FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I wish to advise our community that I have received a Clearance Certificate for students to use our grassed playground, following the hygienist report. I have provided the P&C with a copy of the hygienist report and Clearance Certificate to be tabled at the next meeting. The DEC and Public Works will now cost the recommendations provided to them and inform the school as soon as possible. In the meantime, our parent committees have been hard at work with ideas and quotes for solutions to the ongoing issues associated with the grassed playground.

I would like to thank all our families who responded to the survey in regard to 3 Way Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews. The results are overwhelmingly in favour of holding the interviews at the end of Term 1, with 62 responses in favour of Term 1, 9 in favour of Term 2, and 9 in favour of holding the interviews at the end of Terms 1 and 2. Please be advised that parents are welcome to request an interview with their child’s teacher at any time if they have concerns in regard to their child’s educational or emotional well being. Teachers may also request an interview with parents if necessary. Notes will now be sent home providing parents with the dates and times that interviews will be held. Please fill in your time preferences and return to the class teacher as quickly as possible.

On Thursday 6 March, I had the opportunity to visit Newington College to watch our students compete in the Interschools Chess Tournament. I was so very proud of the commitment and expertise of our Years 2-6 students who participated in the event and their achievements. Summer Hill PS placed 1st in the competition. Well done!

Our Harmony Day assembly will be held from 9.15am on Friday 21 March. Parents are welcome to join us for this assembly. Our focus will be on anti-bullying and we will have artworks on display from classrooms. Students are asked to dress in orange on the day and bring a gold coin donation to raise money for our designated charities.

The Selective High School Test will be held this Thursday 13 March. I would like to add my encouragement to all our students who will sit for this test and wish them all the best.

Don’t forget that photos will be taken on Monday 17 March in the hall. Students should be in correct school uniform for the class photos.

Summer Hill PS is incredibly fortunate to be situated in a community that is supportive and it is important that we are considerate of our neighbours. Please do not park in front of driveways, thereby restricting their access to and from their property. This would be greatly appreciated.

Karen Shehata

IMPORTANT! MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Please ensure a health plan is prepared for your child if he or she has a medical condition that may require awareness, intervention or attention at school, even if no medication is required. This includes asthma.

Please see Ms Meldrum if this applies and your child does not already have a health plan or if your child’s health plan needs to be updated. Thank you.
FROM THE DEPUTIES’ OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

POLICIES
Our student welfare policies can be viewed on the school’s website at:

UPCOMING DATE
National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, Friday 21 March 2013.
Website for parents, students and teachers: http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

REMINDERS

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
The school office hours are 8:00am to 3:45pm. All enquiries and transactions need to take place within these hours. Thank you.

INFANTS COURTYARD BEFORE 9:15AM
Students are not permitted to be in the infants courtyard (in front of the office) before school other than to drop bags off in designated class areas. Parents, please do not remain in this area with your child/ren before school, as children are not to play games in this area. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our photo days are coming up – Monday 17th March for classes (main day) and Monday 31st March for other groups. On the main day all class photos and family/individual portrait photos will be taken. Weather permitting, we also take the Year 6 group photo. On the second day the other group photos (eg: band, orchestra, library monitors) will be taken. The prefect photo will be taken on 17th March because the prefects are out of the school on the 31st.
All orders and payments for class, individual and family photos are to be given to the photographers on the day. NO MONEY OR ORDERS ARE TO BE HANDED TO CLASS TEACHERS OR TO THE OFFICE AT ANY TIME. Spare order forms are available from the office. Family (sibling) photo order forms are available from the office.
The office will not be able to give change on photo day and will not be able to phone home on photo day for students who do not have an order form. Late orders can be made through the photography company and may incur a late fee.
Group photos will be available for order after they have been taken and we have been sent samples to have a look at. These will be on display for a period of time once they have been made available to us.
All enquiries regarding photo packages, prices and photos after they have been taken are to be made directly to the photography company: Advancedlife 1300 728 972

Mark Warnock and Jane Williams.

DP: SPECIAL MENTIONS (GOOSE AWARDS)

The following people received a coloured feather last week:

For GREAT TEAM PLAYING, representing our school so beautifully at the Newington school Interschool Chess Championship. First place in the tournament due to the effort of all of the team.

Jay C (4SB), Eva G (4SB), Connor B (3WW), Finnian C (5SH), Mahesh R (6SH), Luke R (5KB), Caleb B (2AB), Justin C (6SH), Kevin S (5SH), Byron O (5SH), Liam G (6SH), Selwyn C (6JG), Yinan C (5SH), Luca S(6SP), Samuel Y (5GB), Henry T (2JA), Junee L (5SH) and parent Susan Terravecchia.

