



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
OCTOBER	
Mon – Fri 15th – 19th Oct	Health & PE Week
Fri 19 th Oct	Twilight Working Bee 3.15pm-5pm
Mon - Wed 22nd–24th Oct	Gr 4 Anglesea Camp
Mon 22 nd Oct	Katie – City of Hume Environment Day
Wed 24th Oct	Garden Awards Visit from the Judges in a Helicopter at 12.12pm
Fri 28 th Oct	Non-Uniform Day - Camp Quality Gold Coin Donation
NOVEMBER	
Tues 6th Nov	Melbourne Cup Day No School
Mon 12th Nov	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 20th Nov	2013 Prep Transition Afternoon
Tues 27 th Nov	2013 Prep Transition Afternoon
Wed 28th Nov	Prep Aquarium Excursion
Fri 29 th Nov	Non-Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation
DECEMBER	
Fri 7th Dec	P-2 Athletic Day
Tues 18 th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 19th Dec	P-2 Concert
Fri 21 st Dec	Last Day Term 4 1.30pm Dismissal

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Health & PE Week

This week has been an extremely busy one for our students. Each grade has increased the amount of physical activity they participate in and extra lunch time programs such as Skate and Ride and an Amazing Race have been big hits. Thank you to Ms Ratkowski and her team for organising the activities.

Environment Talks

Students from Mrs Hill's grade and the Preps were certainly excited when they held worms and learnt all about the benefits of having a worm farm, as were the students from the Middle school who did a more intensive study of litter and its effects on our environment. The other students in the school will have their environmental lesson next Monday when Katie returns.

Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels

The highlight of our week would certainly have been the visit on Wednesday from the Porter's from Papua New Guinea. The school assembly attracted a wide range of community members and the students were attentively listening throughout. Thank you to Craig Peet (Matthew's dad) for reading the poem "The Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels". Craig has recently returned from a Peace Keeping tour of Timor.

The students heard stories from the Kokoda track and listened to the Porter's beautiful harmonious voices as they sang us songs from their land. We presented the Porter's leader Jack with eight Australian picture story books as well as a cheque for two hundred dollars, which will be used to support the small village and school from where they come.

Our visitors and members of our JSC enjoyed an Aussie BBQ and some Aussie favourites such as Pavlova, ANZAC biscuits and Lamingtons. A great time was had by all.

Kinder At School

Our best start practices will be well under way next week when both kinder groups from Learmonth Street Kindergarten will have a kinder at school session. The kinder kids will use the Prep rooms and have access to the GP Room, the library, and art room facilities. They will also get to see some much bigger students! We hope that this first venture into a school setting will help the kinder kid's transition into school no matter where they are going.

Anglesea Here We Come

Our camping program continues next week with our grade 4 students off to Anglesea. The students will be accompanied by Ms Ratkowski, Mrs Pianura, Mrs Laing, Mrs Williams and Mr Lilywhite. Camp is a valuable experience for students but a tiring one for the staff who attend; they are on duty 24 hours a day, away from their

own families and I thank them on your behalf for their willingness to give our year 4 students this experience.

Thank you Mandi !!!

A special thank you to Mandi Weir for keeping her eyes out on the school over the weekend. When trespassers were spotted Mandi was quick to alert the appropriate people and nip what could have been a break in or vandalism from occurring.

Support Nicole, especially since she won a gold medal in Badminton representing our school at the Teacher's Games over the holidays.

On Saturday the 17th of November, Nicole Langmaid is going to participate in a 50km walk from the Docklands to Donvale to raise money for Camp Quality. The walk is an annual event in Melbourne, and Nicole would love to raise lots of money for her chosen charity, which is Camp Quality.

Funds raised will be bringing optimism and happiness to the lives of children and families affected by cancer through fun therapy programs. Camp Quality are convinced that caring for children affected by cancer goes beyond medication and the Family Camp Program plays a crucial role in bringing optimism and happiness to families.

Nicole and her friend Lauren (pictured below) are walking the 50km and are currently training hard for the walk. It is going to take them approximately 8 hours to complete, I'm sure you can imagine the effort (and blisters) that they are going to have to put in. More information or if you would like to sponsor Nicole please click on the following link:

<http://www.upstreamfoundation.org/>



LEARNING TO READ

Here at Sunbury Heights we are working with you and your child to support them as they learn to read.

While your child is learning to read, they are also learning to understand what they are reading and relating this to their everyday experiences. This isn't as easy as it sounds, so it will take time and practice.

So reading has two aspects - being able to recognise many common words but also being able to make sense of what we are reading.

We know that you are keen to help your child learn to read and we are often asked how you can help your child become a successful reader and is there more that you can do besides hearing your child read.

The answer is yes. Please continue to hear your child read as that is helping them to develop a big collection of words that they can instantly read.

