Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN Information
The processing of 2014 NAPLAN test books for all NSW schools is now complete and the final student dataset was provided to ACARA at the end of July for national reporting. In NSW, 345,746 students sat at least one NAPLAN test and approximately 1.8 million tests were processed. The 2014 NAPLAN student reports will be delivered to NSW schools from Monday 1 to Friday 5 September. Schools will distribute report envelopes to parents by Friday 5 September. To assist parents in interpreting the student reports, ACARA has published the Student Reports brochure and a video which can be downloaded from the ACARA Student Reports webpage.

Wests Ashfield Leagues Community Art Competition
Once again Wests Ashfield Leagues is encouraging budding talent in our school by offering students in Year 1 - Year 6 the chance to win some fantastic prizes by participating in their art competition. The theme this year is: “MY HOBBY”. Individual entries can be handed into the Office at school by Friday 29 August. Entries will be on display in the Airlock at Wests Ashfield Leagues from Wednesday 3 September until Tuesday 16 September. The presentation for prize finalists will take place on 16 September at 2pm. Each finalist will be awarded an Eftpos card to the value of $50. The school of each finalist will receive a $100 donation. The winning student will be selected from 12 finalists and be awarded an Eftpos card to the value of $300. The winning school will be determined by the number of entries that reach the finals, receiving an additional $2000 donation. All submitted art work must be on an A3 size paper with school’s name, teacher’s name and school contact number, Student’s first name and surname, student’s age and student’s grade on the back of the artwork.

Summer Hill OC Reunion
The 1953/54 OC class will be holding a reunion lunch on Wednesday 24 September at the Intercontinental Hotel at midday. Contact Barry Frost email: frostbe@ozemail.com.au or Kaye Loder (Price) email: kaye@loderslawyers.com.au. This reunion was advertised in the Sydney Morning Herald earlier this week.

P&C Meeting
The P&C meeting has been changed to Tuesday 26 August. At this meeting our School Director Mr Rod Megahey will be in attendance to discuss enrolments and the school grounds issues. I look forward to seeing many of you at this meeting.

Summer Hill Art Show
I am looking forward to a great Art Show this year. Come along and join us on Friday 22 August for the Opening Night. The Art Show will also be open on Saturday 23 August from 10am-3pm. The entry fee is a gold coin donation, children free. There will be music, sausage sizzle and great raffle prizes. I would like to acknowledge the great work of our Art Show Committee for their organisation and their commitment to our school.

School Dates for 2015
In order to assist parents with organising holidays and family events, please see the following school term dates for 2015:

Term 1: Tuesday 27 January 2015 to Thursday 2 April 2015
Term 2: Monday 20 April 2015 to Friday 26 June 2015
Term 3: Monday 13 July 2015 to Friday 18 September 2015
Term 4: Tuesday 6 October 2015 to Friday 18 December 2015

Karen Shehata.

BOOK WEEK PARADE FRIDAY 29 AUGUST. Please assist your children to come up with a simple costume which refers to either a particular character from children’s literature or Book Week’s theme “Connect To Reading”.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE
SHPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - FIELD EVENTS

Last Monday (4th August) saw Summer Hill students compete in the school's Field Events for the school's annual Athletics Carnival. The Field Events were carried out at school and events included high jump, long jump, shot put, ball games (tunnel ball and captain ball) and novelty events (sack races, egg and spoon races and tug-of-war). I'm happy to report that all the students who took part did so with a good balance of fairness, competition and fun. Official results and spots for the upcoming Zone Athletics Carnival will be made public at this Friday's assembly. Well done everyone!

Adam Williams

ALL STAR FOOTBALL PLAYERS VISIT
SUMMER HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

As part of the build up to Sunday’s football match against Italian giants Juventus at ANZ Stadium, Summer Hill Public School had two All Star players and a few trainers visit last Thursday (7th August). The school's Boys and Girls PSSA Football teams were taken through a series of training drills by the All Star trainers. This was then followed up by an opportunity to meet and talk to Nick Montgomery (Central Coast Mariners) and A League Player of 2013 Thomas Broich (Brisbane Roar). The students asked both players questions about their careers, about their philosophies on football and life and about goal setting. It proved a timely visit as all PSSA teams involved are preparing for semi-finals in the next few weeks. Good luck everyone!

