**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE**

**The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey**
Our school is 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. More information about the survey is available at:


Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link:


**A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health**
We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing. Please be aware that students should not be carrying medication (including Panadol) on their person or in their bags at school. All medication must be handed in to the office with “Permission to Administer Prescribed Medication “ form (see website).

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts. We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

**Dogs at the Gate**
I have noticed that several dogs are being chained to the school fence in the mornings and afternoons. I appreciate that parents are abiding by the school rules in not bringing their pet onto school grounds, however some of our younger students are frightened of dogs and are reluctant to leave the school grounds while the dogs are outside the gate. Could owners please chain their dogs away from the gate and crossing so that these students feel safe arriving or leaving our school. Thank you to those families who are already doing this.

**Outstanding Performances**
I have had the pleasure of attending 2 outstanding performances over the past week. Last Wednesday night I attended Create East at NIDA. I would like to congratulate the following...
students—Kristabella L 6SP, Vernica M 6SH, Rina S 6SH, Rohan G 6SH, Lyn D 6GB, Emily S 6GB and Annabelle H 6GB who were selected through audition to participate in this production. Our Drama teacher, Renee Adel, began Create 10 years ago and established this program as a highlight for students from many public schools across Sydney Region.

On Tuesday night I was fortunate to be invited to the Expanding Horizons Concert at the Sydney Opera House. Expanding Horizons is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education and schools from the cities of Nanjing, Shenzhen and Zengzhou in China. The performances from students from our public schools and the students from China were outstanding. Students from our school were involved in this concert, along with Cathy Chan who conducted the Sydney Southeast Orchestra on the night.

We have also had our annual Musicale Concerts last Thursday 13 August and again on Wednesday 19 August. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Donna Ross for organising these concerts, Cathy Chan for her involvement as band director, as well as the students who perform and the parents and family members who support this initiative. I am so impressed by the expertise and commitment of our staff and students who are involved and consistently support our performing arts program at SHPS.

NAPLAN Reports
NAPLAN 2015 results will be provided to schools from 18 August and sent home to parents on the 19th. All students who participated in the NAPLAN tests will get an individual report of their results. NAPLAN individual student reports provide information about what students know and have achieved in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. They also provide information on how students have performed in relation to other students in the same year group, and against the national average (over one million students participate in NAPLAN tests each year) and the national minimum standards.

What’s in the NAPLAN student report
The front page of the student report provides some general information about the tests, and an explanation of how to read the report. The second and third pages have diagrams that show the relevant part of the assessment scale in bands for that year level. For each year level, only six of the ten bands are shown on the student report.

Year 3 student reports show bands 1 to 6, and the national minimum standard is band 2
Year 5 student reports show bands 3 to 8, and the national minimum standard is band 4

The student’s result in each area (reading, writing, spelling, grammar & punctuation, and numeracy) is marked on the common assessment scales. The diagrams in the student report also show the range for the middle 60 percent of students, the national average result, and the national minimum standard for each year level. Reports in some states and territories also show the school average. The final page of the report has a table that provides a brief description of what students have typically demonstrated in the tests at each band.

BOOK WEEK Parade
Our Book Week Parade will be held on Friday 28 August. Parents are welcome to join us on this date. I look forward to the many creative costumes!

Operation Art
Operation Art 2015 will again be held at the Newington Armory Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park on Saturday 5 September. Zoe L 1RS, Alice Y 5LW, Erica P 5TK and Max G 6GB have had their artwork selected for display. Mrs Glenda Bell has been the driving force behind our school’s involvement in this event and I congratulate our students who are involved.

Student Absences
Please ensure that you provide the school with a note of explanation when your child is absent from school. This is a legal requirement and assists us to keep all our records up to date.