Ms Rebecca Salter, Ms Berna Nakhle, Ms Pam Carroll & Ms Stephanie Hughes for IT support and rescue lately.

Ms Felicia Riviezzi for an excellent eye-opening Kinder parent info session on Reading.

Mr Tim Kay, Ms Karen Shehata & Ms Jenny Malliaras for baking for the staff to celebrate International Women’s Day.

STEWART HOUSE

SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL 2014

Summer Hill PS will be participating in the annual Stewart House Clothing Appeal. Bags will be distributed to the students on Friday 21st March.

COLLECTION DAY WILL BE TUESDAY 25th MARCH.

Please drop your filled bags under the shelter, opposite the staffroom door.
SUMMER PSSA SPORT DRAW

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SPORT NEWS

SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL REPORT
Last week’s game was brilliantly won by Summer Hill’s Senior Girls Softball Team with a score of 9-6.
Thanks to good team work, determination and this week’s star player Kathleen, we defeated Dobroyd Point!
We had lots of fun and we wish Dobroyd Point better luck in future games. Most valued player in this game was Kathleen (6SP). Congratulations Kathleen.
Unfortunately Dobroyd Point only has a Girls Junior and Senior Team. So the Boys Softball Team had a friendly game with Dobroyd Point’s Junior Girls team.

Hannah C & Charlotte K (Team Members)

SENIOR CRICKET REPORT
On Friday afternoon the Summer Hill Senior Cricket Team played against Dobroyd Point. The boys played really well and only got out 4 times. Although Dobroyd Point played really well, I think Summer Hill deserved the win after taking 8 wickets and concededly taking nice runs off the bat. Man of the match goes to Rohan (SSH) for taking 2 nice wickets.

Zak M (Team Member)

ZONE SWIMMING
A great day was had by all last week at the Western Suburbs Zone PSSA Swimming Championships. Our team of 28 dedicated swimmers tried their absolute hardest, displayed commendable sportsmanship and behaved impeccably. What more can a school ask of a team representing it?
At the conclusion of the carnival our boys team finished in second position whilst our girls team finished in first place. Overall, SHPS finished in second place. A fantastic achievement.
Two records were broken on the day with our Junior Girls Relay Team (Sienna, Jessica, Emily and Anna) breaking the existing record by a whopping 8 seconds! James H broke the boys 11 years 50m butterfly record by almost 0.5 of a second. Both fine achievements.
Emily S from Year 5 was declared the Western Suburbs PSSA Junior Girls Champion with 3 first places and 2 second places. Amazing and well done Emily.
We have a number of children qualifying to swim at the Sydney East Championships (Region). They are: James H, Daniel L, Emily S, Sienna U, Ella H, Matthew R, Alfred T, Samuel Y, Anna Z and Jessica X.

For a full list of the results, log on to the Western Suburbs PSSA website and follow the links to swimming results 2014.
Finally, thank you to Mr Timmins and Ms Donnelly for their sterling efforts in the blazing hot sun and to our huge army of parents who were encouraging and supportive throughout the day.

A reminder that relay training for the junior girls and senior boys teams will be held this Friday at 7.30am at Ashfield Pool. See you there.

CRUNCH & SIP

Why is breakfast important?
- children who miss breakfast are often reported as having poor behaviour and poor concentration
- children who miss breakfast are often unable to meet their daily nutrient requirements
- children who miss breakfast are more likely to have a greater risk of being overweight or obese
- eating breakfast helps children learn and establish healthy eating habits early in life.
MUSIC NEWS

FEE ASSISTANCE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MUSIC PROGRAM.
Fee assistance is available on a limited basis for interested students who may need assistance with funding to participate in the band or orchestra music program. The school will provide music fee assistance for one music student per year. The fee assistance will include payment of ensemble and instrument hire fees for the year. The assistance will not cover the costs of private tutoring. Ongoing assistance for the student will be reviewed on a yearly basis. These assistance funds are derived from the SHPS P&C. The Principal will determine which student will be provided with assistance. There will be no identifying information provided to anyone outside of the school executive regarding the student seeking assistance.
To enquire about fee assistance you need to contact the Principal and will be required to provide information regarding the students current situation (eg. Centrelink details). Fee assistance must be requested by Week 8 of Term 1.

