Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Operation Art 2014**

Congratulations to Samuel Y(5GB), Max G(5GB), Ben M(3BB) and Pamela L(2MD) for having their artwork selected for Operation Art 2014. Operation Art is an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead where young people create artworks for children in hospital. These works of art will be exhibited at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park from 6-9-14 to 26-10-14.

**NAPLAN WRITING ARTICLE RESPONSE**

*NAPLAN tests tell us nothing about how students write*

*Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney by Robyn Cox 19 Aug 2014*

It is by written language that we are most often judged. It might be in a Higher School Certificate essay, a NAPLAN persuasive writing question, a job application, a letter to the editor of a newspaper. How is it then that we come to be successful writers? How do we know both what to write about and how to marshal the vast resources of our language system to make our point and to make it well? What is the place of writing in assessment at these times of digital literacies and fast communication systems such as Twitter, texting, Facebook and all social media?

The teaching of literacy in schools, for most students, is the primary way this complex skill set is acquired. In particular, writing requires learners to master this complex set of behaviours in a remarkably short time, while at the same time, it continues to be tested, judged, ranked and reported. Witness this week's NAPLAN results release - there are gains in reading, punctuation and grammar but I have yet to see any celebration of this. Our focus is on the fall in writing scores.

Young children are taught to consider the purpose for their writing and hence the "text type" before thinking carefully about the individual word or word group choices that they might use to produce a text which fulfils its purpose which might be to report; entertain; instruct or even persuade. Such as in the NAPLAN persuasive writing question.

This model of writing pedagogy has been operating in schools across Australia since the 1990s and most recently underpins the Australian Curriculum: English and the NSW Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum.

With the complexity of the curriculum, the busy routines of classrooms and the ongoing diversity of learners in schools, this explicit model of teaching writing, which focuses very closely on the academic study of text and language choice, has proved most successful. Its greatest success, according to ongoing research results, has been with those learners who may not have "Standard English" as their first language and may not have access to the full range of language choices to write a text that fulfils its purpose and does it powerfully.

Now might be a moment to pause and consider what writers can do after taking part in literacy lessons in schools rather than try to find a reason for scores dropping. Might we take a moment to consider the remarkable achievement of young learners and their teachers? Nobody ever congratulates teachers for what they do accomplish; the miracle of teaching someone how to read and write.

Can we celebrate our literacy successes, like the rest of the world does, rather than focus on a bad question in a test that teaches us nothing about how to write?

**Summer Hill Art Show**

I am looking forward to a great Art Show this year. Come along and join us this 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, cake stall 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.

Karen Shehata.
YEAR 6 CAMP

Despite the weather, the Year 6 students had a wet but exciting time at the Aussie Bush Camp.

BAND NEWS

The Senior Band and Stage Band both performed at the NSW School Band Festival on Sunday 17 August. It is a huge festival running over 7 weekends and spanning from Training Band divisions right up to the most advanced High School bands playing professional level repertoire. Our bands were entered into divisions where we played alongside other bands of similar abilities and we had a very experienced adjudicator, Mr Paul Vickers, listening to us and giving feedback. Both bands were a little nervous before the performance, which was in the enormous Clancy Auditorium at the University of NSW. They played pieces that they have been rehearsing for months - the Senior Band played Silent Movie and Russian Sailor Dance and the Stage Band played a selection of tunes, ending with their favourite, Thrift Shop. Both bands played really well and also showed great stagecraft (they behaved like real professionals on stage). The adjudicator gave everyone lots of great advice and compliments on the great music they played and he awarded both the Summer Hill Bands a silver award.

The Stage Band were also given a special Band Development award which entitles us to a workshop with John Morrison who is an amazing jazz musician and performer. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn new things and work with one of the best jazz musicians in Australia.

I’d like to thank all the band members for all their hard work at rehearsals and tutorials and in practice at home as well - it was a great day and I was so proud of the way you all sounded. Thank you to all the supportive parents who were in the audience and cheered us on, transported all the musicians, helped carry heavy instruments and generally supported us on the day. Thanks especially to Gus’s mum and Cara’s dad, who were admirable backstage roadies and helped sort out a few last minute catastrophes.

