



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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## TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>Thursday 28th</b>	<b>Start Smart Program Gr 5/6</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Interschool Swimming Sports (selected students)
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>RED Star Launch 7pm BER Building</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Hume Division Swim Carnival
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Gr 3 Doxa Camp</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5 Doxa Camp
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Holiday NO SCHOOL
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Photos – details to follow
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	District Athletics
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ride to School Day
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Assembly – 2.30pm start</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cartoon Workshop Prep-Gr 6
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Term 1 ends..2.30pm</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Term 2 commences</b>

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 NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (ADDRESS ABOVE)**  
*(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Aboriginal Flag Presentation

It was exciting for the whole school community, and in particular Jordan McDonald and his family, when the Federal Member for McEwen, Rob Mitchell visited our school to present the Aboriginal flag. Jordan phoned and then emailed him advising that our flag had been stolen. After the presentation Jordan explained to the school the importance of treating the Australian Flag with dignity and respect. This includes never letting the flag touch the ground, not flying it if it is in disrepair and if needing to destroy it, doing so in a respectful and private setting. Well done Jordan. It was great to see you displaying such good citizenship.



### Jeannette McLeod Volunteering For Literacy Learning

Jeannette McLeod was one of our valued staff members for many years and since retiring has continued to come to school on a voluntary basis to support students and their families with their literacy learning.

Earlier this term Jeannette ran two parent information sessions for our new Prep parents. The sessions explained the home reading and home word folders that are in use in both classrooms and how parents can support their children in the early stages of learning to read. Jeannette also explained to the parents how the teachers teach reading and writing within the classroom environment.

Jeannette who also taught reading recovery at our school for many years is now volunteering on three mornings a week in Jo Harding's' grade1/2. As a school we are very lucky to have Jeannette keep sharing her

expertise with us and helping to make a difference for our students.

### **Sunbury and Diggers Rest District Swimming Sports**

Congratulations to Tom Eiszele, Lauren Ashford, Jordan McDonald, Nathan Bull, Jackson Neilson, Kasey Sciberras and Sally De Young who will represent our school today in the inter school swimming sports. The students will be accompanied by their families and Miss Ratkowski and we wish them all the best at this next stage of the Victorian State Schools Swimming Competition.

### **Storming In**

Even though the storm last Thursday evening could have kept families away, it was great to see the number of parents who took the opportunity to attend the Parent Teacher exchange of information. It certainly was beneficial for the staff. The Prep families enjoyed a sausage sizzle and an opportunity to visit the classrooms to see the learning that has taken place in the short time their child has been at school. Thank you to Jo, Rick Maria and Brad for organising the sausages for the students and their families.

### **Doxa Camp for Grade 3 and 5**

Beginning the week March 4 the grade 3 and 5 staff and Miss Ratkowski will be taking the students to Doxa Camp at Malmsbury.

The grade three students will leave on Monday 4 and return on Wednesday 6 March. The grade 5 students will travel up on Wednesday March 6 and return on Friday March 8. On arriving the Grade 5 students will spend some time with the Grade 3 students familiarising them with the environment. The camp is an integral part of the transition program. The focus is on team building and the school values. It is testament to staff dedication and care for students that they provide these opportunities for our students. On your behalf, I would like to acknowledge school staff (Leanne Ratkowski, Andrew Knight Penny Wilson, Bev McIntyre, Erica Andersen, Kym Pianura and Kerry Dexter) and parents (Sean Synan and John Lillywhite) who are attending and thank them in advance. These people are on duty twenty four hours a day when on camp and leave their own families and their own personal lives to give the students a valuable experience.

### **Smart Money Management.**

**A free incursion for our students. Now that was a "Smart Way" to save money!**

I was fortunate to be able to sit in with Sabrina's session with Mr Knight's class today when Sabrina Sandapa from the Commonwealth Bank's Smart Money Management initiative took their session. The Commonwealth Bank Foundation's award winning Start Smart program aims to change the way young people learn about money. The session was interactive,

engaging and fun. The aim is to we give students the confidence and competence to make smart decisions about money.

**My aim is to fill a 600ml bottle with two dollar coins. You can save \$980.00 by doing this or if you fill the bottle with five cent pieces you can save \$30.00.**

### **Preps Western Water Wise**

The preps also enjoyed an interactive fun filled session with the educator from Western Water. Sammy the Snake visited and told the students about ways they could, and could encourage you to be, water wise. The Preps then put on colourful costumes to represent a river, raindrops, flowers and the sun so that they could perform in a play about how the water cycle works. It was great to see the preps so excited to be acting and learning at the same time

### **Easter Egg Raffle**

Thank you to all the families who have already brought in Easter items for our Easter raffle. Rabbits are now breeding in my office! The more eggs and Easter novelties we collect the more prizes we will be able to have for our families. Raffle ticket books will be sent home soon in books of ten. Tickets sell for twenty cents or buy the book for \$2.00.

### **Hub Thanks**

Thank you to all the parent helpers who have popped into in the hub over the last few weeks to lend a hand in so many different ways. Thank you to Krystal, Laura, Amanda, Leanne, Annette, Christy, Kristy Cathy and Jo who have helped with breakfasts, class games and resources

### **House Athletic Sports.**

The Athletic sports were held in glorious conditions last Friday.

A big thank you to Leanne Ratkowski for her organisation and for ensuring that all students in grades 3-6 participated fully.

Bradman House was the runaway winner and House Captains, Jade McLean and Sio Kapeli were keen to get their hands on the trophy! Jade and Sio made a very fine speech at the conclusion of the sports thanking their team, the other teams for their sportsman like behaviour and the teachers for their organisation of the day.

It was nice to see so many parents up at the sports helping staff. The staff proved, that not only are they good in the classroom they are pretty swift on their feet and easily took out the relay event against the students.

