



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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## TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day – Gold Coin Donation</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gr 3-6 Athletics
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Western Water visit - Preps</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Start Smart Program Gr 1/2
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Start Smart Program Gr 3/4/5</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Start Smart Program Gr 5/6
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twilight Swimming Carnival</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>RED Star Launch 7pm</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hume Division Swim Carnival
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gr 3 Doxa Camp</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5 Doxa Camp
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Holiday NO SCHOOL
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Photos – details to follow
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	District Athletics
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ride to School Day
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Assembly – 2.30pm start</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cartoon Workshop Prep-Gr 6
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Term 1 ends..2.30pm</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Term 2 commences</b>

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

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am looking forwards to meeting our parents who will be at the school tonight taking the opportunity to attend the Parent Teacher exchange of information evenings and meet their child's classroom teacher. It certainly gives the classroom teacher valuable insights into the children in their care. The student's will be presenting their 2013 Learning Journal and this will be beneficial for you as parents to understand the expectations of the new class.

Miss Danaher and Mrs Hill will join with the Prep families for a Sausage Sizzle and then provide the families with an opportunity to visit the classrooms to see the learning that has taken place in the short time their child has been at school. Thank you to Jo Miller, Maria Morbey and Rick Barton for offering to cook sausages for the students and their families.

### Sunbury Heights PS Payment Option Plan

Sunbury Heights is sympathetic and understands the differing circumstances of individual students and families. We have offered a payment plan option if families have difficulty paying for books, camps, excursions, etc.

To take advantage of the plan families have to commit to paying regular instalments. If you have taken advantage of this option please ensure you are honouring this service and have begun to make regular payments. Term one accounts will be sent home.

Please ring (9744 3377) or come in to see Sharon Shaw, Business Manager, at the office or myself. All conversations are strictly confidential.

### Car Parking:

A special reminder to all of our families to observe the parking signs around the school boundaries. The police and parking officers regularly patrol the area at drop off and pick up times and issue infringement notices to all vehicles illegally parked.

In the interests of student safety:

**Please Note that the car park at the school is for staff use & deliveries ONLY and cannot be used as a drop off or pickup point for children.**

Please refrain from walking through this area with your children on your way to and from school.

### **Student Safety on Roads:**

Please go over safe walking or riding to school practices with your child. Students need to be alert when crossing the road and use crossings even if it means walking a few extra metres down the road.

### **Head Lice:**

As much as head lice are a nuisance we have to admit that they can be an unfortunate part of school life. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis using the following method:

- Step 1: Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair.
- Step 2: Comb sections of the hair with a fine toothed, headlike comb.
- Step 3: Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 4: Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 5: Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.

If lice or eggs are found please commence treatment immediately. Children are able to return to school once treatment has commenced. It is also important to notify the school as soon as possible. The Department of Health and Family Services strongly recommends that treatments are reapplied 7 days later to prevent reinfestation.

I ask all parents to carry out weekly checks and to treat any infestations promptly. Please note that unless treatment is carried out effectively the head lice will reappear. Regular checks prompt and repeated treatment and notification to the school will assist us to control the spread of head lice in our school.

### **Sunbury Heights: A safe and secure environment for everyone**

It is our intention to ensure that we maintain an environment in which all children feel safe and secure. It is our shared responsibility as teachers and parents to set and demonstrate high standards of behaviour for the children, I ask all parents to continue to support us in this manner.

Under no circumstances may parents speak sternly, make threats, question or discipline a child from another family, parent or guardian or any member of the school staff.

If you believe a child is misbehaving, or you have a concern about a school-based issue then please notify the classroom or yard duty teacher immediately or contact either Cathie Morcom or myself.

### **Safe disposal of sharp objects**

Last week I spoke to all students about what to do if they found a sharp object when they were either at school or out in their local environment.

The most recent advice is clear, in telling students, to not pick up a needle or syringe and to tell an adult so that they can dispose of the object in the correct manner.

The information passed on to staff is information that all parents also need to be aware of and I have included it for you:

Adults on finding a sharp needle or syringe need to:

1. Find a rigid-walled, sealable container (e.g. soft-drink bottle) with a well-secured lid, preferably screw top. Avoid

using glass, which can shatter, or aluminium that can be squashed.