Thanks everyone - I will see you all at rehearsals for new music and more fun! Musicafe in a few weeks!!

Cathy Chan (Band Director)
This Friday is your ART SHOW

Come along enjoy our biggest Art Show ever !!!

Before or after viewing the art works enjoy
- hot chocolate  - delicious homemade fruit drinks
- chocolate coated strawberries  - cake stall
- bbq with vegetarian options  - generous raffle prizes
- and hear your orchestras play

6pm-8pm or opens again Sat 10am
P&C MEETING
Please note that this 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.

FAMILY PORTRAIT REMINDER
Please remember to pick up your family portraits tomorrow, Thursday 21 August, in the library at the time pre-arranged with the photographer. Thanks to all who were involved.

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.

FATHER’S DAY POPUP CINEMA NIGHT

WEAR YOUR ONSIE!!!
It all kicks off at 5pm so don’t be late to put down your rug and watch a fantastic family movie.
Saturday 6th September
Request songs to dance to before the movie at www.popupcineman.com.au/playlist.html
There will be a hot drinks stall, sausage sizzle, raffle, lollies, pop corn and more!

Rug up warm, wear your onsie, bring your blankets and chill out!
Presale tickets $25 per family or $30 on the night. Add just $5 per person if you want to bring family friends.
ON SALE SOON!!!

DP: SPECIAL MENTIONS (GOOSE AWARDS)
Thank you to:
• Gillian Bale for wonderful co-ordinating and support of the Sydney University reading and Exodus reading projects.
• Adam Williams and his sidekick Tim Kay - men of the month for all things sporty lately!
• The I.T. team - Adam Williams, Berna Nakhle, Renee Adele and Pam Carroll for moving us all into the 21st century as digital experts.
• The Maths Committee for such beautifully organised professional learning this term!
MUSICALE 2014

Musicale evenings are our annual showcasing of all the Musical Ensembles. The Concerts are from 6pm -7.30 pm and take place in the school hall.

All students in music ensembles are expected to perform on their relevant evening.

If for some reason you cannot attend please let your ensemble director know as soon as possible.

‘Miriam Hyde Concert’ - Thursday 4 September
Will feature:
• Beginner and Advanced Ukulele Groups,
• Training, Concert and Stage Bands,
• Intermediate Choir and The Musical Theatre Group

‘Carl Vine Concert’ - Thursday 11 September
Will feature:
• Senior Band, Senior Choir, Junior and Senior Recorder,
• Training Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra.

Bring family and friends, enjoy an evening of music and help fundraise for our musical programs.

Donna Ross
Music Teacher

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

REHEARSALS

Beginner Ukulele and Advanced Recorder Group rehearsals WILL NOT be on next Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th before school. I apologise for this inconvenience given Musicale is fast approaching. They will recommence the following week.

I would like the Advanced Recorder Group to come to school on Wednesday 27th at 8.45am for a joint rehearsal with the Orchestra.

Donna Ross
Music Teacher

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SPELLING BEE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Metilda from 5GB and Rohan from 5SH who have been declared our Senior Spelling Champions for 2014. Metilda and Rohan will now progress to the Regional finals to be held in September 16 at Ashfield Primary.
CONGRATULATIONS KRISTABELLA!

There were two very proud choir teachers in the audience at the City Recital Hall last Friday night for the Australian premiere of the children's opera, Brundibar! Our very own Kristabella L in 5KB, who has been a committed choir member for many years at SHPS, performed in this opera, which was written in 1938 and performed in the Terezin Ghetto in Czechoslovakia. Completely sung by children, Kristabella was both a member of the ensemble and a soloist, and she performed the role of the Baker brilliantly!

Mrs Bale and Ms Scaysbrook

WINTER PSSA DRAW

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Seniors vs Abbotsford @ Centenary | |
| FINALS 29-8-14 | Henley | Cintra | Blair | Centenary |

SPORT NEWS

GIRLS SOCCER

Last Friday the Junior A Team had an awesome match against Concord West. Our score was 0-0. We will be moving on to the semi-finals this week. The player of the week was Aimee. She did a wonderful job being a midfielder and striker. Also, our magnificent goalkeeper Nyree, saved 2 goals from being scored. There were also 2 close goal attempts for us.

