FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

WINTER PSSA
Our Winter PSSA teams will be selected over the next two Friday afternoons. We will be offering the following:

- Junior and Senior Boys' Football
- Junior and Senior Girls' Football
- Junior and Senior Girls' Netball
- Touch Football - mixed

Winter PSSA will begin on the first Friday of Term 2.

I would like to thank the P&C for supporting PSSA at our school, and the wonderful parents who give so much of their time to assist with coaching or assist with sport at Summer Hill PS through their participation on the Sport committee.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:
I am very pleased to see our students wearing correct school uniform, however I have noticed that many students are not wearing black shoes, as stipulated in our Uniform Policy. I would appreciate parent support in ensuring that all students wear full uniform, including black shoes (except on Sports Day) as it is important for students to show pride in their appearance, as well as in their learning. For all customer service queries please regarding the school uniform, contact Pickles directly. However, if you have any feedback or comments you wish to make the school aware of please use the P&C mail box in the first instance. Thank you.

SUCCESSFUL TEAMS
I would like to congratulate all our swimmers who competed at the Sydney East Region PSSA Swimming Championships, representing Western Suburbs PSSA and finishing first place last week at Homebush Aquatic Centre. I would also like to congratulate the individual competitors who were successful and the Senior Boys Relay Team and Junior Girls Relay Team who finished in third place. They will be going on to compete in the State Swimming Carnival on 9th and 10th April. We wish them every success.

ONLINE TEACHER INTERVIEWS
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 and 5/6PC
- 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. 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.

Coming Events

March
- 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 (5.00-6.30pm) Yr 4-6 (6.30-8.00pm)
- Sun 6 - Daylight Savings Ends (Turn clocks 1 hour back)
- Tue 8 - Extraordinary Meeting of the P&C (Enrolment Policy)
- Thu 10 - Easter Service in Hall (Scripture students only)
- Fri 11 - Hot Cross Bun Stall 8.15-9.30am
- Fri 11 - EASTER HAT PARADE 9.15am

May
- Fri 2 - K-2 Assembly 11.05am
- Tue 6 - K-6 Beaty Clan Crew

TERM 2 BEGINS ON TUESDAY 29th APRIL FOR ALL STUDENTS.
YEAR 5 CAMP

Year 5 camp has been an outstanding success. Through the day the 143 students who attended the 3 day camp at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen enjoyed such activities as archery, canoeing and kayaking, navigating low and high ropes and pool initiatives. In the evenings after dinner they have had team activities in the gymnasium before bedtime at 9pm. These activities have allowed for the students to build team commitment and resilience. They have had to listen to and follow instructions that are designed to keep them and their team members safe; work together to achieve a goal or support each other to get to their destination; serve dinner or clean up after dinner for 2 schools; be responsible for their belongings and keep their lodge clean and tidy; as well as be on time and in the right place at the right time. All these attributes will help to shape the students into responsible global citizens who understand the importance of team work and personal responsibility.

However, the camp would not have been possible without the support and dedication of our teachers. I would like to thank Ms Katherine Butler, Grade 5 Assistant Principal and our camp organiser; Mr Tim Kay our Grade 6 Assistant Principal; Mrs Glenda Bell and Ms Sherelle Hamilton, our Year 5 teachers; Mr Rodney Monk and Mr Glen Williamson who generously offered to attend as support teachers; and Ms Jane Williams who came every afternoon to assist the teachers and students; for giving of their time and energy to ensure that the students were safe and happy at camp. As you can imagine, the day did not finish at bed time. We had students who were woken by the possums on the roofs of their lodges, by other students talking, because they were homesick or scared of the dark, needed medication etc. The teachers have had very little sleep over the 2 nights and are returning to school very tired but satisfied that they have provided the best possible care and fun for the students under their responsibility. I am very proud of the behaviour of our students and the fact that they gave each activity their very best effort, even if they were a little bit apprehensive to start with. They displayed courage and fortitude, and learnt the importance of never giving up. Lots of fun was had by all. Well done SHPS!

