



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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## TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Casual Clothes Day – gold coin donation
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Term 1 ends.. <b>DISMISSAL 2.30pm</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
<b>APRIL</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 commences
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	SHPS Cross Country
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	SHPS Fun Run
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC DAY – NO SCHOOL
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	SHPS ANZAC School Service

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

**CASUAL CLOTHES DAY**  
**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**GOLD COIN DONATION**

**LAST DAY DISMISSAL**  
**2.30pm**  
**THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Here we are at the end of first term...it's been a very busy and productive term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the holidays.

I would like to thank the staff for all they have done to ensure the term ran smoothly and their commitment to delivering programs and experiences to further enrich our students' learning.

Sunbury Heights has always had strong connections with the parents, extended family members and friends of the students at our school. We believe when our school and our families work together the children do better and our school improves.

As term one draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their support of the school and to thank the people who have freely given of their time and for all your efforts in and around the school.

This term we have had

- volunteers supporting the breakfast program
- canteen volunteers
- classroom helpers
- library assistants
- parents making resources for the classroom
- parents organising Easter fundraising activities and purchasing gifts in preparation for Mothers' Day
- parent volunteers on camp
- parents assisting in the playgroups

In term two I hope parents and friends are still available to make time to come to school to make a difference in the lives of our students.

In term two there is an opportunity for people to become more involved in the classroom if you choose. If you are interested in becoming more involved in this way please see your child's teacher.

### Transition Prep and Grade 6

In Term two our transition program for Prep students and Grade Six students begins in earnest. Choosing a school for your children is one of the most important decisions you make for your child's future. Your neighbourhood school is usually the best choice as it ensures that your children will grow, learn and play within their community. If Sunbury Heights is yours or your neighbours and relatives neighbourhood school, I would like you to consider choosing us. The two information sessions **for prospective prep families will be held on Wednesday May 8 at 9.30 am, on Thursday May 9 at 7.00pm or by arrangement at other times**

Grade 6 students begin programs aimed at easing their anxiety as secondary school approaches. Enrolment forms for secondary placements will be sent home on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** (day two of term 2). Please ensure you take the opportunity to visit our local

secondary Colleges so that you can make an informed choice about the best placement for your child

### **Kinder to School Transition and 2014 Buddy Program**

In term 2 in preparation for our Grade 6 / Prep Buddies Program, and as a transition activity for kindergarten children coming to school in 2014, our grade 5 students visit local kindergartens.

At some time during the week four students visit a kindergarten, join in with activities and play with the pre-school children in their familiar environment. Before our grade five students visit we will talk with them about;

- the need to be friendly,
- how to start conversations and talk with younger children
- how to play with and help younger children without taking over.

### **Facebook**

I have great pleasure in announcing that Sunbury Heights Primary School will have its own Facebook page. As Andrew Knight our ICT coordinator stated in the letter that went home to families yesterday, placing our school communications in a space where our community goes to often makes a lot of sense. We're also very keen to open up communications and use Facebook's ability to allow for comments, and if you 'like' what we post, we'd love for you to give us a thumbs up too. For anyone wishing to use our Facebook page, the best way to receive the updates is to visit

<http://www.sunburyheightsps.vic.edu.au/> and click the link to our Facebook page which will appear. Or go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Sunbury Heights Primary School. Then press the thumbs up 'Like' button. This way when we post updates, you'll receive them in your page --- easy. This action will also allow you to comment and 'like' our posts. Please also read our Facebook Code of Conduct; it is important you understand how we believe the facility can be used best. Our Facebook trial will run for around 6 weeks, we look forward to your contribution and feedback.

### **Whole School Performance: The Little Bad Wolf**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May a performance of the Little Bad Wolf has been booked. We have chosen the show as it supports our school values and also our resilience program about having the confidence and skills to stand up to bullies. The Education Department want schools to be proactive about bullying through a bully stoppers program.

I thought it would be beneficial if parents also had the opportunity to watch the show with their child's class. It would be a great way of starting conversations at home around resilience and making friends.

School Performance Tours have agreed to parents being part of the audience at no extra cost.

As the main purpose of the show is to give the school students a message about resilience we do not want them to be distracted by toddlers and babies, so therefore our invitation is not open to younger family members.

### **Early Dismissal**

Tomorrow, 28<sup>th</sup> March, School will dismiss for Term One holidays at 2.30pm.

Please ensure that someone is available to collect your child from school at this time. OSHC will be available from 2.30pm

On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and safe Easter and look forward to catching up with you early next term.

