



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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Important Dates

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Tues 26 th November	Kinder Transition Afternoon 215pm-3.15pm	Fri 6 th December	Junior Sports Carnival Boardman Reserve (Oval 1)
Wed 27 th November	Prep Aquarium Excursion	Tues 10 th December	Statewide Transition Day
Fri 29 th November	Non Uniform Day – School Project Gold Coin Donation	Fri 13 th December	Non Uniform Day - JSC Christmas Fun Day – Gold Coin Donation
		Tues 17 th December	Bookpack Sales - 8am - 4pm PSW Uniform Sales – 9am – 12.30pm
		Tues 17 th December	Gr 6 Graduation
		Wed 18 th December	Prep – 2 Concert
		Fri 20 th December	LAST DAY TERM 4 1.30pm DISMISSAL

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Rod Quarrell Honour Board

Thank you to Rod Quarrell one of our founding parents for organising and paying for a new Honour Board for our Atrium. The Honour Board will display the name of each year's Junior School Council President. Ruby Ryan's the 2013 JSC president will be the first to be honoured.

In 2009 when the new building was opened Rod reminded us about how the Sunbury Heights Community helped to establish our school. I have included it as a timely reminder of what we can achieve when we work together.

"Prior to 1977 there were three primary schools in Sunbury. Sunbury Primary, Sunbury West and the recently built Kismet Park.

All of these schools were situated on the north side of Gap Road. New housing estates were being built on the South side but there were no school facilities to support the growing number of families. The need for a school was well founded. The school was completed and opened at the beginning of Term 3 in 1981.

To raise further money for the school, Sunbury Heights Primary School Co-operative Limited was formed, and included two parents who worked in a bank. With other interested parents they set about obtaining a loan.

The Co-Op asked parents to pay fifty dollars a family to become shareholders, stating they could get their money back when the loan was paid off. This was well accepted and only three people ever asked for their money back.

To establish SHPS the community had to stick up for what they believed was the due to the families to the North of Gap Road. They worked tirelessly, making new friends along the way to make the school what it still is today. A school that will work together like a family to make sure that no child regardless of background or location will miss out on the opportunity of an excellent state school education."

Rod Quarrell Founding Parent January 2009"

Transition Tuesday

Our 2014 Preps settled in like a hand in a glove last Tuesday. It was like they had been here forever. The new Preppies will visit again next Tuesday afternoon where they will enjoy more transitional activities with Miss Danaher and Mrs Kelly. After observation of the children and input from our Early Childhood Centres and Kindergartens, we will begin organising the Prep classroom structure for 2014. There is always some very relevant information that parents convey to us that we take into consideration when arranging student groupings. Some examples of parent requests we consider have included:

- The separation of twins or alternatively parents may prefer the twins to be placed in the same class.
- Only one or two children attending from an early childhood setting

Please note as it is for the rest of the school: that this is not a teacher selection opportunity, but one which may influence the children's social and academic grouping to ensure all students' need are met. We all need to develop emotional resilience, learn ways to make new friends and develop independence. Please be assured that your child's best interests are always at the forefront when planning. While we cannot guarantee your requests will be met, we assure you that the information you present will be carefully considered.

State Rugby Tournament

Thank you to Ms Ratkowski, Mrs Langmaid and Nathan Thomas for training and taking our Grade Six students to the State Rugby Championships on Tuesday. The boys won two of their five games and came back extremely proud of the efforts they put in as a team.

Show and Tell Sentences

Our students' writing has certainly been receiving positive feedback of late. Our Grade three and four students continue to shine. Read how they converted Mrs Wilson's boring tell sentence into something. 3/4W were practising 'show don't tell' where the students have to add imagery to their writing to create emotion for the reader.

Mrs Wilson's boring **'Tell'** sentence - Ned Kelly walked into the Melbourne Gaol for the last time became the students' **'Show'** sentences: Goosebumps rose on his arms as he walked to the gallows, not knowing what would happen - by Samantha Mogridge

Ned walked in sadly as he was face to face with death. Such is life – by Antwone Patterson.

