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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week we have held three school tours and information sessions for prospective prep parents. Tuesday evening was a highlight for me and showed that there are a lot of new young families in the community who are considering Sunbury Heights. Rebecca Danaher and myself welcomed a classroom full of parents who were interested in hearing about our school and our transition program. It was great to hear the parents’ positive comments about our school. We feel quietly confident that in 2012 Sunbury Heights will begin to attract a new generation of families into the school.

Time Capsule
What a lovely photo of Kiara Taylor and Aidan Thomas. Their faces are beaming and they look proud to be representing Sunbury Heights. The photo was taken when they helped to bury the time capsule outside George Evans Museum along with Councillors Ann Potter and Jack Ogilvie on Wednesday. The full story and further photos will be in both next week’s local papers.

Met Train
As our children get older and we begin to think about letting them travel more independently it is important they have the necessary knowledge and skills to be able to travel safely. Mr de Waart has organised a series of lessons to begin for our senior students. Education Officers from Met train will begin to take sessions on Friday for our senior students.

Stop Work
On Thursday, June 7, the Australian Education Union has called on its members to stop work for 24 hours (a full school day). Members of our teaching staff may be participating in

**TERM CALENDAR**

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<td>2013 Prep Information Session</td>
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<td>School Council Meeting – 6.30pm</td>
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(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)
the action and as a consequence we may not be able to run a full program as normal for all our students. A letter will be sent home on Monday evening to students in the whole school advising you of the teachers who will be participating and asking you to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their child on the day of the stop work. Parents unable to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their child on the day of the stop work are asked to return a slip to inform the school that their child will be attending school.

Victorian Principals, Teachers & Parents delegation visit Canberra on National Public Schools Day 24th May, 2012

The Australian Education Union - Victorian Branch sent a delegation of members to visit Canberra last Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th May, along with delegate groups from every state and territory, as part of the Australian Education Union Public Schools funding campaign to coincide with National Public Schools day. The Victorian delegation included 22 AEU Leaders, parents, principals and teachers from Primary & Secondary schools, in particular from schools within marginal electorates I met with Local MP Rob Mitchell to discuss the current government’s commitment to the Gonsky review, as part of the delegation. The Gonsky review is the first of its kind to review the funding system to Australian schools in almost four decades. Released in February, it recommends that all schools regardless of sector be funded on the same model. It estimated the proposals would cost at least an extra $5 billion a year but federal, state and territory governments have yet to commit any extra money.

The delegation also attended a forum, in which Federal Schools Minister Peter Garrett reiterated the Australian Labor Party’s commitment to introduce legislation for the reforms by the end of the year. To hold Education Minister Garrett to that commitment parents and teachers should consider contacting MP Rob Mitchell personally to outline how this funding would make a difference to their child and their school.

Contact Details: Rob Mitchell
Member for McEwen
Address 4b 61 High St
Wallan
VIC
3756
03 5783 4880
Email Rob: rob.mitchell.mp@aph.gov.au

Rotary Spelling Bee
Michael Coates represented the school with pride Tuesday evening at the Rotary Spelling Bee. The contestants from all schools faced very challenging words from the presenter and all did their best. The overall winner this year was a student from Kismet Park Primary school who did not get a listed word wrong. He was presented with a perpetual trophy at the conclusion of the evening. Supported by his parents, his brother, Miss Morcom, Mrs Langmaid, myself and his classroom teacher Mr de Waart Michael did himself and our school community proud.

ICAS Science Tests
It is time for the ICAS tests to start for 2012. This is the third year we have run the tests and we have selected six students from grades 4, 5 and 6. The students were selected based on data from science testing Mrs Adams and Ms Harding undertook.

Students selected in 2012 are:

Grade 4
Ben Lillywhite
Lukas Stephenson-Irving
Varshini Govender
Ethan Holley
Stephanie Williams
Dylan Kelly

Grade 5
Luke Ciantar
Ciaran Garner
Sean Knox
Michael Duggan
Nathan Bull
Lauren Dini

Grade 6
Ethan Quinlivan
Christopher Weedon
Brooke Williams
Finn Gregor
Kyle Nealy
Alisha Clarke
The Thoroughbred Ed in Schools Programs, run by Racing Victoria Limited comprises of two fantastic school based programs that are free to schools. Subzero Goes to School Program will come to Sunbury Heights Thursday 14th June.

Subzero Goes to School is a unique and VELS aligned program, which offers school children the chance to meet, smell and touch a real Melbourne Cup Champion. ‘Subbie’, the much loved winner of the 1992 Melbourne Cup can even answer questions!

