



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Gr 3 &amp; Gr 5 Doxa Camp – Parent Info Session 7pm in the Library</b>
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Non Uniform Day – gold coin donation
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>P-2 Concert – Tickets available now</b>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Last Day Term 4 1.30pm Dismissal
<b>2013 JANUARY</b>	
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Teachers return
<b>Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Book Pack Sales – see details below</b>
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Student Grades 1-6 return
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Jan – Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>2013 Prep Interviews by appointment</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Preps start school fulltime 8.50am-3.15pm</b>
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Gr 3-6 Swimming Carnival – details to follow

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (ADDRESS ABOVE)**  
*(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)*

### Book Pack Payment/Collection Dates

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 8am – 4pm**  
**PSW Uniform Shop 8am – 11am**  
 (Payment can be made by: EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque OR Credit Card)

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following students till the end of December  
 Emilee Palsler, Kris Riley, Shayla Hendahewa,  
 Cheyanne Morbey, Briony Williams, Alex Braun, Phoebe Hall,  
 Mitchell Crosland, Chloe Desira, Renee Thomas, Casey Carew,  
 Dee Hamilton, Joel Brown, Aljon Banting, Jackson Olivieri, Laura  
 Hunt, Cameron Symes

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Tuesday evening, at our last School Council meeting for 2012, our School Council, led by Sumen Govender and Joanne Diss wanted me to thank all of our parents for their contributions to Sunbury Heights this year. Sumen, Joanne and the other councillors are hoping to catch up with families of children in the Junior School at the concert next Wednesday where, they will be encouraging you to become more involved in the life of the school in 2013.

I would also like the opportunity to celebrate the conclusion of a successful school year and invite all parents to join me for afternoon tea at 2.15 before next Monday's assembly. If you would like to pop into the hub please feel free to do so.

### STAFF CHANGES:

In 2013 Peter de Waart will take twelve months leave. Peter is a valuable member of our School Community and has contributed greatly to improving the learning outcomes for our students particularly for his class of 2012. This year Peter's hard work around the school has seen the establishment of the vegetable garden and chook pen. He also had a big hand in helping us to become state finalists in the Victorian Garden Awards and winning the Turf prize. We thank Peter for all his efforts, wish him well while on leave and look forward to his return in 2014.

Angelique Kelly will be joining the Sunbury Heights staff for 2013. Many of you may have seen Angelique at school this year in her role as pre service teacher in Prep Danaher. Angelique has already established excellent relationships with the staff, students and many of the parents and is excited about becoming a staff member at Sunbury Heights.

Kerry Hicks will be taking some well-deserved long service leave in Term One. Sharon Shaw will take on the role of business manager during Kerry's absence. Sharon, an experienced business manager (who was a long term staff member at Macedon Ranges Specialist School) now takes on temporary roles so that business managers are able to have their leave entitlements. Sharon, like Kerry is a warm and caring person who you can confidently approach with any school financial account concerns you may have. I know you all wish Kerry a peaceful break and will look forward to her return in term 2.

## STRUCTURE

The school structure for 2013 was presented to school council on Monday evening and in 2013 we will run eleven classrooms and the three specialist areas of art, science and PE.

Our final class structure has been developed to try to maintain class sizes appropriate to the needs of the students across the school.

The organisation of classes and teachers assigned to each class are as follows

Prep Danaher

Prep /One Hill

One /Two Ross

One Two Xuereb

Three /Four Wilson

Three /Four Knight

Three /Four Kelly

Five Andersen

Five Pianura

Six Langmaid

Six O'Keefe

A lot of thought goes into ensuring that the grades are a "harmonious small snapshot of society" and we appreciate the trust our families have placed in us to try to get the mix right. All teachers at the school plan together to deliver the curriculum and strive to provide the same level of care and concern to all students in their class.

## TRANSITION

On Tuesday a very successful Step Up Program was implemented across the school. All current students, as well as our new enrolments across the school spent the day in their 2013 year level class.

When I visited the classrooms, students were excited about what the New Year holds and could clearly tell me what they were looking forward too. Joined writing, camps and Grade 3 and 4 sports featured highly for many of our Grade 2 students.

Our grade 1 students were amazed at how much they would be able to write by the end of Grade 2 and our Grade 5 students were looking forward to being Buddies for our incoming Preps.

Feedback from parents suggested that the consistency of the activities ensured that all students had many of their anxieties and concerns allayed and I thank the staff for the effort they put into the planning of the day.

## AWARDS

Congratulations to all of our students who have received recognition of late for their academic achievements and their commitment to be good citizens.

Kiera Jehu

Last night Mr O'Keefe and myself attended the Award Ceremony for the Hume Educational Scholarships. Held at the Craigieburn Global Centre we were very proud to see Kiera Jehu receive her award in front of her family. Kiera has donated the tree she was awarded to the school on her behalf.

## JOANNE DUNCAN COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD:

The criteria for this award is

- for a student who is committed to reaching their full potential in their education and extracurricular activities
- a community minded spirit that is reflected in support and contribution to their school and local community

This year's recipient is Dylan Sapac described by Mrs Langmaid so eloquently in the reference that was supplied to Joanne Duncan, State Member for Macedon.

