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13th December 2012

TERM CALENDAR

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

JOYNE 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.

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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

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<td>Kris Riley, Ricky Lesoa</td>
<td>Great effort with sea creatures project</td>
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<td>Junior Ross</td>
<td>Aaron Sapac, Samantha Mogridge</td>
<td>For wanting to create his own stories using what he has learnt, For reading for more than 200 nights</td>
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<td>Middle Tyers</td>
<td>Jordi Neuwert, Lizzie Mercer, Alex Hazelman, Hannah Watkins</td>
<td>For excellent work and being helpful</td>
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<td>Middle Knight</td>
<td>Jordan Ballinger</td>
<td>For outstanding effort in class all year</td>
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<td>Middle Pianura</td>
<td>All students in 4P and Mrs Williams</td>
<td>For being awesome and making 2012 an enjoyable year!!</td>
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<td>Miss Ratkowski PE</td>
<td>Prep D, Prep X</td>
<td>For overall outstanding effort in PE</td>
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<td>Mrs Ross and Mrs Wilson</td>
<td>Maddison Shaw-Barton, Jackson, Olivieri, Claire Diss, Vanessa Tancevski, Amy De Young, Hollie Pickering, Jack Harrison, Zachary Lynch</td>
<td>For being a House Leader on the Junior Sports Day</td>
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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 29th January 2013 8am-11am!

Regards!
Joanne Whiteway
PSW Uniform Shop Coordinator