By Aimee and Jessica

Last Friday the Junior B Team lost 6-0 to the Concord West team. We all tried very hard and Lola did a great job at goalkeeping. We didn’t have a full team but we played as hard as we could. It was a good game but a sad loss. Well done to Concord West.

By Jordan and Lola

NETBALL

JUNIOR A

Last Friday the Junior A Team played Enfield Public School. The score was 3-3 and we had lots of fun. A special mention goes to Anna, Emily, Aanchal, Kajja and Sofia. They were all exceptional.

By Aanchal

JUNIOR B

We had a great game playing against Enfield. The score was 3-3. The 4 people that were finding the open spaces and trying their best were Annabel, Ella, Taniah and Erica. They all tried their hardest and were working as a team. We had a great time.

SENIOR B

On Friday the Senior B Team played against Newington in the quarter finals and it was tough game. The score was 22-8. Everyone played very well and there was great defence, attack and running around the court. Great game girls.

By Ella H

CHESS NEWS

Well done to the Summer Hill A Chess team (Selwyn, Liam, Eva, Richard and Felix) who won against Trinity Strathfield 7-1 in the interschool semi final for the Met East region last week.

They play Scots A this Friday in the grand final - good luck guys !!!
LIBRARY NEWS

THE NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 105 children who have completed the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge this year.

WEEK 7 IS AUSTRALIAN CHILDRENS BOOK WEEK 2014

Theme: Connect to Reading

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation Great Book Swap – Tuesday 26th August 8.45 – 9.15am
(in the library)

Please encourage your children to support other Australian children by taking part in The Great Book Swap. This fundraiser, promoted by Andy Griffiths, enables children living in remote indigenous communities to experience the pleasure of reading books in their homes.

Children taking part in The Great Book Swap simply need to bring one children’s book in good condition plus a gold coin to the SHPS library on Tuesday 26th August. The gold coin admits students to the book swap, where they leave their book and choose another pre-loved title. The gold coins are then donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and used to purchase books for students in remote communities.

Our visiting presenters in Book Week this year are the dynamic author
Anna Fienberg (Y3-6) – Wednesday 27th August
and the extraordinary illustrator
Craig Smith (K-2) - Thursday 28th August.

Inventive and creative home made costumes are the sustainable solution for the

Book Week Character Parade – Friday 29th August, 9.30-10.30am in the hall.

Come dressed as your favourite character from a story or wear something that shows how you ‘Connect to Reading.’
FORTHCOMING CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

Daffodil Day – 24 August
The Anti-Cancer Foundation of South Australia and other state members of the Australian Cancer Society held the first national Daffodil Day in 1993 to raise funds for cancer research. It has continued to be an annual national event. The daffodil symbolises hope to all cancer sufferers.

Children’s Book Week – 25-29 August
Each year, many schools and public libraries from all over Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public libraries develop activities, other competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. The theme of 2014 Book Week is ‘Connect to Reading’.

Meals on Wheels Day – 27 August
‘Meals on Wheels’ started over 55 years ago and currently the organisation delivers over 15 million meals a year to frail, aged and disabled people throughout Australia. This day recognises the work of some 80,000 volunteers to assist in the delivery of fresh or frozen meals and provision of social contact for people who are housebound.
COMMUNITY NEWS

OPEN MORNING
Wednesday, 10 September 2014
9.30am – 11.30am
Address by Principal and performance by students 9.30 – 10.30am
Tour of the school 10.30 – 11.30am

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Please note – there is no parking in the school grounds.
Enquiries: Mrs Jenny Cooper, Telephone 9922 6666 ext 104
**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: ........................................

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**BAKE SALE**

Saskia M (4SB), Yasmin H (4SB) and Claudia C (4AW) are having a bake sale to raise money for the RSPCA. Please come along and buy some goodies.

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**FOR SALE**

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Comes with tonica strings, bow, case and chin rest.
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**OPEN DAY**

An invitation to prospective parents and students

See our school in action

Thursday 4th September 2014

9.30 am - 12.00 noon

Sydney Boys High School
Moore Park, Merry Hills 2010
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**DEADLINE: Please make all submissions for the next issue of the Summer Hill e-News BEFORE TUESDAY 26 August, 12.00PM.**

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