NAPLAN student report
The 2015 NAPLAN student reports will be delivered to NSW schools from Tuesday 18 August. All students receive two reports:
The mandatory national Student Report and the Additional Student Report which is provided by BOSTES to all NSW students.
The NAPLAN student report will show your child's results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school's average for each test. This means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling.
The additional student report will list all the questions in each test, along with a brief description of each question. This report will show you which questions your child answered correctly. A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child's progress through the years.
The school will hold an evening meeting prior to the P&C meeting to discuss the school's overall results and how to interpret the NAPLAN reports. The date for this meeting will be provided shortly.

P&C Hoedown Thank You
I would like to take this opportunity to thank The HoeDown Committee especially - Kelly Johnstone, Jo Everett, Lisa Mitchell, Kaylene Hubbard, Michelle Grogan, Kate Jackson, Amy Longhurst, Helen Fremlin, and Helen de Wolfe.
I would also like to thank the following people for their contribution to the event:
Dance Coordination & Costumes - Sarah Tari; Props - Peter Sykes; Prize procurement - Sam Vickery & Harsh Ugarte; our fabulous MC - Ben Tari; all the businesses that have donated prizes; and all the amazing volunteers who assisted on the night. Thank you also to all the staff and parents who came along on the night, had a lot of fun and helped to raise money to support the school's programs. What a fantastic school community!

Grandparents’ Day Thank You
Our staff and students loved having the grandparents at school on Friday. Their presence meant a great deal to their grandchildren and to the school. I would also like to express my appreciation to all those grandparents who travelled a long distance to be with us on the day. Grandparents’ Day acknowledges the vital role that grandparents play in our society, both as custodians of individual and cultural memories and as providers of love, care and guidance to their children and grandchildren. Grandparents’ Day recognises the irreplaceable role grandparents have in their families and in the wider community. I hope that our grandparents learnt a little about how their grandchildren are learning today in school, and went away with a deeper understanding of education in the 21st Century.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE
**Parent Workshop: Seven Steps to Successful writing**

Date: Tuesday 18th August : 6.00 pm; Venue: Summer Hill Public School library

Have you been wondering how you could support your child, in grades 3-6, with their writing?

Have you been at least a little curious about the " Seven Steps" your son or daughter refers to when talking about their writing?

Are you or your child stuck for a ‘sizzling start’? an ‘ending with impact’? or any ideas in between?

Tim Kay and Jane Williams will be running a workshop that will help you to understand the program we have been using at Summer Hill to develop creative, engaged and competent writers. It will also give you ideas to support your child's growth in this important area of learning. Come along and join us in the library before the next P and C meeting.

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**The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey**

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 14 August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

**The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


**Increasing Sporting Opportunities for all – Friday PSSA Sport**

Current research indicates young people develop their values around gender roles and expectations through the ages of 6–12. It is well established that positive experiences in sport for children enhance physical, social-emotional and educational outcomes. School sport can also play a very significant role in changing negative attitudes about gender and breaking down any negative impacts that may exist.

Equivalent opportunities need to be provided for both boys AND girls in Friday PSSA sport. Although some sports can be perceived as gender-specific, structures and competition formats can be developed to provide appropriate opportunities for each gender. Examples include the provision of both senior boys and senior girls football competitions, the opportunities for girls to play in the senior “students” cricket competition. The local zone/district Friday PSSA competitions are the ideal vehicle where schools and district organisations can provide opportunities for all boys and girls to participate. As we have seen recently at this year’s women’s World Cup Football Championship and Asian Cup and the current two “Ashes” Cricket series being held in England – high level opportunities exist for both boys and girls in sport. Our school will be endeavouring to provide both boys and girls with these opportunities in 2016.

**Possum Magic**

On Monday morning we found we had a little visitor outside 6GB’s classroom. She was hiding in the tree and quite frightened. We contacted WIRES to find out if she was hurt or needed rescuing. Luckily we were advised by the person who came out from WIRES that our young female possum was quite healthy and would most probably find a better home over night.

We will keep watch over her to ensure her safety and the safety of our students.

Karen Shehata
4BG hosted our Tree Day Assembly in Week 2. We had special guest speakers from WIRES, as well as donations of nesting boxes made by The Men’s Shed in Ashfield. The students were enthralled by the black cockatoo, the bat stories, and the animal rescues performed daily by the volunteers of WIRES.

