



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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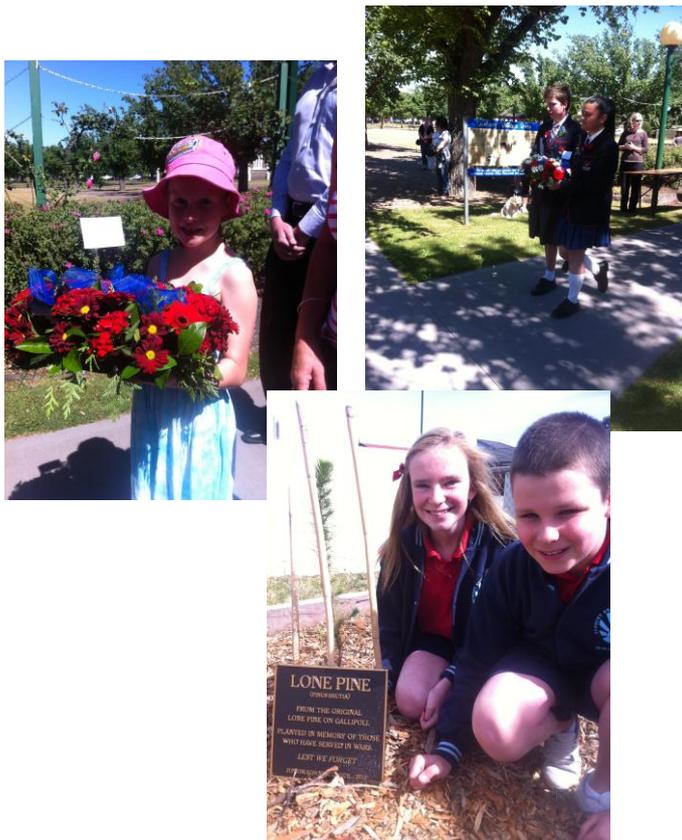
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## TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2013 Prep Transition Afternoon
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>2013 Prep Transition Afternoon</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Prep Aquarium Excursion
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>P-2 Athletic Day</b>
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Whole School Transition</b>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>P-2 Concert</b>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Last Day Term 4 1.30pm Dismissal

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Lone Pine Plaque

Usually when you visit Fawkner Cemetery it's not a positive experience, but yesterday my visit was. I was there to collect the plaque that the Junior School Councillors had initiated and had sought sponsorship to buy. Earlier this year, to commemorate ANZAC Day, the JSC had suggested we purchase a Lone Pine Tree. The JSC raised funds for the Pine's purchase and the establishment of a Memorial Garden to honour all of the soldiers who had fought for Australia in various wars. To complete the memorial the JSC decided that a plaque in remembrance of the soldiers would be fitting. The Sunbury Heights Community and in particular our Junior School Council would like to thank our local state member Joanne Duncan for a donation of \$300 and the Rotary Club of Sunbury for a donation of \$200. This combined with the JSC's own fundraising efforts will ensure that on each ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day in the future we will have our own special place where we can say "Lest We Forget."

### Remembrance Day

Thank you to Olivia Clarke who laid the wreath on Remembrance Day on behalf of Sunbury Heights Primary School. Olivia, a grade one student proudly announced where she went to school before she walked up to the shrine and put the wreath in place.

### Congratulations June

At the service it is always good to catch up with students who went to Sunbury Heights in the past. June Uili, sister of Will in grade 3 was there laying the wreath on behalf of Sunbury Downs Secondary College. June has been selected to perform the role of College Captain in 2013. Like the 2012 School Captains, (our ex-students) Jessica Hitchen and Emily Rawet, we know June will represent her school with pride and be an excellent role model for the other students.

### Honour Roll

Congratulations to all our students who were honoured in the weekend paper supplements for having completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. The staff and parents of Sunbury Heights have fostered a love of reading over many years using the challenge as a stimulus. Bev McIntyre, our Premier's Reading Challenge coordinator always ensures that we have the books recommended by the challenge available

for our students and that there is plenty of choice to cater for our students' abilities and levels.

This year we have purchased over \$1500 worth of new picture books for our Junior students and fiction books that our Middle and Senior students selected in conjunction with their teachers and our literature consultant Natasha Boyd, the owner of Book Bonding book store in Keilor Road Niddrie.

### **Christmas Story time**

Reading holds the key to learning and hours of enjoyment and we want our families to encourage this love of reading from the cradle! On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am Kat Taylor the children's librarian from the Sunbury library will host a Christmas Story time at the Community Hub.

The session will include stories songs & craft activities to take home.

### **Christmas Story Time at Sunbury Heights**

**Date:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012

**Time:** 10.30am – 11.15am.

**Where:** Community Hub

Pre-schoolers, toddlers and babies all welcome

Morning tea provided

### **Carpet**

Thank you to all families who paid their family contribution in 2012. This combined with money raised through fundraising endeavours and school improvement savings will see us carpet the Atrium, library and corridor spaces leading to both the Junior and Senior wings of the school. Costing in excess of \$20,000, the carpet tiles have been chosen to match the tiles in the new building and will provide a much needed facelift to the hub of the school. Our next goal will be to have the area professionally painted and provide better display spaces for the fantastic art works that Mrs Caddaye produces with the students.

### **Thank you Kylie**

Fundraising for schools is a necessary evil! It allows us to provide extra for our students.

Over the last few years Kylie Gifford has organised a shopping tour as part of the school's fundraising calendar.

Thank you to the many people who boarded the bus with Kylie last Saturday morning and thanks in particular to Kylie for her organisation which Leanne Ratkowski said was a fun way to spend all of her hard earned savings!

