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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
	2012
<u>MARCH</u>	
Wed 7 th – Fri 9 th March	Gr 3 Doxa Camp
<u>Mon 12th March</u>	<u>Labor Day – NO SCHOOL</u>
<u>Tues 13th March</u>	<u>School Council Meeting – 6.30pm</u>
Tues 13 th March	Outreach Science Program – Gr 3-6
<u>Mon 19th March</u>	<u>Gr 3 – 6 Athletics Day</u>
Tues 20 th March	Curriculum Day
<u>Wed 28th March</u>	<u>School Photos</u>
Fri 30 th March	Term 1 ends 2.30pm Dismissal
<u>Fri 30th March</u>	<u>Non - Uniform Day</u>
<u>APRIL</u>	
Mon 16 th April	Term 2 Begins

Sunbury Heights PS Payment Option Plan

Sunbury Heights is sympathetic and understands the differing circumstances of individual students and families. If you are having difficulty paying for books, camps and excursions. Please ring (9744 3377) or come in to see Kerry Hicks, Business Manager, at the office or Kaye Mills (Principal). Together we will discuss a payment plan that would be suitable for you and the school. All conversations are strictly confidential.



PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECIEVE YOUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (ADDRESS ABOVE)

(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Premier's Active Families Challenge:

The Premier's Active family Challenge is a key component of the Victorian Government's commitment to get more people, more active, more often.

Families participating in the Challenge are asked to do at least 30 minutes of physical activity each day for 30 days between 19 March and 30 April, 2012.

In recognition of the work schools do to encourage participation, a Challenge School Reward Program has been introduced. All schools will have the opportunity to earn a Rebel Sport voucher by encouraging students to register and the chance to win sporting clinics from Challenge ambassadors and sporting equipment packages.

When students and their families register they will be asked to nominate their school.

The more students that register, the more chances the school has to win.

Registration for the Challenge is now open at: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge

Every registered family receives a 'physical activity' promotion pack. To find out more information please visit our webpage, click on Around The School, then Physical Education then PE Action and follow the links.

Doxa Camp

How lucky was Karen Cocks and I not to have to cook dinner on Tuesday evening as we headed up to Malmsbury to enjoy a meal with the happy grade five campers.

The camp has been updated since I last visited in the late 1970's. The children enjoyed comfortable accommodation in beautiful surroundings with facilities and equipment that allowed for fun filled days and nights. The food was plentiful (better than Master Chef was the verdict) and the activities organised by Leanne Ratkowski, Jaclynn Jones, Damian O'Keefe, Andrew Knight, Rosie Tyers, Kerry Dexter and Cathy Williams kept everyone busy and working on their "Key to Success" skills of Getting Along, Organisation, Persistence, Confidence and Emotional Resilience.

I am sure the grade three students will have just as good a time. They were certainly enjoying the trip when Mrs Tyers rang me from the train to let me know they were just heading out of Riddell's Creek.

A big thank you to our parent helpers, Sean Synan and Jodie Brown for changing their work schedules and leaving the other members of their family, so that they could help to give our students the best experience possible.

Michael Grose Parenting Tips

As we have referred to in previous newsletters we have subscribed to Michael Grose Parenting Website so that we can bring to you the articles and tips about many issues that we all have as parents. This week's article is about managing our children's anger.

"Managing anger is one of the biggest emotional issues that children face. Children who can learn to manage their anger have a head start on handling fears and other emotions."

To read the article, please visit the Sunbury Heights website. On the home page scroll down to the heading Parenting Ideas-Michael Grose and follow the links. You can follow Michael on the parenting page, his blog or Twitter

Swim Well Brooke

Congratulations to Brooke Williams who was selected to represent Sunbury in the Zone Swimming Sports. The event is to be held next Wednesday at Northcote. We know Brooke will give her best and we eagerly await the results.

Staffing Changes

Next Wednesday will see Erica Andersen return from her overseas holiday and resume her teaching role in grade 5.

We are sure Erica will have a lot of interesting stories to tell and her grade is looking forward to hearing all about it. Jaclynn Jones has certainly enjoyed her time teaching the grade and attending camp with them.

Jaclynn Jones is retiring early in Term Two after many years of dedicated service not only to education across Victoria, but also to Sunbury Heights. Jaclynn always puts the student first. Her quiet, kind and caring nature ensures that all students in her care received the best possible education when they were placed in her class. Over the last few years Jaclynn has been a valued member of School Council and has achieved a great deal in forging community links. In particular Jaclynn's role in supporting the involvement of the Baptist Church in school working bees has been a "blessing" for the school.