Karen Shehata

FROM THE DEPUTIES’ OFFICES

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our group photo day is coming up on Monday 31st March. Photos of groups such as bands and orchestras will be taken on this day.

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 available to view for a period of time once they have been sent to us.

All enquiries regarding photo packages, prices and photos need to be made directly to the photography company: Advancedlife 1300 728 972
MOTH BALLS (Naphthalene)
We have a student in the school who has a life-threatening allergy to naphthalene, which is the main ingredient found in moth balls. As it gets cooler and the warm clothes come out of storage, please do not send your child/ren to school in clothes that have been exposed to moth balls. Thank you for your support regarding this important health matter.

HEALTH
With Easter nearly upon us, please remember we have a number of students who have severe and/or potentially life-threatening allergies to some food products. We ask you to support these students by not sharing Easter eggs and other foodstuffs with students at school. Thank you.

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.

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE
If you intend for your child/ren to be away from school for 15 or more consecutive school days, you must complete an ‘Application for Leave’ form. These are available from the school office. Thank you.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS
Please ensure your emergency contact details are kept up to date. Please also ensure emergency contact people indicated are actually available and willing to collect a student in an emergency situation during school hours. If you need to make any changes to your emergency contact details please see the school office. Thank you.

Mark Warnock and Jane Williams.

DP: SPECIAL MENTIONS (GOOSE AWARDS)
The following people received a coloured feather last week:

- Katherine Butler for all her work on the Year 5 camp
- Ms Pillay and Ms Grenet for organising the Year 6 t-shirt
- Ms Hughes for her work getting our ipads up and running
- Penny Sergi for her time and effort processing the school banking over the last 4 years
- For beautifying our hall for Harmony Day: Ms Grenet, Ms Sciacca, Ms Hughes, Ms Tesoriero
- The performing groups for entertaining us: 3BB, Yr 2 Choir, Stage Band, Senior Choir
- For musical input for the performance: Mr Timmins, Mr Adam, Ms Ross, Ms Bale, Ms Adele, Ms Bosler, Ms Scaysbrook, Ms Chan
- For essential IT music support: Mr Leembruggen
- For reminding us of the importance of sustainability: Freya Hartley, Jacquie Taylor
- For behaving beautifully during the long Harmony Day Assembly:
  - Kindergarten: Freya (KRS), Kristy T (KDL), Darwyn Y (KAP), Zara C (KDV), Richard Y (KMM)
  - Year 1: Ben W (1MA), Luke B (1JM), Surraya C (1EV), Claudia M (1RS)
  - Year 2: Oscar H (2JA), Anastasia Z (2AB), Sophie M (2DT), Tyriq K (2MD)
  - Year 3: Isabella W & Alexander W (3ES), Lilian S (3WW), Destiny F (3BB), Hugo C (3/4JM)
  - Year 4: George D (4AW), Elia M (4SB), Bianca T & Gwen M (4LG)
  - Year 5: Lauren R (5KB), Sabrine W (5SH), Nyree W (4S/P), Sebastian B (5/6TK), Jivan N (5GB)
  - Year 6: Melissa S (6JG), Lilly McC (6BN), Eve B & Will T (6SP), Krishen T (6SH)

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP
As you are aware, we depend on your kind donations to keep the Shop running and providing affordable uniform items to our families. We are currently in dire need of smaller size uniform items, particularly short-sleeved & long-sleeved shirts. The other most popular items are the girl’s Summer Dress (on left), and the fleecey vest (Unisex). We are short of both these items. Given their popularity, they now retail for $5.00, along with the waterproof jackets.

Please have a look through your cupboards and see if there are any pre-loved items for our shop. Your contributions will be most appreciated – you can leave your donations at the Front Office.

All proceeds go to the P&C coffers.

Thanks in anticipation, Dilum DASSANAYAKE (Parent Volunteer)
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**.