**Tree Day Assembly**

**Recorder Group at The Opera House**

**Ashfield Mall Performance**

Singlets Choir, Senior Choir and Ukulele Groups perform at Ashfield Mall.
P&C NEWS

LOWDOWN ON THE HOEDOWN …

On Saturday evening, our amazing community of parents and friends, musicians, dancers, talkers, whip crackers, auction bidders, fire stokers, coin throwers and general good spirited Hoedown revellers joined together for a confluence of Wild West and Aussie Bush. And what a night it was! The Hall and outside area were transformed into a Wild West saloon with hay bales, saloon tables, barrels, saddles and warming braziers.

The Hoedown event committee would like to thank everyone who helped to make it happen. Thanks to those businesses and individuals who sponsored the event. Thanks to the band who worked so hard, The Inland Navigators, and to our very own sensational school saloon dancers and fireside ukulele troupe. Thanks to our MC who kept us smiling all night. Thanks to the many teachers, parents and friends who braved the dance floor. Thanks to those of you who came along and dug deep. Thanks to the tireless volunteers who helped us in the lead-up, on the night and in the hay strewn aftermath.

Stay tuned for the full lowdown on the Hoedown in the Week 6 newsletter. Until then, hi ho Silver, away …

SHPS GARDENING BEE

Our next gardening bee will be held on SUNDAY AUGUST 9th 2pm - 5pm

In the coming months we are hoping to make quite a bit of inroads into beautifying and improving our grounds. This bee will be a clean-up in preparation for these projects. As usual, please bring gardening equipment and as many helping hands as you can. And no worries if you can only devote an hour or so – we’ll take all help gratefully!

Look forward to see you there.

Alex
Thanks be to these fine folk!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS:
Lauren Summers – Moi Moi Jewellery and travel case
Justin Summers – Framed mirror
Belinda O’Donnell – Ring a Bell Cleaning voucher
Joanne Herron – Norfolk House accommodation
Robyn Barker – Paragon Cafe, Katoguka
Vanessa Brecht – Bobby’s Pole Dancing Studio voucher
Tony Clayton – Well Spotted, Jesu and voucher
Lisa Mitchell – Knitted number

LOCAL BUSINESSES:
Summer Hill Wine Shop
Trading Circle
Artistry’s Barber Shop
Da Vinci’s
One Penny Red
The Hair Chair
That Look
Viola’s
Ring A Bell Cleaning
Well Spotted
Parramatta Riverside Theatre
Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym
Taronga Zoo
International School of Music, Lindfield
Belle Fleur
Monkey Bar Theatre
Treetop Adventure Park
Artemis Wines
The Pack and Party Shop
Sweet Beleau

OTHER BUSINESSES:
Mission Escape
Dress Up Attire
The Hen House
Palace Cinemas
Annette Keillerman Pool
Debby
Norfolk House
Red Devils Football
MBA
F Totaler
Sonja Tours
Concept World
Babybakes
Young Henrys Brewery
Kazbah
Vagabond Cruises
Peterson Bowls
Skyzone
Pam’s Room
Corban & Blair
Poster Candy
Nocturnal
Lingerie
Rock Your Baby
Kid
Dandelion
Stencill Portraits
Captain Cook Cruises
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Sweet Beleau
Moi Moi Fine Jewellery
Little Big Bash
Art Essentials
Billy Lee Shoes
Yellow Tail Wines
El Earl
Photography
Blue Mountains Explorers Bus
Sydney Country Music Festival
Woodlands
Curves, Petersham
Paragon Hotel
Casa Barilla
Cameo Lounge
Newtown Social Club
Elephant Jones
Big and Pokey
Temple Two
Bobby’s Pete
Dancing Studio
Caterer’s Joe
Rink
Daisy’s Milk Bar
Kensington Produce
Jenolan Caves Yoga to Go
SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2015
This year Summer Hill Public School has had 16 students accepted into the Schools Spectacular Primary Arena Choir.

The Schools Spectacular is indeed a spectacular event, showcasing a selection of amazingly talented students from Kindergarten to Year 12 across public schools in NSW. This event will be broadcast by Channel 9 in late November.

Tickets go on sale on September 1 through TICKETEK if you would like to see a live performance of the show.

