SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Ann Potter Principal’s Message

I would like to thank Mrs Mills and the staff of Sunbury Heights for welcoming me into the school for the Principal-for-a-Day Program today. My day commenced with me shadowing Mrs Mills and visiting all the classrooms and saying good morning to the students. Everyone was very welcoming, and I got posed the question of the day, which was, “Am I related to Harry Potter.” Unfortunately I’m not, but having the name Potter does make it easier to book a taxi these days. At least I don’t have to spell my name.

I then spoke to the Grade 6’s about the Ann Potter Community Award that is awarded each year to a Grade 6 student that has shown good community spirit, I also spoke to the Grade 5’s later in the day about Governance. Mrs Mills put me to work developing a job advertisement for a Community Development Worker. This person will work in partnership with the school supporting and engaging with families. This will benefit the Sunbury Heights Community greatly.

Experiencing life behind the scenes of the school has given me a different perspective than when I was a parent at the school. Each teacher has many challenges that they tackle with great enthusiasm, and this is obviously something that is entrenched from the leadership of Kaye Mills.

I thoroughly enjoyed my day as a Principal Potter!

Cr Ann Potter
Hume City Council

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

TOMORROW
School Disco
Friday 24th August
Prep – Grade 2
4.30pm-6pm

Grade 3-6
6.30pm-8.30pm
$5 per child

Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 30th August
It was very helpful for both myself and the school to have another pair of hands on deck yesterday when Cr Ann Potter took part in the Principal- for-a-Day Program. Ann has always been an advocate for our school and was a supportive a parent when her children attended but yesterday she could get behind the scenes and see what actually does happen in a school day! We mixed the day up with talking to students, a meeting with Nicki Gallus from Careworks. Nicki is looking for ways Careworks can support our school and families. Ann's administrative competencies (boy does she know her way around a computer) and the contacts she has in the community were helpful in enabling me to get the position for community development officer finally advertised. A shared morning tea with the staff was a highlight. Staff were keen to catch up on news about Ann’s own children who were past students. The day went quicker than I imagined and soon the home time bell was ringing. It had been a good opportunity to showcase the school to the wider community and to get some voluntary labour thrown in to boot!

Community Development Officer
Sunbury Heights has received funding to employ a part time community development officer for twelve months. The person who is successful will need to believe in a “philosophy of welcome.” The successful applicant will work in partnership with the school and wider community to support, engage and empower families to create a positive environment for their educational journey.

If anyone would like to read the job description for the Community Development Officer and either apply themselves or forward the information on to someone they who feel may be suitable please follow the following link http://www.jobseeker.org.au/job/6488-community-development-worker

Free Fruit Friday
For the last two years at least Sunbury Heights has benefited from the ‘Free Fruit Friday’ program. Unfortunately there has been a setback with the state Government cutting funding. We found FFF was an effective way of encouraging children to eat a variety of fruit. It has been a step in the healthy food direction, particularly for some of our students where fruit is not readily available at home. Our local fruitiers from O’Shanassy Street provided produce of the highest quality and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for this and for always having the fruit delivered early in the week so it could be shared over more than one day. This week is our last week of FFF.

Careworks
At some time in our lives things will get a little tough and the money we have doesn’t stretch as far as we would like. For people experiencing difficulties I am making you aware of an excellent service in Sunbury. Careworks is open Tuesday and Thursday 10 to 3. Families can call on 9740 5061 to make a time to come in and have a chat with one of the ladies and pick up food. Families drop in to the Hub on Macedon Rd next to the Western Water and Hume Council depot to have a chat and receive food. Careworks also have an amazing veggie garden out the back. Every Tuesday from11 to 12 the kettle is on for a cuppa and a chance to work in the garden alongside David the Gardener. It’s open to all ages and with summer coming is a great chance to grow your own vegies and friendships.

T Ball Congratulations
At 7.45am Wednesday morning the team was here waiting for the bus that would take them off to the regional finals. Under the careful guidance of coach Peter de Waart the boys played each game of the state finals displaying great skill and more importantly sportsmanship. The final saw the boys defeated by seven runs and they arrived back at school carrying the pennant for “Runner’s Up.” Well done team! Next week Mr d and I will organise a sportsmen’s lunch to celebrate the boys’ achievements.

