FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

School End of Year Reports

Semester 2 reports will be handed out to students in Week 11. I have been reading reports and am very impressed by the level of achievement of many of our students. If your child will not be at school in the last week of term, please notify the classroom teacher or the office so that the report can be mailed to your address. Thank you.

School Spectacular Amended 9.30am Thursday 26th November

Please refer to up to date School Spectacular information on our school website via the following access address http://www.summerhill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/music/schools-spectacular

K-6 Summer Hill Blue Awards Assembly

Our Summer Hill Blue Assembly will be held this Friday 27 November at 9.15am in the hall. Congratulations to all the students who are recipients of this award for your dedication to your learning.

Meeting with Jo Haylen MP

On Monday 23 November, Jo Haylen MP met with me to discuss her support of our school. We had a very productive meeting and I look forward to a positive relationship between the school and our new State Member for Summer Hill. Jo attended our Spring Fair and was extremely impressed by the wonderful support and community spirit that was evident on the day.

Presentation Day Assembly

Our K-6 Presentation Day assembly will be held on Friday 11 December at 11.05am in the hall. Parents are welcome to join us at this special assembly. Notes will be given to students who will be receiving awards by the end of this week. As always, it is difficult to select only a few award recipients from the many wonderful students who work hard all year to reach their potential. All our students are to be congratulated on their individual achievements, whether it be academic, or in the area of sport, music, debating, public speaking, chess etc. I am very proud of all of our students each and every day.
School Excellence Framework- Parent Survey

Dear Parents,

The School Excellence Framework supports all NSW public schools in their pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of the key elements of high-quality practice across the three domains of learning, teaching and leading. Within a five-year cycle, all schools have their self-assessment validated against the Framework by a panel made up of two highly experienced principals. This Framework provides a guide for each school to monitor its progress and drive further improvements.

Below are some of the areas of the framework that involve parents. We would like your feedback as to how we can improve in these areas.

Surveys are due back by Friday 4th December. We appreciate you taking the time to complete it. We also know that we can perform better in some of these areas. There are THREE levels- delivering, sustaining & growing and excellence. These statements are from the sustaining and growing level. The School Excellence Framework can be accessed at:

Hardcopies of the survey are available at the office front desk.

There is demonstrated commitment within the school community to strengthen and deliver on school learning priorities.

Positive, respectful relationships are evident among students and staff, promoting student wellbeing and ensuring good conditions for student learning.

The school consistently implements a whole-school approach to wellbeing that has clearly defined behavioural expectations and creates a positive teaching and learning environment.

Student reports contain detailed information about individual student learning achievement and areas for growth, which provide the basis for discussion with parents.

Parents have an understanding of what their children are learning and receive regular information to support progression to the next level.

The school leadership team engages the school community in reflecting on student performance data.

There is broad understanding of, and support for, school expectations and aspirations for improving student learning across the school community.

Physical learning spaces are used flexibly, and technology is accessible to staff and students.

There are opportunities for students and the community to provide constructive feedback on school practices and procedures.

Streamlined, flexible processes exist to deliver services and information and strengthen parental engagement.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school.

Karen Shehata
Principal

SCHOOL HOURS 9.15AM –3.00PM

This is a reminder that morning supervision of the school playground is between 8.45am and 9.15am.
Do not drop your children at school before 8.45am unless they are enrolled in a before school activity.
LEADERSHIP SELECTION FOR 2016

After an inclusive and exhaustive process of selection and election, our student leaders for 2016 have been finalised. The process takes a very long time and every child who is interested in a role is considered. With over 140 potential candidates in Year 5 (each child can choose up to 3 roles meaning there are over 420 choices available), the various stakeholders (the students, Deputy Principal, teachers, librarians, music co-ordinators, drama teachers, chess organisers and debating teachers) finally arrive at who will be our official student leaders for next year. I can assure everyone that a great deal of time and energy is devoted to the selection process. Decisions are not made lightly.

At times the process can be a disappointing process for some and an exhilarating process for others. Resilience levels are certainly tested. However rigorous the process is, the final result is reflective of the quality of the students available and the stringent criteria that guides the process. All the chosen leaders have shown that they consistently follow our 3Rs, behave in an acceptable manner on all occasions and are worthy of the honour of being chosen as a leader for 2016.

