



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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5<sup>th</sup> December, 2013

## Important Dates

DECEMBER		JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Sports Carnival Boardman Reserve (Oval 1)	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Bookpack Sales – 8am-4pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Statewide Transition Day	Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Gr 1-6 return to school
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Non Uniform Day - JSC Christmas Fun Day – Gold Coin Donation	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2014 Preps start school - Fulltime
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Bookpack Sales - 8am - 4pm PSW Uniform Sales – 9am – 12.30pm	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3-6 Swimming Sports
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Gr 6 Graduation	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Prep Incursion Western Water
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Prep – 2 Concert	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Photos
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December	LAST DAY TERM 4 1.30pm DISMISSAL	Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Interschool Twilight Swimming Sports – Selected Students
		Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Hume Division Swimming Sports – Selected Students
		Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> March	District Athletics – Selected Students
		Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Pupil Free Day – Curriculum Day
		Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Grade 4 Doxa Camp
		Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Grade 5 Doxa Camp

**ASSEMBLY is at 2.30pm  
 MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

The school year is drawing to a close and I wonder where the time has gone. I remember quite clearly our Preps beginning just under twelve months ago and now they are ready and eager and excited about starting Grade One!

### School Captains Announcement - Monday 2.30pm

The Grade 5 students who aspire to leadership positions in 2013 have been very busy writing applications and gaining support from parents and adult mentors. The selection process for our student leaders has been finalised and the School Captains will be announced at Monday's assembly.

### JOANNE DUNCAN AWARD COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD 2013 – Chelsea Houston

Chelsea is a conscientious student who applies herself fully to all school and community activities. Chelsea has made excellent improvements academically throughout her whole school life, and particularly this year. She completed all homework tasks and projects to an extremely high standard and always tried to do her best. Chelsea was supportive of her classmates and helped others whenever she could. She won the school spelling competition earlier in the year and then went onto to represent Sunbury Heights Primary School at the Sunbury Rotary Spelling Bee. Chelsea did a fantastic job at the competition and despite not winning the event; she had a smile on her face the entire time and was proud to represent the school.

Chelsea was given the responsibility of being a Junior School Councillor at the beginning of the year and she was extremely excited to have this role. She approached her leadership job with enthusiasm and never shied away from a challenge and in conjunction with her fellow JSC members, organised to have a cubby, which was at her grandfathers' house moved to the school ground so that the Preps could use it at recess and lunch. She gave up her own time to sand and helped paint the cubby after school on Friday afternoons. Her commitment to this project should be commended.

The pride Chelsea shows in our school is "second to none" and she will be missed as a first rate Sunbury Heights Primary School student. Chelsea thoroughly deserves this award and we wish her all the best at Sunbury Down's Secondary College.

### Reading Challenge Champions:

Each year every Victorian State School has the opportunity to recognise seven students who have been enthusiastic participants in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The recognition is in the form of an award known as the Reading Challenge Champion and each student receives a special lapel pin. The lapel pins are provided free by the Victorian State Government. Students who receive the pin must meet certain guidelines which include participating in the challenge over several years and a love of reading.

It is my pleasure to inform you that **Casey Carew, Sian Crowe, Chelsea Houston, Jade McLean, Shelby Magnone, Nathan Crosland and Allira Travers** have been selected to be one of the 2013 Reading Challenge Champions. The presentation will take place at our school assembly on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm.

After the presentation, this year's Reading Challenge Champions will present the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge certificates to those students who successfully completed the challenge.

### Grade Structure and Teacher Placement:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the small number of parents who contacted me in regard to concerns they may have had in reference to placement of their children for 2014. The issues raised were of the type that were worthy of consideration and these will be taken into account. A lot of thought goes into ensuring that the grades are a "harmonious small snapshot of society" and we appreciate the trust our families have placed in us to get the mix right.

All teachers at the school plan together to deliver the curriculum and strive to provide the same level of care and concern to all students in their class.

Our final class structure will be developed to try to maintain small class sizes across the school. Specialist areas for 2014 will be Art, Science and Physical Education.

### Transition News:

On Tuesday, December 10, all students at our school and incoming Preps will have an opportunity to participate in a day in their 2014 year level. The reason why schools put in place transition programs is to ensure students are prepared emotionally and socially for their next stage of learning and make a smooth transition to each grade level. The teacher who is taking the class on that day may not necessarily be teaching your child next year. Conversely your child's grouping on the day will not necessarily be their group in 2014. Our Grade 6 students will spend the day at the secondary school of their choice. Our new Prep parents will have the opportunity to have a conversation with staff and other new parents about what they want for their children from Sunbury Heights and how as families and teachers we can work together on this. In 2014 the school's focus is to help families to help students to succeed.

### Reports:

Student's reports will be sent home on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There are no formal interviews in December. If you have issues or concerns prior to reading the report and indeed after, please remember that your child's classroom teacher is always there to assist you.

### Complete Kids OSHC:

The Complete Kids OSHC team will come and introduce themselves at next Monday's assembly. Please take the opportunity to come and meet Deb and Rowena to find out what they have to offer for permanent and occasional before and after school care and holiday programs.



