



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter No 1  
9<sup>th</sup> February, 2012  
TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
<b>2012</b>	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2012 Prep Begin – 8.50am GP Room
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Student Transition Meeting 1.30pm Dismissal</b>
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Prep Sausage Sizzle – 6pm Classrooms open til 7pm
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Wed 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Gr 5 Doxa Camp</b>
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Gr 3 Doxa Camp
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Preps Western Water Incursion</b>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council Meeting – 6.30pm
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Gr 3 – 6 Athletics Day</b>
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Curriculum Day
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>School Photos</b>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Term 1 ends 2.30pm Dismissal

**STUDENT TRANSITION  
MEETINGS  
WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY  
1.30PM DISMISSAL**

#### ATTACHMENTS:

In this Newsletter the following notes have been included:

- PSW Uniform Current Price List
- Canteen Price List
- Invitation to help in Canteen
- 2012 Asthma Management Plan – **MUST** be completed and signed on the back of the form if your child has Asthma medication kept at school.
- 2012 Medication Form – **MUST** be completed and signed on the back of the form if your child has **ANY** medication at school ie: Ventolin, Panadol, creams etc. We are unable to administer medication without this form signed.

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECIEVE YOUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (ADDRESS ABOVE), AS THIS WILL BE THE FIRST AND LAST PAPER COPY FOR 2012.**

(Limited copies are printed on newsletter day and are available from the office.)

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

##### Welcome back to the new school year.

The holidays were a wonderful chance to have a break from our normal routines and it was lovely to see the bright smiling faces of our grade one – six students arriving last Friday. Our Preppies began their formal classes today and made a great start to schooling by settling quickly into the school routine and showing excitement and enthusiasm towards learning.

##### STAFF

Over the holidays we have had minor staff changes. Mrs Mc Donald and her family have moved to Warrnambool, so Ms Jo Harding will be temporarily filling in for the role of Science Specialist. Mrs Adams returns, supporting 4 Laing and taking on the role of Science Specialist for the Middle school.

##### HELP Needed at Swimming Sports

To our new parents, there are many ways you can become involved in school life. If you have a child in grades 3 -6, it would be fantastic for the classroom teacher and myself to meet you down at the Sunbury Leisure Centre next Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> for the House Swimming Sports. John Lillywhite will be organising a BBQ on the day and needs people to volunteer to cook sausages and sell them along with drinks on the day. You can contact John on 0405 515 848 or leave your name with our friendly office staff.

We know you all will enjoy being at Sunbury Heights, it is a fantastic school with a supportive school community.

##### Swimming Sports Menu—Bring your own or buy on the day

- Sausage in bread \$1.00
- LOL (all flavours available) \$2.00
- bottled water \$2.00

Please note: students are **NOT** able to purchase items from the Leisure Centre Canteen

##### Student Transition Meetings Students in Grades 1-6.

The beginning of the school year is a very important time for students, parents and staff. As part of the preparation for the school year, staff will conduct information sharing sessions to exchange information about each child. Parents, clearly, have much to offer with regard to informing teachers about their children. To this end,

Student Transition Meetings have been scheduled for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

The aims of this initial meeting are:

- to provide an opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher
- for the parent to provide any relevant information to the teacher that may assist your child's learning in 2011
- to provide information regarding the classroom expectations

#### **Students will be dismissed at 1.30 pm**

- Students can leave at this time and head home as they normally do
- Attend after school care
- Remain at school and be involved in an alternative program until 3.15 dismissal time

On line registration forms will be sent home early next week with students. Anyone who does not have computer access will be able to complete their registration at school. If this day is not suitable, but you would like an appointment, please contact the school so an alternative arrangement can be made.

#### **Prep sausage sizzle and classroom visit**

As Prep parents have already had the opportunity to have a formal exchange of information session with their child's teacher, the Prep students will stay at school until normal dismissal time of 3.15pm. Their evening will begin at 6pm with a sausage sizzle tea. Classrooms will be open until 7pm for parents, and I dare say grandparents, to visit and see what their children can already do and learn a little about how the Prep classroom runs.

**Congratulations** to students at all grade levels on such a wonderful start to the year. This year we are running thirteen classrooms. Classroom programs are well underway with all our students participating in a Start Up program and focused on their learning. Each class in the school is participating in a start up program based on **Planes Trains and Automobiles**. During this time staff have reinforced the school rights and responsibilities.

#### **Rights**

At Sunbury Heights PS everyone has the right to:

- learn as much as possible
- feel safe and comfortable

#### **Responsibility**

At Sunbury Heights PS, students:

- take responsibility for their own action
- encourage others to do the right thing

These in conjunction with our school values and keys to success form the basis for all classes' behaviour management and interpersonal strategies and lessons.

