FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

WELL DONE
Last Friday I was fortunate to be able to assist our cricket coach, Mr Otto with the trials. It was an absolute pleasure to work with a group of students who were so supportive and positive. It will be a difficult choice to select the teams for the upcoming Zone PSSA season. Whoever Mr Otto selects I am sure will be great representatives of the school. Trials continue for summer sport this Friday for softball and cricket.

My thanks must also go to Mr Steggels and Mr Sinclair who are coordinating the swimming carnival that will be on Thursday 14 February for our Years 3 to 6 students.

Chess, debating and music groups are also starting to be organised. Keep an eye out for the information in the newsletter and the school website and note down 19 February for ‘Meet the Teacher Evening’, details to follow.

In this week’s newsletter there is information about becoming a class parent contact. Please have a look at the details about the role. It may be something that would suit you or perhaps share the position.

UNIFORMS
Our students are really looking good in the uniforms. It is also good to see that black shoes are being worn. Remember only school hats at school.

TRAFFIC
It is timely as we are now into our second week of term to remind everyone who drives to school to please be mindful of the parking and traffic conditions. If everyone obeys the signage and drives to the rules it will be safer for all involved. Where at all possible, walking is the best solution. As many of you may know the P&C have been working hard to get some improvements to assist in a better traffic flow and pedestrian safety. To that end our P&C President Ms Samuels and I will have a meeting at the council chambers this week.

Greg McLachlan

FROM THE DEPUTIES’ OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

ANAPHYLAXIS
The Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a GENERAL USE adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen or AnaPen) for their first aid kit/s.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

Coming Events

February

- Thu 7 - Senior Band rehearsal starts 8-9am
- Fri 8 - K-2 Awards 9.15am
- Fri 8 - Yr 3-6 Assembly 11.30am
- Fri 8 - Yr 4-6 PSSA Summer Trials 1.20-3pm
- Mon 11 - K-6 Assembly 9.15am
- Mon 11 - Intermediate Choir starts 8.15am (KRS)
- Mon 11 - Senior Choir starts 8.15am (next to 5JG)
- Thu 14 - Swimming Carnival (Yr 3-6)
- Fri 15 - K-2 Awards 9.15am
- Fri 15 - Training Orchestra Intro 7.30-9.00am
- Fri 15 - Training Band Intro 3-6pm
- Mon 18 - K-2 Restorative Practice 9.15-10.45am
- Mon 18 - Yr 3 & 4 Restorative Practice 11am-12.40pm
- Mon 18 - Yr 5 & 6 Restorative Practice 1.20-3.00pm
- Tue 19 - K-2 Assembly 1.20pm
- Tue 19 - Meet the Teacher evening
- Tue 19 - Music Committee Meeting 6.30pm
- Tue 19 - P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- Fri 22 - K-2 Awards 9.15am
- Fri 22 - Yr 3-6 Assembly 11.30am
- Fri 22 - Summer PSSA starts
- Tue 22 - K-2 Assembly 1.20pm

March

- Fri 1 - K-2 Awards 9.15am
- Fri 1 - Yr 3-6 Assembly 11.30am
- Fri 1 - Schools Clean Up Day
- Mon 4 to Wed 6 - YEAR 4 CAMP
- Tue 5 - Zone Swimming @ Auburn
- Fri 6 - K-2 Awards 9.15am
AMENDMENT TO WEEK 1 TERM 1 NEWSLETTER
The school apologises for an omission in last week’s newsletter regarding classes and teachers. The teacher for KRS is Ms R Salter who is also an Assistant Principal (AP).

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

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

Mark Warnock, Jo Meldrum and Tim Kay

SPORT NEWS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013

Date: Thursday the 14th February
Venue: Ashfield Aquatic Centre, cnr of Frederick and Elizabeth Sts, Ashfield. 50 metre Olympic pool.
Students: All students in Years 3-6 plus students in Year 2 who turn 8 this year and are involved in squad training.
Transport: Buses leave from school at 9.15am. Students must be at school by 9am.
Permission: Students must return the signed permission note to their class teacher. Parents must indicate on the note their child’s swimming ability.
Clothing: Appropriate swim wear, hats and shoes. Students are asked to dress in house colours. No colour hair spray or crepe paper streamers are permitted. Students must wear sunscreen.

Border - Blue Campese - Red Lewis - Yellow Flemming - Green

Food: It is recommended that students bring along recess, lunch and a drink. Food is also available from the shop at the centre.
Open 100m: This event is held at the pool at 9am. Participating students must make their own way to the pool. Please advise Mr Steggels if your child is competing.
Age races: Freestyle (8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 years)
Junior (8, 9 & 10 years), 11 years and 12/13 years races in backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly.
Junior & Senior relays
There are no finals. Placings in each event are based on heat times, as is the formation of relay teams for each house. From these results a team is selected to represent the school at the Western Suburbs Primary School Sports Association (WSPSSA) Area Carnival.