### The STORM Is Coming:

You could have knocked me over with a rugby tackle when I was contacted by Melbourne Storm about them holding their "Christmas Party" in the Sunbury Heights Primary School grounds on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Melbourne Storm wants to hold their party in Sunbury as it is the suburb with the greatest supporter base. The party begins at 1pm and will finish at about 3pm. I know Mrs Mac and Miss Ratkowski were excited to hear the names of the **ten players** who will attend and also to hear that Santa may also pop in. Join in the fun. The local rugby club will organise some activities for the children and will sell sausages and drinks on the day. All welcome



Melbourne Storm would like to acknowledge all Elders, past and present. We would also like to acknowledge the traditional owners of Melbourne, the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation.

### **News from the Art Room**

If you are shopping at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre, take a look at our Sunbury Heights' Christmas tree. The grade 3's and 4's did a great job in preparing decorations for the tree. A special thanks to Shannen, Jayleigh and Jamie for making the angel for the top!

If anyone has any spare plastic or paper bags (shopping bag size or larger), they would be appreciated for transporting artwork home from the Art room.

Also, if anyone has any large, cute stuffed toys that we could borrow as props for the Junior School Concert, please see Jenny in the Art room. Thanks!



### **Prep Encouragement Awards**

Sunbury Masonic Lodge has recently introduced a scholarship for each school in Sunbury. It wasn't necessarily for academic achievement but could be anything that the school chose. At Sunbury Heights we decided to give the award to a female and male student from Prep. Mrs Hill and Miss Danaher chose the two students for this award because they on time for school every day and always wear the correct uniform. They try their best and never give up. Both of these students always give 100% and "Never Opt Out." They play nicely with other students outside and are always respectful and polite to all students and other teachers.

The two students selected to receive the encouragement awards this year were Evie King and Jake Szabo. Mr Colin Randall on behalf of the Sunbury Masonic Lodge presented the awards.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

To the following students, until the 8th December 2013

Tyson Davison, Cindy Trewin, Hollie Pickering, Xanthia Papworth, Ava Woolford-Fleming

### **PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Prep H</b>	Angel Tupuola	For getting on with the job at hand.
<b>Prep D</b>	Jade Walduck	For working hard on her reading with Mrs McLeod.
<b>1/2R</b>	Marcus Tancevski	For writing a great persuasive text to convince Snow White to eat the apple.
<b>1/2X</b>	Tate Wilson	For moving up un reading Levels from 8 to 17.
<b>1/2H</b>	Lachlan Roberts	For confidence with Mathematics.
<b>5P</b>	Hannah McConnell	For fantastic improvement in Maths and creating engaging writing pieces.
<b>5A</b>	Caidan Gardner	For improving in adding and subtracting fractions.
<b>PE</b>	1/2R	For a great session in PE.
<b>Miss Ratkowski</b>		
<b>ART</b>	Audrey Sasulu	For being helpful in the Artroom.
<b>Mrs Caddaye</b>		
<b>Mrs Williams</b>	Sky Price	For being a great playground pal.

## DOLLARMITES REWARDS

I have stock of all the Dollarmite rewards in the Library. Feel free to visit the Library between Tuesday to Friday, with your 10 token coin/s. Tokens can also be sent on banking day with a list of the item you would like.

Thanks

Bev McIntyre

### **Keeping up with the Kids' IT**

XO's, Laptops, Notebooks, iPads and Digital Literacy. –

What does it all mean?

What apps are free and support learning?

Would you like assistance in understanding it all and keeping a step ahead of your child?

**When:** Term 1 2014

**Day and time:** Thursday 1.15pm-3.15pm

**Venue:** Sunbury Heights Primary School

**Cost:** Gold Coin donation

This course will give assistance in understanding ICT the kids use at school while improving your skills and giving you ideas about how you can support your child's learning.

For more information and to book in please call Macedon Ranges Further Education Centre Inc on 54 28 3799.

### **YEARBOOK ORDER 2013**

Its Yearbook time again!

Once again, the school has put together a Yearbook magazine. Every student has been included in the book. The book has lots of photos of students, students' work and special activities that took place in 2013. It looks fantastic and will be a wonderful keepsake.

The Yearbook cost is \$15.

(Once the money and form have been received a yearbook will be given to your child.)

Thank you

Yearbook Committee

### **Christmas Tree Sales**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunbury Scout Group**

Freshly cut Christmas Trees from \$40

Miller St Scout Hall: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Delivery available

To pre order trees contact Mike 0419 810 727 or Liz 0419 887 648



### **The Riddell District Football & Netball League Introduces Junior Netball in 2014!!!**

To be played on Sunday's from April 6th to August 17th in 2014.

Girls aged between 11 and 15 are wanted!

To contact your local Football Netball Club visit the Riddell District Football Netball League website at

[www.rdfnl.org.au](http://www.rdfnl.org.au)

or

Contact Rhiannon Banner at the RDFNL at [rhiannon@ballaratfl.com.au](mailto:rhiannon@ballaratfl.com.au) or call 9740 5021 for more information.