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### by Felicity Preston, Principal

Monday & Tuesday - The Performing Band had their Band Camp with other schools from the Sutherland Shire at The Tops at Stanwell Park. I had the pleasure of attending the Tuesday evening concert which was a culmination of the pieces they rehearsed over the two days. Mrs Oldfield, who accompanied them, and I agreed that it was the best Band Camp concert in a number of years.

Monday - our school Film Club had their final edit day today. I cannot wait to the launch of The Good, the Bad and the Hungry.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - SRC Soccer Shoot Out competition at recess time.

Thursday - I popped in to The Pavillion to watch the Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival rehearsal for Friday night's festival performance. Our Senior Choir sang with confidence and enthusiasm and our Extension Dance Ensemble were outstanding as always. If the rehearsal was anything to go, Friday night's show will be terrific. Chookas to our performers.

Thursday - Cookie Chaos

Friday night - Sutherland Shire Schools Music Festival

Other news: We are very proud to announce that several of our talented students represented our school at this year's Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. This prestigious competition challenged students to showcase their spelling skills, vocabulary and quick thinking as they competed against some of the brightest young spellers from across the state. Over 82,000 students competed in this challenge this year. Congratulations to the 12 students who were selected to represent our school based on their outstanding results in both internal and external spelling assessments. From Stage 2: Finn L, Fletcher D, Jonathon L, Matteo L, Owen S and Zach T. From Stage 3: Alex D, Holly M, Kenta S, Lucas B, Olivia L and Sean S.

200 students from each stage in each state and territory progress to the State and Territory Finals in Week 7. Congratulations to Zach T who will be advancing to the finals to represent not just our school but also our state. Good luck, Zach!

Just a friendly reminder that students are expected to wear a bucket hat while playing outdoors. Please ensure your child brings their hat every day.

#### **Next Week**

- Thursday- Sutherland Zone Athletics Carnival
- Friday- Father's Day Stall

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#### **Performing Band Camp**

Performing Band students (Harley, Chase, Jensen, Liam, Lana, Charlotte, Bronte, Olivia & Maya) enjoyed an unforgettable 2-day band camp on Monday and Tuesday at The Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops. They were joined by other band students from Engadine West, Loftus, Hurstville, Hurstville South, Peakhurst South, Stanwell Park, Heathcote and Connells Point Public Schools. Alongside intensive music sessions, they took part in fun activities like the giant swing, archery or kite making, making new friends and building confidence. Impressively, the students learned several songs entirely from scratch, having never seen the music before arriving at camp. Their repertoire included the Sesame Street theme song, Song of Peace, Sun Catcher, Shepherd's Hey and Dance the Night Away. The camp culminated in a fantastic performance for proud family members and principals, showcasing all their hard work and new skills. Thanks to

Engadine Music for providing such a fantastic experience for these students. It was truly a memorable time for everyone involved!



