Adam Williams
LIBRARY NEWS

NEWSFLASH

THE NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE END THIS WEEK

Only a few days left to complete the challenge!
Reading records for the Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) should be completed online by all participants by Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} August, the end of this week.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge

Children can log on to the PRC website using the same username and password they use to access the Kid Space Portal. The 16 titles read to K-2 students during Terms 1 and 2 are already recorded on each student’s record so no K-2 student needs to read more than 14 additional titles in order to complete the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014. Students in Years 3-6 need to have read 20 titles to complete the challenge.

Please contact Carmel Grimmett (carmel.grimmett@det.nsw.edu.au) in the school library if you encounter any difficulties with this process.

Please note that the computer system used in our school is not able to store information about your child’s library loans except for their current loans. Unfortunately we are not able to provide lists of children’s loans over the year.

AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK 2014

The 2014 Book Week theme is Connect to Reading.

This year, Summer Hill PS celebrations include visiting author Anna Fienberg, illustrator Craig Smith, the annual character parade and a fundraising book swap to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

The annual Book Week Character Parade takes place on Friday 29 August (Week 7) this term.

Please assist your children to come up with a simple costume (homemade is preferable) which refers to either a particular character from children’s literature or interprets the Book Week theme.

MUSICA VIVA
NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

CHOIR NEWS

Last Wednesday 36 members of the Senior Choir took part in the Festival of Choral Music at the Sydney Opera House. Our students were part of a 700 strong massed choir that was ably conducted by Rachel Kelly and accompanied at different times by piano, orchestra and a jazz band. Ms Scaysbrook and I were very proud of our students’ efforts to learn and memorise the repertoire, and their exemplary behaviour in and around the beautiful Opera House. Ms Shehata joined us at dinner and we were proud to see her exceptional address from the Festival of Instrumental Music quoted in the program. SHPS students were also represented in the ensembles, where Charlotte K played oboe and Hannah C played clarinet.

Our next major engagement is the 2014 Schools Spectacular. 16 Year 5 students will soon begin preparing for this exciting event held in November. The choral program at SHPS has achieved a great success to be involved in both these exceptional events, as well as the upcoming Primary Proms for our Stage 2 singers.

Mrs Bale

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GRANDPARENTS DAY PHOTOS

There are some unclaimed photos of grandparents which were used for Grandparents Day.
If they are yours, please see the front office to pick them up. Thank you.
SPORT NEWS

GIRLS SOCCER - 8th AUGUST

JUNIOR A
We have a new member in our team. Her name is Jessica. In the first half we scored one goal by Kiara. In the second half, Kiara scored another goal supported by the rest of the team. The players of the week are Kiara and Jessica. In the end the score was 2-0 against Newington.

JUNIOR B
Woohoo! Junior Bs won! Newington played well too. Victoria scored the goal and everyone in the team had a great game. The overall score was 1-0 our way.

By Jeanette and Emma T

SENIORS
We had a friendly game against Newington. It was challenging for the girls, but the game ended 4-2 our way with some fantastic corners from Lily. Two goals were scored by Bronte. Two seconds before the half-time whistle, Hannah came in and scored our second goal. Our third goal was scored by Mia, where the goalkeeper dropped the ball and it went between her legs.

By Lily

NETBALL - 8th AUGUST

SENIOR A
Last Friday we had to play our own B team because our opponents has issues with their buses. Ultimately we lost but as Ms Richards has said, the B team won the first half while the A team won the second. All together it was a great day and made us all out of breath. By the way the score was 12-8.

By Emma K and Nuala D

SENIOR B
Last week we played each other because the other team had a problem with their buses. Everyone played really well. I think we played stronger in the first half. The score was 12-8 out way.

By Olivia C

Thank you to Lisa Kenneally for taking these photos.

SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Diyon (4LG) and Louis (4AW) who have been declared our Junior Spelling Champions for 2014. The boys will now progress to the Regional finals to be held in September.
P&C UPDATE
Please note that next month’s meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26th August** at 7.30 pm in the library. Rod Megahey from the Department of Education will be attending to discuss the grounds and rising enrolment numbers with our school community.
To make the most out of this opportunity with Rod, we are asking that any questions are sent to the P&C inbox (summerhillpandc@gmail.com) by **Friday August 15th**. This will give us enough time to provide the questions to Rod in advance, and group any similar questions together. This does not preclude questions on the night, but we are attempting to reduce repetition in the interests of time. Please note there will be no other discussion points.