Congratulations to:

HOUSE CAPTAINS
Flemming-Larissa T and Edward L-C (captains), Gwen M and Amelie D (vice captains).
Lewis- Emma D and Yuan HR (captains), Helena J and Bianca T (vice-captains).
Border- Claudia C and William W (captains), Emily W and Max R (vice-captains).

MUSIC CAPTAINS
Michaela V, Rayne F, Jasmine G and Sofia R

PREFECTS

CHESS CAPTAINS
Kevin Z, Kevin L, Kerui (Kevin) Y.

LIBRARY MONITORS

DEBATING CAPTAINS
Frances K and Molly H

A huge vote of thanks to the Year 5 teachers who have given so freely of their time (and energy!) at what is a very busy time of the year. Your support and encouragement is most appreciated.

CREDIT NOTE FOR YR 3 & 4 SCULPTURES EXCURSION

Families of Year 3 and 4 students who have paid for the cancelled Sculptures T4 2015 excursion would have received a $15 credit note via their child.

It is important that this Credit Note be returned with the 2016 T1 Activity Statement as the school will not be able to process this credit without it.

Thanking you,
School Admin Manager

SWIM SCHOOL STUDENTS - LUNCH ORDERS

This is reminder for Grades 2 - 4 involved in the swimming program. Students involved in the swimming program can still order their lunch from the canteen. Please just write SWIMMING on the lunch bag and it will be delivered to your child's class either before or after their swimming lesson.

Many thanks
Grade 2 - 4 teachers
DEBATERS FOR 2016

After a rigorous selection process the following children were chosen for the squad that will represent Summer Hill in the Premier’s Debating Challenge next year.

Tom B 5JR                                 Ludwig D 5TK                               Ryan G 5JR                                Molly H 5TK
Frances K 5SH                              Thomas L 5SP                                Jeanette L 5LW                             Saskia M 5JR
Luke N 5SP                                 Erica P 5TK                                  Marina R 5TK                                Jack S 5SH
William S 5SH                               Helen C 5SH                                  Klim 5TK                                   Emily W 5SH

Captains are Frances K 5SH and Molly H 5TK.

Congratulations. I’m sure you will enjoy the competition as much as the 2015 squad did.

Mrs Bell
Debating Coordinator.

THE AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Martin Zhang 6GB, Cindy Wu 6SH and Vernica Mehta 6SH were presented with awards at Sydney Grammar School on 13th Nov. for achieving outstanding results in The Australian Mathematics Competition. This is a world wide competition run by the Australian Mathematics Trust. Ms Hamilton and I were extremely proud of their achievements. Only 0.003 % of the entrants received awards.

DULWICH HILL SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM

Last Friday I attended Dulwich Hill School of Visual Arts for a talented arts program. I did print-making by doing dry-point etching. Normally, you do print-making by getting a big metal sheet, cover it with a thin layer of bitumen, etch whatever design you want into it, then dunk it into a vat of corrosive acid. You put ink into the etched grooves then use a printing press. We didn’t use the acid. We did it by etching a thing into a piece of plastic, covering it into oil based paint, removing the extra, then putting it into a printing press. I etched a chair. We also did sculpturing. Our teacher was a participant in sculptures by the sea. She made her sculptures by using thrown out timber. We made sculptures of figures using smaller pieces of timber scraps from the school’s woodworking classes. My sculpture was supposed to be a person running but it looks like a person about to bow.

By William 5TK.
P&C NEWS

Our November meeting was held on Tuesday 17th at 7.30pm in the library. Items of discussion included a Spring Fair debrief, a technology update where we continued our discussion about how we can support the school’s long term technology needs as well as updates from various committees.

This year’s Spring Fair raised approximately $32,000 for the P&C which is up by around 25% on last year. This is a wonderful result and reflects all the hard work of Fair Committee and everybody else involved on the day. If you have a spare few minutes, please help us make the Fair even better in the future by participating in the online survey via the link below.

Technology and playground upgrades are key focus areas for us going forward. This includes assisting the school with their Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) strategy and other hardware requirements for use in the classroom. We are also looking at ideas to upgrade and improve the playground area adjacent to Herbert Street.