The Schools Spectacular has its own Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/schoolsspectacular which is well worth a visit and a "like" if you would like a preview of some of the exciting items in the upcoming shows. (Facebook users must be aged 13 and over).

Rebecca Salter and Sarah Phillips
Schools Spectacular Primary Arena Choir Directors

CRUNCH AND SIP
Fresh fruit and vegetables are the best option for Crunch&Sip. Small portions of dried fruit (e.g. 4 dried apricots, 1.5 tablespoons of sultanas) are permitted, but only occasionally, e.g. once a week. Fruit products such as fruit leathers, roll-ups and sticky muesli bars are not permitted, as they are often high in sugar.
**SPORTS NEWS**

**NSW CROSS COUNTRY 2015**

Remember that ferociously cold and wet Friday a few weeks ago? The best thing to be doing that day would have been to curl up with a good book in front of the heater! Well, not for Claudia (year 2) and Emily (year 6) who both braved the freezing temperatures to compete at the NSW Cross Country Championships at eastern Creek. Claudia finished in 56th place and Emily in 18th. Congratulations girls on your fine performances. The school is very proud of you both.

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**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015**

The annual Summer Hill athletics carnival (track events) at Pratten Park, last Wednesday was a big success. The lovely sunny weather, really set the mood!

Many students participated in the races enthusiastically and broke many personal bests! There were loud cheers coming from the crowds, encouraging each other to keep going!

Years 2 and 3 were very lucky to participate in novelty events inbetween their races.

Thank you to Mr Adam Williams and the PDHPE Committee for the fantastic and effective organisation. Thank you to all teachers for their tiresome help on the day. Thank you to the parents for coming to cheer their children on.

Well done kids and good luck at the WSPSSA zone carnival.

Miss Juliana Ma

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**2015 YEAR 5/6 WATER POLO**

**MONDAY 12 October 2015 or Monday 19 October 2015**

Summer Hill Public School has the opportunity to enter up to 2 water polo teams in the 2015 Year 5/6 Water Polo Gala Day at Sutherland Leisure Centre October 2015.

Previous water polo experience is not required however good swimming is essential.

Parents are to organize transport to and from the venue.

Any students interested in taking part in the Water Polo Gala Day please see Mr Williams for further information.

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MUSIC NEWS

Music Calendar

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MUSICALE’ EVENINGS 2015

SIMONE YOUNG CONCERT
Thursday 13TH AUGUST

1. BEGINNER Ukelele
2. BEGINNER Recorder
3. TRAINING Band
4. TRAINING Orchestra
5. SENIOR Band
6. SENIOR Choir
7. STAGE Band

RICHARD GILL CONCERT
Wednesday 19th AUGUST

1. ADVANCED RECORDER Group
2. SYMPHONY Orchestra
3. CHAMBER Orchestra
4. CONCERT Band
5. ADVANCED Ukelele
6. INTERMEDIATE Choir
7. MUSICAL THEATRE

This year, Musicale evenings are Thursday 13th August and Wednesday 19th August. The concerts will begin at 6.00 pm and will run through without an interval. Students should not be at school before 5.30 pm as there will be no staff in the rooms to supervise them. When performers do arrive at school, they should go to the rooms assigned to their ensemble. If they are in more than 1 item, they should go to the room of the ensemble they will be performing with first. The running order will be posted up at school on the day, as it is still being finalised. I’m looking forward to a great night of performances.

DRAMA NEWS

On July 21 and 22 this year, three representatives from our school performed in the Ultimo Schools Drama Festival at NIDA.

Congratulations Holly B, Prisha A & Mayan V. The students performed in “Space” as part of the Stage Right Drama Ensemble. They also attended a Drama Workshop at NIDA and watched pieces from many other groups including both
LIBRARY NEWS FLASH
The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2015 ends soon!
Congratulations to the 29 Summer Hill Public School students who have already completed The NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015.
The closing date for our students to finalise their Premier's Reading Challenge entries is Friday 21st August. Each student’s reading record can be accessed online at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge
K-2 students need to read a total of 30 books to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Each K-2 student record already includes the titles read to children during library lessons this year. Students in Years 3 – 6 need to read 20 books altogether. Of these, 15 must be on the relevant NSW PRC booklist and five can be personal choice books of a similar standard. Please remember, only two titles from any one series may be read as part of the PRC.
Please email our school PRC coordinator, carmel.grimmett@det.nsw.edu.au to advise once your child’s PRC entry has been completed. This will ensure that they have a valid entry in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015.

