FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 entry in 2016
Applications open
Applications for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016 will be open to parents of students in Year 5 from 14 October to 17 November 2014. The application information booklet is available on the High Performing Students Unit’s website at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. On-line applications only will be accepted. Parents without internet access or who cannot use a computer are advised to apply at a public library or to contact the school and we will make facilities available at a specific time to assist parents without internet access. Parents with disabilities that preclude the use of a computer are told to contact the High Performing Students Unit for assistance.

It is very important to note that late applications will not be accepted.

All students wanting to go to a selective high school for Year 7 in 2016 will have to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015. There are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and one virtual selective high school offering selective placement in Year 7 in NSW. Parents can apply for up to three selective high schools.

A map showing where the selective high schools are is available on the Unit’s website and a complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Parents are asked to email the High Performing Students Unit: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone: 1300 880 367 if they have enquiries not covered in the application information booklet.

Selective High School Information Evening
This will be held for all interested parents of Year 5 students on Monday 20 October at 6.30pm in the hall. This session will be to assist parents in their decision in regard to applying for their child to attend a Selective High School in 2016. I will be holding another information evening in March 2015 in regard to applying for a High School for all Year 6 students.

Mathematics - International Competition and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)
This year, 236 students at Summer Hill PS participated in the ICAS Mathematics assessment.

50 students received High Distinction Certificates;
81 students received Distinction Certificates;
32 students received Credit Certificates;
10 students received Merit Certificates; and
63 students received Participation Certificates.

Congratulations to all these students on their success. I would like to thank Mrs Stephanie Hughes for organising this valuable academic opportunity.

Australian Primary Principal’s Association (APPA) Conference
I will be attending the 2014 APPA Conference at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth from 22-24 October. The conference has been designed and put together by principals for principals. The organising team is made up of principals from Government, Catholic and Independent sectors who are all experienced in putting together highly successful and memorable conferences. The theme for this year’s APPA conference is Creating the Future, Together. I expect to leave this conference exhilarated, inspired, challenged, having had learning experiences which will make me an even better principal, feeling supported, valued and enjoying my role even more. In my absence, Ms Jane Williams and Mr Mark Warnock will relieve in my position.

Gate Access Blocking
When picking up your children and dropping them off, can we ask that you take care not to block off the access gates from Herbert St, nearest to the school hall. Our gymnastics teachers need to be able to exit via those gates to travel quite long distances after school has finished. Thank you.

Karen Shehata.
FROM THE DEPUTIES’ OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

STUDENT LEADERS 2015
Term 4 and the student leader (2015) elections/selections are here! Please see the school policies “Student Leadership Roles”, “Student Leader Selection - Prefects” and “Student Leader Selection - Sport Captains” for further information. These are available on the school’s website at http://www.summerhill-p.schoo...policies.

Please note: the voting for captains and vice-captains by the 2015 prefect group will take place on Monday 27th October instead of Friday 24th October.

A GOOD STUDENT LEADER:
1. Is inclusive and tolerant of others and their opinions
2. Is respectful and trustworthy
3. Is responsible and leads by example.
4. Is reliable and honest.
5. Is organised, cooperative, confident and an effective communicator
6. Is flexible and displays initiative
7. Is compassionate, genuinely friendly and optimistic
8. Shows maturity and pride in their position

By Year 5 2014

Mark Warnock and Jane Williams

FRIENDLY REMINDER - TERM 4 ACTIVITY STATEMENTS

The Term 4 Activity Statements for Year 6 have been sent home with students. Please return the Consent Form, with payment, to the office by Friday 24 October.

Thank you to all families of students in Kindergarten and Years 1 to 5 who have already paid for Term 4 Activities. For those families that are yet to finalise their Term 4 Activity Statements, please note that the final date for handing in notes and making payments will be Friday 17 October. The school relies on all families to pay by the due date to enable accurate accounting of numbers of student participation. This is to ensure that we are fully organised and able to purchase tickets and confirm bus and venue hire.

If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact either the Stage Coordinator or Mrs Shehata to make alternative arrangements.

For your convenience, the Term 4 Activity Statements are now available on the school’s website, in Forms for Parents.

Premier’s Spelling Bee Competition Report

On the 16th of September, Summer Hill’s Spelling Bee finalists were spellbound to Ashfield Public School for the regional competition. There were around 20 schools in each category. Each school was allowed to send two juniors and two seniors. Our Summer Hill’s Spelling Bee wizards were - Dyon and Louis in the junior category and Rohan and Metilda in the senior category. All the participants were very nervous at the start, as if a spell had been cursed on them! The juniors did brilliantly, with Dyon coming 17th and Louis coming 6th. Great effort juniors!! Our seniors were also very strong with Metilda coming 7th and Rohan coming 4th. Well-done seniors!! Overall this was a spell-tastic result, and I know the curse from the spell was that we will all remember the words that we got wrong for the years to come!

