FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE

Dear Parents and Cares,

OC Applications for 2015

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. Generally students are in Year 4 in 2014 when applying for Year 5 entry in 2015.

Parents seeking opportunity class placement for students in 2015 will be able to apply for up to two schools of their choice. It is expected that parents will make appropriate decisions when choosing a school that is within reasonable travelling distance.

Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Online applications open on Monday 28 April 2014. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014. Application packages will be available in schools from 28 April 2014.

Teacher Appointment

I would like to congratulate Mr Adam Williams on his appointment as a classroom teacher to our school following the merit selection process. Mr Williams will take up the appointment from Term 2 as classroom teacher for 1EV. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Emma Van Der Mee for her dedication and commitment to the students of 1EV during Term 1.

School Disco

What a fabulous event! It was wonderful to see our school community come together at the disco held last Friday. These events would not happen without the hard work and commitment of our P&C and parent helpers. I would especially like to thank Helen de Wolf for organising this event and all the parents who supported her. The students had a great time dancing the night away while parents networked and enjoyed the company of other parents. Well done SHPS!

Happy Easter

On behalf of the staff of SHPS I would like to wish all our students and their families a safe and happy Easter break. It has been a very busy but productive first term, and we look forward to returning to another great term. Thank you for making me feel so welcome at SHPS, I have enjoyed meeting many of you and getting to know your children.

Karen Shehata

TERM 2 BEGINS ON TUESDAY 29th APRIL FOR ALL STUDENTS.
FROM THE DEPUTIES’ OFFICES

STUDENT WELFARE

As we have acknowledged both Harmony day and National Day of action Against Bullying and Violence we felt it timely to update the community in the ways we at SHPS have been addressing issues of racism and disharmony that were brought to our attention in the second half of last year by students in Stage 3 and their families.

Since those discussions staff have met to address this particular issue on several occasions and come up with some strategies. Many of these have already been in place in classrooms at SHPS, like all other schools. Others may relate specifically to our unique setting where up to 60 new students from diverse backgrounds are introduced into the school each year in the OC stream in Year 5 and another half to full dozen entering at Grade 3 level from Infants schools nearby.

We recognise that racism is rarely combated by punishment alone as it usually stems from ignorance, lack of empathy or relationship. Many of our strategies therefore relate to relationship building or addressing of misunderstandings through education. Staff and the management team need to know about and deal with any instances of racism that are discovered. These would be dealt with using our schools’ ‘Restorative Justice’ model for behaviour management and conflict resolution. This system lends itself perfectly to these situations as it has as it’s premise the importance of relationship strengthening and empathy building. Teachers are also aware of the need to sensitively make use of each ‘teachable moment’ they may come across to address ignorance and build deeper understandings.

Staff, in stage teams, supported by the school librarian, Carmel Grimmett have worked hard on careful text selection and preparation of a Scope and Sequence of English units of work in line with the new ENGLISH syllabus. This will be an ongoing process in the next two years at least. We are aiming to ensure inclusion of as many good books from Greater Asia including Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Vietnam etc. that can be embedded into lessons and broaden kids understandings. It is anticipated the purchase of carefully selected resources will allow quality Readers circle discussions/rich text exploration going in the middle and senior primary classrooms. These smaller group settings can often be where feelings/misunderstandings can come out and teacher’s units will be deliberately targeting issues of ‘Belonging, community, belief, immigration, racism, diversity, difference, similarities, sense of self and race’. Units being developed and trialled are already looking very powerful and positive, drawing on literature such as Onion Tears, Mirror, Boy in the striped Pyjamas, Red Piano to name a few.

Here are some of the pathways that we already do in our every-day teaching we have instigated:

- Using the Interrelate company to work with Stage 2, in 2014, after a successful year with Stage 3.
- Integrate a mainstream and an OC class during drama/music RFF time for Grade 5.
- Integrated school sport sessions, in addition to any PSSA.
- Careful creation of combined student groups across whole cohort of classes for camp week.
- Continuation of class involvement in SHPS strong buddy program already in place, to encourage new students to feel ‘connected’ to the SHPS community.
- Attendance at camp by Management team members (Principal or DP) to establish relationships with Year 5.
- Seek assistance from Year 6 families to hold a welcome BBQ for all Year 5 students and families
- Provide additional occasional teaching and learning opportunities, where it is deemed mutually beneficial, across the senior grades where the children mix e.g. Science days, art days, writing sessions, projects.
- Consider taking Year 5/6 students to Courage to Care: an excellent exhibition built around the experience of many Jewish families and their protectors during the holocaust, it is designed to connect to any school's particular need to address any racially related or other bullying and highlights the role of the “bystander”.

Mark Warnock and Jane Williams.

