Dear Parents and Carers,

This Friday, 28 February, is Clean Up School Day. Buddy classes will work together before recess to clean the school grounds and develop suggestions of ways that we can improve the cleanliness of our school. If possible, please send a pair of disposable gloves to school on this day in your child’s bag. Our Parent Sustainability Committee will be supporting us on this day by assisting the Green Team. The time and energy that parents give to the school is always greatly appreciated.

As a new Principal at Summer Hill PS I spent my first week doing a Work, Health and Safety audit of the school. The most important areas that I felt needed immediate attention was in relation to student and staff safety and access to information. I have therefore organised for the 4 demountable classrooms to have phones installed that connect them to the Office, as well as speakers that connect these classrooms and 5/6TK and 6SP to the PA system to ensure all messages are received. As part of our school’s Emergency Management Procedures, we will be holding an evacuation practice within the following 2 weeks. As we cannot use the grassed area for assembling students, we will be walking all students to Darrell Jackson Reserve at this time. Teachers will discuss these procedures with students to ensure that they fully understand the evacuation procedures.

At our first P&C meeting, I raised the possibility of holding 3 Way Interviews between parents, teachers and students at the end of Term 1. This would provide parents with the feedback on their child’s learning early in the year, as well as opportunities to discuss with teachers the best way to support students in their learning at home. I have added a survey to this newsletter and ask parents to complete and return the slip with your preference to your child’s teacher by Friday 7 March. Please note, if interviews are held at the end of Term 1, parents may still have the option to request a meeting with their child’s teacher after receiving the Semester 1 reports. Staff will also be surveyed and I will provide the results of the survey to the community by Week 7. Thank you for your support with this request.

There is a range of services available to support families, including translation and interpreter services. Parents and carers who don’t speak English well can get assistance from the telephone interpreter service. An interpreter can be requested for school matters involving your child such as enrolment, subject choice, educational progress, attendance, welfare or behaviour. Interpreters can also be requested for parent-teacher interviews, school meetings, and parents and citizens meetings. The telephone number to call is 131 450. Ask for an interpreter for the required language and the interpreter will call our school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service. Parents and carers who need an interpreter to attend a school meeting should let us know.

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3 Way Parent/ Teacher/ Student Interviews Survey

- [ ] I would like to have the 3 Way interviews at the end of Term 1
- [ ] I would like to have the 3 Way interviews at the end of Term 2
- Signed (optional) ___________________________

Return by Friday 7 March

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Coming Events

**February**
- Thu 27 - Yr 6 Musical Theatre Group auditions 12.45pm in Drama Room
- Fri 28 - K-2 Assembly 11.05am
- Fri 28 - Schools Clean Up Day
- Fri 28 - PSSA Sport

**March**
- Wed 5 - Zone Swimming @ Auburn
- Fri 7 - Yr 3-6 Assembly 11.05am
- Fri 7 - PSSA Sport
- Mon 10 - Yr 3 @ Mosque 11.05am-3.20pm
- Tue 11 - High School Information Night 6.15-7.30pm
- Thu 13 - High School Selective Test
- Fri 14 - K-2 Assembly 11.05am
- Fri 14 - PSSA Sport
- Mon 17 to Fri 21 - Harmony Week
- Mon 17 - Photos in Hall
- Tue 18 - Music Committee Meeting 6.30pm
- Tue 18 - P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- Wed 19 - National Ride 2 School Day
- Wed 19 - Regional Swimming @ Homebush
- Fri 21 - K-6 Assembly 9.15am
- Fri 21 - HARMONY DAY
- Fri 21 - PSSA Sport
- Mon 24 to Wed 26 - YEAR 5 CAMP - NARRABEEN
- Mon 24 - Buddies @ K-2 performance in Hall 1.30-2.30pm
- Thu 27 - Yr 3 @ Kuringai NP 9.15am-3.00pm
- Fri 28 - K-2 Assembly 11.05am
- Sat 29 & Sun 30 - Orchestra Workshop
- Mon 31 - Group Photos
I strongly believe in the importance of a positive partnership between the school and its community and that through open communication we are able to discuss any concerns that you may have in regard to your child’s learning, well being or school systems in a mutually respectful and responsible manner. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak with me at any time or contact me by phone to discuss any issue you may have. Thank you for your ongoing support of Summer Hill PS.

Karen Shehata

FROM THE DEPUTIES’ OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

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

BUDDIES
“Buddies” is a school-wide program pairing a younger class with an older class for buddy activities. Every class in the school has a buddy class. The teachers in each buddy class pair develop a program that suits the students in their classes. For information about the buddy program for your child’s class please speak to your child’s class teacher.

