FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parent Volunteer Thank You Morning Tea
On behalf of the staff and students of SHPS, I would like to invite all our wonderful parents, and grandparents who have assisted the school this year to join us on Thursday 11 December at 10.45am for a special “Thank You” morning tea. We are very grateful for the assistance that has been provided by parents in the classrooms, through our Scripture and Ethics Program, Music Program, Chess Program, P&C parent committees, Class Parents, second hand uniform shop, school banking, fundraising activities etc. Our school would not function as well as it does without these wonderful people who give of their time and energy each year.

School Spectacular
Last Friday night I attended my first Schools Spectacular concert. I was absolutely enthralled and amazed by the quality of the performances and so proud of our students who participated in the choir, band or dancers. These wonderful opportunities for our students would not be possible without the dedication of staff who have supported this program for the past several years. I would like to thank Mrs Rebecca Salter, Mrs Gillian Bale, Mrs Pam Carroll and Mrs Sharon Pillay for all their hard work and support of our students. This year our students were buddied up with a rural school, Gloucester PS, and used our connected classroom to practice their songs together. It was great catching up in person with these students and getting to know them personally.

NAPLAN and School Plan Parent Meeting
I would like to thank all the parents who attended the meeting last night and contributed to the editing of our new School Plan 2015-2017. Their comments and suggestions were greatly appreciated and will inform our school’s direction for the following 3 years. At the meeting it was suggested that the school hold some Parent Inquiry Group session in 2015 on topics of interest to the parents. The first session will be on Grammar and will be held in Term 1 next year. Suggestions for further topics can be made to the Principal.

Reports to Parents
Reports will go home via students on Friday 12 December. Please notify the school if your child will not be present on this date, or will not be returning to our school in 2015.

Operation Art
Our Operation Art student paintings are on display in our foyer. Please pop in a take a look at the talent of our students.

P&C—Last Meeting for the Year
The last P&C meeting for 2014 will be held next Tuesday 9 December under the COLA. This will be a meeting to celebrate the achievements of our school community this year, lead by the P&C committee and especially our P&C President, Deborah Samuels. As Deborah will be stepping down from her role, I would like to take the opportunity to thank her for the dedication she has shown in her role as P&C President, and the achievements she has made that have positively impacted on the whole school, both socially and physically. She has been an amazing support to me, in my first year as Principal, and she has at all times placed the greater good of the school as paramount in her decision making. She will leave a lasting legacy and I am so very grateful that I had this opportunity to work with her this year and wish her and her family all the very best for 2015.

Karen Shehata (Principal)

TERM 1 2015 STARTS WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY FOR YR 1 TO 6 STUDENTS. KINDY STUDENTS START WEDNESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2015 AND WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR START TIME BY LETTER.

Wed 17 - Last Day of Term 4 2014
MUSIC NEWS

ADVANCED UKULELE AND ADVANCED RECORDERS
will be visiting the Cardinal Freeman Aged Care Facility on Thursday 4th December. The aim of the visit is to connect with the local community and spread some Christmas cheer. We will be meeting at 9 am in the Music Room and leaving the school grounds at 9.15 am. We will be walking to and from Cardinal Freeman returning to school at approximately 11 am. Parent helpers are welcome to come along. Advanced Ukelele rehearsal will be on as usual on that morning.

BEGINNER UKULELE
It will be our last rehearsal of the year next Monday 8th December. We have had a great year and looking forward to a big bang finale. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who have come along to support your children and played along throughout the year.

Donna Ross

CHOIR REHEARSAL
The last choir rehearsal for 2014 will be Monday 8 December.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR SUCCESS!

Last week from Wednesday to Saturday 16 students from the senior choir attended rehearsals and performances of the 31st Schools Spectacular. It was a fantastic show full of dancing, singing, rapping, tapping and drama. We even got a picture with Anja Nissen from “The Voice”! Other students in the show were Max T from 6IG (Dance Ensemble), Sacha L. 5MD, Ellen P. and Olivia R. 6BN (Junior Singers). There were also many ex Summer Hill students in the core choir, orchestra and stage band.

We had a great time catching up with our buddies from Gloucester Public School, as part of our SpecConnect program.

It was Mrs Shehata’s first experience of being at Schools Spec this year and she thought it was AMAZING! It was also great to have the Musical Theatre Group come and watch the matinee with us!

Gillian Bale, Rebecca Salter and Pam Carroll

The Summer Hill Choir – stars in the making!

That’s us, first yellow line, ready to sing “River Deep”.

That’s us with Gloucester Public school, ready to party!

Here we are with Anja!
Dear Parents,

This is an outline of the 2015 Summer Hill Public School SPORT Calendar. Please note that it is accurate at the time of publishing however details may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Also note that it does not include sport played at an individual class level and several one-off programs that we are planning for 2015 such as Bootcamp and Tennis. Got Game is a new program that will help promote the school’s athletics program in the first half of the year and gymnastics in the second.

Thanks goes to the P & C Sport Committee for their support in the organisation of this calendar.