Karen Shehata
GOOSE FEATHER AWARDS

Congratulations and thankyou to:

- Zara C 1MD for caring about messy, polluted playground and showing initiative to encourage others to help fix it.
- Louie C 4BG for cleaning up the playground without being asked.
- James K 4AW for applying “P.E.A.C.E.” making strategies to help others calm down during conflict.
- Gus J 3WW for being a brave and kind bystander.
- James K 4AW for helping others to solve problems peacefully.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Supporting your child with writing using the Seven Steps to writing success:

Thank you to all of those parents who attended last night’s workshop. We had a full house in the library. We are aware that many more of you may have wished to attend but were unable. We may run the same course or similar early next year depending on feedback and time availability. In the meantime we have attached the handout that was given, with brief notes to explain each of the seven steps we teach in our classrooms. We will also be arranging to embed, in our newsletter, a ‘tip per fortnight’ over the next two months or so to assist parents to support all student writers to flourish.

The iPad Apps that were mentioned to encourage the reluctant and/or creative writer were:

- Puppet pals and Toontastic Jr: (K-3)
- Book creator (Y 2-6)
- ComicBook or Strip Design (Y 3-6)
- Explain Everything (for information report writing, allowing video embedding and images: Y 3-6).

The additional tips that were NOT in the handout included:

- Use lots of talking and brainstorming BEFORE and often IN PLACE of writing.
- Let ideas flow, whatever that takes (scribes, bribes, voice activated software, pictures in place of words, computer apps) and IGNORE punctuation and spelling initially. For MOST children under ten the mechanics of writing slow down the creative thoughts.
- Practise, practise, practise: MOSTLY working on paragraphs or plans NOT the whole of a writing piece in one setting and OFTEN never finishing a whole piece.
- Follow your child’s lead and interest: don’t squash ideas.
- Look for examples of good writing techniques (‘seven steps’ or otherwise) in your own reading or the shared reading you do with your child and share how it demonstrates the writers’ use of these skills they are learning: most readers need guidance as to what to borrow and apply in their writing. It does not just happen by osmosis.

We welcome any emails from parents who have found other apps or software ideas that they may have found successful for inspiring writing in our kids.

For those of you who did attend:
Please look out, in the NEXT newsletter for a link to a quick survey monkey with only a handful of quick questions. We would value the feedback.

Tim Kay and Jane Williams
LENDLEASE COMMUNITY DAY - Thurs 17th Sept

Every year Lendlease employees partner with community groups around the world to work together in schools, preschools, refugee centres, animal shelters, soup kitchens, bush regeneration areas and much more.

On Thursday 17th Sept, 35 employees from Lendlease will be working at Summer Hill School along with other school community volunteers on various gardening, painting and small building projects. Lendlease has donated $50 per volunteer and materials have been donated by Boral, Ashfield Council and Dulux.

HELP FEED THE WORKERS. Can you donate a packet of sausages, a loaf of bread, a salad or a cake? 

EQUIPMENT......can we borrow your wheelbarrow? Shovel?

Please contact Helen 0408003757 or dewolfies@yahoo.com.au

Art Show!
Friday 11th - Sat 12th September

Every child at the school will have an artwork on display at this year’s art show. It is a wonderful event full of young artistic talent. Entry is a gold coin donation.

Come and see your child’s work on opening night, Friday 11 September, or during Saturday the 12th.

The opening night is hosted by the P&C and Year 6, with a BBQ, cake stall and raffle, with entertainment provided by one of our talented music ensembles.

We need volunteers to help set up the artworks, be involved in opening night, and collect donations

If you can help, please contact the following people:

Set Up Volunteers: We need help on Wednesday 9 September, 1-4pm, Thursday 10 September, 9-4pm, Friday 11 September, 9-1.30pm. Even an hour or two is appreciated. Please contact Selena on 0401 202 013 or email craiglenehan@aapt.net.au.

BBQ and cake stall: This is a fundraiser for the Year 6 Gift to the School - If you are a Year 6 parent, please contact Gina on gnewling@bigpond.net.au.

