



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
OCTOBER	
Fri 28 th Oct	Non-Uniform Day - Camp Quality Gold Coin Donation
NOVEMBER	
Thurs 1 st Nov	Second Hand Uniform Shop 2.45pm-3.15pm
Tues 6 th Nov	Melbourne Cup Day No School
Mon 12 th Nov	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 20 th Nov	2013 Prep Transition Afternoon
Tues 27 th Nov	2013 Prep Transition Afternoon
Wed 28 th Nov	Prep Aquarium Excursion
Fri 29 th Nov	Non-Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation
DECEMBER	
Fri 7 th Dec	P-2 Athletic Day
Tues 18 th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 19 th Dec	P-2 Concert
Fri 21 st Dec	Last Day Term 4 1.30pm Dismissal

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(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)

TOMORROW NON UNIFORM DAY CAMP QUALITY GOLD COIN DONATION



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"Congratulations Sunbury Heights Primary School for being a Category 3 Award Winner in the Victorian School's Garden Awards."

How thrilled we all were to hear the judges announce those words and present our School Captains with a framed certificate on Wednesday when the helicopter carrying the judges finally landed on the school oval. The oval full of smiling children and families cheered as we were also told that representatives from our school were invited to the Botanical Gardens in November for the announcing of state winners. Whether we win or lose, as a community we have received recognition of a job well done. A task that involved our student's family and members of the wider community.

It was fantastic to be able to enjoy a picnic lunch with families meet our prospective Prep families and show people the new additions to our school. Parents enjoyed a cuppa, took a lucky ticket in the raffle welcoming environment of the hub and met Sharon Ramunno our Community Hub Coordinator. Congratulations to the five families who were lucky winners of fruit and vegetable trays. We hope they came to good use at dinner time last night.

After the judges had enjoyed a healthy salad pack (eggs courtesy of our chooks) we all reconvened on the oval to wave goodbye to the helicopter.

In the words of our neighbour Rob Greer who provided me with some photographs of the event.

*Hello Kaye,
Just thought you may like these. Not every day an event such as this.*

*Regards
Rob Greer
Campers Return*

The Grade 4 campers returned from Anglesea yesterday, well fed and exhausted after three days of team activities in fine weather.

In teams, students had to take particular care of their mascots as they rotated through team challenges. The rotational activity that was the super highlight was the giant swing.

The camp coordinator Leanne Ratkowski commented favourably on the student's exceptional behaviour and willingness to participate in and persevere with all activities. Mrs Laing said it was the best camp she had ever been on.

When staff are away on camp they are on duty for twenty four hours. Teachers are held to a high standard of care in relation to students. The duty requires teachers to take all reasonable steps to reduce risk, including:

- provision of suitable and safe premises
- provision of an adequate system of supervision
- ensuring that medical assistance is provided to a sick or injured student.

Staff also have to make arrangements for their own families in their absence and forgo activities in their own personal life they may be engaged in.

Thank you to Leanne Ratkowski for her leadership and organisation of the camp and to Lyn Laing, Kym Pianura Cathy Williams and John Lillywhite for providing an experience for our students that they certainly will never forget. Thank you also to the staff at school for willingly taking on some extra responsibilities in the absence of their colleagues.

KINDER AT SCHOOL DAYS:

The kinder kids from Claire and Tammy's groups at Learmonth Street loved having their kinder session at school this week. They visited the library, had PMP in the GP room and budded up with our Preps to enjoy sessions on the computer and other classroom activities. While patting the chooks, Zoe even found an egg in the hen enclosure to take home for her lunch.

Tammy, Claire and Denise were thrilled we were able to offer the experience to the pre-schoolers. Rebecca Danaher works very closely with Claire, Denise and Tammy in ensuring that any best practice in regard to transition from kindergarten to school is introduced.

FOR NEXT YEAR'S PREPS:

This year we are continuing to improve our transition program to ensure that when our Preps start school in 2013 they are as prepared as they can be.

In late October, early November, Sharon Ramunno will contact our new Prep parents and make arrangements to meet with our Preps. Sharon will do some initial Prep entry work, chat with parents about reading and give the Preppies some books to look at with Mummy and Daddy that are specifically about our school. These books were written and illustrated by the school staff.

In Transit Forum

Transition from Primary School to Secondary School

Moving from Primary to Secondary is a big step for any young person. New subjects, new teachers, new structures and new friends add up to some big new challenges.

