**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE**

**School Photo Day** will be on Monday 7 March for all K-6 students.

**Music Tour to China**
Year 5 and Year 6 students from Senior Band, Stage Band, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra & Senior Recorder are being offered the opportunity to participate in a music tour of China in September this year. We need to have a balanced number of instruments from each group and will be looking to take the players who are committed, who practice and play well, and are students who demonstrate appropriate behaviour and who will represent both the music program and the school with pride.

Thank you to those parents who were able to come to the information evening held on Monday evening. A number of information sheets were issued on the night. If you do not have these notes, but are interested in the tour, a copy of the notes can be collected from the office. We would ask you to complete and return to the Summer Hill School office by Wednesday 9th March the note entitled “2016 Expanding Horizon China Exchange Tour” giving all relevant details. Please do not make any payment at this time.

**Dogs on School Grounds**
This week there was an incident whereby a parent brought a dog onto school grounds and a child was bitten. Parents are respectfully asked to keep all dogs on a leash and outside the school gates. This is to ensure the safety of all children and for the welfare of the animal. I thank you for your cooperation in regard to this request.

**Parking around the School**
A neighbour in Herbert Street has asked that parents do not park across driveways when dropping off or picking up their children. Last week he was unable to drive out of his garage due to a parent from our school who had parked him in. Please be respectful of our neighbours and mindful to park legally. Thank you.

**Schools Clean Up Day / Ride 2 School Day—Friday 4 March**
Students are asked to bring disposable gloves on Friday to participate in our Schools Clean Up Day. It is also the day we celebrate Ride2School Safely Day. All students are encouraged to ride, walk or scooter to school. Our parent volunteer helpers will meet riders in the morning to: check bikes and helmets; assist bike parking; launch our Special Messages Poster Competition. All students on wheels are required to wear helmets (this includes skaters and scooters). Parents are encouraged to join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students.

**The Swing Sisters**
On Tuesday 1st March I walked with 11 students to the Ashfield Council forecourt to participate in a dance activity to promote community awareness. The students were amazing and embraced the spirit of the event. They had lessons in Swing Dancing and represented our school proudly. I would like to thank the following Year 6 students: Sophia L, Raeja P, Lucia D, Jordan T, Larissa T, Sophie G, Emma D, Yasmin H, Sofia R, Alisa H and Jeanette L.
Harmony Day is fast approaching and will be held on Monday 21st March. The theme for Harmony Day 2016 is **our diversity is our strength**. Students may wear orange mufti on the day. Harmony celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Day is that ‘everyone belongs’, reinforcing the importance of inclusiveness to all Australians. This day follows the **National Day for Action Against Bullying and Violence** which is being held on Friday 18th March. This annual day provides a focus for our school to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen our existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

A **K-6 Harmony Day assembly** will take place at 2.15pm on **Thursday 17th March**. Parents are welcome to attend. The P&C have organised a special **Harmony Disco** in our hall for K-3 students from 5.00-6.30pm and Years 4-6 from 6.30-8.30pm on **Friday 18th March**. Tickets available at the door. There’ll also be a Hair Styling Station, BBQ, Gelato and more! Parents and carers are very welcome and encouraged – you’ll have your own area outside with chairs and tables provided so you can mix and mingle.

**Easter Hat Parade** will be held on **Thursday 24th March** starting at 1.20pm. K-2 students will make their hats at home this year but will parade with their buddies at the assembly. Parents are invited to attend.

**The High School Information Evening** will be held on **Tuesday 8th March** at 6.15pm in the hall. Year 6 parents are invited to attend and find out how to fill in the 2017 High School application form and to ask questions relevant to the application process. The application forms will go home with students on Monday 7th March, prior to the meeting. These forms will inform you of your child’s designated local high school. I will be joined by Mr Tim Kay and Year 6 teachers for this presentation.

**The Selective High School Placement Test - Thursday 10 March**

Applicants for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2017 are required to take the Selective High School Placement Test to be held from 9.00am to 1.30pm on **Thursday 10 March 2016**.

The test centre for students from our school is:

Fort Street High School
Parramatta Rd
PETERSHAM NSW 2049

We wish all our selective high school applicants every success in the test.

**Please Note**: Our next newsletter will be in Week 8

Karen Shehata
P&C NEWS

The P&C AGM and first monthly meeting for the year was held on 16 February. Last year’s Annual Report was tabled along with the financial statements for the year. We came very close to raising our target of $80,000 in 2015 and start off 2016 in a strong financial position with around $28,000 in the bank.

Elections for all positions were held and the following people form the 2016 Executive:

- President: Paul Gaukrodger
- Vice Presidents: Gina Newling and Helen De Wolfe
- Secretary: Bridget Grant
- Deputy Secretary: Angela Kountouris
- Treasurer: Lee Carpenter
- Executive: Paul Rawlings and Frances Notman

The regular monthly meeting followed the AGM. Representatives from each of our committees outlined their activities and plans for the year across music, fundraising & events, sustainability, grounds, spring Fair and sport. We received updates on the spending of various grants and on upcoming events including the Ride to School Day and the Summer Hill Folk Festival. We discussed a development application for a Moonbie Street boarding house and briefly discussed a proposal to hold a food market at the school on weekends. The meeting was also informed of the successful insurance claim for losses at the Spring Fair and resolved to renew student injury insurance in 2016. It was also resolved to establish a fund with an initial contribution of $3,000 to help cover the future cost of renewal and maintenance of the synthetic playground.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15 March at 7.30pm in the library where we will go through our goals for 2016.

Paul Gaukrodger
President

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Statement of accounts have been mailed out as a reminder to families to pay outstanding fees. Please pay promptly. If your school account is up to date you will not receive an account. Also note, that if you require financial assistance please contact the school’s manager to make an appointment.

Activity Statements are available on the website under Parent Info & Forms - Activities/Excursions

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

CLASS PHOTO DAY- MONDAY 7th March  FAMILY PHOTO - MONDAY 14th March

SHPS class photo day is on Monday 7th March. Order forms have been sent home. The preferred method of payment is online, however all payment options are listed on the envelope. Please bring your envelope back to school ON photo day. If you have lost your envelope or need an additional envelope, they can be picked up from the office. Family photo envelopes are NOT sent home, they need to be picked up from the office if required. Family photos will be taken on Monday 14th March.

Rebecca Salter
Assistant Principal

CANTEEN LUNCH ORDERS

Summer Hill Public School has a wonderful canteen/kiosk/cafe. The canteen is open each morning at 8am to students, staff and parents for breakfast. All foods are prepared daily. View the canteen menu on the school website.

Parents can pre-order lunches for kindergarten students. Kindergarten students are not to purchase food from the canteen during term 1 and 2.

WE CATER FOR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS UPON REQUEST.

You can now order online using 'FLEXISCHOOLS'. Go to www.flexischools.com.au and click 'Register'.

P&C NEWS
P&C EVENTS

SUMMER HILL FOLK FESTIVAL SATURDAY MARCH 5
Supporting this new community event, Summer Hill PS P&C will be running the BBQ from 10am – 4pm. All profits from the BBQ will go to the P&C to help with our fundraising target for 2016.
The Folk Festival will be held in the grounds of Summer Hill Church corner of Henson St and Smith St.
contact Helen De Wolfe on dewolfies@yahoo.com.au or 0417 227 974.

A SPOT OF GARDENING!!!
Our Term 1 gardening bee will be held on Sunday 13 March 2–5pm. We would love to see you at the school grounds for some autumnal sprucing!
This is a great time to prune, clear and fertilise so any willing hands are very welcome.
Just check in with us near COLA area and we allocate jobs.
Bring gardening tools, sun protection, kids, friends and willing workers.
Hope to see you all there!!
Enquiries to Alex 0402 349 209

SCHOOL DISCO FRIDAY MARCH 18
It’s getting closer!
K – Yr3: 5.00pm – 6.30pm, Yr4 – Yr6: 6.30pm – 8pm.
Mark this date in your diary and contact Anita Finlayson to help out on the night. anitaf
nalyson@me.com or 0401 032 659
Many hands make light work… Jobs include: Set Up, Ticket Sales, Door Supervision, BBQ Cook, BBQ Serve, Ice Cream / Drinks / Lolly Bag Sales, Hair Spray and Pack Up
Just 1 HOUR of your time – or more if you can give it. Anytime from 3.30 – 9.00.
It’s a great night for everyone.
CHESS NEWS!
The deadline to sign up for the Term 2 Friday Interschool Chess Competition is Thursday March 3rd. Please get a form from Brett or Susan today.

MANDARIN LANGUAGE NEWS
Mandarin classes starting this Wednesday 2/3/2016 in the 2/3MA classroom.
Kindergarten and Year 1 will be at 3:10 - 4 pm. Year 2 - 6 will be at 4:05 - 4:55 pm.
The K&1 class is now full. There is still availability in the 2-6 class.
To register your interest, please email your child's name and year group and your name and phone number to enrol@mandarinstars.com.au.

SPORTS NEWS

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Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin

Beginners Mandarin Language Club for Non-native speakers at Summer Hill PS! (exclusive to SHPS students)

The Mandarin Stars program offers:
- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy

If there is enough interest, classes will start in Term 1 and will be held at the school on a Wednesday! K-2 3.10pm – 4.00pm 3-6 4.05pm – 4.55pm

To indicate your interest, please email your child’s name & year group and your name & phone number to: enrol@mandarinstars.com.au

www.mandarinstars.com.au ★ enrol@mandarinstars.com.au ★ Ph: (02) 8437 2498
ROAD SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

HOW TO ENTER?
1. Pick the allocated key safety message for your year group:
   - K to 2: Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
   - 3 & 4: Get off your bike before you cross the road
   - 5 & 6: It’s safest to cross at the crossing
2. Come up with your own version of the headline or use ours
3. Design, draw or paint your poster on A4 or A3 paper

GET ARTY TO WIN IT!
We’re picking one winner and two runners-up for each Stage - (K to 2), (3 & 4) and (5 & 6). The winning posters will be professionally printed and displayed at school, on our website and in the newsletter.
Email kelly@sequential.com.au if you have any queries.

1ST PRIZE: WIN ONE OF 3 TOTALLY COOL NUTCASE HELMETS!
VALUED AT $100
Plus great prizes for our runners-up!

WHAT?
Please make your designs on A4 or A3 paper, clearly marked with your full name and class on the back.
We’re looking for well thought out posters that clearly communicate the school’s road safety messages.

ENTRIES DUE?
All submissions to be handed into the office photocopying room by THURSDAY 24 APRIL.

FOR INSPIRATION AND TO CHECK OUT OUR SERIOUSLY GREAT PRIZES, COME TO RIDE2SCHOOL DAY IN THE FRONT COURTYARD, 8am to 9am, FRIDAY 4 MARCH.
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

In partnership with Anglicare, Ashfield Council runs a weekly Parent Support Group at Ashfield Presbyterian Church hall every Monday from 10am-12pm.

Various information sessions and parenting programs are offered each week and some of them include 'Sleeping & Settling', 'Baby Sign Language' and '123 Magic and Emotion Coaching'.

Join our parent support group to learn new parenting skills and make new friends!

Call Ashfield Council or Anglicare on 9898 1400 for more info about this group.

Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0–18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.
All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.

If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 02 9765 5000 or email fosteringwithfacs@facs.nsw.gov.au
LUNCHBOX LABEL FUNDRAISER

Support our school’s environmental initiatives and help your child pack a Waste Free Lunchbox each Wednesday. Packing a waste free lunchbox is one small way that kids can make a big impact on reducing the amount of waste we send to landfills. Waste free lunches are often cheaper and healthier too! We have a special fundraising deal with www.brightstarkids.com.au where you can get classy custom made labels for drink bottles, lunchbox containers and uniforms – just choose our school in the ‘nominate a fundraiser’ section. To find out more about Waste Free Wednesday see: http://www.summerhillpschools.nsw.edu.au/p-c/waste-freelunchbox.

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Leichhardt Campus
OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 2 March, 5-7 pm
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Balmain Rd, Leichhardt
Ph. 95602355
http://www.leichhardt-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Dulwich High School
of Visual Arts & Design

OPEN NIGHT
Information Evening for prospective students & families
WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2016

5.30 - 7.00PM
Multi-Purpose Hall
Seaview Street

P&C INFORMATION STAND
Refreshments will be available at the Canteen Quad
Do you feel like you have run out of answers for parenting your child? Are you feeling stressed and overwhelmed?

The Health Psychology Unit, UTS is offering a free treatment research program for families who have children with behavioural problems.

Clinical psychologists from the Unit located near Royal North Shore Hospital will see families with children aged 7–14 for up to 14 sessions.

For more information please contact Dr Rachael Murrhy on 9514 4077 or at Rachael.murrhy@uts.edu.au

Website: www.uts.edu.au/research-and-teaching/our-research/health-psychology-unit

BRAVE Self-Help is an online program for the prevention, early intervention, and treatment of youth anxiety. It was developed at The University of Queensland by experts in youth anxiety and has now been running for over 14 years throughout Australia. The program is fun, interactive, based on cognitive-behavioural principles and has been found to be effective in reducing anxiety in children and adolescents. It has helped hundreds of children experiencing social anxiety, shyness, separation anxiety, phobias and general worries. BRAVE Self-Help is now available to use at home for free due to the support of beyondblue. Any Australian young people who would like help with anxiety can access the self-help program via https://brave4you psy.uq.edu.au/ The program can be accessed through any computer or tablet device, at any time and includes up to 10 sessions for youth. Parents can also take part in a separate parent program to learn ways of helping their child or teenagers manage anxiety. Teachers, young people and parents can also find out more about the program or take a trial or any of the programs through the BRAVE website.