



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
AUGUST	
Mon 20th-24th Aug	Cottage By The Sea Camp
Fri 17 th Aug	Grade 1/2 Wild Action Incursion
Wed 22nd Aug	Ann Potter Principal for the Day
Fri 24 th Aug	School Disco
Mon 27th Aug – Fri 31st Aug	Literacy/Numeracy Week
Fri 31 st Aug	Fun Run & Sausage Sizzle Prep – Grade 6
Fri 31st Aug	Non-Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation
SEPTEMBER	
Fri 7th Sept	Grade 5/6 Summer Sport
Mon 10 th Sept	School Council Meeting – 6.30pm
Tues 11th Sept	SDSC Aladdin Performance – Gr 5/6
Fri 14 th Sept	Grade 5/6 Summer Sport (Backup)

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



Past Students
Jessica Scott & Jesse Hector
with his Mum Trish



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal for a Day

Principal for a Day commenced in Australia in 2001 and is currently delivered annually in Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland.

Mission and Aims

The mission of Principal for a Day is to increase and strengthen relationships, based on knowledge and understanding, between the private sector and education. Partnerships between key leaders in education, business and the wider community are especially important.

Principal for a Day aims to:

- Increase understanding and awareness between schools, business and the wider community
- Provide business/community leaders with first hand and current experiences of schools
- Enable school principals to develop on-going relationships with a successful leader in business or the broader community.
- Increase opportunities for schools and the private sector to work together in mutually beneficial ways.

On Wednesday 22nd August our school will become involved in the program when Councillor Ann Potter becomes Principal for a Day at Sunbury Heights. Ann who has been a Councillor on Hume City Council since 2000, was also a parent at our school from 1997-2007 when her children Jarrod and Riley were students. Ann was always supportive of the school's endeavours and initiated a scholarship for a grade 6 student who displays good citizenship and community spirit. Ann was also the parent that helped build the first school website. Having been a parent of kids at the school, Ann is looking forward to seeing what happens behind the scenes of a school, how the day to day administration works, and talking to the kids about working for the community. Ann will also talk to our senior students about how government works. We are looking forward to the day and we are sure it will be beneficial for Ann as well as our own school community

Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Debutante Ball

A great time was had by all at the Deb Ball I attended last week and it was very pleasing for me to see our ex students Jessica, Jesse and Sharnie all grown up and having the opportunity to celebrate an important milestone in lives of all young people. I have included a photo of Jessica and Jesse

dancing with his mum Trish in this newsletter just so you could see how much they were enjoying their night.

ACE Program at Sunbury Downs

Congratulations to Luke Harrison, Alisha Clarke and Dylan Sapac who have received notification that they have been accepted into the ACE Program at Sunbury Downs Secondary College. All three students have demonstrated a love of learning and positive behaviour during their time at Sunbury Heights. Alisha is a School Captain, Luke a House Captain and Dylan a valued member of the Orchard Crew. The school community wishes them well with their transition to secondary school

Crossing Safety Award

Congratulations to Olivia Clarke who is the latest recipient of the Safe Crossing Award.

Wendy our Crossing Supervisor chose Olivia because she always listens carefully to Wendy and always says good morning and thank you. Well done Olivia!

Staffing

Our condolences to Jane Xuereb and her family on the death of Jane's sister. In Jane's absence Prep X will be taken by Anne Czyz. Anne is an experienced teacher who taught at Sunbury Heights for many years. If any parents have an issues or concerns that they think Anne should know about their child please don't hesitate to make time to see her.

We also say Bon Voyage to Lyn Laing until next term. Lyn is off to Europe and the class will be taken by Jenny Adams for that period of time. Jenny already teaches that grade for 2 days of the week and knows the class and parents well. Please contact Jenny if you need to bring her attention any new information regarding your child.

We are fortunate to have Kirsten Sten take on the role of teaching science in the middle school during this time.

Cottage by the Sea

Once again some of our senior school students will be off on Monday to Cottage by the Sea at Queenscliff. The children will enjoy a week long holiday adventure. Trained and qualified staff coordinate activities, including beach games, rock pool rambling, swimming, horse riding surfing lessons, art activities, cooking and bike riding. When selecting students we considered students using the following criteria

- as someone who would benefit from a fun filled seaside holiday.
- as a reward for improved behavior.
- as someone who could act as a role model for other students.

We hope they all have a fun filled time and hopefully one of the staff may be able to visit later in the week to join in and to let us know how they are going.

Parent Behaviour Respecting Others

In the interests of all students and staff we ask that parents be mindful of their behaviour in and around the school. As role models we need to always demonstrate courtesy and respect for one another in our interactions with others.

Helping Your Child Accept the Umpires Decision

After recess and lunch breaks is a time when staff deal with issues that come into the classroom from disputes that arise because some students take games too seriously. Some students can't play without winning and become sour grapes if they lose. Class time is learning time. Teachers have much to get through and work hard to make the most of learning time. Please encourage your child to share, not take games too seriously and lose graciously when playing at home with family and friends in the up and coming holidays.