Collecting entry donations and selling raffle ticket: Please contact Priscilla at p.strachan@optusnet.com.au

如果您有时间和愿意为孩子们奉献爱心，请和以下工作人员联系：

1. 准备工作志愿者：服务时间：9月9日星期三下午1点-4点，9月10日星期四上午9点-下午4点，9月11日星期五上午9点-下午1点半。您不需要全程参与，即使是只有一个小时或者两个小时都是非常欢迎的。请联系Selena（手机号码：0401202013，邮箱：craiglenehan@aapt.net.au）

2. BBQ和蛋糕摊位服务志愿者：这是6年级同学送给大家的礼物。如果您是6年级学生的家长，非常欢迎您与Gina联系，Gina的邮箱：gnewling@bigpond.net.au

3. 捐款收集志愿者：负责照看募捐箱收集大家的捐款。请联系Priscilla。Priscilla的邮箱是p.strachan@optusnet.com.au
Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.
Have you circled the date on your calendar yet…

Sparky?
Are you (or do you know) an electrician?
From powering the sound stage, to firing up the food stalls, the Spring Fair needs energy… or electricity to be precise.
We are looking for an electrician who can provide some basic advice and help power up the site on the day. This is an urgent request – can you help?
Please contact Phil Meredith on 0402 612 360 or at losgotics1992@gmail.com

See your Spring Fair Artwork all over Summer Hill… and Beyond
We want to call on the students again to illustrate this year’s Spring Fair poster.
Artwork will be incorporated into the poster design and then distributed in the local area.
The 2015 Spring Fair Poster Competition is now open and entries need to be delivered to the photocopying room by 3pm, Friday 4th September.

THAT’S JUST OVER TWO WEEKS AWAY
• Entries must be drawn on an A4 piece of paper and should illustrate “All the Fun of the Fair”
• Pictures should be bright and colourful and it’s best if they are JUST DRAWINGS with no words.
The winning drawing will then be incorporated in the design of this year’s poster.
The chosen 2015 artwork will be unveiled at the Art Show on September 12 with the winner receiving a free rides wristband for use on Fair Day

Be Part of the Action
Remember - the fair is entirely run by school parents, which means that volunteering is essential to the day’s success and very rewarding.
If you would like to find out more about how you can be part of the Spring Fair’s success, please email Paul Rawlings at paul@paulrawlings.com

“Like” Us on Facebook
www.facebook.com/SHPSSpringFair …be sure to tell your Facebook friends

THANKYOU GARDEN BEES
A big thank you to those parents and children who worked hard at the Gardening Bee on Saturday 8 August. There was lots of mulching, sweeping and tidying done by a small group of volunteers. See if you can spot the new nest boxes installed in trees.
Gina Newling
Our amazing community of parents and friends, musicians, dancers, talkers, whip crackers, auction bidders, fire stokers, coin throwers, and general good spirited revellers joined for a confluence of Wild West meets Aussie Bush at our recent Wild Wild West Hoedown fundraiser. And what a night it was.

We’ve had fantastic feedback from people who loved the new format - open seating and standing bar areas, four blazing braziers with lap blankets and marshmallows for roasting, delicious slow-cooked wraps and corn for all and a smart combination of dancing, auction and parent performances. There was definitely a little bit of something for everyone to enjoy.

We raised an astonishing $13,000 in profit.

The 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 hard working fundraising crew who negotiated and sourced our items and prizes. Thanks to the band who worked so hard, The Inland Navigators, and to our very own sensational school saloon dancers and fiddles ukulele troupe. Thanks to our MC who kept us smiling all night. Thanks to our auctioneer who worked the floor with great humour and skill. Thanks to our dedicated brownie bakers. 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.

Until next year, Hi-yo Silver, away...
Summerhillians in Create East 2015

On Monday the 10th of August 2015, a handful of Summerhillians left home at 7am to participate in a program called Create East. We were scattered among five parts, Art, Band, Drama and Dance. There were two in choir, three in band, two in dance, one in drama and I was in Art!

The floor to our activity area was covered in black plastic, as we would be getting slightly messy with the paint. We were told, right at the beginning, we'd only get one day to finish all 7 panels of the backdrops.

