



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
2012	
APRIL	
Fri 27 th April	Non- Uniform Day – New Garden Gold Coin Donation
Fri 27 th April	Re Run Cross Country Grade 3-6
MAY	
Fri 4 th May	Interschool Cross Country
Mon 7 th May	Raffle Ticket & Money due.
Tues 8 th May	School Council Meeting – 6.30pm
Fri 11 th May	Mother's Day Stall
Mon 21 st May	Anti Bullying Show
Wed 23 rd – Fri 26 th May	Grade 6 – Phillip Island Camp
Tues 29 th May	2013 Prep Information Session 7pm – 8pm
Wed 30 th May	2013 Prep Information Session 9.15am – 10am
Thurs 31 st May	2013 Prep Information Session 9.15am – 10am
JUNE	
Fri 1 st June	Winter Sports
Fri 8 th June	Back Up – Winter Sports
Mon 11 th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – No School
Tues 12 th June	School Council Meeting – 6.30pm
Tues 19 th June	Grade 5/6 Rugby Gala Day

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(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)

**NON- UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW
 FRIDAY 27th APRIL
 GOLD COIN DONATION**

EMA CHEQUES

EMA cheques have arrived. For security reasons, we are asking you to come in to collect or sign your cheque over. CHEQUES THAT ARE STILL HERE BY THE 4th MAY WILL BE CREDITED TO ANY OUTSTANDING DEBTS TO THE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was exciting for me to hear so many positive comments from parents, grandparents and the wider school community who attended the ANZAC Day Ceremony that was held at school on Tuesday afternoon.

The ceremony got off to a flying start with Hayley Gilpin reading a poem called "The Brown Slouch Hat." The story of the Lone Pine Tree was read by grade 6 student Matthew Peet. It was especially significant for Matt to be involved, as his dad, Craig, is currently serving in East Timor. Kyle Nearly's pop, Charles Powell, recited the oath and Gordon Ross presented a picture story book called The Lone Pine to our School Captains. This story will read to all the classes in the coming week. It will then become part of our ANZAC Day Collection in the library.

For the ceremony to be such a success it takes a lot of fore thought and planning. Thank you to Rebecca Danaher, Nicole Letts, Cathie Morcom and Carmel and Gordon Ross for their efforts to ensure the ceremony was the success it was.

Thank you to all the students and their families who braved the wintery conditions to march behind the school banner in Sunbury's ANZAC Parade yesterday. It was disappointing that the ceremony was held inside Memorial Hall and at times the traditional elements were difficult to hear, nevertheless the spirit of camaraderie was alive and well as we all shivered under shared umbrellas. School Captains Finn and Alesha represented us with pride and laid the wreath on the school's behalf. Thank you to Jenny Adams, and Carmel Ross who joined me as staff representatives on the day.





Ebony wearing her family medals

Prep Enrolments

A flyer accompanies this week's newsletter advising prospective parents of school tours during the month of May. If you know of neighbours or friends please encourage them to come to one of the sessions that will be held.

Sound Field Systems - Word of Mouth Technology

Systems have been installed in three rooms in the new building to help our hearing impaired students. We are also getting portable systems for the library, art room, gym, science room and open space in the main building. We are also getting an addition to our assembly system. Chris Cunningham (visiting teacher for hearing impaired students) has organised all of this and her work in this area is really appreciated.

The staff will all be trained on using this equipment on May 8th at a staff meeting.

Master of Literacy

Congratulations to Carmel Ross who will tonight don cap and gown to receive a Masters in Literacy. Carmel has attended Monash University and studied hard over the last two years. Tonight Carmel will be rewarded for all her hard work and efforts at a graduation ceremony at Monash University.

Spelling Bee.

This afternoon the grade 6 students will participate in the Annual Sunbury Heights Spelling Bee. The student who takes out the award will go on to represent Sunbury Heights at the Sunbury Rotary Spelling bee. The Sunbury community of school's thank Rotary for their commitment to student learning during Rotary Literacy Month that is generally held during the month of May.

Michael Grose - Go Visual to Manage Kids

In many classrooms we are relying more and more on presenting information visually to students to help them make sense of their day. Not all children can get all the information they need if the information is only presented in words.

If you find yourself saying my kid doesn't listen to me or do what he is told maybe the strategies in the article for this week may be of some help.

Do you use a roster for kids' jobs?

Do you put two or three things on a list for your children to read each day?

Do you use hand gestures – such as pointing to a bedroom – while you

say a child's name indicating you want them to go to their room?

If so, **congratulations!** You are using the visual mode to help your kids be organised, cooperative and well behaved. Most homes are highly verbal in that we rely on our words to ensure things get done. We tend to tell kids what to do through words rather than pictures or hand signals, relay important messages using words and even verbally give kids lists of things to.