### **Transition News**

Last Thursday evening a very beneficial transition forum was held at school. Our grade six students and their parents met with some of the previous year's grade six students and their parents. Together we watched a DVD that our previous students had been involved in producing and talked about whether the anxieties they felt before going to secondary school were actually realised. The discussion moved on to other concerns or challenges they may have encountered when they went and supports that the local secondary colleges had in place to help their transition.

Everyone joined in the discussion and I would like to thank Margaret Bates, Assistant Principal and Dianne Wilson Middle Years Coordinator from Sunbury College, Nicole Langmaid, and Sharon Ramunno and all our past and present students

and families for their contribution to a successful and informative transition forum.

### **Hub Breakfast**

Today we once again helped prepare the students for learning by providing them with a milk drink and toast. Careworks have supplied two toasters, plates, cutlery, bread and condiments to ensure we can run the breakfast regularly on a Thursday. Occasionally the breakfast will be supported by the support of Bunnings and their community involvement team.

### **Toy Catalogues**

Yes, 1/2R are loving the toy catalogues. The students have had a great time finding something they would like and have had an attempt at writing a short persuasive text as to why they should have it.

We've also looked at the catalogues as readers and have cut out examples of persuasion used by the advertiser.

We're also doing money in Maths so the catalogues have been such a great resource.

So please continue to keep your eye out for them and let your friends know 1/2R are still collecting toy catalogues.

### **Chess**

The Sunbury Heights team enjoyed the experience of playing chess against all the other Sunbury Primary and Secondary Schools on Tuesday and came in tied for third. This is an excellent effort considering first and second positions went to more experienced chess players from the secondary campuses. Congratulations to Eddy Tichy, whose individual performance saw him be named sixth in the individual achievements. Thank you to Damian O'Keefe for coaching the team and representing us on the day. Thank you to Rachel Travers for her help with transporting the students on the day.

It is hoped that the Chess Competition will continue to be a part of the calendar each year for our local chess enthusiasts.

*Regards*

*Kaye Mills*

*Principal*

### **WANTED: TOY CATALOGUES**

The Year 1 and 2 classrooms are in need of **TOY CATALOGUES** to support our writing program. Please send *any toy catalogues* to Carmel Ross in Room 3 so that class sets can be created.

If you could spread the word amongst your neighbours and other family members, we would be very grateful.

***Thank you for not sending other catalogues.***

Carmel, Liz, Penny.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

***To the following students til the 18<sup>th</sup> November***  
*Jet Bastos, Kara Gifford, Amy Gralha, Angus Olivieri,*  
*Alex Hazelman*

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

Teacher	Student	Reason
<b>Mrs Xuereb/Hubbard</b>	Taylor Hardstaff	Trying extra hard with her reading.
<b>Junior Danaher</b>	Hayden De Young	His fantastic singing during concert practice.
<b>Junior Hill</b>	Shaylee Williamson	For taking extra time to practise reading her poem.
<b>Junior Wilson</b>	Justin Taylor	For showing enthusiasm for persuasive writing.
<b>Middle Tyers</b>	Samantha Williams Chelsie Henahewa	For excellent work and enthusiasm.
<b>Middle Knight</b>	Chelsea-Rae Taggart Jak Maddox	For excellent home reading all year.
<b>Middle Pianura</b>	Simote Feiloki	For writing a fantastic recount report about the helicopter visit.
<b>Middle Laing</b>	Whole Grade	For fantastic week of cooperation and respect.
<b>Senior Langmaid</b>	Jonathon Dawson	For taking on the Team Leader role during excel groups in a mature matter.
<b>Senior de Waart</b>	6d	Extending their understandings about sight.
<b>Mrs Caddaye ART</b>	3T	For showing responsibility during clean up time in Art.
<b>Mrs Williams Integration</b>	Joel Brown	For completing his 100 Reading Lessons.
<b>Mrs Dexter Integration</b>	Jacob Sabol	For improving his attitude towards his reading lessons.
<b>Mrs Chambers Integration</b>	Kaitlin Barcellona	For completing her 100 Reading Lessons.
<b>Mrs McIntyre Library</b>	Cruz Noonan	For his enthusiasm towards reading.

**Christmas Tree Sales**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunbury Scout Group**

Freshly cut Christmas Trees from \$35

Miller St Scout Hall: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec  
8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

Delivery available

To pre order trees contact Mike 0419 810 727 or Liz 0419 887 648

**GIANT CAR BOOT SALE AND FAMILY DAY!**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 8.30am - Village Green and Sunbury Uniting Church.

Ring Helen on 9744 3031.

- Over 60 cars and also inside craft stalls - a chance to do some Christmas shopping! Outside sites still available but be quick!
- Devonshire tea/coffee, sausage sizzle, sno-cones, coffee van.
- Huge second-hand book stall inside - cheap!
- For the kids - jumping castle, Thomas the Tank ride, lucky dips, craft table!

**PSW UNIFORM SHOP**

PSW are offering 5% off all uniforms sold for the month of November only! All laybys must be finalised by the Friday 14th December 2012!

The Uniform Shop will be open as normal on Fridays 8:30am-10:30am. As requested the Uniform Shop will open for extra days on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012, 9am-1pm and on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 8am-11am!

Shop for your School Uniform in November & save with PSW!



Take 5% off original RRP for purchases made in November 2012. Laybys available until 14/12/12. Deposit laybys must be collected by Friday 14 December. Offer not available online.

Regards!

Joanne Whiteway

PSW Uniform Shop Coordinator