## JOANNE DUNCAN AWARD 2012 – DYLAN SAPAC

Dylan has been a much valued member of the Sunbury Heights community since he first started here in Prep. The school believes Dylan should be the recipient of the Joanne Duncan Award because he has shown community spirit above and beyond what is expected from our students. Dylan is an enthusiastic and dedicated school member, every day. Dylan works extremely hard in the classroom to achieve his best and has continued to make excellent academic progress throughout the year. Not only does he work hard on his own work, but he is the first to lend a hand to his peers and help them in any way he can. Dylan is supportive of his fellow class mates as well as all members of the school.

At the beginning of the year Dylan was given a grade prep buddy to support and encourage, particularly in the school yard. He accepted this job and the challenge enthusiastically and has developed a wonderful friendship with not only his buddy, but a large section of the prep cohort. Dylan was chosen to be the captain of the soccer team earlier in the year and the students in that team benefited from his knowledge of soccer and also his natural leadership skills. He spoke to everyone on the team as an equal and performed this leadership role to the best of his ability. Dylan's most outstanding achievement this year was taking on the role of Orchard Crew Captain to continue maintaining and developing the school orchard. He had several other students in his Orchard Crew and they were always well organised and excited to help out. When it was miserable outside and other students were 'too cold' Dylan was out in the orchard weeding. When it was a hot day, Dylan was out in the orchard making sure the plants and trees had enough water to survive the day. He has taken on this job in a professional manner and he will be extremely hard to replace. Acknowledging the effort Dylan has put in this year is fantastic and he deserves this award.

## SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Congratulations to Ciaran Garner, Sean Knox, Lauren Ashford and Lacey Blake who were announced at last Monday's assembly as the Sunbury Heights School Captains for 2013.

A badge presentation ceremony will take place early in 2013 for all our school leaders.

## LEADERS IN THE MAKING

Congratulations to Nicole Langmaid for being accepted into the Northern Region's Leaders in the Making Program. The program which runs over twelve months focuses on developing leadership in young teachers ( with at least five years teaching experience) who show the necessary leadership attributes. This year Rebecca Danaher has been a participant and has found the program valuable in helping her to develop her leadership skills further.

## GRADE 6 GRADUATION:

Our Grade Six Graduation will be held next Tuesday evening. The students will enjoy a meal with their class teachers at the Bowling Club, a disco and then formal presentations. This is an opportunity for students to share their primary school years with their parents.

It is a night that will be one of mixed emotions, the excitement at the prospect of starting a new stage of life in the transition to Secondary School and a touch of sadness at the conclusion of seven years of primary school. It is an exciting time though and as our students enter this next stage, I encourage them to, seize the moment.

Set yourself some goals to strive for not only next year, but for the future and work hard towards achieving them

**Farewell Grade 6 and all the best, "You have been "wicked."**

**JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT:**

I am sure all of our families will thoroughly enjoy the Junior School Concert next Wednesday evening.

Thank you to all the staff for planning the program and teaching the students the items they will present.

I am sure the thorough organisation and coordination of the concert by Rebecca and the Junior School teachers and support staff will ensure the evening goes off without a hitch.

**REPORTING:**

Student's reports will be sent home on Wednesday 19th December.

There are no formal interviews in December. If you have issues or concerns prior to reading the report and indeed after, please remember that your child's classroom teacher is always there to assist you.

**CLASS PARTIES**

Class parties for students in grades prep to five will be held on Tuesday December 18.

As this is our last newsletter for 2012 I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, children and the school community for a great 2012 school year.

A whole school assembly will take place on Friday December 21 and students will be dismissed from the assembly between 1.20 and 1.30.

Enjoy the break from routine over the holidays, with best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Regards  
Kaye Mills  
Principal

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING****7<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Mrs Xuereb/Hubbard</b>	Kris Riley Ricky Lesoa	Great effort with sea creatures project
<b>Junior Ross</b>	Aaron Sapac  Samantha Mogridge	For wanting to create his own stories using what he has learnt For reading for more than 200 nights
<b>Middle Tyers</b>	Jordi Neuwert Lizzie Mercer Alex Hazelman Hannah Watkins	For excellent work and being helpful
<b>Middle Knight</b>	Jordan Ballinger	For outstanding effort in class all year
<b>Middle Pianura</b>	All students in 4P and Mrs Williams	For being awesome and making 2012 an enjoyable year!!
<b>Miss Ratkowski PE</b>	Prep D Prep X	For overall outstanding effort in PE
<b>Mrs Ross and Mrs Wilson</b>	Maddison Shaw-Barton, Jackson Olivieri, Claire Diss, Vanessa Tancevski, Amy De Young, Hollie Pickering, Jack Harrison, Zachary Lynch	For being a House Leader on the Junior Sports Day

**PSW UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be open as normal on Fridays 8:30-10:30am. The Uniform Shop will open for an extra day on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 8am-11am!

Regards!  
Joanne Whiteway  
PSW Uniform Shop Coordinator



