FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The term is proceeding quickly and we will be holding our 3 Way Parent/Teacher/Student interviews in Weeks 10 and 11 on the following dates:

- Thursday 3 April: Years 1 and 2
- Monday 7 April: Years 3 and 4
- Tuesday 8 April: Kindergarten
- Wednesday 9 April: Years 5 and 6

To assist parents in organising their interview times, we are using an online interview system. The link to this system will be on our school website with the instructions of how to log on; find your child’s teacher; book your time; and receive confirmation of the booking immediately. Parents and carers will be able to access this online interview booking system from Monday 24 March. Details for how to book are also in this week’s newsletter. We hope that this system will meet the needs of our community and improve the process for both parents and teachers. If the time you want is already booked, teachers will also provide additional times when they are available for interviews on alternate days. The interviews will be held in the mornings and afternoons only. Teachers will be cooperatively planning for Term 2 between recess and lunch on the day of the interviews. Please provide feedback to the school after using this online system so that we can evaluate and improve our service to our community.

The Year 5 camp is fast approaching. I will be attending the camp this year with the Stage 3 teachers. Ms Jane Williams and Mr Mark Warnock will share the role of relieving principal in my absence from the school. I look forward to getting to know the Year 5 students during camp and getting fit.

The Writer in Residence Programs will be held at the end of term, from Monday 24 March to Wednesday 26 March for students in Years 3 and 4; while students in Years 5 and 6 will be meeting and working with their Writer in Residence from Monday 7 April to Thursday 10 April. I know that this has always been a very successful program and I would like to thank our librarian, Mrs Carmel Grimmett, for organising this event for the students.

Our school ANZAC Service will be held on Friday 4 April from 9.30am in the hall. Parents are most welcome to attend. On the afternoon of the 4th the P&C will be holding the Disco in the hall for students in K-3 from 5pm-6.30pm, and students in Years 4-6 from 6.30pm-8pm. There will be lots of exciting activities, including a sausage sizzle and Year 6 cake stall. I would like to thank the P&C for organising this enjoyable event for our students.

Our Easter Hat Parade will be held this year on Friday 11 April at 9.30am. Buddies will be making their hats together and parents are invited along to see their creations. The P&C will also be holding their Hot Cross Bun Stall from 8.15-9.30am on this day. Notes to pre-order your hot cross buns will go out to our families this week.

Summer PSSA ends this Friday 21 March. Winter PSSA teams will then be organised over the following weeks. Winter PSSA will begin on the first Friday of Term 2.

Please note that Group photos will be held on Monday 31 March following the class, sibling and individual photos that were taken this week.

The Orchestra Workshop will be held at school on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 March for our music students; and the Training Band and Orchestra Breakfast will be held on Friday 4 April at 8am. So many exciting and engaging activities for the students to look forward to. What a great start to the year SHPS!

Don’t forget to wear orange this Friday for Harmony Day celebrations!

Karen Shehata

Coming Events

March
- Fri 21 - HARMONY DAY MUFTI
- Fri 21 - K-6 HARMONY DAY Assembly 9.15am
- Fri 21 - High School Forms Due
- Mon 24 to Wed 26 - YEAR 5 CAMP - NARRABEEN
- Mon 24 - Buddies @ K-2 performance in Hall 1.30-2.30pm
- Tue 25 - Stewart House Collection Day
- Thu 27 - Yr 3 @ Kuringai NP 9.15am-3.00pm
- Fri 28 - K-2 Assembly 11.05am
- Sat 29 & Sun 30 - Orchestra Workshop
- Sat 29 - Earth Hour 8.30-9.30pm
- Sat 29-Sun 30 - Orchestra Workshop
- Mon 31 - Prefects @ Young Leaders Day
- Mon 31 - Group Photos

April
- Fri 4 - ANZAC DAY Assembly 9.30am
- Fri 4 - Kindy @ Seymour Centre 10.45am-2.15pm
- Fri 4 - Training Band & Orchestra Breakfast 8.00am
- Fri 4 - DISCO: K-3 (5.00-6.50pm) Yr 4-6 (6.30-8.00pm)
- Sun 6 - Daylight Savings Ends (Turn clocks 1 hour back)
- Wed 9 & Thu 10 - State Swimming @ Homebush
- Fri 11 - Hot Cross Bun Stall 8.15-9.30am
- Fri 11 - EASTER HAT PARADE 9.15am
- Fri 11 - LAST DAY - TERM 1
- Tue 29 - FIRST DAY - TERM 2
FROM THE DEPUTIES’ OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

HAPPY HARMONY WEEK!
This week we are celebrating Harmony Week and Bullying, No Way! with a range of buddy-class focused activities and culminating in our first K-6 Assembly of the year on Friday (which is Harmony Day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence).
The Harmony Day website is http://www.harmony.gov.au
The Bullying, No Way! website is http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

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

REMINDEERS

DOUBLE PARKING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL
Double parking around our school is a common and unsafe practice. For the safety of our students please take a few minutes to park your car and walk to one of the gates. Double parking in a school zone is also illegal. Police and council officers patrol our school. Thank you looking out for our students!

