



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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## TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>2013 Prep Transition Afternoon</b>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Prep Aquarium Excursion
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Non-Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>P-2 Athletic Day</b>
<b>Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Whole School Transition</b>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>P-2 Concert</b>
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Last Day Term 4 1.30pm Dismissal

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

## Book Pack Payment/Collection Dates

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> December 2012</b>	<b>8am - 4pm</b>
	<b>PSW Uniform Shop</b>	<b>9am - 1pm</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> January 2013</b>	<b>8am - 4pm</b>
	<b>PSW Uniform Shop</b>	<b>8am - 11am</b>

(Payment can be made by: EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque OR Credit Card)

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **Rosie Tyers Retirement**

On Friday evening our school staff, former colleagues, and family of Rosie Tyers will celebrate Rosie's contribution to education, and in particular her contribution to Sunbury Heights, with a retirement function.

Rosie has taught at Sunbury Heights since 1990 and has had a positive influence across the school. Rosie worked tirelessly with colleagues across Sunbury to improve the delivery of the mathematics curriculum and her passion for music has seen her give many students a love of music, she involved our students, year after year, in Carols by Candlelight at the Village Green.

On a camp Rosie would have the whole place humming with her organisation. These are only some small highlights of Rosie's contributions and I am sure on Friday night everyone will have their own "Rosie" memories.

### **It is always a measure of a good teacher when former students remember them fondly.**

The following was written by Vicki Merry who was in Rosie's class in 1992.

In 1992 Mrs Tyers, welcomed me into her year 3 classroom, where I quickly learnt what a passionate teacher she was. She taught us many interesting things, whilst ensuring we mastered our writing in grey lead, in order to get our pen licence.

As years went by, and 2012 became the present, Mrs Tyers, once again welcomed me into her classroom, this time as a pre service teacher. Stepping back in time, I felt right where I did, all those years ago. Her witty ways, keep the students laughing, and it is obvious how much they adore her teaching style.

I wish her all the very best for her future and hope that my future children have a passionate and warm teacher like Rosie.

### **Hume Education Scholarship 2012**

It is with pleasure that I write to inform our school community that Keira Jehu has been awarded a Hume City Council Education Scholarship. The scholarship has been awarded because Keira is an active member of the school community and is keen to help in any way she can.

Keira shows communal responsibility in all areas of the school and is a valuable member of anything in which she participates Keira is a dedicated and conscientious student, who always tries her best. She has achieved excellent results during the year. She is keen to improve her own learning and shows curiosity in all areas of schooling. In maths, Keira has worked hard to improve her results

and is keen to learn new concepts that will support her in secondary school. She asks for help when needed, encourages her peers, and supports them wherever possible. Keira has shown improvement in all academic areas of her schooling and again completed all tasks with a smile.

Keira is a pleasure to have in the classroom and has been a valuable member of Mr de Waart's class. Keira was nominated by her class teacher, Peter de Waart, and the senior school teaching team and I keenly agreed with their recommendation. Keira will receive her scholarship in front of her family and our school staff at a presentation ceremony which will be held at the Craigieburn Global Learning Centre on Wednesday 12 December. The \$500 scholarship can be used to help Keira's family with expenses associated with school uniform, books and excursions.

### **Other Awards and Scholarships**

As the grade 6 year draws to a close, other students in grade 6 will be selected as recipients of academic, sporting, and citizenship scholarships. These students will be presented with their awards at the Grade 6 Graduation which is to be held at the Sunbury Bowling Club on Tuesday 18 December.

### **Victorian School's Garden Awards**

On 29th November Keira Jehu, Luke Harrison and Kiah Woolford Searle will travel with Mr de Waart to the Botanical Gardens for the State Award. Let's keep our green thumbs crossed that we are a lucky recipient.

### **Transition afternoon**

It was fantastic to see all our eager new Preps and meet their mums and dads last Tuesday for our first full transition afternoon.

When the Preps were whisked away to become involved in the Prep classroom, the parents and I had a chance to relax over a cup of coffee and a piece of cake. We talked about what, as parents, they wanted from Sunbury Heights. The responses seemed to be what we all want as parents and I have included them for your interest.

### **What do you want for your child from Sunbury Heights?**

Safe and understanding school experience

Have fun, be safe and have the best start to her education a great educational start and a range of different experiences free from bullying

Safe secure positive environment

To be safe to be encouraged

Social skills, increased confidence, work on strengths accept weaknesses aim to improve them

For the school to remain a school which is accepting and a positive experience for the kids

I want my kids to be comfortable with the school and teachers

Kids to be happy to go to school

Enjoy learning

Good education

Fun time while learning

More maths fun activities

Safe enjoyable environment

More reading

A fun and safe place to be

### **What would you like the school to provide?**

To understand the uniqueness of each child's differences and learning abilities

Develop confidence

Good resources

Feedback on child's development

3 RRR's

Diverse music program

Confidence boosting activities

Anti-Bullying programs

Friendship

Opportunity to help in the classroom

Supervision at recess and lunchtime

Learning to be fun

Help build students self esteem

Give the kids more work if they want it

Homework club

Social skills programs

Out of school hours classes in sport dance and music

Anger management classes

Swimming lessons

For my child to reach their full potential

Promotion of healthy eating habits, fitness health awareness

different learning experiences to make the learning fun and interesting

School performances

An enjoyable time for her first start at school

Safe environment

Learn about different subjects and cultures

Cooking classes

Fun comfortable environment

Staff who the kids feel they can go to at any time

Bullying policies

Open communication aware of issues

### **What do we need to do for you to make sure these things happen?**

A lot of communication between teachers and parents

No toleration of bullies

Adult classes re homework curriculum

Keep me informed

Make sure there is constant supervision at breaks

Learning is fun and enjoyable

If issues arise make sure they are dealt with accordingly and communicated.

