FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

THANK YOU
Last Saturday’s gardening bee was a great success. There was large number of parents including ex Summer Hill parents and some helpful children that worked on the school grounds. It has really made a difference to our school environment. Thank you to Alex and Gina who coordinated the afternoon.

On Monday we had a special Harmony Day assembly which was hosted by our two school captains, Madeleine M and Rory O. Our special guest was our local Member of Parliament, Ms Linda Burney. It was good to see so many students wearing something orange which is the colour for Harmony Day. Thanks must go to Mr Kay and 6TK who coordinated the assembly.

Greg McLachlan

FROM THE DEPUTIES’ OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

IMPORTANT! MEDICAL CONDITIONS
Please ensure a health plan is prepared for your child if he or she has a medical condition that may require awareness, intervention or attention at school, even if no medication is required. This includes asthma.
Please see Mr Warnock if this applies and your child does not already have a health plan or if your child’s health plan needs to be updated. Thank you.

UPCOMING DATE
National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, Friday 15 March 2013
Website for parents, students and teachers: http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

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

CURRICULUM
PARENTS’ GUIDE TO THE NSW PRIMARY SYLLABUSES – helping parents to understand their child's progress through primary school (NSW Board of Studies – available online at http://k6.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/go/parents/parents-guide-to-the-nsw-primary-syllabuses)
HSIE

In Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE), students learn about history, geography, civics and citizenship. They investigate their personal and community identity and gain an understanding of their nation and its place in the world. They learn to participate effectively in maintaining and improving the quality of their society and environment.

Examples of HSIE in Kindergarten

Students:
- Tell stories about family heritage and use language such as 'time', 'change' and 'place';
- Tell about how families are similar and different, and how the needs of individuals are met in a family;
- Get involved in class discussions about special events and cultural celebrations, eg ANZAC Day.

Examples of HSIE in Year 1 and Year 2

Students:
- Talks about the lives of people in their family and community, past and present;
- Talk about customs, practices, symbols, languages and traditions of their family and other people they know who belong to different groups and families;
- Recognise Aboriginal people as the first Australians;
- Learn about their local community and how it has changed over time;
- Use maps and globes to locate places and countries;
- Show an understanding of the relationship between environments and people and what they can do to help protect their environment.

Examples of HSIE in Year 3 and Year 4

Students:
- Learn that Australian history spans thousands of years;
- Talk about and identify different roles and responsibilities within the school and community;
- Investigate the various ways to care for the local environment and what they can do at home and school to help protect the environment;
- Investigate the local area to identify important people in history;
- Describe similarities and differences between communities in Australia, Asia and other places in the world, including religion, languages and cultures;
- Learn about early Australian explorers, eg Bass and Flinders.

Examples of HSIE in Year 5 and Year 6

Students:
- Learn about colonial exploration and the impact of the discovery of gold;
- Use maps and globes to locate global and Australian regions;
- Explain how laws are developed and changed through Australia's local, state and federal government structure;
- Learn about what it means to be Australian;
- Investigate an environmental issue of local, national and global significance and examine its impact on people and their world;
- Describe the electoral process, including an understanding of the democratic process.

REMINDERS

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office hours are 8.00am to 3.45pm. All enquiries and transactions need to take place within these hours. Thank you.

INFANTS COURTYARD BEFORE 9.15AM

Students are not permitted to be in the infants courtyard (in front of the office) before school other than to drop bags off in designated class areas. Parents, please do not remain in this area with your child/ren before school, and do not play games in this area. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our photo days are coming up – Monday 18th March for classes (main day) and Monday 8th April 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.

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. Class teachers will distribute order forms and spare order forms will be available from the office. Family (sibling) photo order forms will also be 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. A late order form will be available on the day from the photographers.
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, Tim Kay and Jo Meldrum

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**SPORT NEWS**

**ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**
On Tuesday the 5th of March approximately twenty Summer Hill students represented our school in the Zone Swimming Carnival. It was a very successful and exciting day. We have two talented students, Jessica X and John K who will now be competing in the Regional Carnival. Congratulations to those students!

We are very appreciative of the support from Mr Sinclair and Ms Pillay who were there on the day supporting us. We wouldn’t have been there without them!

Madeleine M

Special mention and thanks go to Ms Murray for playing such a big role in the coordination and success of the swimming team.

Mr Sinclair & Ms Pillay

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**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 five and six 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 are currently enjoying their visit from the first of our writers in residence this year. Richard Tulloch is a dynamic and captivating storyteller. He delights in creating thought provoking writing activities for the children who attend his workshops. Students may be able to enjoy the fruits of Richard’s labours later this year. His adaptation will bring Andy Griffith’s book, The 13-Storey Treehouse to life as a play, to be staged at the Seymour Centre in September.

The Year 5 and 6 writer in residence, Deborah Abela, will come to Summer Hill PS in week 11, between Monday 8th and Thursday 11th April.

K-2 students will meet up with Tina Matthews, visiting author and illustrator, in Term three.
AWARDS

The following students received Merit Awards:

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FRIENDLY REMINDER

Statements will be going out to families next week for all outstanding activities/excursions. Remember you can pay on line via the website.

DEBATING WORKSHOP - 6th March

Last Wednesday, 8 debaters - Flora L, Yijun C, Emily W, Leila NH, Jacky C, Ellie BG, Madeleine M and Selena Y - went to Canterbury South Public School with many other schools, to attend a debating workshop. We learnt a lot about preparing a debate, then how to effectively organise our speeches and even challenged each other in a practice debate (with only 10 minutes to prepare). Luckily, we were ready for this, thanks to the excellent training we have received from Ms Grenet. We all enjoyed the experience and had a great time!

