



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
	2012
	JULY
Thurs 26 th July	Curriculum Day <i>NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL</i>
Fri 27 th July	The Ned Show
Fri 27 th July	Non Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation
	AUGUST
Tues 2 nd Aug	Second-Hand Uniform Shop 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Mon 6 th Aug	School Council Meeting – 6.30pm
Mon 20 th -24 th	Cottage By The Sea Camp
Fri 24 th Aug	
Fri 31 st Aug	Fun Run Prep – Grade 6
Fri 31 st Aug	Non-Uniform Day
	SEPTEMBER
Wed 5 th Sept	Grade 5/6 Summer Sport
Fri 7 th Sept	Grade 5/6 Summer Sport (Backup)
Tues 11 th Sept	SDSC Aladdin Performance – Gr 5/6

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

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&
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 3 and a big thank you to our neighbours who kept a watchful eye on the school over the holidays.

When I was in WA visiting my daughter, I even received a message via my daughter who has a friend on Facebook and who is a parent at our school contact her, to tell me about a burst water pipe that was causing some flooding and the SES was needed. It made me realise that Facebook does have some positive attributes. So a big thank you Jacinta Hall! Burst water main aside, the school remained pretty much vandal free over the two week break.

Assembly:

At Monday's assembly we will be presenting the Class Captain badges and showing the Rock Video that the students made for a grant which the school has applied for.

Curriculum Day

The school will be holding a Curriculum Day on **Thursday 26 July**. The focus for the staff will be numeracy. The staff will be engaged in professional development about numeracy and in particular the teaching of multiplication at each VELS level.

Students are not required at school on this day

Vegetable Patch/ Help Needed

Not having to deal with maintenance caused by mindless damage, has allowed our handy man Leo Vandervalk to continue to work with Peter de Waart to establish the school's vegetable garden. Potting mix will be added on Monday and the beds will be ready for planting.

Our garden is growing. Well the structures are! We have a new recycled picket fence courtesy of the Sunbury Tip Shop, and close to getting our chook pen as well. However, we are in desperate need of someone who could help our Grade 6 students lay some pavers. The area is only 15 square and is flat so there is no digging needed. We have the labour to wheelbarrow the crushed rock for the base, the paving sand and the pavers, but would like the services of someone who can ensure the pavers are LEVEL. If anyone can help, and has access to a whacker, we would love to hear from you. This would be a fantastic interactive experience for our students. Contact Peter de Waart on 9744 3377.

We are now looking to establish a chook pen and thank you to James and Daniel Penny's dad Andrew for donating some chooks to get us started. When the chook shed is erected the chooks will move into school and hopefully we will soon be having omelettes for breakfast.

THE NED SHOW

Thank you to Mr O'Keefe for organising an up and coming whole school free event that will support the continued implementation OF OUR SCHOL VALUES AND KEYS TO SUCCESS.

On Friday the 27th of July, "**The Ned show**" using an Olympic theme will be performing at our school. We have had "**The Ned show**" at our school before and the students enjoyed the performance. "The Ned show" is a motivational performance that combines a positive attitude with humour, storytelling and audience participation. The idea of the show is to demonstrate ways in which students can develop three valuable characteristics to become champions at school and in life.

The producers of the show sell yoyos after the performance to cover the cost of performing, meaning that this is a free performance for students to attend. Another bonus for the school is, we receive a percentage of the money from the yoyos sold, which we can use to purchase sport equipment. Your child will receive an information sheet that they will be required to take home explaining the show and how to purchase a yoyo.

To be more informed look out for the posters that will be displayed around the school.

If you would like to enjoy the show yourself the show will be held at 2.15pm in the MP room.

Disco

Thank you to Cathy Williams and Sharron Bertram for listening to the feedback from students and parents about the enjoyment gained from holding an after school disco.

Cathy and Sharron have organised a disco for later this term. The disco will be held on Friday August 24 and there will be two sessions to cater for the different age groups of our students.

A flyer will go home today detailing times, cost and snacks that will be available. The disco is an opportunity for parents to become involved as well.

If you would like to help on the evening in some capacity please contact Cathy at school on 9744 3377 or on the school Facebook page. We are looking for a couple of men to also help supervise.

Prep Transition

Prep Transition begins in earnest this term. Grade 5 students visit local kindergartens to establish our buddies program and kinder at school days are held to familiarize preschool children with the school environment. This term we will also be inviting enrolled students to come up to school and spend some time joining in classroom and Specialist sessions along with these years Preps.

Please contact Karen on 9744 3377 to collect an enrolment form. A copy of birth and immunisation certificates is a legal requirement prior to enrolling. To help with planning, enrolments are requested to be made prior to the end of term.