ARTS EXTENSION PROGRAMS
The Arts Unit and Sydney Region Arts Unit are sub-units of NSW Department of Education and Communities. The programs they deliver are an extension of arts education delivered in NSW Public Schools. Please see the information below and visit each website for more information.

The Arts Unit  https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/

The Arts Unit provide arts education to children attending NSW public schools. It delivers programs in dance, drama, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking, reading, spelling and special events. In 2013, students from SHPS were involved in the following Arts Unit activities;
- NSW Public Schools String Sinfonia (*)
- NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Orchestra (*)
- NSW Public Schools Junior Singers (*)
- Junior State Music camp (*)
- Festival of Instrumental Music (selected members of the SHPS Senior Recorder Group and Symphony Orchestra)
- Festival of Choral Music (selected members of the SHPS Senior Choir)
- Primary Proms (selected members of the SHPS Intermediate Choir)
- Schools Spectacular (selected members of the SHPS Senior choir)
- Premiers Spelling Bee

* Students apply directly to The Arts Unit

Other opportunities SHPS students participated in during 2013 include;
- Sydney Region Recorder
- Sydney South East Symphonic Winds band
- Sydney Region Orchestra
- Create East (3 consecutive days of workshops, culminating in a high quality professional musical production)

Please note that places are limited and often there is a selection process and/or audition. Please talk to your child's ensemble director about his/her suitability for particular programs.

FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Pi Day – 14 March
The digits of this day (March 14) correspond with the first three digits of ‘Pi’ (3.14). Albert Einstein was born on this day in 1879.

Ides of March – 15 March
Historically this date is marked by the assassination of Julius Caesar in 44BC. According to Shakespeare, Julius Caesar had been warned by a soothsayer ‘Beware the Ides of March’. On the ancient Roman calendar, the ‘Ides’ fell on the 15th day of March, April, May and October and on the 13th day of all other months.

St Patrick’s Day - 17 March
Although he was born in Wales (385 AD), St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick is said to have driven all the snakes out of Ireland and to have used the shamrock to explain the Trinity to his followers. He died on 17 March, 461.

Holi (Hindu) – 17 March
Holi is a Hindu spring festival dedicated to the god of pleasure. People shower coloured water and smear red and green powder on each other.
P&C NEWS

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME DELICIOUS HOT CROSS BUNS?
The P&C is holding its annual Hot Cross Bun Stall on Friday 11 April 2014 (the day of the Easter Hat Parade) from 8.15am to 9.30am. These scrumptious hot cross buns come from Baker’s Delight and cost just $6 for six buns. There are four delicious flavours to choose from: traditional fruit, chocolate, mocha, fruitless (sorry, no mixed bags).

Order forms will be sent home with the kids the week commencing 17 March and orders will close on Friday 4 April. Your buns will be available for pick up on the morning of the Easter Hat Parade between 8.15am and 9.30am. There will be a limited number of individual buns available for purchase for $1.30 on the day, but to be sure you don’t miss out, pre-ordering is the way to go.

We’d also love some volunteers to help out with the stall or someone with a station wagon to pick up the buns on the morning of the stall. If you’d like to get involved, please contact Kaylene at kayleneandsyd@gmail.com

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT P&C MEETING IS ON TUESDAY AT 7.30PM
After a fantastic start to the year with more than 75 people at our first meeting, the next P&C meeting promises to be equally enthralling. The focus item is communication — how the school communicates with parents and carers. If you’d like to have your voice heard, come along and join the discussion. It costs just a gold coin donation to become a member of the P&C for the whole year. There are many ways to get involved and show your support for our school. We’d love to see some new faces on Tuesday 18 March at 7.30pm in the Library. So, see you all on Tuesday!

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
Summer Hill Public School’s active travel day is just around the corner on next Wednesday 19 March! Join us and walk, ride your bike or scooter to school.

Get active, have fun, help the earth and win prizes! There will be a prize draw for all students riding to school. Tickets will be handed out at the bike/scooter racks (but you must have your helmet) and winners announced in assembly. Get your bike checked for free too!

PERMISSION FORM TO RIDE TO SCHOOL – Fill out the form and give it to Mr Warnock

I give permission for _______________________________ to ride his / her bike / scooter / skateboard to school on __________________________ (days). He / she will wear a helmet, ride safely and abide by the road rules.

________________________________________ will secure his / her bike / scooter / skateboard to the bike rack at the entrance to the school or arrange with his / her class teacher to store the bike / scooter / skateboard in the classroom.