Selena Y and Flora L
P&C NEWS

The next P&C meeting is next week on Tuesday 19 March at 7.30pm in the school library. At this meeting we will have an informal introduction to all the sub-committees the P&C coordinates. There are so many ways to get involved and this is your chance to put your hat in the ring. All of the committee coordinators will be on hand to talk about their committee and the work involved. We’d love to answer your questions, hear your suggestions and it will also be an opportunity to get to know one another better.

If you are not already a member of the P&C, come along on Tuesday with a gold coin donation and join our vibrant group. If you can’t make it to the meeting but would like to get involved, send us an email at summerhillpandc@gmail.com

We’ll see you on Tuesday at 7.30pm!

HOT CROSS BUNS! YUMMY HOT CROSS BUNS!
The P&C is holding a hot cross bun stall on Thursday 28 March from 8.15 to 9.15am. The stall is on the same day as the Easter Hat Parade.

These delicious hot cross buns (made by Baker’s Delight) are only $6 for a pack of six! And the four scrumptious flavours available are: traditional fruit, chocolate, mocha or fruitless.

Pre-order your hot cross buns by 3pm Friday 22 March 2013: hotcrossbuns2013@gmail.com OR via the order form in your child’s bag OR via the order form at the back of this newsletter. Your delicious, fresh buns will be available for pick up on the day.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the stall, please contact kayleneandsyd@gmail.com

THANKS TO ALL THE GREEN THUMBS
The gardening bee held last Saturday 9 March was a huge success! We had such a large number of volunteers that we completed all the garden jobs around the school in under two hours!

Thank you to all who contributed – you really earned the hot dogs and drinks: Mike; Lucinda; Brendan; Frances; Ben; Louis; Dave; Jane; Rachel; Freya; Bridget; Angus; Harry; Hayley; George; Vivian; Linden; Zoe; Jai; Dushan; Amali; Helen; Owen; Neil; Andrew; Taras; Saskia; Hanh; Isabella; Eugenia; Joe; Tom; Sofia; Andy; Jordy; Brandi; Clarke; Oliver; Vicky; Archie; Daisy; Millie; Jane; Bruce; Earnest; Grace; and Greg the mower!

Alex and Gina
Gardening Committee Coordinators

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

National Ride to School Day is on Friday March 22nd and everyone is invited to walk or ride to school.

Whether walking, on your bike, scooter or even on the back of mum or dad’s bike, leave the car at home and get a taste of the benefits, ease and fun in being active.

Don’t forget you need to wear a helmet and bring a lock to use on our new bike and scooter racks.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

_BABY NEWS!!_

Congratulations to Ynping Mak and her husband Andrew on their new family addition, Jack. Both mother and baby are doing well.

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**FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

**Pi Day – 14 March**
The digits of this day (March 14) correspond with the first three digits of ‘Pi’ (3.14). Albert Einstein was born on this day in 1879.

**Ides of March – 15 March**
Historically this date is marked by the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44BC. According to Shakespeare, Julius Caesar had been warned by a soothsayer ‘Beware the Ides of March’. On the ancient Roman calendar, the ‘Ides’ fell on the 15th day of March, April, May and October and on the 13th day of all other months.

**St Patrick’s Day - 17 March**
Although he was born in Wales (385 AD), St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick is said to have driven all the snakes out of Ireland and to have used the shamrock to explain the Trinity to his followers. He died on 17 March, 461.

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**STEWART HOUSE BAGS**
The Stewart House bags have been distributed this week. Please fill the bags (or any other plastic bag) with unwanted clothes, return them on Monday 18th March 2013 (NOT BEFORE) and place them outside the covered area near the Staff Room.

Please contact Mr Warnock or Eve Bailey in the office for further information. Thank you.

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**UNIFORMS FOR SALE**

2 x size 10 girls’ school uniform dresses (only 6 weeks old) Both for $50.

Please contact Belinda on 0409 810 978.

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**SYDNEY SECONDARY COLLEGE LEICHHARDT CAMPUS**

WHAT: Open morning for prospective students that were unable to make it to the open night.

WHEN: Mon 18-MAR-13 @ 9.15am

WHERE: Balmain Rd, Leichhardt

BOOKINGS: 9560 2355

www.leicchardt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 19th MARCH, 12.00PM.**
Dear Parents/Carers,
This year the P & C are running a fundraising Hot Cross Bun Stall before school on the morning of the Easter Hat Parade – Thursday 28 March 2013. The stall will be open from 8.15am until 9.15am. The Hot Cross Buns will be ordered from Baker’s Delight and are priced at **$6 for a bag of 6.**

Four varieties are available:
- Traditional Fruit
- Mocha
- Chocolate
- Fruitless

All Hot Cross Buns must be pre-ordered. Collection and payment will be from the Hot Cross Bun Stall outside the hall on the day.

There are two ways to order:
1. You can email hotcrossbuns2013@gmail.com and tell us what you would like to order, OR:
2. You can use the order form below and return it to the P&C Box in the office.

Orders must be in by 3pm Friday 22 March.
If you have any queries, please send an email to hotcrossbuns2013@gmail.com or call Kaylene on 0414 407 295.

Thanks for your support.
Summer Hill Public School P & C

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