LATE PICK-UPS
Any student who is waiting for a parent running late (after 3:15pm) must wait in the school office. At no time are students to wait/play in the playground, or wait on the street for parents who are late. If you are going to be late please contact the school so we can let your child know. When you collect your child from the school office you must let a member of staff know and sign the late pick-up register. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
All enquiries regarding photo packages, prices and photos need to be made directly to the photography company: Advancedlife - 1300 728 972.

Group photo day is Monday 31st March.

Mark Warnock and Jane Williams.

SHPS P&C PRESENTS
neon/glow in the dark DISCO

Photobooth $3  Hairspray $2  Sausage Sizzle $3
Lolly Shop  Gelato $3  Year 6 Cake Stall

Entry (incl. Glow Stick) $5  Extra Glow Stick $1  Free Water

Parents please stay to supervise, socialise and enjoy the sausage sizzle and BYO picnic

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Please contact Helen De Wolfe dewolfies@yahoo.com.au 0408 003 757
Dear Parents and Carers

To book a time for an interview with your child’s teacher, please go to the school’s website where you will find a link to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE FROM 24 MARCH TO 4 APRIL

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code

Enter THIS school event code.

Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents/carers that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, please send a note to the class teacher with the approximate times you require. Interviews are strictly 15mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents/carers can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address that you used when you made your original booking. Parents/carers wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the class teacher.
SUMMER PSSA SPORT DRAW

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SPORT NEWS

SUMMER HILL SENIOR CRICKET
On a hot Friday afternoon, the enthusiastic Summer Hill Senior Cricket Team played Homebush West. We lost the toss but not our spirit, and were sent in to bat. The boys batted brilliantly, the score climbing up run-by-run, and we only lost three wickets! It was a superb team effort!
We walked on the field with confidence, the boys charged up for the second innings. We looked like real bowlers out there. The fielding was absolutely marvellous - barely any runs were scored. Man of the match went to Jacob, for three spectacular wickets and for contributing some handy runs. Overall, Homebush West tried their hardest but it was not enough to beat the Summer Hill Senior Team!

Rohan (Team Member)

SENIOR BOYS SOFTBALL
On Friday 14th of March, Summer Hill Senior Boys Softball Team went to Centenary Park to play against Homebush West. We did really well throughout the whole game and played as best as we could. The whole team tried as hard as they could but the boys that stood out were James and Joel for their excellent pitching and fielding. The man of the match was Ishwor because he tried really hard and showed great sportsmanship. Both teams played exceptionally well but in the end we took home the victory with the final score being 13-1 our way.

Jamie McN (Team Member)

MUSIC NEWS

SINGLETS CHOIR
The Singlets Choir rehearsal will not be on next week because Ms Butler will be at the Year 5 Camp.

INTERMEDIATE CHOIR
There will be no INTERMEDIATE CHOIR on Monday in Week 9, 24th March. Choir will resume on 31st March.

Rebecca Salter

CRUNCH & SIP

The Parents Jury
The Parents Jury is a web-based network of parents who are trying to improve the food and physical activity environments for children in Australia. The Parents Jury is currently advocating for junk food free advertising during children’s TV programs and confectionery free supermarket checkouts.
Members receive regular emails with links to current articles and are encouraged to add their opinions on issues that can effect families nutrition and activity levels.
To find out more go to www.parentsjury.org.au

STEWART HOUSE

SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL 2014

Summer Hill PS will be participating in the annual Stewart House Clothing Appeal. Bags will be distributed to the students on Friday 21st March.
COLLECTION DAY WILL BE TUESDAY 25th MARCH.
Please drop your filled bags under the shelter, opposite the staffroom door.
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**THE NSW 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.

Students in K-2 must read **30** books to complete the challenge. All K-2 classes have a Premier’s Reading Challenge story read to them during their library visit each week. Each K-2 student’s online reading record already lists the 16 PRC titles to be shared during the K-2 visits in terms one and two. In order to complete the challenge, K-2 students need to read or share a further 14 PRC books and enter them online. Students can borrow a K-2 level PRC book (marked with a pink star) during their library lessons each week.

Years 3 and 4 (marked with a Yellow Star) need to read **20** books to complete the challenge. Of these, 15 must be on the NSW PRC list and 5 can be personal choice books. Only two books from the same series can be listed in one entry.

Students in Years 5 and 6 also need to read **20** books to complete the challenge. Of these, 15 must be on the NSW PRC list and 5 can be personal choice books. Only two books from the same series can be listed in one entry.

Students from Years 5 and 6 can locate NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge books held in our library collection by using the ‘Reading Lists’ section of our school library catalogue - ‘My Library’.

*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!*

Once read, each book 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. Often this takes the following form: username= john.smith3 and password = 2xx (class name.) These are the same passwords children use during their visits to the Summer Hill Public School computer laboratory.