Cottage by the Sea

From August 20th – 24th twenty of our grade 6 students will have the opportunity to attend a camp at Queenscliff. The students who are being considered are students we believe would:

- Benefit from a seaside holiday
- Have shown improved behaviour
- Be a suitable role model and ambassador for our school

If more than twenty students wish to take up the opportunity a ballot will be necessary.

Crossing Supervisor Award

Congratulations to Nicola Vergara who is the first recipient of this award. Nicola will be presented with her certificate next Monday at assembly.

Wendy Sparks our Crossing Supervisor will periodically nominate students who she believes is acting as a safe pedestrian and who displays a sunny and respectful disposition.

Thank you Wendy for suggesting the initiative.

Improve your child's concentration at home

In many reports and at Parent Teacher meetings some teachers made reference to the student's inability to focus and stay on task for a period of time. In this week's parenting article there are some suggestions for ways you can help to improve your child's ability to focus and concentrate

To accomplish any task you need to be able to concentrate your attention for a time. It is a requirement for learning. Kids not only need to be able to focus on tasks but to stay in the one place long enough so they can listen to and follow instructions.

To read the whole article above the link or on the school website.

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 20th JULY

Teacher	Student	Reason
<i>Junior Hill</i>	Jesse Palmer	For attentively listening and contributing appropriately to class discussions.
<i>Middle Tyers</i>	Cooper Weir	For trying hard with his writing.
<i>Middle Knight</i>	Sienna Ali	For starting term 3 with a tremendous attitude.
<i>Senior Langmaid</i>	Ciaran McArdle	For his enthusiasm towards the first Footsteps session.
<i>Senior de Waart</i>	Brittany Partington	For making a huge effort in coming to school on time!
<i>Miss Ratkowski PE</i>	Michael Duggan	For an enthusiastic approach to Badminton session in PE.
<i>Mrs Caddaye ART</i>	Renee Thomas	For great effort and enthusiasm with her art book.
<i>Mrs Harding Science/Music</i>	Jonathon Long	For enthusiasm and interest in Chemistry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following student to the 22nd July
Alexsis Ryan

Education Maintenance Allowance

Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid into bank accounts from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who chose the EFT payment option on their application form.

Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August/early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 29th February 2012 will need to submit a new EMA application form.

Applications close on **3 August 2012**.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for application form and further information

Key Dates:

- Parent applications close - **3 August 2012**
- EFT payments - **Mid August 2012** onwards
- Cheque payments - **Late August / Early September 2012**

CHILD MINDING

Past parent of Sunbury Heights **willing to look after your children** in my home during the school day, before and after school and the school holidays.

All enquires call

Linda on 0417 135 532

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - ISSUE 5

DUE BACK –Wednesday 1st August, 2012

If your child would like to make a purchase, please fill out the order form on the back of the brochure you are ordering from. If you are ordering from a few brochures, please fill out each order form and place in an envelope with correct money marked scholastic book club.

If you would like to pay by credit card, payments can be made online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment or free call 1800557908 with your credit card details. Please make sure you record your 11 digit receipt number on the back of your order form. Please place your order in an envelope, marked scholastic book club.

This is a great opportunity to purchase quality books at reasonable prices. All orders will earn our school free books and resources.

Thanking you

Bev McIntyre
Liz Hill

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)



2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Will be open TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST
 1st Tuesday of every month
 2.45pm - 3.15pm
 For more details please contact
 Angela on 0432 038 224

Would \$500 assist you with education costs?



Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, **up to \$500**, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition!

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Call Christian Unger, your local Saver Plus Worker at The Brotherhood of St Laurence on 8339 6517 / 0407 817 758.

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.



Firstly, due to the success of the campaign thus far, we are extending our program until the 12th August 2012. That's three more weeks to earn valuable stickers for your school.



Coles Sports for Schools is on again!

Coles Sports for Schools was a great way to grab some sporting equipment for our school simply by collecting vouchers from your weekly shop at Coles. Please encourage friends and family members to also collect vouchers.

Start collecting your vouchers from Wednesday 13th June – Tuesday 14th August 2012.



SHOPPING TOUR

Parents and Friends Committee have organised a Shopping Tour with "Tartan Tours"

When: Saturday November 10th, 2012.

Costs: \$65.00 per person with a \$30 deposit per person
NO LATER than Friday 27th July.

Full payment will be due by Friday 12th October, 2012.

Any queries please contact Kylie Gifford on 9746-3338 or 0448 440 075 or giffygirl@gmail.com or kyliejifford@bigpond.com