The first step for Ned made him shiver as he walked towards the deadly gallows – by Alex Braun

Sweat slid down Ned's nervous face. He fought and fought but he couldn't break free. Ned felt the pain in his legs as he put pressure on them. As he felt the push of hands behind him leading him to the courtyard he was soon face to face with his end – by Ethan Rooney

Year Book

I have been fortunate to have had a sneak preview of this year's year book. The 2013 Year Book certainly is a celebration of our year and congratulations to Mrs Langmaid for ensuring the Yearbook is of the highest quality.

Orders are still being taken if your family wants a permanent record of the 2012 year at Sunbury Heights.

Grade 6 Uniform

Thank you to the families who have already started culling the uniform they will not have any use for in 2014. It is certainly much appreciated by new families moving into the area and families who are in need of a little bit of support.

From Monday 9 December students in grade 6 are able to wear casual clothes to school in exchange for donating pieces of their school uniform to the Hub for distribution to families in need.

Thank you Morning Tea.

On Friday 13th December we will hold a Thank You Morning Tea so that the staff and I can thank all the parents and community members who have given their time so freely to our school and help in so many ways.

Invitations will be sent out at the end of the week so keep an eye out in your child's bag if you have helped at the school during 2013. If by some oversight we have missed you please feel free to contact me so that I can give you an invitation.

RED Star Award

Our latest RED Star Award recipient is Claire Diss. Claire has worked extremely hard to complete the required activities. She made a fantastic collection of rubbers, helped with chores at home and participated in swimming lessons. We are very proud of her efforts.

Well done Claire!



News from the Art Room

Students in Grades 3 and 4 have been busily preparing some fantastic decorations for a Christmas tree which will be on display at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre.

This Monday (25th November) at 4pm, I will be at Sunbury Square with the decorations for decorating our tree. Any Grades 3 and 4 students who would like to help are welcome to come to Sunbury Square at that time, providing they are accompanied by an adult.

Jenny Caddaye (Art Teacher)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 24th November 2013
Brodie Manton, Chloe Maxfield, Olivia Ballinger

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Liam Rooney	For taking extra care with his handwriting.
1/2R	Rianan Crowe	For always trying to give 100%.
1/2X	Jessie Tadd-Lennox	For being a wonderful new member of our class.
1/2H	Leo Bunting	For trying as hard as he can with all learning.
3/4K	Matthew McGann	For brilliant Home Reading.
5P	Jayden Peters	For passing all of the PM levels.
6L	Tyler Rudd	For writing an interesting story on 'the mountain'.
PE Miss Ratkowski	Prep H	For a great PE session.
ART Mrs Caddaye	Callista Keenan	For being wonderfully helpful in the Artroom.
SCIENCE Mrs Payton	Jesse Newberry 1/2R	For being focused during science.
Mrs Warrior	Shaylee Williamson 1/2X	For completing 100 Reading Lessons
Mrs Dexter	Cody Walton 1/2X	Congratulations on completing 100 Reading Lessons. 'Well Done'

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

DUE BACK – Friday 22nd November, 2013

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 1800 557 908 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

DOLLARMITES REWARDS

I have stock of all the Dollarmite rewards in the Library. Feel free to visit the Library between Tuesday to Friday, with your 10 token coin/s. Tokens can also be sent on banking day with a list of the item you would like.

Thanks
Bev McIntyre

YEARBOOK ORDER 2013

Its Yearbook time again!

Once again, the school has put together a yearbook magazine. Every student has been included in the book. The book has lots of photos of students, students' work and special activities that took place in 2013. It looks fantastic and will be a wonderful keepsake.

The Yearbook cost is \$15.

(Once the money and form have been received a yearbook will be given to your child.)

Thank you
Yearbook Committee

Christmas Tree Sales

3rd Sunbury Scout Group

Freshly cut Christmas Trees from \$40

Miller St Scout Hall: 7th & 8th Dec
 14th & 15th Dec

Delivery available

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