Misspelt words:
(interpretation) - Dyon
(pugilist) - Louis
(indefatigable) - Metilda
(lozenge) - Rohan

Rohan G (SSH)
SUMMER PSSA DRAW

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SPORT NEWS

SENIOR GIRLS SOCCER REPORT
Last week we had a great game against Mortlake. Even though we didn’t win, it was a close game with a score of 10-8. We had some great catches from Ella, fantastic pitching from Charlotte and lots of great hits. The whole team was very supportive and cheered on the people playing. GO TEAM!
By Amy H (Team Member)

SENIOR BOYS SOFTBALL REPORT
The Senior Boys Softball Team had a BYE last week.

CONGRATULATIONS MAX!

Congratulations to Max G (5GB) whose artwork has been selected as one of the 50 chosen to be included in the 2015 Operation Art Touring Exhibition. These works will be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW from 11 November to 30 November. Well done Max!

BEST OF LUCK GIANNNI!

We are a school of many talents! Summer Hill Public School would like to wish one of it’s wonderful Year 5 students, Gianni S (5/6TK), all the very best for the upcoming Sydney East PSSA Water Polo trials (27th of October). As you may know, you have to be very fit as well as skilful to play Water Polo and Gianni is both! The photo shows Gianni competing at a recent PSSA Water Polo Gala Day. Good luck Gianni!

For anyone interested in playing Water Polo, one of our local clubs can be found at: www.drummoynewaterpolo.com.au
NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

SUMMER HILL FAIR CAFÉ PERFORMERS
We are looking for cafe performers for Fair Day on the 1st November. Ideal for soloists, duets, trios, quartets. We will have a keyboard, amplifier, microphones and cd player there. Please see below for the form and return it to the office. A program will be made before the date so students can check the time of their performance.

MUSIC COUNT US IN - Thursday 30th October
Our school is participating in Music Count Us In 2014, an initiative to promote music in schools. It involves more than 600,000 students, teachers - and often parents – from schools all over Australia who sign up to learn, rehearse, then perform the same song, on the same day, at the same time. Everyone participating will sing the song/play PAINT ME A SONG at 12.30 pm on 30th October. If you would like to access the music at home, the website is http://www.musiccountusin.org.au

All classes have been learning to sing and play this years song in music classes. All classes are expected to come to the hall at 12.15pm to be ready to sing ‘Paint Me a Song’ and a senior school ensemble will be playing the song at 12.30pm on that day. They are sounding fantastic! Parents are welcome to attend.

Donna Ross
Music Teacher

Band & Orchestra Ensembles 2015
Our instrumental ensembles are looking for interested students to join next year, the ensembles include a Senior Band, Stage Band and a Chamber Orchestra, Concert Band and Training Band, Symphony Orchestra and Training Orchestra. Students from Years 3-6 can participate in any of these groups, which require varying levels of musical ability. The Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Senior Band, Stage Band and Concert Band assume prior musical training of one year or more on an instrument. Training Band and Training Orchestra require no prior musical knowledge or training as we learn skills together throughout the year.

For the year 2 students only: Our band and orchestra conductors as well as some of our senior students will be demonstrating all the instruments played in the ensembles on Friday 17th October. This will take place in class time and at the end of the demonstration all the students will be given a note to take home. If your child is interested in joining the band or orchestra next year please complete the form and return it to the office by Friday 31st October.

For the year 3, 4 and 5 students: Those students who have not yet joined an ensemble but are interested. Please collect a form from the office this Friday 17th October.

If you are currently in an ensemble you do not need to re-apply. Your conductor will talk to you soon about auditions and how to progress to the next ensemble.

Performing at the Café
At the fete this year there will be a café where weary parents can sit and have a well deserved cup of coffee and a cake. As usual we would like to have some entertainment to amuse, delight and relax the café customers. If you are interested please fill out the details below and hand this form into the office. We hope to have performers in the café for most of the fete (12.00pm to 6.00pm).

Name: ........................................................ Class: ..............
Instrument:...................................................
Music: ..........................................................
Requirements: Music stands (no.) ...............
Keyboard ...............
Other ..........................................................
Approximate length of performance: ...............?
Circle your preferred timeslot:  12.00-1.30pm,  1.30-3.00pm,  3.00-5.00pm
CREATE SOUTH

From the 7th to the 9th of October I attended Create South. I was in the dance section of the program. Over the first day we learned 2 full dances. It was a lot to take in and a lot to remember. Over the second day we learned 2 more dances. When it came to the performance the theatre was surprisingly full of applauding parents. During the performance we danced our hearts out and tried our best to meet the standards. I loved the whole experience and I would like to thank Ms Adele for this opportunity.