A further thank you, to all staff and parents who contributed to the successful running of the day. The sausage sizzle and Canteen sales were an excellent addition and thank you to Maria, Jo and Margaret who manned the stall all day.

## Volunteers and privacy in the school community:

As a volunteer you may occasionally access personal information of students, staff, and others in the school community. There are legislative requirements that prescribe how an individual's personal information can be collected, used and disclosed, stored and accessed.

**Personal Information is any information that identifies an individual; it may be enrolment information, health or student progress information. Schools have a responsibility to ensure the personal information they possess is used for the purposes it was collected and is adequately secured.**

For example, schools may collect and display student health information to ensure students receive appropriate care. The information should not be used or disclosed for other purposes. Similarly, schools may take some limited student information off premises when on excursions. Schools are obliged to ensure personal information is secured and used for appropriate purposes.

Please call in and collect a copy of the volunteers and privacy in the school community guidelines when you next helping in the school.

## Healthy Snack:

At approximately 10am each day some classes have the opportunity to eat a healthy snack during class time. This is not a scheduled break time and all eating is undertaken during the course of their learning program. Accordingly foods provided should be able to be eaten in one hand and with minimum risk of spillage so as to avoid spoiling their class work. Suitable snack items should be selected from the following list: a small piece of fruit, or vegetable segments, or dried fruits, or cheese slices or cut up portions of cheese sandwich. Please note that these items are not intended to replace the foods parents choose to supply for their child to eat at recess or lunch time. During class time students are only allowed to drink water.

**Regards**  
**Kaye Mills**  
**Principal**

## Wanted for the Artroom

Donations of balls of wool and ice cream containers for art activities would be greatly appreciated.

Jenny Caddaye  
(Art Teacher)



## Welcome back to School Banking for 2013.

**TUESDAY** is our Banking Day.

Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child's teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.

All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips **MUST** be completed.

Save from as little as 5c per week.

Each deposit earns a SILVER TOKEN this should be kept safe at home.....when they collect 10 tokens they can redeem for exciting rewards!

If your child would like to join the program please visit your local Commonwealth Bank with photo ID for yourself and your child's birth certificate – too easy!

**School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.**



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## RED STAR AWARD – YEARS THREE AND FOUR



The **RED STAR AWARD** is an initiative to reward students for completing specific tasks related to reading, helping at home, citizenship, the environment, health and hobbies.

Students can work through the task at their own pace. Junior School Councillors will provide stickers for encouragement as students work towards receiving their **RED Star**.

The **Red Star** is a badge which students will be able to wear on their school uniform.

We have been fortunate to receive financial support from Macedon Child Care Centre and Pink Fence. This has enabled us to have booklets printed for each student as well as the purchase of high quality metal badges.

This program will be launched with parents on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** (in the BER building). Parents and students in years three and four are invited to attend. Siblings are welcome to come along and learn about the program as well.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, all students in years three and four will receive their **RED Star** booklets and will be then ready to start completing their tasks. If you are the parent of a child in year four you could look forward to some help around the house in the coming months!

What does RED stand for?

**RESPONSIBILITY, ENDEAVOUR AND DEVELOPMENT.**

These are the qualities the program aims to develop in each child.

*Cathie Morcom*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following students, until the 3<sup>rd</sup> March  
Dane Gifford, Georgia Bull, Jade Walduck,  
Christian Ramunno, Taylor Hardstaff, Joshua Partington,  
Matthew McGann, Jade McLean, Jesse Spyrou

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING  
1st March 2013**

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Emma Bridges	for focusing well during reading activities
Prep D	Tyson Lamb	for being a wonderful classroom helper
1/2R	Alex Gambera	for being an enthusiastic learner
1/2X	Cody Walton	for always working well
1/2H	Taylor Bartlett	for settling in quickly to her new school
3/4K	Cooper Weir	for showing great persistence at athletics
3/4W	Grade 3 Students	For all having their home learning at school on time.
5P	Adam Foster	For working hard to improve his reading, and progressing 2 levels already!!
5A	Tamara Tichy	For enthusiasm towards learning addition.
P.E.	3/4 K	For a focused session in PE
MRS DEXTER	Brock Ireland	Congratulations on finishing your 100 reading lessons

**RUPERTSWOOD NETBALL CLUB**

We are welcoming netball players in all age groups, U11, U13, U15, U18 to play on Saturday mornings in the Gisborne Netball Association Competition at Gisborne Secondary College. Please contact Allison on 0425 842 546 for more information.

Macedon Ranges  
Dyslexiclever

**Thursday 28th February 2013**

(For teachers and parents—\$5 entry donation)

**7.30pm Our Lady of the Rosary P.S. Kyneton**

43-47 Edgecombe Street Kyneton

**Friday 1st March 2013**

(For parents—no charge)

**9.30am at Ethic. Café**

63 Urquhart St. Woodend

Macedon Ranges

**ALL WELCOME!**

**A wonderful opportunity to hear from an acclaimed Dyscalculia expert**



**Every Night Makes a Difference**

A home cooked meal, a warm bed and your care could be the greatest gift you could offer. There are many care options available to support children and young people, including emergency care, respite care, short term and long term care.

**What sort of care would suit your family?**

**Foster Care Information Session - Broadmeadows**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 7pm – 8.30pm**

To register and receive an information pack phone Kay Gyngell

9301 5200 or email

[kay.gyngell@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:kay.gyngell@anglicarevic.org.au)



**2013 Auskick Registrations are NOW OPEN**

*Rupo Auskick invites all Boys and Girls interested in participating in Auskick to log onto the website [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) and follow the links to register. New players welcome!*

*Please contact Wayne on 0413 400 332 for further details and information.*