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal
**PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 25th MAY**

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<th>Student</th>
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<td>Junior Xuereb(Hubbard)</td>
<td>Tyson Davison</td>
<td>Working hard with his sounds.</td>
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<td>Junior Ross</td>
<td>Ashleigh Down</td>
<td>For being keen to attend details to her sentences to create interest for the reader.</td>
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<td>Junior Hill</td>
<td>Mikaela Jordan-Wetmore</td>
<td>For trying hard to keep her writing neat.</td>
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<td>Junior Wilson</td>
<td>J'Tain Coetzter</td>
<td>For beginning to use paragraphs in his writing.</td>
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<td>Middle Tyers</td>
<td>Cooper Weir</td>
<td>For excellent work in writing.</td>
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<td>Middle Knight</td>
<td>Sally DeYoung</td>
<td>For showing tremendous improvement in addition.</td>
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<td>Middle Laing</td>
<td>Ethann Holley</td>
<td>For teaching the grade to make pop up cards.</td>
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<td>Middle Planura</td>
<td>Jess Bunting</td>
<td>Being a supportive, helpful friend to her classmates, and her teacher too!</td>
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<td>Senior Langmaid</td>
<td>All 6's</td>
<td>For an excellent camp in Phillip Island.</td>
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<td>Senior deWaart</td>
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<td>Miss Ratkowski</td>
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<td>For a great session in PE, learning Rugby League.</td>
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<td>Mrs Caddaye ART</td>
<td>Odin Holt</td>
<td>For always being attentive in ART.</td>
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<td>Mrs Adams SUPPORT/SCIENCE</td>
<td>Cooper Weir</td>
<td>For great rap dancing to the phases of the moon.</td>
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<td>Mrs Harding SCIENCE</td>
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<td>For a fantastic response to SCIENCE activities.</td>
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**PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE HONOUR ROLL**

Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge. We now have 35 students who have finished.

**3T** - Joel Brown, Jack Crosland, Phoebe Hall, Alex Hazelman, Jordi Neuwert, Will Uili, Hannah Watkins

**4L** - Dylan O'Connell

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hume City Council's next Training Day for all Family and Children's Services staff is scheduled for **Monday 4th June 2012**.

The Sunbury Heights Out of School Hours Care Program will be closed on this date and will resume as normal from Tuesday 5th June 2012.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact the program on 9746-3264 or 0419 334 648.

Regards,
Matt Welsh
Program Supervisor
Sunbury Heights O.S.H.C.

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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.

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY**

Hi Everyone,

I'm Cred one of the Dollarmites
Banking at school every week is a great way to learn how to save, participate in a great rewards program and raise money for your school. When a student from the school banks 5 times at school between 16th April and June 30th they can then enter the “Dollarmize me” competition. Go to the website:


and enter your best Savings Tip. Keep going if you have yet to bank 5 times boys and girls.

School Banking is every Tuesday

PS: If you don't have a school bank account yet, please visit your nearest CBA Branch, log onto Netbank or download an application form from our website [www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and start banking.
2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Will be open TUESDAY 5th JUNE
1st Tuesday of every month
2.30pm - 3.15pm
For more details please contact
Angela on 0432 038 224

EDUCATION WEEK – SCIENCE ROOM
LET’S TALK ABOUT POPCORN

It absorbs heat.
  Ryan

It explodes and rotates.
  Jayden.

Pop popcorn.
  Nicola Vergara

Popcorn pops when heat is added.

To make Mrs Williams a very happy person.
  Mrs Williams

Popcorn pops when put in the microwave.
  Callista

The heat makes popcorn pop.

Popcorn pops because the machine gets warm.
  Jessi Buchanan

The popcorn gets warm then
  Stephanie Williams

It goes
  POP

The corn makes the pop sound.

The heat is the microwave makes the popcorn go POP.
  Sian

The heat makes the popcorn go POP

Because we have a popping machine
  Ashley Abbey 3K

Heat inside expands and making it explode.

Thanks to all those people who visited the science room
during Education Week. What a fun night of popcorn
and investigations. we had some responses to why
popcorn pops. a few of the answers are listed here. A
prize was presented to Ashley Abbey in 3K for her
scientific answer "Heat inside expands making it pop."

SHOPPING TOUR

Parents and Friends Committee have organised a Shopping Tour
with “Tartan Tours”

When: Saturday November 10th, 2012.

Costs: $65.00 per person with a $30 deposit per person
These prices include Coach, Driver and Hostess; Home baked
moring and afternoon tea,
2 course restaurant meal, complimentary iced water, sweets and
nuts.
Free Shopping bags supplied and everyone receives a price in the
lucky draw.

Examples of places we could go are:
  * Kids Clothing
  * Chocolate and Lolly Factory
  * Manchester
  * Gifts – Homeware
  * Books
  * Leather Goods
  * Toys
  * Ladies fashions
  * Sports Outlets
  * AND LOTS, LOTS MORE

If you are interested in coming along and joining the fun with us
please fill out the form that was sent home or you can collect one
from the office with your Name, Number of people attending and a
$30 deposit per person (non refundable) to secure your seat by
NO LATER than Friday 27th July.

Full payment will be due by Friday 12th October, 2012.
Any queries please contact Kylie Gifford on 9746-3338 or
044840075 or giffysgirl@gmail.com or kyliejifford@bigpond.com