Our final meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 8 December at 7.30pm. Please note that this is a week earlier than our usual date. This is an informal meeting where we will get together and thank some members of our school community who have contributed so much over many years are now stepping back or moving on.

Paul Gaukrodger
President

GARDENING BEE

SUNSHINE, NATURE AND FRIENDS
We’ve got it all at the Summer Hill Gardening Bee!
Come along and help keep our school beautiful:
Sunday 29 November from 2pm-5pm.
Any time you can spare will be greatly appreciated.
Bring gardening tools, sun protection, kids, friends and willing workers.
Enquiries to Alex 0402 349 209

SPRING FAIR SURVEY

Your opinion really counts…

With memories of this year’s Spring Fair still strong, please spend three minutes of your time filling out our online survey. It’s really important that we get your opinion to make sure that next year’s Fair is the best it can be - please tell us what we need to do more of, less of and differently.

Planning starts soon so please let us know your thoughts at this link http://goo.gl/forms/iso5cXLAi

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking prizes available for the remainder of 2015 (swimming bags are out of stock).

Galaxy Glider
Outer Space Savers Money Box
Intergalactic Rocket
ET DVD

Invisible Ink Martian Pens
### SUMMER PSSA DRAW

**PSSA finals will commence at 12.30pm Friday 27 November 2015.**

**Good luck to Senior Girls Softball and Senior Boys Cricket teams!**

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### BAND AND ORCHESTRA 2016

Notes are due to go out early next week to each student with an offer of a place in the band or orchestra in 2016. Unfortunately, not everyone gets what they want but we do try our best to find something that the child wants to play.

If your child has missed out on applying or the “try-outs”, please contact me by email janet.sutherland1@det.nsw.edu.

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### DRAMA NEWS

On Friday 13 November 6 students from Summer Hill Public School attended the Ultimo Schools Theatresports Gala Day at NIDA. Students participated in improvisation activities and competed in games. The day was hosted by Improv Australia and students from Public Schools all over Sydney were in attendance. Congratulations and well done Violet A, Alex P, Matilda Y, & Lauren P, (Year 6) and Lachie J, & Dahlia M (Year 5).

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### NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

**THE SUMMER HILL SPRING FAIR CAFÉ IS BACK !!!**

**and IN A NEW VENUE**

The Café is ideal for students wishing to perform solos, duets or in small ensembles. There will be a keyboard, amp, microphones, cd player (with usb/ipod input) and music stands available in that space.

Any student wishing to be on the café program needs to fill out a Café note and return it to the box at the front office. Please see Ms Ross or Ms Sutherland to get a Café note. There are 3 time slots. Please circle your preferred time slot so we can balance out the program.

Parents are most encouraged to perform on their own or with their children.

Hope to see you there !!!

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### LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to all students and families for your support of our library program during this busy year.

In order to allow time for stocktaking our collection, all library loans will cease for 2015 at the end of Week 8.

**NO LIBRARY LOANS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2015.**

Please return all Summer Hill Public School library items as soon as possible.

Good luck to all the lovely Year Six people who are moving on to high school, please remember to return our SHPS library books for younger SHPS students to enjoy.

Please contact Carmel Grimmett, Teacher Librarian, if you have any concerns regarding school library items on loan to your children.

Email carmel.grimmett@det.nsw.edu.au
DRAMA NEWS

YEAR 5 DRAMA EXCURSION
Australian Theatre for Young People
“The Trolleys”, Thursday 5 November

Year 5 and 4/5 attended “The Trolleys” as well as specialist Drama workshops at ATYP. We had a lovely day by the harbour and learnt a lot. We were lucky enough to watch our own Finbar (6AW) performing in the show.

