Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Spring Fair Thank You
There are no words that can express my gratitude to all our wonderful parents who worked so brilliantly as a team to organise and run the Spring Fair on Saturday. Despite the heat, and then the storm, everyone pulled together and worked tirelessly for our school. It was so good to see the support given by our community and I know that these events would not happen without the people who give so generously of their time and expertise. I would like to especially thank Jo Munro, the driving force behind the fair, Teagan Sadlier, Helen de Wolf, and all the parents who helped set up, man stalls, or cleaned up after the event on the Sunday morning. What a fantastic school community! Thank you all from the staff and students who will benefit so greatly from your efforts.

School Survey
I would like to thank all our families who participated in the online survey in regard to managing school growth. We will be contacting a few families by telephone over the next few days to ensure that all families have had the opportunity to vote. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Chris Braga for his support in liaising with Arnold & Bolingbroke, and Mrs Yuan Li for her Chinese translation of the survey. Once the survey is completed, I will be informing the community of the outcome and forwarding this information to the Department of Education and Communities for their decision.

National Chess Tournament
There are five girls on our NSW State Champions Team, from Year 3 to Year 6: Eva G, Shuyi Y, Melissa S, Anica S and Amanda L. They will represent NSW at the Australian Primary School Chess Championships held in Adelaide in December 6 and 7. I will be accompanying the 5 students and I am so very proud of each and every one of them. We will be fundraising to help cover the costs for the flights and accommodation for these students with a "Black and White" Mufti Day on Wednesday 19 November, as well as other fundraising activities. If you would like to assist with a donation, please send cash or cheque to the school office. Thank you.

School Plan 2015-2017 Update
I will be holding a special meeting in the Library prior to the P&C meeting to be held on Tuesday 18 November for parents who wish to be part of a working party to help shape the future of our school. This group of parents will meet at 6.30pm to discuss the programs and practices that will guide the teaching and learning; relationships and systems within our school for the next 3 years. Several parents nominated to be part of this group at our P&C meeting in September, and I am inviting any interested parents to join the group.

2015 New Students Orientation Days
On Tuesday 3 November we welcomed the new OC students and their families to SHPS. I would like to thank Dipika and Kalpesh Gandhi who gave an OC parent's perspective, Frances Notman who represented the P&C, Mrs Bell and Mrs Hughes who led a Q&A session, Alfred T and Melissa S who gave an OC student's perspective, Ms Cathy Chan and the Senior Band and Mrs Gillian Bale and the Senior Choir who entertained us. The morning ran extremely well due to the outstanding organisation of Kristine Golds and the office staff. On Friday 7 November, we have invited our new Kindergarten students and all new students in Years 1-6 who will be joining Summer Hill PS in 2015 to a special orientation day. I look forward to meeting the new members of our school community and welcoming them to our school.

Karen Shehata (Principal)
SHPS WRITERS take off....

At Summer Hill we have been focusing hard on improving the skills of ALL of our writers: young and old, enthusiasts and reluctant authors. To see some of the fantastic work that has been emerging from that teaching / learning journey, please visit the school website on www.summerhill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERS 2015

Congratulations to the 2015 Music Captains:
   Annabelle H (5GB)
   Cara M (5/6TK)
   Lok Yan N (5GB)
   Shravan S (SSH)

This week the sport captains and vice-captains will be elected. Their names will be in next week’s newsletter.

Jane Williams and Mark Warnock.

GOGH WHITLAM MEMORIAL SERVICE

A state memorial service was held at 11 am at the Sydney Town Hall to farewell Australia’s 21st former prime minister Gough Whitlam, who passed away on October 21, aged 98.

Thousands attended the state memorial service including Tony Abbott and six living former prime ministers as well as a host of other dignitaries. Four F/A-18 Hornet fighter jets conducted a flyover above George Street in the CBD after the 11 am service and flags on the Sydney Harbour Bridge were flown at half-mast. All schools have also flown their flags at half-mast.

GOOSE MENTIONS

A HUGE thank you to the Garden Bee / Grounds Committee and Carmel Grimmett for supporting Stage 2 teachers and students to be able to make a real difference to the biodiversity levels in our school. Your support has been gratefully appreciated and visitors to our school will surely start to notice the real difference the garden planting / bee hive and bird bath installing is likely to make to the humans and wildlife critters at SHPS in the next few months. It has certainly helped students to do some ‘REAL’ scientific investigating, learning and planning.