MOBILE PHONES
Students are not permitted to have mobile phones on them or in their bags during school hours. If a student needs to bring a mobile phone to school it is to be left with the front office staff during school hours. Students need to ensure their phones are switched off or switched to silent whilst in the office. Please note some class teachers may make their own arrangements regarding mobile phones – please see your child’s class teacher if you are unsure. Thank you.

TIME TO START SCHOOL – Family Guide to Starting Kindergarten (Source: NSW Department of Education and Communities.)

HEALTH MATTERS
Sun safety
Schools try to protect children at school from the damaging effects of the sun’s UV rays by providing shelter where possible and having hats as part of the school uniform. Your child’s hat should be worn when they are on the playground or they will have to stay in the shade. At home apply sunscreen on your child each morning before they leave for school as part of their routine for getting ready for school. This is to protect your child.

If your child is sick at school
If your child gets sick or injured at school, your school will contact you and seek the necessary medical attention. If your child is mildly ill they will go to sick bay, which is near the school office where they can lie down and be monitored. You will be called to come and pick them up should this be necessary. For this reason you should always keep your current contact details up-to-date with the school.

If your child is sick at home
Keep your child away from school and see your doctor if your child has:
- a fever
- vomiting or diarrhoea
- rashes of an unknown origin
- severe cold or flu symptoms

Head Lice
Anyone can get head lice, it is common for school children to get head lice at some time and it has nothing to with being clean or dirty. Head lice can spread when children are in close contact, but head lice do not cause any harm to your child’s health.

To help prevent your child getting head lice:
- Check your child’s hair regularly
- Keep long hair tied back or braided

If your child has head lice:
- Remove tangles with a large comb, then comb hair with a white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb to get rid of head lice and their eggs (nits) until there are no more eggs.
- Continue to send your child to school.
- Inform the school so they can inform others to check their children’s hair (your child does not have to be identified).

Common Infections
- Chicken Pox – slight fever, runny nose and a rash that begins as raised pink spots that blister and scab – KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND SEE A DOCTOR.
• Measles – fever, tiredness, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes for a few days, followed by a red blotchy rash that starts on the face and spreads down the body and lasts four to seven days – KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND SEE A DOCTOR.
• Conjunctivitis – the eye feels scratchy, is red and may water; eyelids may stick together during sleep – KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND SEE A DOCTOR.
• Impetigo (school sores) – small red spots change into blisters that fill with pus and become crusted – usually on the face, hands or scalp – KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND SEE A DOCTOR.
• Ringworm – small scaly patch on the skin surrounded by a pink ring – KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME AND SEE A DOCTOR.

For more information about infectious diseases go to www.health.nsw.gov.au

REMINDERS

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our photo days are coming up – Monday 17th March for classes (main day) and Monday 31st March 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 (e.g. band, orchestra, library monitors) will be taken. The prefect photo will be taken on 17th March because the prefects are out of the school on the 31st March.

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. Spare order forms are available from the office. Family (sibling) photo order forms are 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.

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

STUDENT ABSENCES
If your child has been away from school please provide a note and/or medical certificate for all absences immediately upon your child's return to school. A convenient slip is attached to the newsletter for this purpose and is also available in the front office and from your child’s class teacher.

If your child is away for more than three days, please also contact the school via phone or email so his/her teacher can be informed.

For extended leave (more than 15 school days) an application form must be filled out – these are available from the front office.

CONTACT DETAILS
Please ensure you notify the school of any change of address or contact phone numbers. It is vitally important that the information we have is up-to-date in case we need to get in contact with parents or carers. Thank you.

DP: SPECIAL MENTIONS (GOOSE AWARDS)

The following people received a coloured feather last week:

• Berna Nakle for keeping us safe on the internet
• Rebecca Salter for so many playground duty rosters that keep us organised and safe
• Patricia Singleton, our Catholic scripture coordinator, for helping smooth out the set up issues for Scripture and Ethics
• Adrian L and Sam G from 5/6 TK for their fabulous I movie that helped us learn about our values

Mark Warnock and Jane Williams.

CRUNCH & SIP

Iodine and learning
Iodine is needed for the thyroid and brain development. Sources of iodine include:

• Cow’s milk, yoghurt and cheese
• Seafood
• Seaweed as used in sushi or nori rolls
ZONE SWIMMING TRAINING
A reminder that swimming training for Zone is on this Friday, 28 February, but it now begins at 7.30am and not 7.15am. It will now finish at 8.15am. See you there.

Mr Kay

CONGRATULATIONS JAMES
Congratulations to James M from 6JG who has gained selection in the Western Suburbs PSSA Tennis Team to compete at the Sydney East Regional Tennis Championships in March. Good luck James.

SUMMER PSSA SPORT DRAW

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CHESS NEWS
Chess at SHPS is well under way with a record breaking number of students participating. Our first Interschool Chess Challenge of 2014 will be played at Newington College and while students can self nominate, we recommend that you have had some experience playing in tournaments before. If you are not ready yet, don’t worry - there will be many more throughout the year! This event is endorsed by the NSW Junior Chess League. Games are limited to 15 minutes for each player and chess clocks will be used. Trophies will be awarded!

