



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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Important Dates

MAY		JUNE	
Friday 31 st May	Casual Clothes Day	Friday 14 th	Prep Farm Excursion
Friday 31 st May	School Disco	Monday 17 th	Winter Sports – Years 5 and 6
Monday 10 th	Queen's Birthday – NO SCHOOL	Tuesday 25 th	5/6 Rugby Gala Day
Tuesday 11 th	School Council Meeting	Wednesday 26 th	Parent/Student Conferences
Thursday 13 th	Hume Cross Country (selected students)	Friday 28 th	Last Day of Term Two - 2.30pm Dismissal

NEWS AND EVENTS



Family Donation – Lemon Trees and Potting Mix

Thanks to a very kind donation from one of our families, we now have two lovely lemons trees in the gardens at the front entrance. A number of parents have already commented on how great they look. Not only will they look fantastic, but they will also provide us with lots of lemons we can use and sell.

A bag of potting mix and some garden pots arrived at the office this week following our request for these in the last newsletter. Unfortunately, I was not in the office when they were brought in so I have not been able to thank this family personally. However, this kind donation is also very much appreciated.

National Anthem – Second Verse

At assembly on Monday, Mrs Harding and her wonderful students started teaching students the second verse of the National Anthem. Our first attempt at the second verse was quite good and we will now sing both verses. The words to the National Anthem have been included at the end of this newsletter so everyone in our school community can proudly join in the singing each week.

Education Week Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following students who received prizes from our Education Week Open Night.

Jack Price -	\$400 Leisure Centre Voucher	Mauricio Barragan -	Bike
Aidan Thomas -	DVD	Chelsie Hendaheva -	\$100 book voucher
Claire Diss -	Drink bottle and toy	Nicholas Hooper -	Lunch box pack
Mr O'Keefe -	Barbie Doll	Tyson Davison -	Batman Chocolate

Hailea Wood, Charlotte Lynch and Cooper Weir – books

The XO's Have Landed

The XO lap tops for teachers arrived this week and staff commenced their training with a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm on Tuesday afternoon. The devices can do so much more than we thought and the opportunities for learning are endless. We are extremely excited to be the first school in Victoria to have the XO's and it seems that our students and parents are equally thrilled.

While we can't receive the student XO's until all staff have completed their training, payments are now being accepted from families. We expect student XO's to be ready for use early next term.

Many of our students will have tablets and lap tops at home. Don't let this discourage you from enabling your child access to an XO. The XO lap top is completely different to what we are used to and works on a different operating system. It is also important that each child in the family has their own XO as the students will not be able to share them at school. We hope that every child in our school will be able to have an XO to use at school and take home.

If you would like to know more about the XO project contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Ross or Miss Morcom.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 2nd June 2013 – Charlotte Lynch, Alex Gambera, Ben Gilpin, Varshini Govender

PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING – 31st May, 2013

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep D	Liam Rooney	For terrific efforts when writing his own sentences
1/2R	Emilee Palser	For always trying 100%
3/4K	Lizzie Mercer	For showing tremendous improvement in her reading
3/4W	Will Uili	For reaching Level 30 in reading
3/4A	Riley Woolford-Grinham	For reaching Level 30 in reading
3/4A	Josh Woods	For reaching Level 30 in reading
3/4A	Dane Gifford	For reaching Level 30 in reading
6L	Tyrell Watts	For an enthusiastic approach to persuasive writing
P.E.	Prep D	For a great session in PE
ART	3/4K	For a great session in ART
SCIENCE	Angus Oliveri	For great contributions to the Science class
Mrs D	Hayley Rooney	Congratulations on finishing the 100 Reading Lessons

Years One and Two Visit the Zoo

A troop of very excited year one and two students left the school on Wednesday morning for the Werribee Zoo. Not surprisingly, it was a very different picture when they returned – they were exhausted!!! While the staff were also quite worn out they were delighted with the behavior of the students – well done kids!

Here are some of the things the teachers heard from the children...

"Those giraffes haven't finished growing yet?"

"Going on the Safari bus was so cool. We were able to see the animals up close."

"I got to touch a Tree Frog named Daintree! Frogs are amphibians you know."

"Hippos can run at 35 km/hr and weigh 3000kg."

"Rhinos will be extinct in the wild in 10 years, if poaching doesn't stop."

"I wasn't scared to touch the lizard's rough scaly skin. I was surprised to discover that his spikes felt like rubber."



It was an amazing day for lots of reasons but possibly one of the most incredible things was when the giraffe sat on Wilford's head – look very closely at the photo!

National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia.



Disco – Friday 31st May

Prep to Grade 2 – 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Years 3 to 6 – 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Hot food and drinks available to purchase.

Lots of door prizes!

Hope to see you there.

Parents and Friends Committee