2. Do not attempt to recap the needle.
3. Bring the container to the needle and syringe.
4. Pick up the used needle and syringe by the blunt end (plunger end), away from the point. Do not touch the sharp point.
5. Put the needle and syringe point first into the container. More than one can be placed in the container, but do not overfill. Do not carry the needle and syringe unless it is a suitable container.
6. Make sure the container is tightly sealed.
7. Put the sealed container in a domestic rubbish bin (mobile green bin). In Western Australia, small numbers of used needles and syringes can be disposed of through the council waste collection service. Do not put needles and syringes down toilets, in recycling bins or post boxes.
8. Do not put needles in aluminium cans and then dispose of them in rubbish bins. People who collect cans may pick them up and a needle stick injury can occur as the needle can penetrate through the can.

### **EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS**

The Friends of the Community Hub and Junior School Councillors will be conducting an Easter Egg Raffle over the coming weeks. The Councillors will distribute to each family raffle books within the coming weeks which will comprise of 10 tickets at 20c each or \$2.00 per book.

We would very much appreciate each Family donating an Egg, Rabbit, Basket, Easter toy etc for this raffle.

Donations can be left in the Hub or at the Office.

We thank you for your support.

### **Hot Cross Buns**

Everyone loves a hot cross bun and this year we will take orders for your favourite variety. The buns this year will be supplied by Riddell's Creek Bakery (courtesy of our new prep Karlee's dad Graeme) and we hear they are delicious! Choose from spiced (without fruit) traditional or chocolate. So please help us with our HOT CROSS BUNS Fundraiser and make a profit for our school. The more buns you purchase the more profit you make for our school.

ONLY \$6.50 per 6 pack of Traditional or Chocolate Buns

ONLY \$6.00 per 6 pack of Spiced Buns

For every 6 pack of hot Cross Buns you order, The Old Firestone Bakery at Riddell's Creek will give \$2 to the school. Order forms will be sent home soon

Simply fill out the Order form, bring your orders and FULL payment back to school by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Your orders will be ready to collect from school Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> (time to be advised).

Don't forget to ask your family and friends if they would like to order some too.

### Asthma Management Plans and Medical forms

Please remember to return ASAP as: WE ARE UNABLE TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION WITHOUT THESE FORMS

2013 Asthma Management Plan – MUST be completed and signed on the back of the form if your child has Asthma medication and spacer kept at school. **(All students with Asthma must supply their own Ventolin and Spacer).**

2013 Medication Form – MUST be completed and signed on the back of the form if your child has ANY medication at school ie: Ventolin, Panadol, creams etc.

We are unable to administer medication without this form signed.

### School Council

Please take note that there are vacancies on school council for parent representation. If you would like to help shape the future of the school please seriously consider joining school council. The process for the formation of the new council is already underway and you can choose to self-nominate by just calling into the office and completing a nomination form.

Below is information regarding the formation of the new School Council.

### School Council Election Timeline

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Call for nominations
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Nominations close
<i>If an election is required:</i> distribute ballot papers	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Close of ballot
Wednesday 6 March	Declaration of poll
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	New Council formed

Nomination forms will be available from the school office from Monday 18th February 2013.

### Community News Newsletter:

Hope you have had a chance to read the Community News Newsletter. The newsletter will be published once a term, and will have information on events that are happening around the school.

**Regards**  
**Kaye Mills**  
**Principal**

### Wanted for the Artroom

Donations of balls of wool and ice cream containers for art activities would be greatly appreciated.  
Jenny Caddaye  
(Art Teacher)

### Welcome back to School Banking for 2013.

**TUESDAY** is our Banking Day.

Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child's teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.

All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips MUST be completed.

Save from as little as 5c per week.

Each deposit earns a SILVER TOKEN this should be kept safe at home.....when they collect 10 tokens they can redeem for exciting rewards!

If your child would like to join the program please visit your local Commonwealth Bank with photo ID for yourself and your child's birth certificate – too easy!

**School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission**



**on every deposit made through the School Banking program.**

### **RED STAR AWARD – YEARS THREE AND FOUR**



The **RED STAR AWARD** is an initiative to reward students for completing specific tasks related to reading, helping at home, citizenship, the environment, health and hobbies.

Students can work through the task at their own pace. Junior School Councillors will provide stickers for encouragement as students work towards receiving their **RED Star**.

The **Red Star** is a badge which students will be able to wear on their school uniform.

We have been fortunate to receive financial support from Macedon Child Care Centre and Pink Fence. This has enabled us to have booklets printed for each student as well as the purchase of high quality metal badges.

This program will be launched with parents on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** (in the BER building). Parents and students in years three and four are invited to attend. Siblings are welcome to come along and learn about the program as well.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, all students in years three and four will receive their **RED Star** booklets and will be then ready to start completing their tasks. If you are the parent of a child in year four you could look forward to some help around the house in the coming months!