Thesaurus

Students in grade s 3-6 all have Thesauruses that were purchased by you as part of their book packs. Teachers have advised me that some students have taken them home and I am asking that you have a look around at home and send them back. Students do use them daily for reading and writing sessions. If you are new to the school and your child hasn't paid for a Thesaurus you can order one through the school office.

Minimising Exposure to Asthma Triggers

Although we don't know what causes asthma, we do know that under certain circumstances the airways react and asthma symptoms develop. We refer to the stimuli that can lead to asthma as "triggers". Reducing your exposure to things that trigger your asthma is a large part of taking control of your asthma. Here are some asthma triggers you should be aware of:

Changes to Weather/Air Temperature:

Temperature change - either hot to cold or cold to hot can be an asthma trigger. Typically, the drop in temperature at night can trigger asthma. If you're affected by cold air try to avoid breathing through your mouth and exercise indoors.

Dust/Dust Mites:

House dust mites are microscopic creatures that are too small to be seen, and small enough to be inhaled. Millions of mites can be found throughout the home, but they especially thrive in any warm, humid places, particularly beds, fabric-covered furniture, cushions and carpet, and children's soft toys. When it comes to dust mite control, remember this simple rule: if you cannot remove it, then encase it, wash it or wipe it.

Pollens:

Airborne pollens are a very common trigger for asthma symptoms. Many trees, grasses and weeds, have small, light, dry pollens that rely on the wind to disperse. Pollens can blow for many kilometers. You can monitor the daily pollen count from September to December on the Asthma Foundation of Victoria's website www.asthma.org.au.

Gardens:

Gardens can harbor many triggers that may cause trouble for hay fever and asthma. Things to be aware of in the garden that can cause trouble for allergies and asthma include: pollens, mould spores, animal dander, venom of sting insects, weather. The 'Low Allergen Garden' brochure offers practical Olympic Greats

ICAS Maths Testing

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to sit the Maths ICAS testing last Tuesday:

Grade 4 – Dylan Kelly, Kara Gifford, Kasey Scibberras, Jazmyn Scharl, Varshani Govender and Nicola Vergara.

Grade 5 - EddieTichy, Lauren Dini, Luke Ciantar, Ciaran Garner and Lauren Ashford.

Grade 6 - Luke Harrison, Brooke Williams, Dylan Sapac, Finn Gregor, Isabella Tancevski and Troy Kamarinos.

Parent Opinion Survey.

This year due to industrial action Sunbury Heights will not be participating in any survey conducted by DEECD.

Of course that does not mean that I do not wish to listen to what our school community sees as positive aspects of our school or areas that are opportunities for development. Some of the topics you might like to think about may include transition, reporting, behaviour, homework, parent input, homework, extra curricula activities and whether your child feels stimulated to learn. If you do wish to make a time to meet with me please ring to make an appointment.

If you would prefer to write, my email address is mills.kaye.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following student to the 19th August:

Michael Coates, Ryan Rowbottom, Jesse Parmar,
Joshua Woods

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 17th August 2012

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Xuereb	Lily Rowbottom	For trying so hard with work.
Junior Ross	Alex Gambera Sophie Parry	For using their "Persistence Key" in learning to spell "Miaow" words.
Junior Hill	Briony Williams	For making thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
Middle Tyers	Alyssa Wallace	For always working to the best of her ability.
Middle Pianura	Dylan Kelly	For being a helpful and caring student.
Middle Laing	Jet Bastos	For showing creativity by using a "voice" in our play reading.
Mrs Caddaye ART	Kara Gifford	For excellent effort with her Olympic torch relay artwork.
Mrs Dexter Integration	Jarrold Le Breton - Hansen	For finishing 100 reading lessons.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE HONOUR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge. We now have 103 students who have finished.

3K - Ashley Abbey, Sienna Ali, Blayde Campbell-Ware, Joel Cave, Raven Cheriyparambil, Jamie Clanchy, Sally De-Young, Jak Maddox, Jayleigh Noakes, Chelsea- Rae Taggart

4P - Jessica Bunting, Adam Foster, Justine Galvez, Ben Lillywhite, Hannah McConnell, Blake MacDonald, Brad Meyers, Jacob Nutting, Cillian Quirke, Jazmyn Scharl, Lukas Stephenson-Irving, Cameron Symes

6L - Nikita Allan-Reardon

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

Hi Everyone

The Black Wallet and the Dollarmites Watch are now out of stock.

The following reward items are currently available:

- All Dollarmite Money Boxes
- Dollarmites Drink Bottle
- Dollarmites Lunch Box
- Handball
- Booklight
- Pen Pod
- USB stick available Term 4

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BORROW BOOKS FOR YOUR TODDLERS OR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN?

Our School Library is open 10 minutes before and after school for Parents/Guardians to come in and borrow books for their children. We even have hard cover books to read to your baby. Just pop into the library and I will join you up.

Bev McIntyre

WANTED ART ROOM SUPPLIES

Donation of the following items for use in the art room would be appreciated:

Freezer bag ties

Ice cream containers

Plastic take away food containers

Thankyou

Jenny Caddaye (Art Teacher)



Aladdin evening performances from Wednesday 12th—Saturday 15th September

Show starts at 7pm

Tickets available online from Monday 13th August at:

sunburydowns.vic.edu.au

Ticket enquiries: 9744 7366

