WHERE Lakers Netball Club play in the Inner Western Suburbs Netball Association Competition at Cintra Park, Concord on Saturdays, April to August. Training starts in March at Haberfield and teams need to be organised as soon as possible!

The Club is focused on player development: skills, fitness and sportsmanship. Girls learn the benefits of team sport and are encouraged to develop skills enabling them to play, and even coach and umpire netball.

Please visit the website for registration forms and more details:

www.lakersiwsna.netball.asn.au


And send your completed form with Player photo and online payment details to our Registrar:

Caroline Snelling
caroline.snelling@gmail.com

DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 11th MARCH, 12.00PM.

SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

ABSENTEE NOTE



(To be returned to classroom teacher first day back after absence)

Students Name: Class:

Date/s of absence/s:

Reason for absence:

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Name of Parent/Carer:

Signature of Parent/Carer: Date: