Dear Parents and Carers,

School Safety—Flashing Lights
The NSW Government has provided funding for the placement of school zone signs with flashing lights at all schools by the end of next year to alert motorists of the 40km speed limit required during school drop off and pick up times.

Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to drive at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this safety initiative and plan to install signs outside Summer Hill Public School on Junction Road the week beginning Monday 16 February 2015 outside of 40km school zone hours. Work will take up to two hours to complete, weather permitting. Lights are installed on pre-existing poles or new poles are put in place if needed. Partial lane closures may be in place while work is carried out to ensure safety of road users and workers. There will be some noise associated with this work, but every effort will be made to minimise these impacts.

Cybersafety Parent Presentation
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. Please see page 2 for the response form. This presentation is free of charge and of great value to all parents as children’s access to technology increases, and with it the issues that children and parents can face.

Australia - Story of Us
This program started on Sunday 15 February and will continue as a series on Channel 7. Our school has an amazing connection with this production, with Mia Thorburn and Olivia Ryder from Year 6 in 2014 and Lily Thorburn who was in Year 6 in 2011, being involved in the cast, as well as Chris Thorburn (an ex parent) who is the series producer for the show.

Students in Years 4-6 are asked to watch Australia: The Story of Us on Sunday nights then answer the week’s corresponding quiz questions on the website: www.Yahoo7.com.au/StoryOfUs

There will be 10 student questions each week, either multiple choice or True/False, plus a bonus question for parents. How our school can participate:

Students can register our school to start the quiz. A parent/guardian must register and consent at the same time. The more students from Years 4-6 who participate, the more chance the school has of qualifying for the $10,000 grant. Good luck and have fun while learning about the history of our country.

Schools Clean Up Day
Since 1992, school communities across Australia have demonstrated their support for caring for the environment through participating in Schools Clean Up Day. The next Schools Clean Up Day is on Friday 27 February 2015. Teachers will educate school students about environmental sustainability using our curriculum resources. Lessons will be themed around Water, Energy, Climate Change, Packaging and Waste and Recycling. Students are asked to bring gloves or tongs on this day for hygiene and safety. Thank you for your support.

Operation Art 2015
Summer Hill Public School has been invited to participate in Operation Art which is an initiative of the Children’s Hospital at Westmead and the NSW Department of Education and
Communities. This program provides a forum for schools and students to display their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of NSW.

Last year paintings by Max and Samuel, students in 6GB, were chosen to be in an exhibition that is currently touring regional galleries across NSW. Eventually they will be hung in hospitals to help brighten up the wards.

Paintings by Pamela in Year 3 and Ben in Year 4 are already on display in hospitals in NSW.

Each participating school may submit up to four pieces of work by any student from Kindergarten to Year 6. All the pieces submitted by our students will be judged by a totally independent art expert from The Royal Art Society of NSW who will decide on the four pieces which will represent our school. The theme of the work must be something cheerful and uplifting that is appropriate for display in a hospital.

The piece of work can range in size from a minimum A4 (30 x 21cm) to a maximum A2 (42 x 60 cm) and a maximum depth of 5 mm. Paintings do not need to be framed. Winning entries will be professionally framed and exhibited at the Armory Gallery in Olympic Park. The closing date for submissions is Tuesday, 21st April, 2015. All art work is to be given to Mrs Bell by this date.

No late entries will be accepted.

ANZAC 100 Year Celebration

Our school will join with Canterbury-Hurlstone Park RSL in developing a project to celebrate this important part of our history. Our Stage 3 students will be researching the names on our Honour Board of soldiers who fought for our country in World War 1. If you know of any descendants who may have photos or letters that may assist us in our research, we would be most appreciative. We will create a book of “Summer Hill Heroes” to be kept in the Library and shared on our school website.

Karen Shehata
Principal

Please Note: Our next newsletter will be in Week 6
**STUDENT MERIT SYSTEM**

Our updated Student Merit Systems policy can be found on our website at:  

**SPORT DRAW**

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The full Sport Draw can be found on the school website under the ‘School Programs/Sport’ tab.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT**

An excellent swimming carnival was had by all last week at Ashfield Pool. Particularly satisfying was the number of children participating in either the 50m events or the novelty events or both. Great work boys and girls. A big thank you to the staff, sports captains and parents who assisted on the day for obviously without your assistance, the carnival would not have been possible. Six school records were broken on the day by James H who broke three, whilst Matthew R, Albert T and Emily S broke one each. The final points score finished as follows…..

1st Border on 1053 points  
Equal 2nd Lewis and Campese on 930 points  
4th Flemming on 867 points

Points were awarded for racing, participating, sportsmanship, cleanliness and all round attitude and behaviour. A complete list of placegetters, current school records and swimmers who have qualified to compete at the Western Suburbs Zone PSSA carnival on March 5 at Auburn is available on the school notice board located outside Ms Shehata’s office.

The Sports Committee.

**PAYMENT FOR PSSA SUMMER SPORT & USER PAY SPORT**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who have promptly paid for their child’s PSSA summer and user pay sport fees. Statements have been sent out by the classroom to families who need to pay.  
**Please Note:** If you have already paid your fees, please disregard this notice. Thank you.

**MUSICAL THEATRE GROUP 2015**

Thursday Lunch Times  
Drama Room (Year 6)

Auditions will take place Thursday 19th February at 12:45pm.  
More details can be found on the school website under School Programs/Drama

**Some Helpful Websites**

**Helping your Kindy kid succeed at school**  
A great way to kick off your child’s formal education is to understand the school culture and what your child is doing in the classroom.  
Find out more:  

**Speech problems**  
All kids learn how to talk and listen at different rates but did you know there’s a general pattern to your child’s language development?  
Find out more:  

**Friendships to boost your child’s learning**  
If children are happy socially they tend to be more engaged in their learning. So teaching your child about the importance of making friends is as vital as learning their ABCs.  
Find out more:  
THE CITY OF CANTERBURY
SCHOOL SAFETY

You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Please ensure that you understand the road rules and that your child understands how to behave safely around school zones. Please be a good role model for your child’s pedestrian and future driving behaviour.

If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk.

Safety tips for drivers around school zones.

* You must stop for pedestrians at a pedestrian crossing.
* Always drop-off or pick-up your child from suitable and legal parking spots, even if this means walking further away from the school.
* Never double park.
* Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
* Never perform a U-turn in close proximity to the school, or over double lines, or on the pedestrian crossing.
* Make sure all children in the car use the footpath-side door (safety door) when getting in and out of a car.
* Always ensure children are secured in their appropriate for age child restraint. Preferably seat children in the back seat of a car for safety. Penalty: Unrestrained child $311 & 3 demerit points
* Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
* Make sure everything is organised before coming to school so that the drop off is as fast as safely possible.
* Ensure items in the car are safely in the boot or on the floor.
Parking and Traffic Rules - Choosing Safety over Convenience

**No Stopping**
What does it mean?
You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?
To keep sight lines clear for drivers AND children so both have more time to avoid crashes

Penalty - $311.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

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**No Parking**
What does it mean?
You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children

Penalty - $173.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

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**Bus Zone**
What does it mean?
You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.

Penalty - $311.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

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**Other Traffic Rules**

**Pedestrian Crossings including Children’s Crossings**
You must not stop within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a Pedestrian crossing.

Why is it there?
To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.

Penalty - $415.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

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**Footpaths & Nature Strips**
You may not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?
You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.

Penalty - $173.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

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**Intersections**
You must not stop within 10 Metres of an (unsignalised) intersection.

Why is it there?
To ensure that there is a clear view of vehicles and children crossing the road at the intersection.

Penalty - $242.00

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**Double Parking**
You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time; even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Why is it there?
Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

Penalty - $311.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

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**Driveways**
You may stop over the entrance of a driveway to pick up or set down passengers, but you may not wait there or leave your vehicle unattended.

Penalty - $173.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

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Fines as at 1 July 2014