Last year some of our Grade 6 students participated in a DVD that was developed by Hume Communities for Children and was funded by the Australian Government. The DVD responded to questions that are commonly raised by students and parents at this important time in a young person's life.

On Thursday 8th November we would like to invite grade 6 students and their parents to an evening where the DVD will be shown and some of the common queries and concerns addressed.

We also will have representatives from both secondary colleges and some of our ex-students who participated in the original DVD present. These students will be able to reflect on how they were feeling last year and see if their feelings and anxieties were well founded.

We feel it will be a worthwhile evening for our grade 6 students and their families so we hope to see you there.

Date: Thursday 8th November 2012

Time: 7-8pm

RSVP: Friday 2nd November 2012

Venue: LSB area (outside Mr de Waart and Mrs Langmaid's rooms)
Supper provided

Child minding for younger siblings will be available

Go Chris

Unfortunately Sio Kapelli had an injury and was forced to withdraw from the Regional Athletics but Chris Weedon once again did well and came 5th in his running event.

Working Bee

Thank you to the small number of parents and the staff who worked at the working bee in preparation for the picnic and the final judging of the Garden Awards. We are sure all your efforts contributed to Sunbury Heights being presented in the best possible light.

Parking

A neighbor visited our school Wednesday afternoon upset that a parent picking up her children from school had parked in his driveway and left her car locked and unattended while she came across to school. On other occasions parents picking up students have parked across his driveway. We aim to establish good relationships with our neighbors, so they can become the eyes and ears over the weekend and keep a watch out for anything untoward happening. Please be respectful of their property and park legally in designated spaces.

It's Not Your Call

If you believe a child is misbehaving, then please notify the classroom or yard duty teacher immediately. It is the responsibility of the Principal and teaching staff to carry out any necessary disciplinary action in accordance with school and Department policies.

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 28th October

*Nathan Bull, Michael Duggan, Jamie Woodham,
Alwyn Bernard, Hayden De Young, Blake Kenyon*

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING
26th October 2012**

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Hubbard	Christian Ramunno	For achieving 150 nights of home reading
Junior Ross	Wilford Sasulu	For working hard to improve his sentences in writing
Junior Wilson	Lachlan Gilpin	For being a fantastic helper at our school working bee
Mr Knight	3K	Showing great maturity while Mr Knight was away.
Middle Pianura	Gemma Smith	Encouraging team mates so positively during sport.
Senior Langmaid	Kiara Taylor	For continuing to be responsible senior school member and helping with The Amazing Race.
Ms Harding Science	50	Learning lots & lots about light energy.
Mrs Mills Principal	Jayden Rowbottom Dylan Kelly	For their handyman work skills.

News from the Artroom

Artwork and information about the calendar and photo calendar fundraiser will be sent home soon. Please return any orders promptly. We have a deadline for getting them to the calendar company, to ensure they are back by the end of term. Donation of empty tissue boxes would be appreciated for use in art activities.
Jenny Caddaye (Art Teacher).

Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery** and **excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of \$150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of \$250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of \$200 and \$300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school.

The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, \$62 million over four years will be redirected to the State's most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

- **Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection
- **Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses**

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.


Payment Amounts - 2013:

	Prep	Years 1 - 6
Instalment One	\$140	\$105
Instalment Two	\$60	\$45
Annual Total	\$200	\$150

Sunbury Uniting Church's 9th Annual -




Giant Car Boot Sale

with Craft Stalls



Saturday 17th November 2012

Uniting Church Hall & the Village Green
Melway Ref: 382 E4

Set-up from 7.15am
Sales from 8.30am

~ Site fees ~

<i>OUTDOOR SITES</i>	<i>INDOOR CRAFT STALLS</i>
<i>One size \$20</i>	<i>One size \$20</i>

BOOK NOW TO ENSURE A SPACE!

Payment must be made in advance
(no later than Sunday 11th November)

Ring Helen on 9744 3031 or 0407 506 507

MYTIME

A facilitated group for parents with a child with a disability or a chronic medical condition. This group gives parents the chance to share ideas & stories with other parents who understand. A supported playground for children under six is offered as part of this group.

Fridays 11.30

MESSY-PLAY Drop-In PLAYGROUP

This is a facilitated Play session that uses *Messy play activities* as a learning tool.

Tuesday 11.30- 12.30

HCC holders FREE

Regards

Karen Butler

Please call 9740 6978 for information



Thank you Rob Greer for taking these great photos....