Mark Peverell is on leave until the end of term one. We are fortunate to have employed Kym Pianura to take the class during this period. Kym has sent a letter home introducing herself to parents and advising them of how she can be contacted to discuss their child's learning. We welcome Kym to Sunbury Heights.

Labor Day and Curriculum Day

Please remember next Monday is a public holiday and there is no school for students on that day. A Curriculum Day is planned for March 20th March. Again there is no school for students and school Out of School Care is to be offered if the numbers of parents needing the service warrants it.

On this day the staff will be undertaking professional learning on many areas that will improve the learning for your child. As with all schools across the state each school is to hold four days professional development per year. Sunbury Heights held two at the beginning of the year before students resumed. The other day is planned for late term two, so that planning can be put in place for the second semester of the school year.

School Council

Thank you to parents and teachers who expressed an interest in School Council during the election process. As nominations equalled the number of vacancies no ballot was required and all those who were nominated are deemed duly elected.

Thank you to Audra Rooney, Sumen Govender, Cathie Morcom, Kylie Stephenson and Cathy Williams who have made the commitment to continue to work on School Council.

A huge thank you goes to our retiring member Jaclynn Jones, who has made considerable contributions particularly in leading the Environment Sub Committee.

At next Tuesday's meeting the School Councillors will enjoy a light meal, Office Bearers will be elected and goals for 2012 will be established.

Regards
Kaye Mills

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following students to
11th March 2012
Mitchell Maddox, Nicola Vergara, Caidan Gardner,
Luke Hannah, Jemima Sasulu

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 24th FEBRUARY 2012

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Xuereb	Arran Garner	For working well in class.
Junior Danaher	Keiralee Crook	For staying on task and completing all her work.
Junior Hill	Violet Bastos	For an excellent attitude to staying on task and completing work.
Junior Wilson	David Walgers	For keeping his locker organised and ready for learning.
Middle Tyers	Chelsie Hendaheva	For excellent work.
Middle Knight	Ashley Abbey	For staying on task and maintaining concentration during a lesson.
Middle Peverell (Pianura)	Kasey Sciberras	Consistent effort and showing excellent responsibility everyday.
Middle Laing (Adams)	Kara Gifford Nicola Vergara	To have a consistent hard working attitude.
Senior Jones (Andersen)	Tyrell Watts	For a great start to the year!
Senior Langmaid	Luke Hannah	For consistently showing communal responsibility in the class.
Senior de Waart	John Bardaris	What a change in attitude.
Miss Ratkowski PE	3K	For a focussed session in PE. Well Done!!
Mrs Caddaye ART	Varshini Govender	For encouraging others to do the right thing.

PLAYGROUP
FRIDAY MORNINGS
9.00am – 11.00am

Come along Mums, Dads and Bubs, have a coffee and share experiences with our kids.

Kids can play and parents can have a chance to be with others.

Don't be shy; it's great fun for all.

Join us on a **FRIDAY** from 9-11am. Cost \$2.00

SUNBURY SCHOOL OF CALISTHENICS:

Does your child like to sing, dance, dress up and perform?

Then Calisthenics is just the sport!

- ❖ Sunbury School of Calisthenics have started classes for 2012.
- ❖ New students can still come and try 2 free classes to see how much fun it is.
- ❖ We accept students from the ages of 3 ½ to adult.

We are looking for students in the 3-7 year age group and encourage you to come and try our uniqueness. Enquiries please phone: 9539 4349 or visit our website www.sunburyschoolofcalisthenics.net.au

STUDENT BANKING DAY-REMINDER

Teaching your child the all important skill of money management and saving when they are young can empower them for success in the future. The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is a special initiative designed to do just that. It also has a fantastic rewards program that child can redeem for awesome gifts along the way such as a watch, ball, book light and USB stick. You can participate with as little as five cents per week.



Please refer to the information pack that you received with instructions how to participate in this fantastic program. When your child banks at school for the 1st time they receive their token and the school receives \$5 to go towards our fundraising efforts.

If your child already has a Dollarmites/Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank simply fill in the deposit book and amount and simply start banking straight away.



Commonwealth Bank Account.



SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

DUE BACK – Friday 16th March, 2012

If your child would like to make a purchase, please fill out the order form on the back of the brochure you are ordering from. If you are ordering from a few brochures, please fill out each order form and place in an envelope with correct money marked scholastic book club.

If you would like to pay by credit card, payments can be made online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment or free call 1800 557 908 with your credit card details. Please make sure you record your 11 digit receipt number on the back of your order form. Please place your order in an envelope, marked scholastic book club.

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Thanking you
Bev McIntyre
Liz Hill

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Enquiries: Paul Calleja 5428 3691 or just come along and try it.