While you are listening, stop your child and ask what they think will happen next or what they think of what the character is doing. Help them to learn other words to have besides "happy", "sad".

This week in 1/2R the students have learnt words such as lonely, dejected and jolly. This is an example of what happens in all our classrooms.

Next week, a special note about reading will be coming home for our Prep-2 families. It will be called **Reading for Better Understanding** and will give you some information about we teach reading here at school and what you can do at home. Look out for it.

Grade Six Jackets 2013

Doesn't time fly?

This week our Grade Five students will be bringing home a note regarding the purchase of a Grade Six jacket for 2013. The jacket which displays all the names of the Grade Six students is a valued piece of school uniform for the students. The cost of the jacket is approximately \$45- \$50. A deposit of \$20 is required on ordering.

Working Bee

In preparation for the picnic and the final judging we will be holding a Twilight Working Bee at school on **Friday 19th October**. All helpers and volunteers welcomed. Please bring along any tools and expertise you may have. Refreshments provided.

Let's make it a real community get together many hands make light work.

Bright Futures

This term our school will be hosting the Bright Futures SOS program. The Bright Futures SOS (Strengths, Opportunities and Supports) group will be a space where young people can increase their knowledge and awareness of healthy coping skills in order to deal with life's challenges.

Through art activities and discussion the group will explore topics such as: tough times, feelings, how to get through tough times, strengths, supports and the future.

The program, for students in years 4, 5 and 6, will be run at school on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30pm. While there are enrolment conditions, these are reasonably flexible.

If you feel that your child would benefit from this program, please contact Cathie Morcom at school.

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 21st October

Jack Crosland, Raven Cheryaparambil,

Tylah Searle-Philpott, Jade Tomass

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING
19th October 2012**

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Hubbard	Jaymee Foss	Foe always trying her best.
Junior Ross	Dane Gifford	For being able to spell all 200 "Miaow" words.
	Samantha Mogridge	For making a big effort to improve her handwriting.
Junior Wilson	Jack Price	For being an enthusiastic learner always.
Junior Tyers	Samantha Williams	For always helping others.
Middle Pianura	Jacob Nutting	For showing great self-control and resilience.
Middle Laing	Angus Oliveri	For applying themselves to their reading with great results.
	Cheyenne Morbey	
	Jarrod Le Breton-	
	Hansen	
Senior Andersen	Sian Crowe	For having a positive attitude to her learning.
Senior Langmaid	Matthew Floyd	For completing home learning tasks to a high standard each week.
Miss Ratkowski PE	1H	For a positive attitude towards learning new skills in the cricket unit..
Mrs Caddaye Art	1/2R	For working beautifully in Art.

News from the Artroom

Congratulations to our students for their fantastic artwork which was displayed at the Sunbury Show. Our 'What a Show' display came third in the schools section. Our 'Russell (Scare) Crowe,' who was dressed as 'Gladiator,' came second in the Novelty Scarecrow section. Congratulations to Brittney and Kiara from Grade 6, Hayley from Grade 1 and any other students from Sunbury Heights who entered competitions at the show. Many thanks also to Ms Harding for her help in setting up the display.



Artwork and information about the calendar and photo calendar fundraiser will be sent home soon. Please return any orders promptly. We have a deadline for getting them to the calendar company, to ensure they are back by the end of term.

Donation of empty tissue boxes would be appreciated for use in art activities.
Jenny Caddaye (art teacher).

Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery** and **excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of \$150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of \$250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of \$200 and \$300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school.

The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, \$62 million over four years will be redirected to the State's most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

- **Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection
- **Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses**

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Payment Amounts - 2013:

	Prep	Years 1 - 6
Instalment One	\$140	\$105
Instalment Two	\$60	\$45
Annual Total	\$200	\$150

*Sunbury Uniting Church's 9th Annual -
Giant Car Boot Sale
with Craft Stalls*

Saturday 17th November 2012

*Over 60 cars!!
Inside craft
stalls*



*Uniting Church Hall & the Village Green
Melway Ref: 382 E4*



*Set-up from 7.15am
Sales from 8.30am*



~ Site fees ~

*OUTDOOR SITES INDOOR CRAFT STALLS
One size \$20 One size \$20*

BOOK NOW TO ENSURE A SPACE!

*Payment must be made in advance
(no later than Sunday 11th November)*

Ring Helen on 9744 3031 or 0407 506 507

Rupertswood Cricket Club Inc

"Birthplace of The Ashes"

Milo In2Cricket Program

REGISTRATION DAY

**Friday 26th OCTOBER 2012
6pm – 7pm**

**Rupertswood Clubrooms
Or**

**Online via Website
<http://rupertswood.vic.cricket.com.au>
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