



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Fri 8 th November	School Disco - \$5 entry Prep – 2 4.30pm-6pm Grs 3-6 6.30pm-8.30pm	Fri 6 th December	Junior Sports Carnival
Fri 8 th November	Milo Cricket – Selected Students	Tues 10 th December	Statewide Transition Day
Mon 11 th November	Remembrance Day Assembly at 2.30pm	Fri 13 th December	JSC Christmas Fun Day Casual Clothes Day
Tues 19 th November	Kinder Transition Afternoon	Tues 17 th December	Bookpack Sales 8am-4pm
Tues 19 th November	Rugby State Final – Selected Students	Tues 17 th December	Gr 6 Graduation
Tues 26 th November	Kinder Transition Afternoon	Wed 18 th December	Prep – 2 Concert
Wed 27 th November	Prep Aquarium Excursion	Fri 20 th December	LAST DAY TERM 4 1.30pm DISMISSAL
Fri 29 th November	Non Uniform Day – School Project Gold Coin Donation		

NEWS AND INFORMATION

RED Stars

Raven and Alyssa have achieved their RED Star Awards and were presented with badges at assembly on Monday. To achieve this award, students need to show responsibility, endeavour and development. Congratulations Raven and Alyssa.



Write 4 Fun

Five students from Sunbury Heights Primary School will have their work published in the 2013 Write 4 Fun Anthology. We are very proud of Chelsea, Joel, Suzanna, Hollie and Lacey.

Students in year's three to six were invited to enter the Write 4 Fun competition earlier in the year and entry forms were handed out to those interested. However, from there, the students need to show initiative and organisation and organise their entry independently. This provided the students who were really interested with an opportunity to develop life skills.

In recognition of her teacher, Chelsea dedicated her story to Mrs Langmaid. We have had wonderful results in writing this year and it is terrific to have children acknowledge the hard work their teachers put in to help them.



Congratulations Becky

Over the last few years it has been pleasing to note how well the **girls** from Sunbury Heights Primary School have been prepared, for leadership roles when they have attended secondary college.

In 2012 Jessica Hitchen and Emily Rawet became Sunbury Downs School Captain and Vice-Captain respectively. In 2013 June Uili was selected to perform the role of College Captain.

In 2014 Becky Hitchen will follow on in her big sister Jessica's "footsteps". At the final assembly for Sunbury Down's Secondary College, the 2014 School Captains were announced. It was pleasing to hear that Becky had been selected as the girl School Captain. Becky was an exemplary student when she attended Sunbury Heights; she was respectful, worked diligently and displayed excellent citizenship, empathy and support of her fellow students. I know the whole school community wishes her well in her role and in her final year at Sunbury Downs Secondary College.

Remembrance Day

At Sunbury Heights Primary School, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day at three different venues this year. Our poster competition winners from Grade 4 and the other students in Mrs Ross' extension literacy group will attend the ceremony at the Shrine accompanied by Mr and Mrs Ross. They will be met on arrival by a guide and escorted to the service. At the end of the service they will be escorted to the Awards Presentation Ceremony, which followed by a tour of the Memorial.

Our School Captains, Ciaran Garner, Sean Knox, Lacey Blake and Lauren Ashford will travel with Mrs Langmaid to our local commemorative service and they too will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

Our school assembly on Monday will have a Remembrance Day tribute as well. Some of our grade six students will lead the rest of the school in a recital of a poem that has been especially selected for the occasion.

Assembly on Monday will begin at 2.30pm

Class Organisation 2014

Thank you to the small number of families who contacted me with legitimate reasons in regard to their child's 2014 placement. These have been taken into account as we begin our planning for 2014;

In 2014, classes are planned for the following structure: 2 x prep Grades, 3 x 1/2 Grades, 3 x 3/4 Grades, 2 x 5 Grades and 2 x 6 Grades. There will be specialist classes in Art, Physical Education and Science.

Disco

Thank you to our Parents and Friends Committee for organising a fun filled Disco for this Friday evening. The Junior school kicks off at 4.30pm to 6.00pm and the middle and Senior school Disco runs from 6.30pm -8.30pm. Please encourage your child to attend. There is full adult supervision and proceeds raised support our school.

Grade 6 Uniform

From Monday 9 December students in Grade 6 will be able to wear casual clothes to school in exchange for donating pieces of their school uniform to the Hub for distribution to families in need.

Facebook

We all agree that Facebook is a good way to share our achievements and communicate with our friends. Our Sunbury Heights Primary School has certainly proved to be a good way to communicate with our families about what is happening at school and about our students' and schools' achievements in the wider community.

If there are any issues regarding your child and other children please don't contact families through their personal Facebook page. If any issue arises please remember the classroom teacher is your first contact and if the concern continues please feel free to contact either myself or Cathie Morcom.

Asperger's/ Autism Seminar

Thank you to our ES staff Seathu Warrior, Liz Sarbach, Kerry Dexter, Cathy Williams, Tracey Baldwin and Shaun Synan who joined Peter de Waart and attended this very topical seminar on Wednesday evening. The staff felt the information provided, will help them in their work with the growing number of students who attend Sunbury Heights Primary School and are on the Autism Spectrum. The seminar ran from 6.30pm until after 9pm and I would like to thank the staff for their commitment to the students they work with and their willingness to attend professional development that takes them away from their own families.

Kerry Dexter has written a summary of the main points and would encourage anyone who is interested in finding out more about Autism Spectrum Disorder to attend if another event was organised in Sunbury.

"Last night, Richard Eisenmajer, director of the ASD clinic in Kew, Victoria, delivered an insightful and entertaining account of his experience analysing patients that are present on the Autism Spectrum.

Richard revealed that his patients can be from a very young age to middle age, and that Autism can also range from low functioning to genius level in IQ.

Despite the stigma attached to Autism, many Comedians, Politicians even Psychiatrists have symptoms that appear on the Autism Spectrum, more widely known as Asperger's. The best way to deal with someone who presents Asperger's traits, Richard explains, is to stay calm, don't take their words or actions personally, and respect their personal space and need for routine and predictability.

Remembrance Day 2013

Junior School Councillors will be selling the following items for the RSL;

Poppy Badges	\$2
Wrist Bands	\$3
Bag Tags	\$4

These items will be on sale in the school atrium during recess up until Tuesday 12th November.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!To the following students, until the 10th November 2013

Sky Price, Eddie Tichy, Justine Galvez, Ashton Varapodio, Rhyse Allen, Jazzy Scharl, Rachael Wilkinson

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Chloe Mills	For making great efforts to practice reading.
1/2R	Olivia Ballinger	For an improvement in the amount of work completed in a session.
1/2X	Odin Holt	For working well in class.
1/2H	Jaiden Manton	For continual progress with reading and writing.
3/4K	Rhyse Allen	For using brilliant emotive language in his writing.
3/4W	Ethan Rooney	For amazing independent writing of his Captain Cook profile report.
5P	Kara Gifford	For amazing improvement in her 1 minute Math's assessment.
5A	Chloe Desira	For having a positive attitude towards her learning.
PE Miss Ratkowski	1/2X	For a great PE Session.
SCIENCE Mrs Adams	Ashley Abbey	For having very good knowledge about friction.
SCIENCE Mrs Payton	Tyson Lamb	For being an enthusiastic student in Science.