Location: Newington College (Senior Campus at 200 Stanmore Rd, Stanmore)
Division: Primary and Secondary Schools
Time: 8:30 - 9:15 = Registration, 9:30-2:00 = Competition (7 round Swiss comp)
Cost: $10 per player
Date: Thursday 6th of March

Parents are responsible for bringing their child to the venue and picking them up. There will be general supervision, but if for whatever reason you feel that your child needs your support, you will need to stay.

To sign up, please write a note to the school BEFORE February 28th. Late enquiries will not be accepted. Please include -
> Attn: Susan/Chess at the top
> Your child’s full name and class
> Your child’s date of birth
> Your contact phone number where you can be reached that day
> Any allergies or relevant medical conditions we should know about
> State that your child has your permission to attend the tournament at Newington on March 6th
> Include $10 in cash, in an envelope with the letter.

Enquiries: Susan on sterravecchia@hotmail.com or 0411738445
FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

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Clean Up Australia Day – Sunday 2nd March

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Contact: Vikki Dodds, phone 0412 88 68 66, for more details.

To register your interest, please RSVP by noon on Friday to Vikki on vdodds2010@gmail.com or online at http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/Darrell+Jackson+Gardens.

Bags will be provided but please BYO gloves and hat.

Pick up litter, be proud of your efforts to help protect the environment, then grab a coffee after – in your reusable cup of course!

P&C NEWS

President’s Report

Welcome to another year at Summer Hill Public School. We had a terrific turnout at our first P&C meeting of the year last week, with 75 parents attending. It was a great opportunity to meet our new Principal, Ms Karen Shehata, and to welcome her to our school. Mr Rod Megahey, Director of the Marrickville Network for Public Schools NSW who is responsible for a number of the schools in the area including SHPS, also joined us. Ms Shehata gave us an update on the playground situation, and both she and Mr Megahey answered a number of questions from parents. Ms Shehata reiterated that she would keep everyone informed of developments as they occur.

We held our Annual General Meeting to elect the Executive Committee for 2014, as well as acknowledging the P&C’s achievements in 2013, which can also be found in the 2013 Annual Report on the school’s website. I am pleased to announce that we have some new faces on the Executive this year: Patrick Boland and Chris Braga join Priscilla Breakspear as Vice-President; and Jacquelyn Cassell is our new Deputy Treasurer, taking over from Joanne Herron, who decided not to run for a position on the executive this year. Continuing their roles on the Executive in 2014, we have Frances Notman as Secretary, Helen De Wolfe as Deputy Secretary and Sandy Robertson as Treasurer.

We also heard from our committee coordinators. For those of you who are new to the school, this is a great way to get involved, so please send us an email or contact one of the coordinators directly to join the committee of your choice:

- Fundraising and Events
- Gardening
- Music Support
- Sport
- Spring Fair
- Sustainability

A number of issues were raised at the meeting about both the canteen and communications between the school and the parent body. As a result, we established a Canteen and a Communications committee. Please let us know if you would like to be involved. The focus item for the next P&C meeting on Tuesday 18 March will be communication between the school and parents. Come along and join the discussion – it’s just a gold coin donation to become a member of the P&C for the whole year!

The P&C also committed to once again funding student insurance for the school in the amount of $3,600.

I look forward to another great year at Summer Hill Public School and hope to see more parents coming to our meetings and getting involved through our committees.

Deborah Samuels
President
summerhillpandc@gmail.com
Congratulations to Alyssa T (6SH) winner of our Year 6 T-Shirt design competition.
COMMUNITY NEWS

TAEWONDO
An introductory FREE Taekwondo and Multi-sport lesson is available after school at our school on Mondays and Fridays from 3.10-4.10pm with world Self Defence champion John Gill. For enquiries and bookings please email admin@johnill.com.au or phone /text 0490 189 891
www.motivationalmasters.com.au

ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT SYLVANIA HIGH
The Enrichment/Selective Class at Sylvania High has been established to provide a Gifted and Talented program in the school.
TESTING: Tuesday 18th March, at the school 9.00AM - 11.50AM
COST: $25
PHONE: 95229951

PIANO LESSONS
Ex Summer Hill parent and pianist with SSO, AOBO, ACO, University of Sydney has before school vacancies (drop off to school also negotiable). 30+ years teaching exp and Studio with Steinway in Lewisham. Beginners-Advanced
Phone Catherine Davis 0400993428
www.motivationalmasters.com.au

BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
Centre of Excellence in Girls Education
Information Night for Year 7, 2015: Mon 3 March 2014 7-8 pm, School Hall

DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 4th MARCH, 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: ..........................................................