Literature Disco
My friend Natasha, who is a secondary teacher and literature consultant, had an initial visit to school this week. Her role will be to work with students for our middle school and senior school students to see what types of novels they feel would add to our library resource. She will also work with them to introduce them to different genres and to expand the types of genres they are reading. The junior school will have new picture story books purchased for them. Picture story books that teachers will be able to use to introduce them to a range of writing styles. This will help the students as they become more proficient writers. Natasha commented on there being a positive reading culture at Sunbury Heights. You can continue to support this culture in a fun way! Please encourage your child to attend the school disco. All proceeds from the disco will go towards the purchase of books for all students across the school.

September 5 Stopwork
The AEU has called statewide stop work meeting for September 5. Parents will be informed on Friday 31 August if the class your child is in will be affected by the action.

Thesaurus
Students in grades 3-6 all have thesaurus’ that were purchased by you as part of their book packs. Teachers have advised me that some students have taken them home and I am asking that you have a look around at home and send them back. Students do us them daily for reading and writing sessions. If you are new to the school and your child hasn’t paid for a thesaurus you can order one through the school office.

Parent Opinion Survey
This year due to industrial action Sunbury Heights will not be participating in any survey conducted by DEECD. Of course that does not mean that I do not wish to listen to what our school community sees as positive aspects of our school or areas that are opportunities for development. Some of the topics you might like to think about may include transition, reporting, behaviour, homework, parent input, homework, extra curricula activities and whether your child feels stimulated to learn. If you do wish to make a time to meet with me please ring to make an appointment do so. If you would prefer to write my email address is mills.kaye.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following student to the 26th August:
Hannah Watkins, Maddi Lee, Dylan Kelly

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 26th August 2012

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<td>Marcus Tancevski</td>
<td>For lovely manners and always a good listener.</td>
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<td>Junior Ross</td>
<td>Hayley Rooney</td>
<td>For being keen to learn to spell her current “miaow” words.</td>
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<td>Junior Wilson</td>
<td>Amy De Young</td>
<td>For enthusiastic participation during the Wild Action incursion.</td>
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<td>Middle Knight</td>
<td>Blayde Campbell-Ware</td>
<td>For reading with expression and fluency.</td>
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<td>Middle Pianura</td>
<td>Ben Lillywhite</td>
<td>For showing persistence with his writing.</td>
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<td>Senior Andersen</td>
<td>Jade McLean</td>
<td>For always having a mature attitude towards her work and completing it to a high standard.</td>
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<td>Miss Ratkowski PE</td>
<td>Jaylan Ahu</td>
<td>For being honest and consistently playing by games rules.</td>
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<td>Mrs Caddaye ART</td>
<td>Annette Ashford</td>
<td>For always being well co operative and well mannered in Art.</td>
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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

DUE BACK – Monday 3rd September, 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 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
Liz Hill

Colouring competition

Students have the opportunity to enter a colouring competition sponsored by Ray White and other local businesses in Sunbury. There are generous prizes allocated specifically to students at Sunbury Heights. Colouring sheets have been made available to students. Students wishing to enter must return completed colouring sheets to school by next Tuesday (28/8/2012). The details on the sheets MUST be filled in by a parent or carer or the entry will not be submitted. For more details see the notes on the art room window.

Jenny Caddaye (Art Teacher)

School Banking Rewards Update

Students & Parents,
Please be advised that due to the overwhelming response to the School Banking Rewards, some of the rewards are now OUT OF STOCK for the remainder of this School year.

If your child has 10 tokens or more, we suggest you send them into school on the schools banking day with the coupon of his/her choice.

**THERE ARE STILL SOME FANTASTIC REWARDS AVAILABLE**

Our local Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist is Rachel Manlio, she can be contacted on 0422 116 037 or Rachel.manlio@cba.com.au with any questions or queries.

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)
BRING YOUR FRIENDS

AND HAVE A FUN FILLED NIGHT

FRIDAY 24th August

PREP – GRADE 2:  4.30PM – 6.00PM
GRADE 3 – 6:      6.30PM – 8.30PM

$5.00 PER CHILD

GLOWSTICKS FOR SALE FROM $1.00

CANTEEN SALES – HOT FOOD & DRINKS From $1.00

** GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON **

THE DISCO WILL BE FULLY SUPERVISED

ALL CHILDREN ARE TO BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT AT THE DOOR