What does RED stand for?

**RESPONSIBILITY, ENDEAVOUR AND DEVELOPMENT.**

These are the qualities the program aims to develop in each child.

*Cathie Morcom*

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

To the following students, until the 24th February  
Hailea Wood, Odin Holt, Mauricio Barragan-Orea, Chelsea Houston

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING**  
**15th February 2012 and**  
**22nd February 2013**

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Isabelle O'Shannessy	For being so focused on completing set tasks.
	<b>Brodie Corcoran</b>	<b>For completing his work with wonderful illustrations.</b>
Prep D	Liam Bulmer-Smyth	For settling well into Prep
	<b>Emma Quarrell</b>	<b>For her great reading of 'Dan the Flying Man' and her colourful picture to match.</b>
1/2R	Nikita Johns	For writing an interesting recount of eating an icy pole.
1/2X	Kaidan Mitchell	For great information on pigs and hippos.
	<b>Mason Duggan</b>	<b>For completing his work beautifully.</b>
1/2H	Jaiden Manton	For a great start at Sunbury Heights Primary School.
	<b>Ricky Lesoa</b>	<b>For fantastic attempts at writing and punctuation.</b>
3/4K	David Walgers	For always SLANTING and focusing in class.
	<b>Jayleigh Noakes</b>	<b>For starting Grade 4 with a great ready to learn attitude.</b>
3/4W	Brodie Manton	For working hard to make friends at his new school.
3/4A	Ryan Grose	For thoughtful contributions to our class purpose.
5P	Tyler Chakley	For being an excellent listener and working in a focused way.
	<b>Rachael Wilkinson</b>	<b>For always being ready to learn, and asking questions to make sure she knows what to do.</b>
5A	Lukas Stephenson-Irving	For an excellent and focused start to the year.
	<b>Bryce Street</b>	<b>For amazing awesome alliteration.</b>
6L	Sian Crowe	For an excellent explanation of subtracting 2 large numbers.
	<b>Cruz Noonan</b>	<b>For a fantastic attitude towards all school tasks and activities.</b>
6O	Michael Douglas	For a great start at Sunbury Heights Primary School
P.E.	6L	For a focused High Jump session in P.E.
	<b>6O</b>	<b>For a focused session in P.E.</b>
ART	Blake Macdonald	For being caring and considerate in Art.
	<b>Mason Duggan</b>	<b>For improved effort in Art this year.</b>
SCIENCE	5P	For an excellent start to the year.

**RUPERTSWOOD NETBALL CLUB**

We are welcoming netball players in all age groups, U11, U13, U15, U18 to play on Saturday mornings in the Gisborne Netball Association Competition at Gisborne Secondary College. Please contact Allison on 0425 842 546 for more information.

Macedon Ranges  
Dyslexiclever

**Thursday 28th February 2013**

(For teachers and parents—\$5 entry donation)

**7.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary P.S. Kyneton**

43-47 Edgecombe Street Kyneton

**Friday 1st March 2013**

(For parents—no charge)

**9.30am at Ethic. Café**

63 Urquhart St. Woodend

Macedon Ranges

**ALL WELCOME!**

**A wonderful opportunity to hear from an acclaimed Dyscalculia expert**

**Sunbury United Junior Soccer Club Inc**  
**2013 Season Registration / 'Come and Play' Day**

Spread the word to interested friends, family and neighbours.

2013 playing opportunities exist for boy and girls, men and women.

- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Langama Park, Mitchells Lane, Sunbury (Mel Ref 381 K6)
- Free BBQ
- Boys & girls 5-18 years interested in playing for SUJSC in 2013 are welcome. Juniors intending to play in the 2012 season must attend registration day and bring a copy of their birth certificate.
- Men 18 years plus invited to join senior men's (Thirds Team).
- Women 18 years plus invited to join a new women's team.
- SUJSC committee & coaches will be available on the day to answer any questions.
- Friendly 'Small Sided Football' Games played throughout the day.

Enquiries:

**Mick Gilligan**

**President, 0405 177 379**

**Gerard Feain**

**Committee Member, 0499 046 644**

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**Club Website**

**www.sujsc.com.au**

DIGGERS REST JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB!!!

**Boys & Girls aged U10—U16 in Season 2013 NEEDED**

Come play for "The Burra's"!

Registration day 24th of February 2013 at the Diggers Rest

Recreation Reserve