#### **School Captains and House Captains Presentations**

Congratulation to the following people who will receive their leadership badges at next Monday afternoon's assembly. The School Captains first official job will be laying the wreath at the ANZAC Day ceremony and the House Captains will lead their houses at next Tuesday's House Swimming Sports.

The students will receive their badges from Jessica Hitchen and Emily Rawet. Jessica and Emily are the Sunbury Downs Secondary College girl School and Vice Captain. Both girls attended Sunbury Heights Primary School and were fantastic role models both in terms of their learning and behaviour. The assembly will begin at 2.30pm.

#### **School Captains**

Patrick Dickson  
Finn Gregor

Alisha Clarke  
Victoria Lillywhite

#### **House Captains**

<b>Bradman</b>	Kiara Taylor	Strickland Lasoa
<b>Fraser</b>	Luke Harrison	Jade Thomas
<b>Laver</b>	Isabella Tancevski	James Penny
<b>Elliot</b>	Brooke Williams	Grace Ring

#### **Uniforms**

**Thank you to our parents for ensuring that our students look fantastic in their school uniforms.** We expect everyone to be in school uniform each day.

An important part of our uniform in Term One is the wearing of our **Sunsmart hat**. Please ensure your child has their hat each day. In line with our Sunsmart Policy, students without hats will be required to stay under the rotunda at recess and lunchtime.

#### **Uniform Swap & Shop:**

Angela Ballinger is coordinating a uniform swap and shop. She will be in the Community HUB next Tuesday morning from 9am until 10am for parents wishing to shop or swap. You can contact Angela on 0432 038 224

#### **Visitor's Pass**

If you are staying in the school for an extended period of time we ask that you call into the office to sign in and collect a 'Visitor's Badge' to wear while in the school. This ensures we know who is in the school at any one time as well as ensuring the safety of our students. Should it be necessary to put an emergency management plan into effect we then know who is in the school and can ensure everyone's safety.

#### **Office Hours**

This year the office will be open from 8am until 4.30pm Monday to Friday. From an answering machine has been installed for your convenience. We are hoping you will use this facility to notify the school of your child's absences and any other messages you may wish to leave regarding your child's medication or contact needed with the classroom teacher. Wherever possible your call will be returned during the next working day.

#### **School Crossing**

Our school is serviced by two school crossings. It is important that students use the supervised crossings, even when crossing the road with an adult. This helps children to develop safe habits and keeps everyone safe. Please ensure that as a driver you wait until the crossing supervisor is off the crossing and stay behind the line designated will waiting.

#### **Staff Car Park**

A reminder that the staff car park is for staff. It is a dangerous practice for parents to drop off and collect children from this area.

#### **Buddies**

Our grade six students have already developed great relationships with their Prep buddies by corresponding with them over the holidays and helping them settle in today. It has been terrific to see them playing together happily in the playground.

#### **It's Not Great To Be Late Classroom Time is 10 to 9**

Punctuality is a valuable habit for children to learn. Students arriving late miss out on important information or instruction time at the beginning of the learning session. It also distracts other students from their work and disrupts teachers. As we strive to make the most of all learning times, please assist class teachers by ensuring your children arrive at school on time.

"It's Not Ok to be Away" and "It's Not Great to Be Late" will form the two attendance goals this year for each teaching section of the school. Each section of the school will have their own way of supporting the goals. One of these will be to ring parents if a child has had two days unexplained absence from school.

### **Break Times**

Recess is from 11.00am to 11.30am.

Students eat lunches in rooms from 1.15pm to 1.30pm and play in the yard from 1.30pm to 2.15pm.

If the temperature is predicted to be more than 35 degrees we have decided to make the longer break at 11am, when the day is cooler, and the half hour break at 1.30pm. Of course on days of extreme temperatures an inside program will run.

As there is a long period of time between breakfast and lunch, students are encouraged to have a substantial snack at recess. A sandwich with a piece of fruit and perhaps a treat is recommended. Students should have plenty to drink during the day; **a bottle of water** is the only fluid that is able to be on the student's desk for drinking during the day.

School finishes at 3.15pm.

### **Yard Supervision**

Yard supervision commences at 8.40 am. It is not appropriate for students to be in the school grounds for long periods before school. The yard is supervised after school from 3.15pm to 3.30pm. Please ensure your child goes home promptly.