I loved the surroundings of the Australian Theatre for Young People and the atmosphere. It was great when we walked past the lovely dancers dancing. Lucia 5SP

I never knew ‘light’ could be your life! Michael 5SP

I learnt a lot when the light shattered. Josiah 5SP

The story is really clever and very imaginative. Zac 5SP

The play made me feel magical! Kiki 5SP

I didn’t know that after the performance we had a fun activity. Aaron 5TK

I thought the lighting in the show was amazing. Charlie 5TK

I enjoyed the show and it inspired me to be in a show myself. Claire 5JR

I thought drama was more about using your voice and in the workshop we mostly used body shapes. Dewashish 5JR

The intensity and the magic in the performance! Emma 5JR

I loved the show so much it inspired me to audition for a show myself. Jordan 5JR

It must have taken a very creative mind to write that script. Saskia 5JR

You could see in the characters faces, what they were thinking. Dahlia 5JR

I learnt how to have fun with drama and I enjoyed the parts of the show when it went dark. Salman 4/5PC

I liked the Drama games and watching the play. Emily 4/5PC

I enjoyed the chanting and the changing of scenes. Jamie 4/5PC

I like how they pulled the curtain quickly and made you feel like you were in a different place. Eddie 4/5PC

We liked the use of the stage and set to show the different scenes. Ben & Emma 4/5PC

When the lights in the jar dimmed, there was a formidable feeling that you would see the people turn to dust. Owen 5SH

We think that maybe the hand held jars had a button or a switch to control the lighting. Maybe the fixed jars of light on the stage were wired to a switchboard. -Year 5 Blue Class

It was awesome! Michaela 5LW

My favourite part was when the children in the story turned to dust. Myan 5LW

I wonder how they made the hand held lights change colour and be lighter and dimmer... Dimitri 5LW

It’s one of the best shows I’ve ever watched! Joshua 5SH
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Perinatal Depression and Anxiety Awareness Week 2015

Cooking Made Easy
For New & Expectant Dads

Good support is crucial in assisting a woman who has just had a baby and it includes support in buying and preparing food.

This workshop will teach new and expectant dads how to prepare simple yet healthy meals, so that they can support their partners during the perinatal period.

The workshop includes cooking demonstrations, samples of featured dishes and recipes to take home.

When: Saturday 21 November 2015, 11am-1pm
Where: Ashfield Civic Centre, 260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield
Cost: FREE

Bookings are essential on Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.com.au

This project is funded by WayAhead - Mental Health Association NSW under the Perinatal Depression & Anxiety Awareness Week Small Grants Program.

In: 1803 9726 1360  260 Liverpool Road Ashfield NSW 2131
Fax: 1803 9726 3911  PO Box 116 Ashfield NSW 1800

www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au

Financial Literacy Workshops
Christmas planning and budgeting

Come along to our free workshop and learn some great skills on how to have a financially stress free Christmas.

Free workshops on developing:

1. skills to manage your money
   - know how much money you receive
   - be aware of what you spend and how you pay for things.

2. ways to save for Christmas
   - easy steps to budgeting to help your most Christmas and other goals

3. some strategies to protect yourself from scams

4. knowing where to go for help
   - there are lots of free services providing quality information and assistance.

Where: 3 December 2015, 10am-12pm
Where: Ashfield Civic Centre
260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield
More details: Contact Ashfield Council on 9716 6000 or email: AshfieldCouncil@nsw.gov.au

Ray White shines a light on giving this Festive Season

This Christmas, Ray White Summer Hill will continue its popular tradition of giving with the
"A Little Ray of Giving" gift drive.

This inspiring Christmas campaign will see our office partner with Raby Club Bunwood to help disadvantaged children who may need a little extra light in their festive season.

Ray White is asking the local community to embrace the giving season and dig deep for children in their community who need it most. The campaign will officially launch in Australia on
1 December 2015

Every year, we ask people to donate a gift, drop it into our Ray White office and we’ll put it under our tree. Ray White Summer Hill located at 64 Beech Street Summer Hill, have a special Giving Tree in their front window to collect gifts for children and families who will be doing it tough this festive season.

Those who wish to donate a gift just need to inform the Ray White team if the gift is for a boy or Girl, and nominate an age group. The team will ensure the gift is delivered to a disadvantaged child and help put a smile on their face this Christmas.

Ray White have run this initiative across Australia and New Zealand each December since 2010. Last year nearly 50 offices across Australia and New Zealand helped raise over $5,000 gifts for disadvantaged families at Christmas.

For further details contact: Lisa Polser, Director Ray White Summer Hill 0468 453 119

FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL TICKETS NOW ON SALE

The London Palladium Production of

Saturday 12 December • Capitol Theatre
100% of ticket sales for this performance to Chris O’Brien Lifehouse.
Tickets now on sale at ticketmaster.com.au

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Music