DP: SPECIAL MENTIONS (GOOSE AWARDS)

The following people received a coloured feather last week:

- LucasH (4LG), Charlie T (4SB) and Lucia D (4SB) for looking after a Grade 4 students on the playground.
- Our trumpeters, worthy of commendation at the Anzac Day service were Nathan S (6BN) and Lauren P (5MD).
- Christian R (2JA) for a huge improvement in playground behaviour.
- One big plucked goose to all the teachers for the many hours spent on the 3 way interviews.
TERM 2 ACTIVITY STATEMENTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 2 Activity Statements for all the grades have been given out. Please ensure that payment is made by the due date and consent forms are returned by that date. The school thanks the parents who have made Term 2 payments already.

CRUNCH & SIP

Kids love rewards
Praise healthy habits. This may be snacking on fruit, drinking water and being active. Use treats like stickers, special games and outings, hugs and praise. Avoid using food as a reward.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

The National Young Leaders Day was a great day. There were very inspiring speakers and it was a very fun day! (Eliza)
The place was huge, the room was filled with 6000 people, and we listened to five people talk about themselves and leadership. (Felix)
During National Young Leaders Day, the prefects and captains went into a deeper meaning of leadership; it forced me to be a better leader for Summer Hill and the future. (Liam)
The National Young Leaders Day was great fun and I really liked meeting all those great people. (Oliver)
The conference was amazing and exhilarating. It was truly inspiring to meet all the awesome guests. (Roman)
The National Young Leaders Day was a great experience for me and it was lots of fun. I learnt more about leadership and there were amazing speakers there. (Ellen)
The National Young Leader’s Day was an amazing experience and was so much fun with the other prefects and Ms Pillay. (Amy)
I had a great time on Monday; we all had so much fun. I even met Andy Griffiths! (Alexia)
At the National Young Leaders day we met so many inspiring people who told us of their amazing life stories. My favourite was Ita Buttrose. (Gus)
I had a great time and my overall favourite speech was Andy Griffiths. It was awesome when I got to shake his hand. (Anouska)
P&C NEWS

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY AT THE DISCO!
Last Friday night the P&C hosted the Neon/Glow in the Dark Disco. Even the rainy weather couldn’t spoil the electric atmosphere or the evening’s resounding success!

A huge thank you to Jimmy Tzortzis who once again donated his equipment and his fine DJ skills, providing a fantastic night of great music and fun for everyone.

Enormous thanks also to the parent and grandparent volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the evening run so smoothly. A special thank you to Kaylene and Jo for joining the Disco Committee and for their help in organising the event.

We were really pleased to have the wonderful volunteers from Da Vinci’s helping to sell their delicious gelato. They very kindly donated their equipment, cups, spoons and volunteers to help raise funds for our school.

Love Photobooth was a new and highly successful addition to the disco. There were some delightfully creative photos emerging from the photobooth machine…

As always, our thanks to Gus from Summer Hill Quality Meats for the sausages, Ally and her team for the Lolly Shop, and the Year 6 Parents for their work both baking and selling cakes on the cake stall. We hope that it was a successful evening for them too.

Thank you to all the teachers for helping to supervise and cleaning up at the end. Also to Baron Newlyn for all his help.

The event raised approximately $4600 for the school.

Next year will be my fifth disco. I am looking for someone to help run the event with the view to taking it on as their own. If you had fun at the disco and would like to add your own personal touch, please contact me at dewolffies@yahoo.com.au

FAMILY PORTRAITS.
In 2012 the P&C ran a very successful Family Portraits session, providing families with the opportunity to have professional portraits taken at a very reasonable cost.

The P&C is looking for a volunteer(s) to organise this event for this year. The session is tentatively booked for Saturday 2 August. There is a complete set of instructions outlining in detail what is required to organise the day.

If you are interested please contact Helen De Wolfe at dewolffies@yahoo.com.au

POP UP CINEMA EVENT IN SEPTEMBER!
Does this sound like a great idea to you? The P&C is looking for a committee to create and run this event. Plenty of help and advice is available. If you (and some friends) are interested in making this your own, please contact Helen De Wolfe at dewolffies@yahoo.com.au

HOT CROSS BUNS THIS FRIDAY
A reminder to all those who ordered Hot Cross Buns to pick them up this Friday morning from 8.15am outside the Hall. For those of you who missed out, there will be a limited number available for sale on the day! But you will need to be quick!

UNIFORMS

GET YOUR WINTER WOOLIES NOW!
Second-Hand Uniform Shop SALE
Be prepared for this winter and get some warm pre-loved uniforms from the Shop. We are open Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8:45 – 9:30am

• We have Sweatshirts for only $2.00 each, as well as shirts, shorts & hats
• Tracksuit Pants – 4 pants for just $1:00!!
• Jackets, Summer Dresses & Vests – only $5:00
### MUSIC NEWS

#### JUNIOR RECORDER CLASSES
The Tuesday class will start on 29th April, the first day of Term 2. Unfortunately, Alicia Crossley will not be able to take the Thursday class in Week 1. All Thursday class Junior Recorders are welcome to attend the Tuesday class in the first week instead.