Australian Children’s Book Week 2015.
Theme: Books light up our world.
24-28 August (Week 7)
During Term 3, the library program focuses on literature short listed for the Children’s Book Council of Australia awards. Week 7 of Term 3 is when we take part in the annual celebration of Australian Children’s Book Week. Inventive and creative home made costumes are the sustainable solution for the Character Parade on Friday 28th August (in the hall from 9.30am)
This year, Summer Hill PS celebrations will include visiting authors
Aleesah Darlison (K-2) (Monday 24th August)
and
Randa Abdel Fattah (Y3-6) (Wednesday 26th August)
This year’s annual character parade will be enlivened by student buskers collecting funds to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

PICASSO COWS 2015
Kids, a cow, paint and glue. Curious? Over the next 6 weeks Summer Hill Public School is bringing the farm to the classroom with the Picasso Cows program.
The program celebrates one of Australia’s biggest agricultural industries, the dairy industry, and also teaches kids that milk doesn’t just come from the supermarket!
The kids in KRS, 4AW, 4/5PC and 6AW will get to design and paint a life-sized fibreglass cow in one of three themes – Unbeatable Bones, Fuel for Life or Farm to Plate – documenting their findings from start to finish in a learning journal. It’s interactive fun with an important educational message.
We often hear from nutrition experts that Australian children aren’t having enough calcium every day and that dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt are one of the biggest sources. Despite this, most primary school kids aren’t having enough. This program will tie in with our classroom nutrition education, teaching children about the importance of the five food groups, including dairy foods, for good health and wellbeing.
And that’s not all! Our school is one of several schools in NSW participating in Dairy Australia’s Picasso Cows program, creating some healthy competition! At the end of the program there’ll be a presentation day and the winning school will be awarded $250.
We look forward to keeping you updated on the program. Any ideas or suggestions you have to celebrate dairy within the school community, let us know. You can also find out more about dairy foods at: www.legendairy.com.au
When kids ask “the” questions...

Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

**Session 1:** Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

**Session 2:** Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

**Date:** Monday, 7th September 2015

Specially books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
Interrelate School Services Presents
a Special Evening Program

Family cost*: 1 session $25 per family | 2 sessions $30 per family
*GST exclusive – GST is payable/claimable by the school or organising body

Where: SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
When: Monday, 7th September 2015
Time: Where did I come from? – 6:00pm sharp | Preparing for puberty – 7:15pm sharp
Specialty books are available for purchase on the night

Please complete and return to the school office, with payment in an envelope labelled with child’s name and class

A Special Evening Program

Name of family: ________________________________
No. attending:  □ Session 1: Where did I come from?  □ Session 2: Preparing for puberty
Amount enclosed: $ ______  □ Cash  □ Cheque (payable to school)

Tel: (02) 8882 7875 | Fax: (02) 8882 7890
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FORT STREET HIGH SCHOOL
Parramatta Road Petersham

OPEN EVENING
Thursday 13th August 2015 • 5.30-7.30 pm
For prospective students
“See how our selective high school works”

Enquiries: (02) 8585 1600
Cooks River Day Out

Saturday 22 August, 2015
11am-3pm
Gough Whitlam Park, Earlwood

The Cooks River is changing – wetlands are being restored, the riverbank is being naturalised, fish are returning, and the bird life is abundant.

Celebrate the Cooks River!
- Enjoy natural and cultural hands-on activities
- Meet the people who have been helping the River
- Discover how the River is improving
- Explore the local area on a walking or cycling tour

Free, fun and family-friendly.
Bring your kids, bring your friends.

Program times & tour registration at cooksriverdayout.eventbrite.com.au
Strings: Wednesday 9 Sept @ SSC Leichhardt
Band: Friday 11 Sept @ SSC Leichhardt
9am-2:30pm

Come and learn to play a new repertoire with SYDNEY SECONDARY COLLEGE

Perform these new pieces at:

Saturday 12 September
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For more information contact Olivia Edwards
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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Please visit the Community Notice board on the Summer Hill website located in Parent Info/Forms.

Items posted on the Community Notice Board include holiday camps/care, parenting workshops, sporting opportunities and much, much more.