Around ten of us were split into a separate group called “Backstage Crew”, who did all the backstage work, like rolling the backdrops on and off the stage, and making props. The rest of the art team, 21 of us, were split into groups of three to do each backdrop. We first marked a proportion grid onto the large sheets of canvas, then we sketched the outline with pencils. Teachers roamed the room, and a loud check of colour or compliment broke the hum and drone of small chatter or negotiation. The pressure bore down on us as the day neared its end. Our movements became faster and more rushed. Finally, everyone sat back on their haunches and sighed either in relief or fear.

The next day we were told to use crayons or oil pastels to rub in the details, and we only had 3 hours to do it. Then, we packed up and moved into a dressing room. We were given squares of fleece and chalk and had to design and cut out our dolls. Then, we stitched on patches, buttons and stitches to create the ‘zombie’ effect. Then, we stitched the dolls together, stuffing the dolls with a huge bag of polystyrene stuffing. Taking fistfuls of stuffing we shoved them into the dolls, and stitched up the gap. People who weren’t finished took the dolls home to finish.

The next day, we were all finished. It was the day of the performance! Groups of us were sent to different places, one to do makeup on the dancers, one to do face painting on the band, and another sell programs. It was the dress rehearsal next. Then, we were all called back for the last scene, where all the program came onstage and were clapped for. We all decided to walk on like zombies on the actual performance. We ran downstairs to our dressing room and we were split into different groups.

Finally came the finale of the real performance. We watched the performance from the Green Room. The resolution of the screen was so good, everything was white blobs on the black screen. Then, at the very end, we walked on from the wings acting like zombies, since we all were practised on for zombie makeup anyway! Overall, it was an amazing and memorable experience, and I’m sure you would agree if you were there!

Lena Eom 6GB

MUSIC NEWS

Music Calendar

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SPORTS NEWS

Winter PSSA comes to its conclusion this Friday with the semi-finals and finals being held from 10am at various venues in the inner west. Good luck to our:

- Senior touch football playing at Blair at 10am.
- Senior boys football playing at Henley at 10am.
- Senior girls netball playing at Cintra at 10am.

Our zone athletics team competed on Wednesday at the WSPSSA Athletics championships. Good luck to all our runners, jumpers and throwers. A more comprehensive report will be in the next newsletter.

Our back at school sport football competition reaches its climax this Friday. Approximately 64 students have been playing in 6 a side teams every Friday.

The grand finals are:
- The Summer Hill Cup-Burning Beasts vs Red Space Bulls
- The Summer Hill Plate-Summer Hill United vs Inner West FC. The competition has been very enjoyable and full of wonderful football skills and thrills!

Congratulations to Max R. from 4/5PC who has been selected in a Sydney Swans AFL development Program. One day we may see Max playing at the SCG or the MCG. Great work!

ATTENTION PAPER PLANE FINALISTS

Transport for Open Day, Saturday 29th August 2015:

- Car: All on-campus parking is free on Open Day but spaces will be limited. Please comply with all relevant parking signs to avoid fines.
- The Shepherd Street car park is located behind the Seymour Centre off Cleveland Street. It will have free parking all day.

Public Transport:
- Free shuttle busses on Open Day
- Depart every 10 mins from Central Station between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.
- For more details go to http://sydney.edu.au/open_day/transport.shtml

Models and Inventions entrants:
- Deliver entries to New Law Building (room to be confirmed) between 3pm and 4pm on Friday 28th August. Set up models and documentation ready for judging, which starts at 4pm.
- Park under the New Law Building and enter from City Rd, via Barrif St.
- On Saturday, come and present your invention to the thousands of visitors who will be present.
- Make sure you are there at 3 pm when Dr Karl announces the winners. You are to take your models home after the Presentation Ceremony.
- All Models and Inventions entrants automatically qualify for the Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge and you can have 3 throws in each of the distance and airtime events.

Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge qualifiers:
- Preliminary Finals run from 12 midday to 2 pm.
- On arrival get your name marked off at The Square at the Registration Desk.
- Pay your gold coin donation (which covers some of the costs) and have your 2 throws or 3 throws (Models finals only) in the event(s) you qualified for.
- Top six in each event at 2 pm will compete in the 2:30 pm finals.
- Dylan Parker and James Norton will give their special show at 2 pm.
- At 3 pm, we will move up to the New Law Building to see Dr Karl announce the winners of the Models and Inventions category.