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**2014 ACTIVITY STATEMENTS**

Parents/Caregivers

The office is currently working on Term 2 Activity Statements and anticipates them going home via your child, by beginning of Week 10 of this term.

**For those families who have not settled Term 1 expenses, please pay outstanding amounts by the end of this week.**

Thank you to the majority of the school community who have responded within the payment due dates. For your information the school processed approximately 600 online payments within the first 4 weeks of 2014! This is very much appreciated as there are many suppliers/vendors to be paid for various classroom resources, equipment, and services.
You can phone the school manager if you have any queries relating to the above.

School Administration
FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Neighbour Day – 31 March
Neighbour Day began in Melbourne, Victoria in 2003 following community concern after an elderly woman was found dead in her home two years after her death. In 2007, Neighbour Day became a global event being endorsed by the UN Secretary-General, Mr Kofi Annan.

April Fools’ Day - 1 April
Until the sixteenth century, New Year’s Day was celebrated in France on 1 April. In 1562 Pope Gregory introduced the Gregorian calendar proclaiming 1 January as New Year’s Day. People who were unaware of or did not believe the change of date continued to celebrate New Year’s Day on 1 April. These people were played tricks on by others and called “April Fools”.

International Children’s Book Day – 2 April
International Children’s Book Day is celebrated to inspire children with a love of reading and to draw attention to the importance of books. It has been celebrated since 1967 and falls on or around 2 April which is Hans Christian Andersen’s date of birth. More information can be found on www.ibby.org.

SPORT NEWS

PSSA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to all our swimmers who competed at the Sydney East Region PSSA Swimming Championships last week. Representing Western Suburbs PSSA, the team finished in first place (the very first time this has occurred). Many of our swimmers have qualified for the NSW Championships to be held in April. They are:

- Senior Boys Relay Team who came in third….well done James, Matthew, Alfred and Samuel.
- Junior Girls Relay Team who also finished in third place…..congratulations Emily, Sienna, Anna and Jessica.
- James H who finished in 3rd place in the 11yrs Freestyle, 3rd in Butterfly and 2nd in the Backstroke. He also managed 9th place in the 100m.
- Emily who finished 2nd in the Individual Medley

We are very proud of these fine swimmers.

We are also equally as proud of Sienna who finished 4th in Junior Girls Breaststroke and Anna who finished 7th. Daniel made top 30 in the freestyle (no mean feat, let me tell you). Emily came 4th in freestyle whilst Sienna finished in 12th place. Ella came 20th in the freestyle (a personal best time).

Emily also finished 5th in the backstroke and 10th in the butterfly.

Great work kids and congratulations.

Tim Kay

HARMONY DAY
What a beautiful sight it was to see our Summer Hill School dressed in the International Colour of Harmony. Over 700 students supported Harmony Day dresses in all tones of orange. We raised a total of $852.35. Our school decided recipients from our Harmony Day were the NSW Drought Appeal and the ongoing sponsorship of our ChildFund sponsor child Sao from Sierra Leone.

We are very proud of Summer Hill School that our students are able to support people in need both in Australia and on a global scale.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU.

Sue Bosler & the SRC

CRUNCH & SIP
No time for breakfast?
Try some of these quick breakfasts children can enjoy “on the go”.

- reduced-fat yoghurt, or a yoghurt drink.
- reduced-fat milkshake
- healthy cereal in small plastic bag (a small carton of milk can add a calcium boost)
- slice of banana loaf or other low fat fruit loaf.
Extraordinary Meeting of the P&C on Tuesday 8 April, 7.30pm in the Library.
The school’s Enrolment Policy will be discussed. Come along and have your say.

What happened at the P&C? Vice-President Priscilla Breakspear gives us a report…

Another great turn out for the last P&C meeting! The focus item for the evening was Communication. A sub-committee was formed to look at ways we can improve communication between the school and parents/carers. It was agreed that Class parents play an integral role in Communication, providing information about what’s going on, in the classroom and the wider school community. The committee will investigate the class parents’ information package, so that all class parents are clear on how/what they should be communicating to parents. Other avenues will be investigated to improve communication, such as greater use of the school website and providing FAQs for different stages.

