



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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Important Dates

JULY		AUGUST	
Friday 26th July	Casual Clothes Day	Mon 19 th – Fri 23 rd	Book Week
		Mon 26 th – Wed 28 th	Grade 6 Camp
		Friday 30 th August	Casual Clothes Day
		Friday 30 th August	Father's Day Stall

NEWS AND INFORMATION

The Sunbury Heights Primary School Face Book Page has been very well received and many people are using it to keep up to date with what is happening in and around the school. To continue to strengthen communication between home and school Sunbury Heights Primary School has acquired the services of a product called Tiqbiz. The product is centred around an APP (Application) that enables school staff to 'send out' a range of information, (i.e. Instant messages), to smart phones, tablets and computers. For example: inform parents if a camp bus is running late, a reminder of early finish days or Parent Teacher Interviews.

Along with today's newsletter you will receive a Tiqbiz leaflet. Please refer to the leaflet for instructions detailing how to acquire the app and how to connect with your school. Thank you to Karen Cocks for all her efforts in helping the staff install the app on their phone and organising the information for our school community, so that they can be better informed about the school happenings.

Cyber Bullying

Cyber bullying is bullying that takes place using electronic technology. Electronic technology includes devices and equipment such as cell phones, computers, and tablets, as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites. The difference between cyber bullying and verbal bullying is, cyber bullying can happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and reach a child even when he or she is alone. It can happen any time of the day or night.

Over the past years, Sunbury Heights students have been involved in a number of activities to stop bullying which included cyber bullying to aid in combating bullying at school and at home. A number of reported cyber bullying incidents with students has risen during the start of this term. I am asking parents to discuss with their children what cyber bullying is and the effects it can have on the victim. I would also ask that parents be vigilant and monitor the activities of their child whilst using electronic devices, such as mobile phones and computers.

Mobile phones and computers themselves are not to blame for cyber bullying. Social media sites can be used for positive activities, like connecting kids with friends and family, helping students with school, and for entertainment. But these tools can also be used to hurt other people. Whether done in person or through technology, the effects of bullying are similar.

As I understand that at times the children are smarter at using these devices than some of us adults are, I have included a government website for more information about this issue. <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

ICAS English

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to sit the ICAS English testing next Wednesday

Grade 4: Caleb Bertram, Chelsie Hendaheva, Hollie Maxfield, Phoebe Hall, Jamie Clanchy and Sally De Young

Grade 5: Jet Bastos, Cillian Quirke, Ben Lillywhite, Dylan Kelly, Nicola Vergara and Jazzy Scharl

Grade 6: Chelsea Houston, Nathan Crosland, Casey Carew, Isaac Williams, Ruby Ryan and Luke Cianter

ACE Program at Sunbury Downs

Five of our Grade Six students have submitted applications to Sunbury Downs Secondary College to be part of the ACE program and now are preparing for the interview to attest to their suitability.

Good luck and best wishes to Chelsea Houston, Suzanna Pyke, Ruby Ryan, Lauren Ashford and Shehzad Mohamed,

Class Captains

A very important role that students play at Sunbury Heights is the class captain position. Students in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to self-nominate for the position. They then have an opportunity to explain to their classmate's reasons about why they would be best place to represent them. Semester 2's Class Captains are

3/4K Lachlan Gilpin, Shannen Davison and Skye Price, **3/4W** Joseph Ring and Phoebe Hall, **3/4K** Samantha Williams and Riley Woolford-Grinham, **5A** Ben Lillywhite and Stephanie Williams **5P** Kara Gifford and TJ Bartlett, **6O** Casey Carew and Suzanna Pyke, **6L** Adam Fearnley and Chelsea Houston. These students will be presented with their badges at Monday's assembly.



FOOTYS4ALL

Footys4all

Footys4all is a not for profit foundation that supply new sporting balls from all codes to disadvantaged students across Australia .Footy's4all hopes to unite the world through the power of sport. Their core values are friendship, teamwork, respect, determination and courage. We have been fortunate to have received a number of balls for distribution. Leanne Ratkowski will look for students in PE and sporting activities who display the core values of Footys4all and balls will be given to them for use at school and home.

If you would like to read more about the work of footy's4 all and a way that you may be able to assist please visit the website www.footys4all.com.au

The Aristocats

The Aristocats Kids is a retelling of the well-loved Disney story of Aristocats. The tale follows Duchess and her 3 kittens, house cats from a upper-class neighbourhood in Paris, as they are 'cat-napped' and thrown out into the country side. The Boilerhouse Theatre Company is performing " *The Aristocats Kids*" and will star our own Lizzie Mercer (3/4K) and Hayley Rooney (1/2R). Some grade 3/4 students have the opportunity to attend the production to support their friends. Thank you to Andrew Knight, Penny Wilson and Angelique Kelly for organising the children to see the show on Friday, August at 5.30pm. General Performances run during August and would be a great winter outing for you and your family.

Parent Opinion Survey

Please remember that Parent Opinion Surveys will be distributed to some randomly selected families next Monday Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to support future school planning and improvement. I ask if you receive a survey you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. Surveys need to be returned to school by **Friday, 2nd August 2013. Students who return a family survey by the due date will receive a small reward.**

First Red Star Award to Chelsea-Rae Taggart

Chelsea-Rae is the first student to receive the Red Star Award. To achieve the award, Chelsea has; read on 150 days, kept her school diary up to date, weeded for 10 hours, cooked 10 family meals, assisted with the washing 20 times, demonstrated her knowledge of the Australian flag, worn her school uniform, planted a small garden, created a recipe book, build a model, made a collection and done some sewing.

Chelsea-Rae actually did more than she needed to for her award as she enjoyed the challenge of completing the activities.

The Red Star Award focusses on responsibility, endeavour and development. Chelsea-Rae has certainly shown each of these elements in her approach to the challenges and the work she has done.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 28st July 2013 - Shelby Magnone, Jordi Neuwert, Zach Kamarinos

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Kaylee Semmens	For making good use of her sound book when writing her stories
1/2P	Matty Blay	For excellent team work during Maths
1/2H	Rakiah Ball	For settling quickly to new routines at S.H.P.S.
3/4K	Natarsha Maddox	For always bringing a tremendous attitude to class
3/4W	Brock Ireland	For working hard on IXL to learn his multiplication facts
3/4A	Raven Cheriyparambil	For achieving Reading Level 30
5P	Michael Bernard	For passing another PM level with flying colors!! Well done!
6L	Cedric Schwalger	For giving 100% to all class activities and tasks
ART	Grace Shaw-Barton	For showing initiative and responsibility in ART
SCIENCE Mrs Payton	Georgia Sciberras	For being an enthusiastic learner and helping others

Our sensational cross country runner, Abbey McDonald meets another famous athlete at the State Cross Country Championships, none other than Steve Moneghetti.