Mr Steggels
(Swimming Carnival Organiser)
NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

TRAINING BAND AND TRAINING ORCHESTRA
SPECIAL FIRST REHEARSALS
Information is going home today to all students involved in Training Band and Training Orchestra. If you have not received anything regarding this please contact Janet Sutherland at the office.

TRAINING BAND
The special first rehearsal is on Friday 15th February at 3.00pm-6.00pm in the hall, including a concert and “Meet the Tutors” at 5.30pm. Please bring yourselves and your instrument if you have one already. New students will be assigned their instruments and music, and will then go in groups with tutors to learn how to assemble and play a few notes on their instrument. The band will give a short concert for parents at the end of the session. Also tutors will be available to talk to parents about setting up lesson times.

TRAINING ORCHESTRA
The special first rehearsal is on Friday 15th February at 7.30am-9.00am in the library. Please bring yourselves and your instrument if you have one already. New students will be assigned their instruments and music and will then go in groups with tutors to learn how to assemble and play a few notes on their instrument.

These special sessions are a “one-off” rehearsal to get all the administration and teething problems with instruments out of the way. Normal rehearsals start on Friday 22nd February:

Training Band 8.00-9.00am in the hall.
Training Orchestra 8.00-9.00am in the library.

JUNIOR RECORDER
If your child is interested in joining the Junior Recorder classes (Yr 2), please complete and return the note that was sent home last week. There will be 2 classes, one on Tuesday 8.15-9.00am and the other on Thursday 3.10-3.55pm. The classes will be conducted by Alicia Crossley. Alicia has taught recorder at Summer Hill and in a number of schools in the area. Classes will start on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th February.

CHOIR NEWS
The Intermediate and Senior Choirs will commence in Week 3. The Intermediate Choir is for Year 3 & 4 students, while the Senior Choir is for students in Years 5 & 6. There are no auditions to join, but later in the year there will be opportunities to audition for the Primary Proms at the Sydney Town Hall, Primary Choral Festival at the Sydney Opera House, and, possibly, The Schools Spectacular at the entertainment Centre (TBC). So far, the choirs have been successful in applying for the aforementioned Arts Units’ Concerts, which is very exciting!

If you are interested in joining, here are the details:
Intermediate Choir will meet in Ms Salter’s room (KRS) on Monday 11 February at 8.15 am.
Senior Choir will meet in Mrs Bale’s room (Support Room next to 5JG) on Monday 11 February at 8.15 am.

We look forward to meeting all interested students for another year of singing and performing together!

Ms Rebecca Salter (Intermediate Choir Director)
Ms Gillian Bale (Senior Choir Director)
P&C NEWS
JOIN THE P&C FOR THE AGM ON 19 FEBRUARY

2013 promises to be an exciting year for the P&C at Summer Hill Public School. The P&C’s Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 19 February at 7.30pm in the school library. We’d love to see lots of new faces.

There are many ways parents can help out the P&C. It is also great way to meet other parents! It only takes a gold coin donation to join, so come along and become part of our vibrant and exciting P&C.

The first meeting of the year is an opportunity to hear about all the activities that will be held throughout the year. Our focus item for this first meeting will be the Spring Fair – the biggest fundraising event on our calendar.

We look forward to seeing you all on 19 February at 7.30pm!

ACTIVITY STATEMENTS

A reminder to all parents and carers that payments for activity statements can be made on-line via the school website.

The Year 4 Activity Statements have been sent home this week. The camp permission notes and payments must be returned to school by Friday 15th February.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics for Year 5 students will be starting in Week 3 and will run until Week 10 of this term. More details to follow.

YEAR 1 & 2 DANCE

Dance classes for Year 1 and 2 students have begun this week.

FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Lunar New Year (Year of the Snake) - 9 February
There are many rituals and traditions associated with Lunar New Year. Sacrificing to ancestors is an important New Year’s tradition followed by a dinner for the ancestors shared by the living. Fifteen days of celebration follow, each with a different significance. In Sydney Chinese-Australians enjoy a range of festivities including dragon boat races and a grand parade.

Tet (Vietnamese New Year) - 12 February
Tet means the first morning of the first day of the year. Celebrations last for seven days. Events on New Year’s Day are believed to determine people’s luck for the rest of the year. Family members exchange gifts and pay homage to the Kitchen god. They also visit temples to pray for prosperity and good health.

Shrove/Pancake Tuesday – 12 February
Shrove Tuesday is the day for seeking repentance and forgiveness in preparation of Lent. It is also known as Pancake Day. The four basic ingredients symbolise significant aspects of Easter: eggs – creation; flour – staff of life; salt – wholesomeness; milk – purity. Pancakes are believed to bring good luck as they are made using herbs and other ingredients associated with bringing prosperity.