To read the article, please visit the Sunbury Heights website. On the home page scroll down to the heading Parenting Ideas-Michael Grose and follow the links. You can follow Michael on the parenting page, his blog or Twitter

Cross Country

The Cross Country will be rerun for students in grades 3-6 tomorrow. It is out of uniform day so please ensure that students wear clothing and footwear that is appropriate to run in

Mothers Day Stall

Please remember that this year's Mothers Day Stall will be held on Friday 11th of May. There are great gifts for your child to buy for you from the stall. The prices of gifts range from \$1.00 to \$5.00

Mothers Day Raffle

We also have a fantastic raffle. Raffle books were sent home last week and I encourage you to send back the books as soon as possible. Tickets are 50c each or the book is \$5.00

Raffle money and tickets are due back on Monday 7th May, 2012.

Regards Kaye Mills

Should children be able to have their own TV in their room?

Have you ever been lazy all day in your room watching TV? Well if you have never done it because you will get fat. So here are my reasons why....

To begin with it is just really being lazy. All you're doing is sitting on a bed eating food and watching TV, and that's not nice.

Secondly you will just be really fat and that's not nice either. I know for a fact that when you're fat you get teased.

Thirdly you will get no fresh air, I mean none all day. SO seriously it won't hurt you to get some fresh air.

Fourthly you will be just SO unathletic. I mean really unathletic and you will be so slow when it comes to school house athletics when you need to run around the oval.

And last but not least you will be awake all night watching it. The next day you go to school you will have big black and saggy eyes and you will be sleeping in a lesson or while playing a game.

So I strongly believe that they should make it part of the law that children should not have a personal TV in their room. Also think how sad your child would be being teased all day at school by other people that might even be bullies and beat him up!

By Ciaran Garner 5A

Should children be able to have their own TV in their room?

We kids just adore TV so we have to have a TV in our room. Just imagine more time to yourself. You can do what you need to do and want to do.

Have you had enough of those weekends with kids singing in front of that TV? Now you don't need to listen to it all you have to do is put a TV in their rooms and you won't hear a peep.

Have your kids been naughty and you have nothing to punish them with? Take out their bedroom TV and you will have no more nonsense.

Are you tired from headaches? I know I am with you. All you have to do to get those kids out of your hair and you have tried everything. Just try this put a TV in their room and you will forget all about them.

Did you know with a TV in your kids room you can make them go to sleep, trust me I know. It's worked for me before all you do is put the same boring movie on every night it will work like a charm.

By Callista Keenan 5A

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following students to the 29th April
 Lachlan Roberts, Chloe Gallant, Gemma Smith,
 Vinnie Salter, Wilford Sasulu

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 27th April 2012

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Xuereb	Tate Wilson	For improved drawings.
	Olivia Ballinger	For a great attempt in writing a sentence.
Junior Danaher	Lachlan Roberts	For improving his counting skills.
Junior Ross	Zachary Lynch	For being keen to improve his writing.
Junior Hill	Mauola Faato	For making great efforts to write neatly.
Middle Tyers	Joel Brown	For working really well this week and trying hard to complete his work.
	Hannah Watkins	For always trying hard.
Middle Knight	Tylah Searle-Philpott	For going the extra mile with her homework and creating a very detailed family tree.
Middle Pianura	Brad Meyers	Putting in 100% with all classroom activities and having a great attitude in class!
	Jazzy Scharl	Showing a great attitude to all areas of her learning! Well Done!!
Senior Langmaid	Dylan Sapac	For a great attitude towards buddies & always wearing a smile.
Senior de Waart	Matthew Peet	What a shining effort for the ANZAC ceremony.
Miss Ratkowski PE	4L	For wonderful partner work in PE.
	4P	For a great session in PE.
Mrs Caddaye ART	Prep D	For being wonderful in Art.
Mrs Harding SCIENCE	The Maddox Family	For the loan of "Fudge" the Science guinea pig.

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SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

Who will be the new Dollarmite?

As part of the Commonwealth Bank's centenary celebrations we want to find Australia's best School Banking Saver! As such between 16 April and 30 June 2012, we are running a fun and exciting School Banking competition with the winning child being transformed into their very own Dollarmite character.

Being part of the competition is easy. A student simply needs to make 5 deposits at school during the competition period and then provide us with their best savings tip.

The winning school/class will receive **25 iPads** and a **\$1500 excursion!** For the winning student, as well as being 'Dollarmized', they will receive an annual movie pass for their family.

There also 50 runner up prize packs that include iPads, excursions, movie tickets and thousands of Dollarmites consolation prizes for the students.

A flyer with all competition details will be issued soon.



2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Will be open

1st Tuesday of every month
2.30-3.15pm

For more details please contact
Angela on 0432 038 224

ART ROOM

Donation of the following items would be appreciated for activities in art: old hardcover books, wool, clean takeaway food containers, ice cream containers, jar lids and plastic shopping bags.

SAND TOYS

Dear Parents,

We are in search of good quality toys for our sandpit. If you have any toys that you no longer use, it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate them to Sunbury Heights for students to use in the sandpit at lunch time.

Bringing many smiles to our yard, could you please drop them off at the office during or before school hours.

Kind regards

Alisha Clarke

Junior School Council

PLAYGROUP

FRIDAY MORNINGS

9.00am – 11.00am

Come along Mums, Dads and Bubs, have a coffee and share experiences with our kids.

Kids can play and parents can have a chance to be with others.

Don't be shy; it's great fun for all.

Join us on a **FRIDAY** from 9-11am. Cost \$2.00