Thanks to the brave prefect hopefuls. It was such a pleasure to hear you share with us your plans and hopes to make a difference as the leaders at Summer hill for 2015. Congratulations to you all for making it this far, for caring about the school and preparing such mature, convincing speeches.

Thank you also to the 2014 prefect mentors. You were so visibly supportive with the new candidates, giving time and energy to make them feel more calm before their speeches and positive afterwards. You have been such a great bunch to work with. Special mention to Gus T for agreeing to speak for Finbar C.

Gorgeous work, Ms Ross and Mrs Bale with the lead up and big Sing a-long event for the National "Music Count us in" event at SHPS this week. Congratulations also to the band and choir, recorders and ukulele players who performed.

Special mention also to Ms Ross’ daughter Maya for supporting us with her filming skills.

Thank you to Lillian McC and Bronte J from 6BN for sorting out our bins and keeping us tidy.
P&C THANK YOU

A Big Thank You to everyone who helped volunteer on Saturday for the Spring Fair and for everyone who came and supported the school. The day was a roaring success despite some crazy weather.

Special thanks to the following people for making the day possible...

- The Spring Fair Committee and members of the P&C executive.
- All the wonderful stall co-ordinators.
- All the volunteers who helped with the set up and who are helping on stalls and to those who helped with the packing up
- Karen Shehata, for her amazing support and assistance.
- All the teachers who gave up their rooms, furniture and time.
- All the students who moved furniture and helped with setting up.
- Eve Bailey and all the admin staff for their support and patience.
- Baron Newlyn
- Diarmuid Kennealy and Fred Khalil.
- Everyone who donated toys and treasures and craft and books and plants.
- Everyone who baked and bottled, planted and crafted.
- Our stage managers, Mike Stephenson & Scott Christie.
- Rachel Honnery for our fabulous posters and our poster artist for 2014: Camilla M (3ES)
- John the barista from The Drug Store in Summer Hill.
- Mark and his colleagues at Alba Print Management.
- Staging Rentals.
- Ashfield Council.
- Tony Clayton and Tegan Sadlier for their work on the map.
- George and his team at Aussie Amusements.
- St John’s Ambulance.
- Monica Wangman and her frog display.
- Raffle Prize donations from
  - Ray White Summer Hill
  - Monkey Puzzle
  - The Drug Store
  - Wellspotted Tshirts
  - Summer Hill Hotel.
- Other prize donations
  - Envy Café
  - Anthony the Barber
  - Maritime Museum
  - Dendy Cinemas
  - Art Est Art School Leichhardt
  - Crunch Gym Leichhardt
  - LJ Hooker Dulwich Hill
  - Taronga Zoo
  - Paragon Hotel
  - Summer Hill Village Quality Meats
  - Summer Hill Physiotherapy
  - Absolutely Fabulous
  - Bobbi’s Pole Studio
  - Jane Pinkerton
- Pure Gelato.
**SUMMER PSSA DRAW**

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**BLACK AND WHITE MUFTI DAY 19th NOVEMBER**

To support our very popular and successful chess program, we are hosting a Mufti Day on 19th November. Please dress in black and white and bring a gold coin or two to donate. All funds raised will go towards sponsoring our Girls’ Chess Team who has admirably made it to The Australian Nationals Girls Teams Chess Finals in Adelaide in December. Thanking you in advance for your generosity!

Susan Terravecchia (SHPS Chess Coordinator)

**FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

**Australia’s Kindness Day – 6 November**

Australia’s National Kindness Day is the beginning of a 16 day celebration devoted to kindness and unity. It includes World Kindness Day, International Day of Tolerance and International Day for Children.

**World Freedom Day – 9 November**

World Freedom Day was declared by George W Bush, USA President in 2001 to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall (9 November 1989) and the liberation of Central and Eastern Europe.

**Armistice Day - 11 November**

The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month marks the moment in 1918 when fighting ceased on the Western Front marking the end of World War I. After four years of continuous warfare the Germans were driven back by the allied armies and they called for a suspension of fighting. At 11.00am there is one minute of silence to remember those who died at war.

**DEADLINE:** Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 18 November, 12.00PM.