By Katya M

P&C NEWS

TERM 4 GARDENING BEE & SUASAAGE SIZZLE - THIS SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2-4PM

Calling enthusiastic garden volunteers for the final working bee for 2014. Please bring gloves and tools. Supervised children welcome. For more info contact Alex 0402 349 209 or Gina 0414 875 884

THE SPRING FAIR IS ONLY 2 1/2 WEEKS AWAY!

All families should now have their Spring Fair info packs and raffle tickets. Start selling those tix. Please drop any sold raffle ticket stubs and money into the envelope we supplied to you and drop into the P&C box in the school office.

And don’t forget to volunteer to help on your preferred stall. Contact details for stall co-ordinators were included in your raffle ticket pack. The more help the merrier!

A reminder also that posters and flyers are now in the duplicating room in the office to be distributed around the local area and any businesses you can access. You help is much needed on this. Please mark in highlighter on the map near the flyers, the area you can letter drop. Thanks.

PRIZES.......for LUCKY ENVELOPES at the SPRING FAIR

It’s the final count down! Our last fundraising effort for the year.

Can you or your business help? We need donations of goods or services that we can use as prizes for the LUCKY ENVELOPES at the Spring Fair.

Nothing is too big or too small.....gardening services, books, financial services, vouchers, hampers, unused presents from the present box, gifts that didn’t really work for you! Anything is much appreciated.

Donations can be left with Eve at the office or email Helen at dewolfies@yahoo.com.au to arrange collection.

THANK YOU - SUMMER HILL PHYSIOTHERAPY

Last term Stephanie from Summer Hill Physiotherapy on Carlton Crescent celebrated her businesses first birthday with a community BBQ outside her practice.

She very kindly donated all the proceeds from the BBQ to Summer Hill School.

Congratulations to Stephanie on reaching this milestone and assisting our school with our fundraising efforts.

Any queries about The Fair, please get in contact with me, Jo Munroe jo.munroe@simonandschuster.com.au / 0438 882 174
Universal Children’s Day (Australia) – 22 October
Universal Children's Day has been celebrated around the world since 1954. In Australia it is always celebrated on the fourth Wednesday in October. UNICEF Australia chooses the theme for Australian children to focus their activities.

Jacaranda Festival Grafton – 22 October – 2 November
This annual festival is held in Grafton, Northern Rivers, New South Wales, from the second last weekend in October to the first weekend in November. Inaugurated in 1934, it was the first if Australia's folk festivals and is based upon the magnificent spectacle of the hundreds of lilac-blossomed trees which grow in Grafton's broad tree lined avenues. It expresses the people's thanksgiving for the generosity with which nature blesses this part of the globe.
CHESS NEWS

Congratulations to Summer Hill Public School K-2 chess players who won the first ever infants chess tournament! Our young players showed incredible maturity and concentration and all players tried their very best. It was also fun to host players from other schools in our area. A special thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day, and to Selwyn C and Daniel L, our Year 6 Chess Captains. Well done Summer Hill!

Students from SHPS who are interested in joining the competition below should group themselves into teams of 3 players of comparable ability. More information and enrolment forms can be found on www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au or by speaking to Brett Tindall in our library T/W/TH, 8:00 -8:45am. Brett can also help add you to a team, or direct you to players of similar levels. Best of luck!

Macquarie University Schools Chess Challenge 2014

Date: Sunday 26th October, 2014

Venue: Macquarie University – Atrium
Balaclava Road, North Ryde, New South Wales

Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm (Registration starts at 8:45am)
Teams must arrive by 9:30am, so the first round can start at 10am.

Eligibility: Teams consist of three players. There will be two divisions:
- Primary Schools Division
- Secondary Schools Division

Format: The tournament will be a 7-round Swiss. Games will be played under the official rules of chess – touch move and touch make apply.
Participants will use a chess clock with a time limit of 15 minutes per player for the whole game. Instructions on the use of chess clocks will be given on the day.

Lunch: There will be a canteen provided with food and drinks available for purchase, including a sausage sizzle, sandwiches and snacks.

Entry Fee: $45 per team (GST inclusive). Please make cheques payable to Sydney Academy of Chess.

Closing Date: Friday 17th October, 2014
Numbers are limited so please enter A.S.A.P.

Enquiries: (02) 9745 1170

Please send entries to:
Post: PO Box 1325, Burwood, NSW 1805
Fax: (02) 9745 1176
Email: enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?
Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.
We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children (especially 10 and 11 year olds) across Australia to complete an online survey (15 - 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/childsvq5
Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au

DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 21 October, 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: ........................................................