



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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## Important Dates

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Week	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Summer Sports
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Camp	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council Meeting – 6.30pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Casual Clothes Day	Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> & Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Vision Portraits – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September from 4:30 pm till 9:00pm Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September from 9:00am till 5:00pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Father's Day Stall	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Last Day Term 3 2.30pm dismissal

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Week Away Here We Come

Our camping program continues next week with our grade 6 students off to "Week Away". The students will be accompanied by Ms Ratkowski, Mrs Langmaid, Mr O'Keefe, Mrs Dexter and Mr Darmanin. 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 6 students this experience.

### Book Swap

It has been an exciting Book Week so far and the buzz in the atrium as many students bring books to swap has certainly been a highlight. Students from prep to grade six are bringing in books they have grown out of and their all-time favourites to swap. I have heard big kids advising smaller students about good reads and seen small kids branching out and swapping books with little text for books with more text.

A no cost fun activity has had many beneficial spin offs. I would like to thank Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Ross for organising the event, the students who took on the responsibility of manning the swap and the great number of families who donated many books that helped make the "SWAP" a success.

It seems timely to put in the following article about ways to engage with your child when you are listening to them read.

### 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".

### SOLD Learning Difficulties and Maths

So far this year SOLD Inc have held some excellent sessions for parents and teachers around supporting students with learning difficulties the next one to be offered has a Maths focus.

Many students with different learning difficulties have trouble with Maths. Anne Williams, a special education teacher and passionate Maths teacher will unravel the mysteries of teaching and supporting your child who find maths difficult in an information session to be held by SOLD Inc. on **Friday 30th August 2013 at 7.30pm**, Sunbury Heights Primary School. For more information please see Karen in the front office or Sharon in the Hub.

## Year Book

Once again Nicole Langmaid has taken on the responsibility for the school year book. Nicole and her team of Erica Andersen and Leanne Ratkowski are busy putting together the highlights from across the year.

As a school we believe that each student should have a memento of their school year. I still look back on my high school yearbooks and have fun seeing how I have changed (well I am 50 years older for a start), who my friends were, what I was learning and what extra school activities I was participating in.

Orders for the Year Book will be taken early next term and the cost should be about \$12.

## Happy Father's Day

Sunbury Heights Parents and Friends have once again taken responsibility for the running of the Father's Day Stall which will be held next week. We run the stall as a service for our students so that they can by their dad, grandfather or significant male in their life a small token of love and appreciation.

Thank you to the hard working members of the group for taking on the organisation of the stall again this year.

## Science at Sunbury Downs Secondary College and Future Involvement

At the Year Seven level most students from Sunbury Heights attend Sunbury Downs Secondary College. In preparation for this our schools have close links and we try to support each other's programs.

This term the Grade Fives have made weekly visits and enjoyed the Science experiences they have had. The students have learnt the correct way to act in a scientific environment and have also experienced a range of Science lessons and activities.

Some of the highlights for Jet and Stephanie from 5/A have involved learning about the states of matter using a Bunsen burner to melt ice, making "ooblek" and playing a trivia game to ascertain the knowledge learnt over the term. Thank you to Mrs Adams for organising the weekly lessons and the students and staff from Sunbury Downs Secondary College.

Later this year our Grade Five and Six students will attend a performance of the college production.

Another planned activity will see our Grade Six teaching staff shadowing Year Seven teachers for a day and in return the Year Seven teachers will spend a day at Sunbury Heights. This session is aimed at ensuring the expectations for our students match and to see how curriculum is delivered.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

To the following students, until the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2013 – Hannah Watkins

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
1/2R	Kimberley Deeble	For completing her first IXL challenge sheet.
1/2P	Christian Carey	For great work in Maths.
1/2H	Lilly Rowbottom	For sensational progress with writing.
3/4K	Jamie Clanchy	For extending herself above her reading level.
3/4A	Tamiah Gardiner	For sharing insightful responses to the stories of Vincent Lingiari and the Dreamtime.
5A	Stephanie Williams	For showing outstanding initiative in the classroom.
6L	Adam Fearnley	For extending his reading repertoire and showing enthusiasm towards personal reading.
6O	Jordan McDonald	For passing another PM Level.
P.E.	3/4A	For a great session in P.E.
ART	Eddie Tichy	For a great effort with his cartoon model.
SCIENCE Mrs Adams	Brock Ireland 3/4W	For participating, actively in Science sessions.
SCIENCE Mrs Payton	Odin Holt 1/2X	For accurate predictions in Science.

## **SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER:**



## **SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY**



### **2014 SUNBURY SONICS REPRESENTATIVE TEAM SELECTIONS INFORMATION**

**SELECTING TEAMS IN THE FOLLOWING AGE GROUPS**

**OPEN, 17/U, 15/U**

**13/U & 11/U**

**Selections for all Sonics 2014 teams will be held on Saturdays 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October at Boardman Stadium. Selection times between 8.30am and 1.00pm**

**For application forms and more information go to the website or pick up an application from the Stadium.**

### **ZUMBA CLASSES**

**ARE YOU LOOKING TO GET FIT AND HAVE FUN?**

**SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY IS OFFERING 1 HOUR ZUMBA CLASSES  
... EVERY TUESDAY MORNING...**

**STARTING FROM 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME TO COME ALONG  
BRING A BOTTLE OF WATER, TOWEL AND RUNNERS**

**COST: \$5.00**

**WHERE: SUNBURY HEIGHTS GP ROOM**

**WHEN: EVERY TUESDAY**

**TIME: 9.30am-10.30am**

### **Family Portraits Fundraiser DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY**

**Vision Portraits** are coming to Sunbury Heights Primary on Friday 13th September from 4:30 pm till 9:00pm and Saturday 14th September from 9:00am till 5:00pm

Great opportunity to purchase a family portrait (10x13) for only \$15:00 which goes directly to the school.

There will be other packages available on the day to choose from.

Supporting this fundraiser will enable our XO program to grow and keep running

Provide access points for internet

Purchase power charges and repair kits

Teacher's professional development

Enable all students to participate more fully in the program

Complete a voucher and return to the school with your \$15:00 and details before Friday 6th September.

### **SHOPPING TOUR**

#### **PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE DUE TO FEDERAL ELECTIONS**

The next fundraising event will be our school shopping tour. This is a terrific opportunity to get a start on the Christmas shopping while raising much needed funds for our school. At this stage, the money raised by the school community is going towards paying for the replacement shade sails over the playgrounds.

Details - Shopping Tour by Tartan Tours

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2013    7.30am departing school    6pm returning to school

\$70 per person, including lunch    \$35 deposit due by 20<sup>th</sup> September    Final payment by 25<sup>th</sup> October

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