At next week's Transition afternoon I will use these responses to inform our new parents of what we have in place that addresses or support, their feedback and queries.

### **Year Book**

I was in Mr de Waart's grade yesterday afternoon and saw the final copy of the Yearbook that Zach Olivieri had ordered.

The year book certainly is a celebration of our year and congratulations to Mrs Langmaid for ensuring the Yearbook is of the highest quality.

Order forms went out Monday so get your orders in now if your family wants a permanent record of the 2012 year at Sunbury Heights.

### **Congratulations Abbey McDonald**

We wish you well Abbey as you head off with your little Athletics Relay team to the State Championships

*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 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Nikita Johns, Olivia Ballinger, Jordan Ballinger, Lauren Dini

### **PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012**

Teacher	Student	Reason
<b>Mrs Xuereb/Hubbard</b>	Audrey Sasulu	Trying hard with reading.
	Kim Deeble	Great report about her holiday.
<b>Junior Ross</b>	Jack Harrison	For having the courage to be the only Junior School student at the Chess competition.
	Zachary Lynch	For completing the 200 "M100W" words.
<b>Middle Tyers</b>	Rayden Yob Caleb Bertram Will Uili	For great work in class all the time.
<b>Middle Knight</b>	Kristen Matenga Tylah Searle-Philpott Raven Cheriyaparambil	For great contributions to class discussions.
<b>Middle Pianura</b>	Ben Lillywhite	For working hard to achieve his pen licence.
<b>Middle Laing</b>	Maddi Lee	For being a kind and helpful class member.
<b>Senior de Waart</b>	Jordan Dent Grace Ring Zach Olivieri Strckland Lesoa	Voted by their peers for excellent work in Mr D's absence.
<b>Miss Ratkowski PE</b>	6d	For overall outstanding effort in PE.
<b>Mrs McIntyre Library</b>	Jayson Parmar Simote Feiloaki	For their enthusiasm towards reading.

### **Christmas Tree Decorating**

Students from Grades 3 and 4 are welcome to help decorate our Christmas Tree at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre with the wonderful decorations we have been making over several weeks. The decorating will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of November at 4pm.

A Parent or carer who will need to attend with you. Please let Mrs Caddaye know if you wish to attend as numbers are limited.

Jenny Caddaye (Art Teacher)

### **PSW UNIFORM SHOP**

PSW are offering 5% off all uniforms sold for the month of November only! All laybys must be finalised by the Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012!

The Uniform Shop will be open as normal on Fridays 8:30am-10:30am. As requested the Uniform Shop will open for extra days on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012, 9am-1pm and on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 8am-11am!



Regards!

Joanne Whiteway

PSW Uniform Shop Coordinator

### **Christmas Tree Sales**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunbury Scout Group**

Freshly cut Christmas Trees from \$35

Miller St Scout Hall: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec  
8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

Delivery available

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

### **PRINCESS, FAIRY & ELF PARTY WITH AUTHOR**

#### **ANNA PIGNATARO**

Kids' author Anna will read from her new picture book "Princess and Fairy: Enchanting Carnival" & lead little games

**Date:** Sunday 2nd December 11am

**Age:** 3-8yo

**Cost:** \$2 but redeemable on book purchase.

### **SANTA VISITS BOOK BONDING**

Santa and his helper will visit for songs, stories and special small gift

**Date:** Sunday 9th December

**3 Session Times:** 9am or 10am or 11am

**Cost:** \$2 per child

**Age:** 2-8yo

**Venue:** All held in store at Book Bonding 409 Keilor Road, Niddrie

**Bookings essential:** 9374 4458 or email [info@bookbonding.com.au](mailto:info@bookbonding.com.au)

## **INTEGRATION AIDE WORKSHOPS TOOLKIT Development**

Hands on session to prepare you for practical classroom integration work. Leave this class with prepared activities and strategies in kit form, so you are better equipped for Student needs.

Subject: Literacy Toolkit

When: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 10am -3pm

Cost: \$125.00 Includes tuition and all materials.

Tutor: Karen Ralph, principal of SMIC

During these sessions you will develop learn how to use Integration Aides toolkits which you can continue to add onto once you are working with students.

**What is a toolbox?** A toolbox is a kit of activities for Integration aides use to work with children in a primary school setting. It is made up of at least 20 kits covering various subjects, for example literacy, numeracy, oral language which can be added to and altered to meet individual student & Integration aide requirements.

For 15 years my role as an Integration aide has required me to work predominantly with students who have Autism Spectrum disorders or intellectual disabilities. In that time I produced a kit of 20 activities based on the learning needs of students that had presented with these disabilities. These activities can be used for many of the students who require extra assistance in class. The kit became a winning submission in the VTC teaching initiatives Program.

You will leave this workshop with activities and plans that will be the initial tools in **your** Toolbox for Integration work.

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## **SUNBURY LIONS BASKETBALL CLUB FREE BASKETBALL CLINIC**

**UNDER 8'S-UNDER 14'S  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS &  
FAMILY ALONG  
FUN FOR EVERYONE**

**LEARN SOME NEW SKILLS  
MAKE SOME NEW FRIENDS**

**OUR A GRADE MEN WILL BE THERE TO SHOW  
EVERYONE THEIR MOVES THAT HAVE SEEN THEM  
WIN 8 GRAND FINALS IN A ROW!**

**WHEN: SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER, 2012**

**WHAT TIME: 10AM - 12 NOON WITH A  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINKS AFTERWARDS**

**WHERE: CLARKE OVAL  
STADIUM, MACEDON ST SUNBURY**

**BYO: BALL IF YOU HAVE  
ONE!**