Tim Kay outlined the current sports program; the program will be published in a future newsletter so parents are aware of the program.

Principal Karen Shehata advised that the grassed playground was cleared by the Department following the hygienist’s report and that the school has submitted joint funding applications to the Department for resurfacing the area. A draft enrolment policy was tabled. The proposed changes were outlined by Ms Shehata, the key change being an amendment to restrict enrolments of siblings of current students whose families have moved out area, as defined by the boundary map on the schools website. The current enrolment number of 807 was discussed as well as the school’s ceiling of 696 which is based on the number of permanent buildings. The families of those students who would be affected by the policy change raised their concerns. Other schools have adopted similar policies in order to manage increasing enrolment numbers. It was noted that once the ceiling was reached, the school, under its existing policy, does not have to accept out-of-area siblings. Other options for managing enrolment numbers were discussed, such as changing boundaries and reducing the number of OC classes. It was confirmed that any changes need to be made and communicated to the school community in a timely and effective manner to ensure all the school community has the opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions.

To that end, the school has called an Extraordinary Meeting with Rod Megahey from the Department of Education to address the P&C on Tuesday 8 April at 7.30 pm. Please note this is only to discuss enrolments. There are no other items on this agenda. We hope to see you all there.

Priscilla Breakspear
Vice President

Are you ready for some delicious Hot Cross Buns?
The P&C is holding its annual Hot Cross Bun Stall on Friday 11 April 2014 (the day of the Easter Hat Parade) from 8.15am to 9.30am. These scrumptious hot cross buns come from Baker’s Delight and cost just $6 for six buns. There are four delicious flavours to choose from: traditional fruit, chocolate, mocha, fruitless (sorry, no mixed bags).

Order forms will be sent home with the kids the week commencing 17 March and orders will close on Friday 4 April. Your buns will be available for pick up on the morning of the Easter Hat Parade between 8.15am and 9.30am. There will be a limited number of individual buns available for purchase for $1.30 on the day, but to be sure you don’t miss out, pre-ordering is the way to go.

We’d also love some volunteers to help out with the stall or someone with a station wagon to pick up the buns on the morning of the stall. If you’d like to get involved, please contact Kaylene at kayleneandsyd@gmail.com

National Ride to School Day

Congratulations to all the students for riding their bikes or scooters and walking to school on National Ride2School Day last Wednesday 19 March!

Two-thirds of our school students walked or rode or caught public transport to school on the day! Many of the 150 students who rode to school got their bikes or scooters checked, tyres pumped and helmets fitted correctly. The greatest number of bike and scooter riders were from 2JA and 3/4JM. 3ES, 4AW and 6SP had the most walkers.

We encouraged students with a special prize draw at assembly. Sophie from Year 2 was the first prize winner, scoring a terrific new bag. And John, (K), Abbey (Yr 1), Fletcher and Claire (Yr 4) and Sasha (Yr 5), walked or rode away with such prizes as $15 bike vouchers, bike locks, and bells.

So please keep up riding and walking to school throughout the year and if you have any ideas about how to make it even easier and safer, please contact leighringrose@hotmail.com

Many thanks for prizes donated by Gazelle Bicycles, Ashfield Cycles, Ashfield Council and Harlequin Bags. Thank you to Mark Warnock, the parents who helped on the day including Leigh, Kate, James, Lee, John and Graham from the Summer Hill Lads on Bikes Group (SHLOBS) and kids Luca, Mataya, Ashlee, Bronte, Lachie, Gus, Abbey, Oscar and Annika.

Freya Hartley (P&C Sustainability Committee)
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to all members of the Summer Hill PS community for your ongoing support of the library program. Sending your children to school with a waterproof book bag on the day of their library lesson is a great way of ensuring our book collection is well maintained and ready to share with other students. As the end of term approaches, we ask that you have an extra look at home for school library books and home readers and return them before the school holidays.

**WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE**

Thank you to our first Writer-in-Residence of 2014, Deborah Abela, who returned to Summer Hill PS this week. Students in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a dynamic and inspiring presentation from Deborah Abela, author of the popular *Max Remy* series. Students have reciprocated with some wonderful and enthusiastic responses to the writing tasks Deborah used in their class workshops.

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**MUSIC CALENDAR**

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**GREEN TEAM IN HARMONY WITH THE ENVIRONMENT**

Jay, Ethan, Lachlan and Ryan from the school Green Team were recognised at the Harmony Day assembly for their superb efforts in plastic bottle recycling and the waste free lunchbox challenge. Can you believe the school bags they received used to be plastic bottles?! Thanks to Harlequin bags and Planet Ark for the bags made from recycled PET fabric.
SHPS P&C PRESENTS
neon/glow in the dark

DISCO

PHOTOBOOTH $3
HAIRSPRAY $2
LOLLY SHOP
SAUSAGE SIZZLE $3
ENTRY (INCL. GLOW STICK) $5
GELATO $3
EXTRA GLOW STICK $1
YEAR 6 CAKE STALL 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

EXCURSION TO CANBERRA – THURSDAY APRIL 24
SPACES STILL LEFT

The Summer Hill Italian Program is having a fundraiser – a day trip to our nation’s capital city, Canberra, and you are invited. Spend a fun day out during the school holidays with friends and classmates! Bring a friend, a classmate, even your Mum or Dad!

When: Thursday, April 24th 6:00 a.m. to 7:30 pm
How: Via Telford’s Luxury Coach (DVD/CD, AC, Toilet & Seatbelt Equipped) G or PG movies will be shown both ways.
How Much: $75
Why: To raise money for the growing Italian Program at SHPS (55 children enrolled!)
Who: Anyone can come. The ratio of chaperones/parent volunteers to children will be at approx. 1:10
What’s Included: Morning Tea, Visits to The War Memorial, The Summit of Mt Ainslie, Entry to Questacon, and a tour of The National Museum of Australia. BYO lunch/afternoon tea.

Spaces are limited, so book now by filling out the permission slip below and handing it in either at Italian class or at the school’s office before Friday April 4th. Exact change only please!

Email sterravecchia@hotmail.com for more information.

I, ______________________________(Parent/Carer) give permission for my child ______________________________, age ________________, to attend this excursion to Canberra on April 24, 2014. My child has________________________ medical conditions you should be aware of (use back if more space is needed and send your child with own inhalers/Epipens, etc.)
I understand that my child will need to be at the bus in Summer Hill Village (near the fountain) by 6:00 a.m. and picked up by approximately 7:30pm in the same place.

Parent name:____________________________________________________________
Parent Signature:_______________________________________  Date: ____________________
Parent Contact Numbers: __________________________________________________________
COMMUNITY NEWS

LAST CHANCE TO AUDITION FOR THE CHOIR Voices of Sydney

Voices of Sydney Choir (formerly Sydney Region Choir) is an auditioned and official DEC choir for public school students from Years 5 – 12, with great performance opportunities. If you like to sing, and would like to sing in a choir, and if you would like to perform in great events (including the 2014 Schools Spectacular )

Then come along to a weekly rehearsal before the end of this term and join the rehearsal.

Tuesday afternoons at Sutherland Public School. 4.00pm-5.30pm (Deb and Therese)
Thursday afternoons at Darlington Public School 4.30pm – 5.45pm (Kipi and Helen)
Please ring, text or email to find out more - or turn up to a rehearsal and meet the choir.
Heather Causley Manager- 0400 808 603 causleys@bigpond.net.au
www.sydneyregionarts.det.nsw.edu.au – Music Programs- Sydney Region Choir (the 2013 information is still current for this year).

DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 1st APRIL, 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: ......................................