Contact Details:
- Email: youngscientist@sydney.edu.au
- Phone: 9407 305 529
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.

On the day of the Book Week Character Parade - Friday 28th August
As students and family enter the school grounds in the morning, we ask you to donate a gold coin to the labelled containers beside the buskers.
These funds will assist the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to deliver books to children in remote communities. Thank you for your support.

Library Weebly Website
Parents and students can enjoy keeping up to date with news and important information about what has been happening in our wonderful school Library through our new Weebly website http://summerhillpslibrary.weebly.com/
A LETTER FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH

KAP wrote a letter to the Queen asking her some questions. We asked her about her palace, her pets and her working day. The Queen replied in a letter. She sent three brochures that taught KAP a lot of information. We were very excited to learn that the Queen has dogs that are corgis.

STAND WITH ADAM

Today I will be convincing you to stand with Adam Goodes, but first some of you might be wondering who Adam Goodes is. So let me explain. Adam Goodes is an Aboriginal AFL legend who plays for the Sydney Swans and people have been booing him, bullying him and being extremely racist towards him for the past year though people booed him quite a lot at the live match against West Coast Eagles. This made Adam not confident enough to go to the following match against the Adelaide Crows. Many people against Adam Goodes have said he is a sook to not show up at the match, but I disagree with that because it’s hard to not fit in with everyone because you may be different or you do things differently which in this case people have been booing him because he is a very good football player and I think people are being rude to him only because they are jealous of his incredible natural talent and also because he’s Aboriginal. People usually boo players if they are playing in an inappropriate manner but the fans on the opposing side have been booing him whenever he got his hands on the football. AFL supporters now think its “ok” to abuse Adam. Luckily Lewis Jetta, who is also an Aboriginal and plays for Sydney Swans has performed an indigenous war dance as a celebration after a goal to support Adam Goodes and supporting Adam Goodes will bring us closer to making racism extinct.

In conclusion I hope I’ve convinced you to stand with Adam Goodes, no matter which team you support and also maybe put a stop to racism.

By Zac M 5SP
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.
Join Yeo Park Infants’ School to celebrate the 20th anniversary of

Babe

a little pig goes a long way

Plus lots of fun including a free animal petting farm, sausage sizzle, cakes, fresh popcorn and more!

Saturday 29th August

Music + Petting Farm from 4pm
Movie starts at 5.30pm
Bring along a picnic rug

Tickets
Adults $10
Children $5 (under 3 free)
Family $30 (2 adults/2 or more children)

Where?
Yeo Park Infants School
Victoria Street
Ashfield

No alcohol please
Check yeoparkpandc.org.au for weather updates
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


Program times & tour registration at cooksriverdayout.eventbrite.com.au
**Primarily Fun**

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:

**Music in the Park**

Saturday 12 September
Pioneers Park, Leichhardt 12-3pm

For more information contact Olivia Edwards
9810 9743 or
email sccimp@det.nsw.edu.au
Free entry: Paddington Gates Centennial Park, Sydney, 10 am-6 p.m. Sunday Sept 27

Australia’s renowned authors and illustrators are coming from all over Australia to celebrate books, literature and literacy in the people’s community Centennial Park for everyone. Who’s there?

Jessica Rowe’s ‘Is This My Beautiful Life’; Gold Walkley investigative journalist Joanne McCarthy; Sunburnt Soul – Ethics; Susanna Freyman author & journalist; crime writer P.M. Newton, women’s advocate Joanne Fedler, ABC radio’s Sunil Badami; Annabel Morley daughter wit & actor Robert Morley, publishers and more.


For young people, loved children’s creators including Sarah Davis, Julie Hunt, James Foley, Deborah Abela, Louise Park, Anna Pignataro and other outstanding talents are arriving from all over Australia, presenting, illustrating, performing, meeting & greeting, launching new books, the fantastic illustrator duel. There will be fairies, Centennial Park’s nature playground games, stalls, book signings, food with Matt Moran’s catering.