Ash Wednesday – 13 February
This is the first day of Lent. Ashes made from palms used in the previous year’s Palm Sunday services are used to make the sign of the cross on the foreheads of parishioners.
Summer Hill Public - Class Parents 2013

Aim: The Class Parent scheme hopes to facilitate and support communication, and involvement, within the school community.

What the Class Parent does:

- Help collate and distribute a list with contact details of the families in the class (parental permission must be gained to include contact details on the list). If email is not available then a hard copy of the contact list will be given. Parents find the contact list useful for arranging social events e.g. playdates, as well as making other things easier e.g. remembering names.
- If the class teacher desires, have brief contact with this teacher once each week, in person or via email. Any relevant communication from the teacher is then to be relayed to the other parents/carers either verbally, via email, or by note. Many weeks there will be nothing to communicate.
- Assist the teacher in the identification and recruitment of people who can support classroom activities/programs. e.g. reading, craft, sport, excursions etc.
- Be the teacher’s reference person for reminders e.g. more tissues/ helpers needed/ return permission slips.
- Co-ordinate families of the class members in social events if desired eg. a morning tea, family picnic day. (Not the sole responsibility of the Class Parent but they may get the ball rolling i.e. call for volunteers to organise).
- Co-ordinate social functions for the parents/carers of the class, if desired eg. a dinner. Help introduce new families joining the class after the start of the school year.

To become a Class Parent:

- Nominate yourself to the teacher at the beginning of the year. Two parents/carers may wish to share the role. Commit to a term or longer. Then please contact me, so I can send you a Class Parent guide: Jacquie – jacqteff@optusnet.com.au or Phone 9787 9535.
- Be at school on a reasonably regular basis, twice a week would be fine, at pick-up and/or drop-off times so that they are available to other parents/carers.
- Attend one meeting a year with the Class Parent co-coordinator, if required.

What the role is NOT:

- The Class Parent does not act as a focus for issues/problems associated with the students, class or school. These issues/problems are directed to the class teacher, school executive, or principal.

Why participate?

“When parents are involved, students achieve more, regardless of socio-economic status, ethnic/racial background, or the parents’ educational level….the more extensive the parent involvement, the higher the student achievement.”

COMMUNITY NEWS

HURLSTONE PARK WANDERERS SOCCER
What: Registration for Winter Soccer ages 4 - All age Boys and Girls
Where: Hurlstone Park RSL
When: Sun 9th 10-2
See the web site for online registration details and contact details:
or contact adelewalsh128@yahoo.com.au

WESTS JUNIORS AFL CLUB
You’re invited to play AFL in 2013 with Wests Juniors in Croydon Park.
Under 5s to under 16s
Low registration fees
Socks, shorts, jerseys provided
info@westsjuniorsafl.com.au
www.westsjuniorsafl.com.au
Phone 0410 187 905

MUSIC LESSONS
Music lessons (early grades) and help with Violin practice in Lewisham, $15 per half hour. For details please phone Cathy Davis 9560 5850/0400 993 428

FREE PIANO
Concord Pianola (from USA), 100 years old, beautiful sound, needs a tune. You move from Summer Hill.
Call Susan or text 0411 738 445.

DRAMA CLASSES THURSDAYS AT SUMMER HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE
FUN Drama Classes designed to develop children’s confidence, communication skills and creativity are held at the Summer Hill Community Centre (next to SHARE)
Junior Children are collected at Summer Hill Public School at 3:00 pm and walked down
Meeting place for Juniors: Round curved seat near the flagpole in front of the office.
Kindy to Yr 2 3:20 to 4:20 pm
Yrs 3 & 4 4:20 to 5:20 pm
Yrs 5 & 6 5:20 to 6:20 pm
Further details call Karin on 9953 4040 or register for a FREE trial class
www.kidsupfront.com.au

FOR SALE
VIOLIN & OBOE
1. Full size violin, good quality student instrument $600
2. Oboe- Tom Sharpe- lovely instrument suit beginner to grade 5 level $3000 ono
Please ring Ross 0403 842 022 or Janina 0403 959 211

CHILDREN’S VIOLINS
1. ¼ size St Antonio violin. Good condition and only played for one year (a couple of small chips in the varnish). This instrument is recommended by teachers and was set up by a local luthier. With case and bow. Originally cost $450. For sale for $200.
2. ½ size Enrico violin. Good condition and only played for two years (also has a couple of small chips in the varnish). This instrument is recommended by teachers and was set up by a local luthier. With case. Originally cost $485. For sale for $180 (no bow with this instrument – available inexpensively from a local shop or ebay).
Please ring Simon on 9564 5538 (located in Dulwich Hill)