### **Personal Property Brought To School**

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

### **Free Fruit Fridays**

This year students in grades Prep - will be receiving a piece of fruit each week. Free Fruit Friday aims to increase the consumption of fruit and vegetables for all Victorian students in years Prep - 2 by providing them with a variety of high quality, seasonal produce. The food is delivered on a Tuesday and some staff make fruit platters during the remainder of the week.

If you are looking for a way to assist in the classroom you may be able to offer to be a "fruit platter mum or dad" and help to cut up the fruit on a day that suits. If you combined that with hearing reading that would greatly benefit the class as well as providing joy for your own child. Every child loves to see his or her mum or dad at school helping!

### **Bikes and Scooters**

While we want our students to be physically active we do not encourage parents to let their children ride their bikes or scooters unsupervised to school until they are ten years old (about grade 4). If you do let your child ride, please ensure they have knowledge of a safe route to school and the appropriate safety gear to wear. Students who do not wear a helmet to school will have their bike "minded" until a helmet is brought to school. Students who ride their bikes or scooters in the school yard jeopardising the safety of others will also have a consequence that involves being banned from bringing their bike or scooter to school for a certain period of time.

### **Summer Reading Club-350 Books Read Sunbury Heights**

In the late days of the 2011 School Year, the 1/2 Team were invited by Kat Taylor from Sunbury Library to trial supporting the Sunbury Library's Summer Reading Club. The aim of the Club was for the children to read 10 books and then go in the draw to win a Wii and games pack. There were other incentives along the way. Forty one of our students registered with twenty six students returning at least one reading record.

At least three hundred and fifty books were read between December 1<sup>st</sup> 2011 and February 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012 by our Year 1/2 students and some families who were not already library members joined.

**Regards**  
**Kaye Mills**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**To the following students to**  
**12<sup>th</sup> February 2012**  
Illyana Baraci

### **PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Student</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Junior Ross</b>	Wilford Sasulu	For being keen to write lots of sentences
<b>Junior Wilson</b>	Illyana Baraci Alex Braun	For demonstrating our school value of caring.
<b>Middle Tyers</b>	Allyssa Wallace	For excellent work and attitude.
<b>Middle Knight</b>	Brock Ireland	For a brilliant attitude to the start of the year.
<b>Middle Laing</b>	Michael Bernard	For an enthusiastic approach to all his work and co operation
<b>Senior Langmaid</b>	Brooke Williams Dylan Sapac	For using great strategies to edit writing pieces.
<b>Senior de Waart</b>	Victoria Lillywhite	For being the Grades first on the Wiki. Well Done !!!!
<b>Miss Ratkowski PE</b>	6L	For a focussed start in PE.
<b>Mrs Caddaye ART</b>	2W	For a positive start to the year in Art.
<b>Ms Harding Science</b>	6L	For making my first session in Science so positive.

### **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

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

#### **DUE BACK - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of February 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](http://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.

This is a great opportunity to purchase quality books at reasonable prices. All orders will earn our school free books and resources.

Thanking you  
Bev McIntyre

### **Sunbury Lions Junior Football Club**

Registration day:

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 11am until 2pm at Boardman No. 2 Oval (next to the Athletics Track), Mitchells Lane, Sunbury.

**Under 9's, 10's, 12's, 14's & 16's. All players for all age groups are welcome. We also field a girl's team (13 to 17 years old) in the AFL Victorian Western Youth Girls League.**

The fees for 2012 are: **1 Child: \$160.00, 2 Children: \$190.00, 3 Children: \$220.00, 4 Children: \$220.00, Girls Youth Team: \$160.00, Under 9's: \$100.00 \***

\*If you have 2 or more children playing then the above prices will apply.

**Auskick: \$65.00**(To be confirmed)

**Auskick/Under 9 Deal: \$100.00-** includes a club Polo top & Auskick pack.

**All players will receive a free Polo Top in club colours when registering & paying, which will be available to take on the day. New players registering with our club for the first time must bring a Copy of their birth certificate with them on the day.**

**Free sausage sizzle and soft drinks for all players – for further information please visit our website [www.sunburyfc.com.au](http://www.sunburyfc.com.au)**

## **CALISTHENICS JUST FOR FUN**

### **Mondays**

**Sunbury Aquatic & Leisure Centre**

20 Ligar St,

Sunbury

Phone 9740 9766

4.30pm to 5.30pm 4 to 6 years

5.30pm to 6.30pm 7 years to 12 years

### **Wednesdays**

**Broadmeadows Leisure Centre**

Cnr Pearcedale Pde & Dimboola Rd,

Broadmeadows

Phone 9309 8500

4.30pm to 5.30pm 4 to 6 years

5.30pm to 6.30pm 7 years to 12 years

**Call Leanne on 9205 2513 for more information.**