Bring a blanket and fold up chairs in a truly people’s & community literary festival.

SCBWI, The Residences Centennial Park & Centennial Parklands Foundation welcome you.

Susanne Gervay ~ Festival Director ~ www.sgervay.com
Christian Eckardt ~ Events Manager ~ http://www.theresidencescentennialpark.com; 02 8039 1566
Wednesday Workshops ... Register online now!

**AWESOME ACTORS**
Yr 1 & 2
Improvisation, theatre sports and character development. Get a unique insight into the world of the Performing Arts under the guidance of an experienced NIDA-trained actor. You will work on building confidence on stage and off, improving your communication skills and letting your vivid imagination run wild!

**MATHEMATICAL MADNESS**
Yr 1 & 2
A fun-filled day of games, puzzles, problems and challenges to unleash your inner genius! Do you love shapes, patterns, numbers and all things mathematical? If so, you’ll definitely enjoy this packed day of mathematical madness!

**SLIMY SCIENCE**
Yr 1 & 2
Experiment with giant bubbles, gooey slime and other gunky substances to explore the wonderful world of science. Do you have what it takes to be a mad scientist? In this exciting day of hands-on experiments you will learn to ask probing questions, test your crazy theories...and get messy along the way!

**CREATIVE CODING**
Yr 1 & 2
Ever day-dreamed about creating your own computer game? Dream no more! Exploring basic programming tools and algorithms, Thinkers will create computer games in the Scratch Programming & Learning Environment. Developed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Scratch is an entertaining way to teach children to write computer programs. All equipment supplied.

**MAGICAL MATHEMATICS**
Yr 3 & 4
If you love numbers and all the amazing things you can do with them, come along and immerse yourself in a day exploring the magic of maths, riddles, puzzles and patterns. You’ll discover mathematical tricks you can use every day ... and have fun while you’re at it!

**EXTREME ENGINEERING**
Yr 3 & 4
Have a blast designing and constructing contraptions such as catapults and boats using Meccano and other materials. Grapple with the underlying scientific concepts and the challenges of turning design ideas into real life gadgets. Perfect for tomorrow’s engineers.

**GEOGRAPHICAL JOURNEYS**
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**MATHEMATICAL MADNESS**  
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**SLIMY SCIENCE**  
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Experiment with giant bubbles, gooey slime and other gunky substances to explore the wonderful world of science. Do you have what it takes to be a mad scientist? In this exciting day of hands-on experiments you will learn to ask probing questions, test your crazy theories...and get messy along the way!

**RIOTOUS ROBOTICS**  
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Learn how to program playful LEGO designs with movement and sound using LEGO WeDo hardware and software. LEGO WeDo is also equipped with sensors that allow designs to act like real robots. Thinkers will design, build and program their own creative game, or use their skills to tell an imaginative and interactive story. Great day of problem solving and hard fun! All equipment supplied.

**DYNAMIC DRAMA**  
Yr 3&4  
Develop your repertoire of dramatic skills under the guidance of an experienced NIDA-trained actor. Try your hand at improvisation, theatre sports and character development. Investigate the diverse roles that are required to successfully stage a theatrical production. Learn how to bring a scripted character to life and have a go at writing your own short drama in this dynamic full day workshop.

**EXTREME ENGINEERING**  
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If you love numbers and all the amazing things you can do with them, come along and immerse yourself in a day exploring the magic of maths, riddles, puzzles and patterns. You’ll discover mathematical tricks you can use every day ... and have fun while you’re at it!

**PROGRAMMING PRODIGIES**  
Yr 3&4  
What is programming? Ever wanted to create the next great computer game? While exploring basic programming tools and algorithms, Thinkers will create their own computer games. As the founders of Scratch say, programming enables kids “to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively – essential skills for life in the 21st century.” All equipment supplied.

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**THEATRICS & THRILLS**  
Yr 5&6  
A terrific opportunity for students to delve deeper into the world of drama. Engage your imagination through improvisation, theatre sports and character development. Under the guidance of an experienced NIDA-trained actor, you will master the foundations of a sound performance technique.

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