Regards  
Kaye Mills  
Principal

To the following students, until the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
Nicholas Hooper, Natalie Mclean, Jessie Buchanan,  
Blake Macdonald, Matty Blay, Ashley Abbey, Shaylee Williamson,  
Jayleigh Noakes, Chloe Mills, Allira Travers, Leila Viane-Aukusitino,  
Annette Ashford, Joseph Ring, Angel-Thomas Tupuola,  
Adam Foster, Aaron Sapac, Hannah McConnell, Uriah Matenga,  
Daniel Penny, Nathan Crosland

### **FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AT SUNBURY LIBRARY**

#### **Event One**

What? *Dreamer in the Deep Puppet Show*  
Show has neon glowing puppets in florescent colours.  
Story is set on the Great Barrier Reef.

Where? *Sunbury Library.*

When? *Tuesday 9 April 2pm - 3pm*

Who can go? *Anyone who is 5 or more years old.*

How much? *Free! Free! Free!*  
*Bookings essential on 9356 6970*

#### **Event Two**

What? **LEGO Treasure Hunt**  
*Come along, create a map with LEGO and explore the library to find the hidden treasure.*

Where? *Sunbury Library.*

When? *Friday 12 April 2pm - 4pm*

Who can go? *Anyone who is 5 or more years old.*

How much? *Free! Free! Free!*  
*Bookings essential on 9356 6970*

### **CFA's Home Advice Service**

Sunbury residents are invited to book CFA's FREE Home Advice Service for one-on-one advice on preparing for grassfire.

Members of an expert team are available to visit homes until 20 April 2013. Appointments are available during business hours midweek and 9am-3pm on Saturdays.

Because the advice is personalised, it's a great way to find out:

- property maintenance and improvements to better prepare your home
- vegetation that needs to be managed, and the best way to do this
- planning for high fire-risk days
- personal capacity to deal with major fires
- other potential fire hazards, and how to manage them.

As a follow-up to your one hour visit you'll receive a written summary to keep as a reminder.

To book the Home Advice Service:

- Visit [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/hbas](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/hbas)
- Call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on **1800 240 667** (8am - 6pm)
- Call CFA on **(03) 9262 8501** during business hours.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING**

28<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Skye James	for making efforts to write her own sentences
Prep D	Chloe Maxfield	for settling well into Sunbury Heights
1/2R	Jesse Parmar	for working hard to improve his writing
1/2H	Joshua Partington	for confidence with writing
3/4K	Amy DeYoung	for brilliant results on her place value post test
3/4W	Jack Price Hollie Pickering	for reaching level 30 in PM reading
3/4A	Jak Maddox	for being responsible when crossing the road with no crossing supervisor
5P	Kara Gifford	for being a polite, helpful student and showing a positive attitude to her learning
P.E.	Marcus Stephenson-Irving	for always following PE rules
ART	Jaymee Foss	for being helpful and responsible in ART

## Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it's complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local store.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Math's, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn)

Thanks  
Bev McIntyre  
Earn & Learn Coordinator

### REGISTER ONLINE:

[VUWESTERNLIGHTNING.VNL.COM.AU](http://VUWESTERNLIGHTNING.VNL.COM.AU)

11.00am-12.30pm

Saturday 13 April 2013

Boardman Stadium, Cnr Mitchells & Wilson Lanes  
Sunbury

Cost: PLAYERS \$26.50

(RECOMMENDED 6-16 years)

COACHES EXPERIENCE \$26.50

Every Participant receives a show bag

PLACES ARE LIMITED – REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID  
DISAPPOINTMENT

### Sunbury Kangaroos Auskick

2013 Registrations for Sunbury Kangaroos Auskick Centre (Boardman Oval 3) are now open.

Our first session kicks off after first term school holidays on Monday 15th April '13.

We offer a 14 week program (excluding school & public holidays) running to 5th August '13.

Come and join in the fun with lots of activities, BBQ & pie nights. The cost of the program this season is \$65.

Register and pay online before 15th April to be eligible to redeem your Club Connect AFL Ticket Offer (2 Adults & 2 Children FREE Match Tickets).

Look forward to seeing you at kick off. (Entry off Mitchells Lane).

Happy Auskicking!!!

Contact Mark Gifford for any further information required.

0412 461 802 or email [mgifford40@bigpond.com](mailto:mgifford40@bigpond.com)

### Sunbury Tigers – Holiday Clinic

**WHN:** THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2013

**WHERE:** LANGAMA PARK, SUNBURY – HOME OF THE TIGERS. Melways 381:K6

**TIME:** 10am – 12pm

**AGES:** 6 – 18

**COST:** FREE

Learn how to play Rugby League in a safe, fun and friendly environment with NRL/Melbourne Storm Game Development Officers.

For more information please contact Ryan Walker on 0448 890 012 or [rwalker@nrl.com.au](mailto:rwalker@nrl.com.au)

SUNBURY SUPER NETBALL CLINIC