Parent Name ___________________________ Signed ______________

Dated ______________________________
HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is held on 21 March. Managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), Harmony Day celebrates the cohesive and inclusive nature of Australia and promotes a tolerant and culturally diverse society.

Harmony Day began in 1999, coinciding with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and each year, it is an opportunity for everyone to come together and participate in local activities.

Over the years, Harmony Day has grown in popularity as Australians have made the day their own. Communities themselves decide how they would like to come together to mark the occasion - some have morning teas, others organise a fair and some celebrate by dressing in national costumes.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Australians are encouraged to wear something orange to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Friday 21st March students will be asked to wear orange and bring a gold coin donation. This will be donated to their chosen charity that works in the field of anti-violence and anti-bullying.

As this day is also the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, there will be performances by the Year 2 Choir, the Senior Choir and 3BB. Some members of 5/6TK will present some of our harmonious school values.

The SRC will collect the money in class after a special Harmony Day Assembly to be held at 9.30am on Friday morning.

SCHOOL BANKING

Debra Bingham from the Commonwealth Bank will be at school on Thursday March 13 at 8:45am if you want to open an account and start school banking. Come along and fill out a form.

STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!

Complete 3 deposits into your Youthsaver account through School Banking between 28/01/2014 and 11/04/2014 to help your school have the chance to win a 3m x 3m Marquee. You will also go into the draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 $50.00 deposits into your School Banking account.

For further inquiries regarding school banking please contact Priscilla Strachan p.strachan@optusnet.com.au
The Summer Hill Chess team won first place at the first Inner West Chess Challenge at Newington College last Thursday. Our team beat out numerous local schools, as well as hosting school Newington, in a field of over 130 skilled players. All of our players showed great sportsmanship and this win was truly a team effort. The next board battle is slated for April 8th at Canterbury Public School - more details to follow, so watch this space!

Dear Summer Hill Parents!

As we move in to Autumn more and more winter items will start to filter through to the uniform shop. We would like to announce that within the next two weeks the Polar Fleece Zip Vest will be returning! Initially we are introducing small numbers to gauge the popularity, and we can always bring in more stock if necessary.

Just a reminder, our opening times are:

- Tuesday 8:30 - 10:00am
- Friday 9:00 - 10:00am
- Friday 2:30 - 3:30pm

You can pop in to see us during any of the above opening times.

Our uniform range can be viewed and ordered online at www.youruniformshop.com.au, and choose “Summer Hill” from the FIND YOUR SCHOOL menu.

Alternatively you can download a PDF from the Summer Hill Information page.

We have a dedicated Customer Service Phone line to call for any order queries or questions regarding the uniform - our Head Office number is 9905 2711.

We can also be contacted via email through our website. We welcome any feedback and are there to assist families with any uniform requirements they have.

Thank you
Pickles Schoolwear Team
COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS UP FRONT DRAMA ACADEMY
Thursday Afternoons
We pick up juniors from Summer Hill Public School.
FREE trial Drama Class at Summer Hill Community Centre
Our meeting place at 3:00pm - the Karen Kekale garden in the corner outside the office near the gate
- Kindy to Year 2: 3:20pm to 4:20pm
- Yrs 3 & 4: 4:20pm to 5:20pm
- Yrs 5 to 8: 5:20pm to 6:20pm
Phone 9953 4040 or register online www.kidsupfront.com.au

DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 18th MARCH, 12.00PM.

SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
ABSENTEE NOTE
(To be returned to classroom teacher first day back after absence)

Students Name:..................................................................................................................................................Class:..............................

Date/s of absence/s:..................................................................................................................................................

Reason for absence:..................................................................................................................................................

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Name of Parent/Carer:...........................................................................................................................................

Signature of Parent/Carer: .................................................................Date: ..............................................

Entry of Students
Year 7, Year 11
2015
Dance, Drama and Music Selection Procedures

To the Principal
Students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 2014 enrolled in public or non-government schools who are seeking entrance into Year 7 or Year 11 in 2015 in Dance, Drama or Music at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts, must participate in audition workshops.
Year 7 Audition Dates: Friday 20th June – Thursday 26th June 2014
Year 11 Audition Dates: Wednesday 16th June – Friday 20th June 2014
Please Note: To be eligible to apply, candidates must be Australian Citizens or holders of a visa granting permanent resident status in Australia on the day of their audition.
Initial registration for an audition is required online via our website
www.rhs.nsw.edu.au

Closing date for registration is 1st May 2014

Newtown High School of the Performing Arts