FROM THE MUSIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE
A big thank you to all those that assisted with the Training Band and Orchestra Rehearsal Breakfast last Friday morning. There was a great turn out of parents and supporters to listen to our fabulous Musical Directors take the ensembles through their paces - all enjoyed over a lovely cup of coffee with croissants and muffins. Thanks to all those that baked muffins for the event and to Eugenia Munroe for the fabulous co-ordination.

#### MUSIC CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 2014

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FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Palm Sunday (Christian) - 13 April
Palm Sunday is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week. It commemorates the people of Jerusalem laying coats and palm branches at Jesus Christ’s feet as he approached the city gates.

Good Friday (Christian) - 18 April
The crucifixion of Jesus Christ is commemorated on this day. Traditionally fish is eaten rather than meat. Hot cross buns have become associated with Good Friday.

ANZAC Day - 25 April
This day commemorates Australian and New Zealand troops landing at Gallipoli Peninsula on Turkey’s Aegean coast in 1915 (World War 1). Faced by cliffs and a barrage of enemy fire they found they had landed in an incorrect position on the beach. Thousands of Australian and New Zealand soldiers were killed. The beach is now known as ANZAC Cove. ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Easter Sunday (Christian) - 27 April
Easter Saturday celebrates Christ’s resurrection. The ancient custom of exchanging eggs on Easter Sunday is to celebrate new life.

Captain Cook landed at Botany Bay 1770 – 29 April
Captain Cook was an English navigator and explorer. On his first voyage to the great southern ocean he landed at Botany Bay, New South Wales and claimed the land for the British Crown. The British did not acknowledge Aboriginal custodianship of the land; they assumed the land was ‘Terra Nullius’ or empty land.

CHESS NEWS
On Tuesday 8 April, Summer Hill PS won the Interschools Chess Challenge at Canterbury PS. Not only did the players exhibit exceptional skills in chess, they were very helpful and well behaved throughout the day. Congratulations to all the competitors and to Ms Terravecchia and Ms Notman for supervising the 23 students who participated. Well done SHPS!

CANBERRA TRIP
If your child has signed up for the April 24th excursion to Canberra, please:
- Be at the Summer Hill Fountain at 6.00am. Don’t be late!
- BYO lunch, afternoon tea and water bottle.
- Bring a pillow if you want ti sleep on the bus.
- Make not of this number in case you need to contact us: 0411 738 445 (Susan)

Ten spaces left! Please call Susan on 0411738445 if you would like to go. Make sure you are at the Summer Hill fountain on Lackey Street by 6 a.m. on April 24th. The bus will not wait for those that are late!

I, ______________________________ (Parent/Carer) give permission for my child ____________________________, age ________________, to attend this excursion to Canberra on April 24, 2014. My child has____________________________medical conditions you should be aware of (use back if more space is needed and send your child with own inhalers/Epipens, etc.)
I understand that my child will need to be at the bus in Summer Hill Village (near the fountain) by 6:00 a.m. and picked up by approximately 7:30pm in the same place.

Parent name: __________________________________________
Parent Signature: ____________________________ Date: __________________________
Parent Contact Numbers: ____________________________
LIBRARY NEWS

CREATIVE WRITERS
Deborah Abela and John Heffernan, our writers in residence this term, have been delighted by the enthusiastic and creative responses of the primary students they have worked with at Summer Hill Public School.

During library visits, students from Years 3-6 have been examining what it means to work as members of a creative team through projects about inventions, their responses to these activities have also been fantastic and will soon be on display in the library.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TAKE UP THE PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE!
Students taking part in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge are encouraged to take the opportunity to enjoy some holiday reading. Keeping cosy while reading a wonderful book is a great way of enjoying some downtime. Please email carmel.grimmett@det.nsw.edu.au if you require any assistance with accessing your child’s reading record online.

Thanks to all members of the school community for supporting the school library program this term, your efforts are very much valued. Thank you to those who are able to assist by volunteering their time in the library. Thanks to all of you for simply, but most importantly, assisting your children to remember when to return their library and home reading books. The large numbers of families providing waterproof bags to transport books to and from school is phenomenal and very much appreciated.
Please make a special effort to return library loans this week so that children can start next term without an overdue loan.

GARDENING NEWS
Our keen Year 2 gardeners will be selling their produce at the Junction Road gate this Friday, 11th April from 8.45am – 9.15am. (Weather permitting)
Please bring small change and a shopping bag.

DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 29th APRIL, 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: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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

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