Please note that The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge closes in August 2014 so students have plenty of time to enjoy this exciting reading program.

**HOME READING BOOKS**

Younger students develop their reading skills by taking home a levelled reading book from their classroom collection every day.

We need your assistance to maintain this valuable collection of literacy resources. Please ensure your children are using the school home reading bags or provide your children with similar, sturdy waterproof bags in order to safely transport their home reading books and library books to and from school.

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**FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS**

**Harmony Day - 21 March**

Harmony Day is a celebration of Australian Multiculturalism. It is a day for all Australians to celebrate our cultural diversity, take a stand against racism, share the values of Australian democracy and promote community harmony. Harmony Day coincides with the United Nations’ International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

**Autumn Equinox (Southern Hemisphere) - 21 March**

Equinox marks the time when the sun crosses the plane of the earth’s equator giving equal hours of day and night.

**World Day for Water – 22 March**

World Day for Water focuses the world’s attention on the importance of sustaining a safe supply of drinking water, increasing public awareness about the importance of conservation, preservation and the protection of water resources by increasing the participation and cooperation of governments, international agencies, non-government organisations and the private sector.
HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is held on 21 March. Managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), Harmony Day celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and promotes a tolerant and culturally diverse society.

Harmony Day began in 1999, coinciding with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and each year, it is an opportunity for everyone to come together and participate in local activities.

Over the years, Harmony Day has grown in popularity as Australians have made the day their own. Communities themselves decide how they would like to come together to mark the occasion - some have morning teas, others organise a fair and some celebrate by dressing in national costumes.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Australians are encouraged to wear something orange to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 21st March students will be asked to wear orange and bring a gold coin donation. This will be donated to their chosen charity that works in the field of anti-violence and anti-bullying.

As this day is also the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, there will be performances by the Year 2 Choir, the Senior Choir and 3BB and 3ES. Some members of 5/6TK will present some of our harmonious school values.

The SRC will collect the money in class after a special Harmony Day Assembly to be held at 9.30am on Friday morning.

CLASS PARENT

Class Parent – the vital link
This year we will be increasing the use of the Class Parent to share information from the P&C and the school via email.

Can you help?

The following classes are still in need of a Class Parent:
KMM, 1MA, 5/6TK, 5GB, 5MD, 6JG, 6SH

What’s involved?

Being a Class Parent (CP) does not require a big time commitment – it is not a role in the classroom.
- The CP helps collate and distribute a list with contact details of the families in the class. This contact list is useful for arranging social activities, events and passing on information.
- General communication from the teacher is relayed to the other parents/carers by the CP, if the teacher desires. (There are many weeks when there is nothing to communicate.)
- Occasionally you will be emailed information from the P&C or school which you will be asked to pass on to the other parents/carers in your class.
- You will need to come to at least one P&C meeting a term, or arrange for another parent from the class to go. Information from the meeting can then be disseminated to the other parents/carers.
- Be at school on a reasonably regular basis – twice a week would be great. Commit to a term or longer.

Two parents/carers may wish to share the role.

If you are interested and would like to find out more information please contact Jacquie (Class Parent Coordinator) – jacqteff@optusnet.com.au or 9787 9535
ITALIAN NEWS

The Junior Italian class went to DA VINCI’S restaurant this morning for a lesson on how to make pizza and the lesson was conducted mostly in Italian. Apart from being lots of fun and really delicious, the staff at Da Vinci’s commented on how beautifully behaved all the children were. We topped off the pizza with a homemade gelato before scootering off to school. The Senior Class will have their pizza making class on April 2nd, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

There are still spaces for the Excursion to Canberra on April 24th. Email sterravecchia@hotmail.com if you would like to reserve a seat on the bus!
COMMUNITY NEWS

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PETERSHAM JUNIOR RUFC

The game for all shapes and sizes
Play Rugby Union at our friendly, family oriented club.
We encourage beginners and cater for ages 5 and up.
Registration options
Bring form to training Wednesday at Marrickville Park
or email: rego@petershamjuniors.com
Contact Adam on 0434188379 for late registration

Petersham is Sydney oldest rugby club,
bring people together since 1883

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Leichhardt Campus
SCHOOL TOURS

Wednesday 19 March, 9.15 - 9.45 am
Thursday 20 March, 9.45 - 10.15 am
Wednesday 26 March, 9.15 - 9.45 am
Wednesday 9 April, 9.15 - 9.45 am

To book a tour please contact SSC Leichhardt:
Phone: 02 9560 2565
Email: leichhardt-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Further Details:
2014 Program Dates:
March 22/23rd
June 7/8th
August 3/4th
October 25/26th

Cost:
$90 (+ GST) per day
or $165 (+ GST) per weekend

Time:
9:30am-3:30pm
(Saturday and/or Sunday)

Workshop Categories:
Year 3/4, Year 5/6 and Year 7/8

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DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 25th 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: ..........................................