ARE YOU A WORD NERD?
The P&C is looking for a Communications Officer to take over wrangling all things P&C for the school’s weekly newsletter. The role entails coordinating all messages from the P&C for inclusion in the newsletter. It is a great opportunity to get involved in P&C activities and to make sure that our parent body is kept up-to-date with all our exciting events. There is scope to expand this role and to develop a new P&C communications strategy. If this sounds like you, or if you would like further information, please contact the P&C at summerhillpandc@gmail.com.

OUR ANNUAL FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST HAS A TWIST THIS YEAR!!!??
IT’S NOT BREAKFAST
AND
IT’S NOT ON FRIDAY!!!!!
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SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY **6 SEPTEMBER** FROM **6PM**
FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

National Science Week – 16-24 August
National Science Week is an annual nationwide celebration of Australian achievements and capabilities in science. It aims to increase community awareness and understanding of the role of science, engineering and technology and innovation in maintaining and improving our society, economy and the environment.

Early Childhood Intervention Awareness Week – 16-24 August
The aim of the week is to heighten community awareness of early childhood intervention and the variety of services available for infants and young children with developmental delays and disabilities and their families.

Vietnam Veterans’ Day – 18 August
On 18 August 1966 Australian troops fought in the Battle of Long Tan. On this day we pay tribute to the 59,000 Australian men and women who served in the Vietnam War and remember the 520 who died in active service.

YEAR 6 GUEST SPEAKER

Last week Year 6 had the privilege of meeting Lieutenant Colonel Brett Andersen who spoke to the students about serving in Afghanistan. A few of the Year 6 classes have studied texts written by Australian authors about children living in Afghanistan.

PRIMARY ETHICS

In 2015 Primary Ethics will run classes for students in all years, K-6. For this program to continue as an option at our school, more volunteer Ethics teachers are required. Our 8 trained Philosophical Ethics teachers have done a fantastic job, but will require help to cover all the classes, especially as in 2015 this option will extend to kindergarten students as well. If you have a child who attends Ethics, please consider donating 30-60 minutes of your time each week. For more information on the NSW Ethics Curriculum, or to express an interest in volunteering, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au Volunteers must be available Thursday mornings, undergo both face to face/online training, and pass a Working With Children and Police Check.

Susan Terravecchia (Volunteer Ethics Coordinator)

CHESS NEWS

Friday Chess Competition
Last week was the end of our Friday afternoon Chess Competition. Team D came away with a 2 all draw against Christian Brothers and Team C had a narrow loss (2.5 to 1.5) to Trinity. Well done to both teams.

Inter-School Chess Competition - Semi Final
Well done to the Summer Hill Chess Team who placed FIRST in the Interschool Southern Semi Final Chess competition. There were 12 students from Summer Hill who took part in the semi-final. Special mention to Eva G who place first individually, and also Liam G and Selwyn C who were also place getters.

It was a great day, well organised by Sydney Academy of Chess and held at Canley Vale. Good luck to the participants who will representing Summer Hill in the Finals.
# POINTS TO REMEMBER

## Road safety

### Key points to remember around schools

#### 1. In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

- **0 – 6 months**
  Approved rearward-facing child car seat

- **6 months – 4 years**
  Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat

- **4 – 7+ years**
  Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT
WHERE: School Hall, 117 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield
WHEN: Salt 30-AUG-14 @ 7.00pm
 TICKETS: $20 Adults, $10 Students over 13yrs
 EMAIL: abhs_pandc@hotmail.com

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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: .................................................................................................................................

Sydney Girls High School Open Night

Wednesday 3 September 2014 3.30pm-6.30pm

Anzac Parade
Surry Hills 2010
www.sghs.nsw.edu.au

Parking: Gate 4
Cleveland Street

Open Workshops
Drama
Tennis
Painting
Public Speaking
Shot Put
Speaker Leadership

Performances
Arts
English
HHE

Annual Fashion Pde
Clay
Rowing
Anzac

School Tours
Basketball
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Enquiries: Phone 9331-2336

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