Kind regards,
The S.H.P.S. PDHPE Committee

### SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL SPORT - 2015

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#### Carnivals
- **School Swimming Carnival**
  - Thursday February 12th @ Ashfield Pool (8am – 3pm)
- **Carnival of Codes**
  - Year 3 - Monday 23rd February
- **Zone Swimming Carnival**
  - Thursday 5th March

#### School Cross Country
- Tuesday April 20th @ Yeo Park (9.30 - 2.00pm)
- Back up date: Tuesday May 19th at Yeo Park

**Infants (K-2) Sports Gala Day (Sem. 1)**
- Tuesday June 2nd
- Yeo Park (9.30 – 1pm)
- (K-2 & Yr 6)

**Zone Cross Country**
- Thursday June 13th

**School Athletics Carnival – FIELD**
- Monday July 20th @ school
- Back up date: Monday July 27th

**School TRACK**
- Wednesday July 29th @ Pratten Park
- Back up date: Wednesday August 5th

**Zone Cross Country**
- Thursday June 13th

**Zone Athletics Carnival**
- Tuesday 19th August

**Sports Gala Day (Sem. 2)**
- Monday November 9th
- Yeo Park (9.30 – 1pm)
- (K-2 & Yr 6)
SPORT NEWS

ATHLETICS SINGLETS

We have a large number of athletics singlets that are missing from our sports storeroom. The singlets are very expensive and were donated by the P. and C. Please check your child’s room and return any singlets this week so that we can continue our stocktake.

The Sports Committee

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2014 PSSA AWARD WINNERS!

On Friday 28th November, Richard H, Ella H, Sabrine W and I (Alexander P) went to the University of New South Wales to receive our medals for an outstanding performance in the International Competitions and Assessments in Schools. These tests are made by the Educational Assessment Australia and to receive a medal we had to achieve full marks in these tests. Ella, Richard and I are in Year 6 and Sabrine is in Year 5. Ella received her medal in the English test while Richard, Sabrine and I received ours in the Maths test. We were welcomed with a breakfast in the Scientia building then were guided to the John Clancy Auditorium for the presentation ceremony. We all thoroughly enjoyed our time at the UNSW and would like to heartily thank our parents for making this possible.

Signing out, Alexander P.
Recently, we finished creating our own picture books in 6JG. Miss Pinhey had a look at them and was very impressed with what she saw, so some of us went down to KAP to share our picture books. We split into small groups and read aloud to the kindergarten students. They asked us questions and talked about their favourite parts. We talked about how our picture books were put together and what materials we used. Both classes had fun!

by Linda W and Anny C, 6JG

THE YEAR SIX SHOW

The Year 6 Show will be held on Wednesday December 10. We have a small number of tickets for the matinee show that begins at 1.20pm. Please email the school if you are interested in attending the matinee performance. Tickets are free of charge.

Year Six Students and teachers
FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

St Nicholas’ Day – 6 December
St Nicholas’ Day is widely observed in Europe as the time when children receive presents (often instead of Christmas Day). According to tradition, St Nicholas was the Bishop of Myra in the 4th century. His reputation for kind and generous deeds gave rise to legends of miracles he performed. The legend of St Nicholas moved from country to country and varied across the centuries, as did his name. During the 19th century the image of Santa Claus as a kind old man who gave gifts to good children was adopted. Since then St Nicholas has remained the patron saint of gift giving to celebrate Christmas.

Bodhi Day (Buddhism) – 8 December
In the Northern or Mahayana tradition, Bodhi Day celebrates Buddha’s Enlightenment, the second most important event of Buddha’s life.

International Human Rights Day – 10 December
The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948. The Declaration proclaims a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, to the end that every individual and every organ of society, keeping this declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms and by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance, both among the peoples of Member States themselves and among the peoples of territories under their jurisdiction.
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online.

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the Internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, Summer Hill Public School is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- The ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- Tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

The Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on Tuesday 24th February 2015 in the school hall. The session will begin at 5:30pm and conclude at 7pm.

To register your attendance, please fill out the slip below and send back to the school office by Monday 9th February.

Regards,
Katherine Butler
Assistant Principal Summer Hill PS

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CYBERSMART SAFETY PRESENTATION AT SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

I/we are looking forward to attending the Cybersmart Presentation on Tuesday 24th February 2015.

Number of parents attending: __________

Signed: ___________________________ Date: __________________
UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED TRADING HOURS

Monday 19th January 2015 to Friday 23rd January 2015
10.00am to 12.00pm

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COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE BRASS TUITION for Ages 8 -12
The Salvation Army "Just Brass" Band in Dulwich Hill offers FREE brass tuition (trumpets, tubas, baritones, horns, etc) for children aged 8-12.

The children receive:
- a one hour weekly lesson on Wednesdays 5-6 pm by experienced brass teachers, in very small groups
- the free loan of the musical instrument, with case
- a free music book with CD
- the occasional chance to perform at small local events (they will perform at Carols in the Park Dec 7th in Johnson Park Dulwich Hill if you want to check them out)

If any SHPS students are interested, their parents should email Pamela Johns on mpjohns@iinet.net.au for more information. Places are limited, and the new term starts on Wednesday February 4th.

DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 16 December, 12.00PM.

SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
ABSENTEE NOTE
(To be returned to classroom teacher first day back after absence)

Students Name: ..............................................................................................................Class: ..................................
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