



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
MAY	
Thursday 9 th	2014 Prep Information Session 7pm
Tues 14 th – Thurs 16 th	Naplan (Grades 3 & 5)
Thurs 16 th	Gr 6 Science Works Excursion
Monday 20 th	District Cross Country (Selected Students)
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th	Education Week
Thursday 23 rd	Whole School Performance
Friday 24 th	Walk to School Day
Wednesday 29 th	Grade 1/2 Excursion Werribee Zoo
Friday 31 st	Casual Clothes Gold Coin Donation
JUNE	
Monday 10 th	Queen's Birthday – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 11 th	School Council Meeting
Thursday 13 th	Hume Division Cross Country (Selected Students)
Friday 14 th	Prep Excursion Farm Visit
Monday 17 th	Winter Sports
Tuesday 25 th	5/6 Rugby Gala Day
Wednesday 26 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 28 th	Casual Clothes Gold Coin Donation
Friday 28 th	Last Day Term 2 2.30pm Dismissal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

From the Thursday 9th of May until the end of Term Two (28th June), I am taking long service leave and I am very excited to have my first venture overseas to visit Italy, Croatia and Greece.

In my absence Cathie Morcom will be Acting Principal and Carmel Ross, as our next most senior staff member will be acting in the role of Assistant Principal. I know that Cathie in my absence will continue her tireless work to improve the learning outcomes for our students and I know that she can expect the support that you have shown me.

Carmel will still play an active role in her classroom but as such will not be the day to day classroom teacher. In her absence from the classroom Lynn Hubbard will take 1/2 Ross. Lynn is a very experienced teacher and has worked in our school over many years fulfilling similar roles.

Jenny Adams will also take leave from Monday May 20th until the end of term and Ben Millar will take on Jenny's role of teaching Science and Classroom Support. Ben has worked at Sunbury Heights since the beginning of the year and has established a good working relationship already, with the staff and students.

I look forward to catching up with you at the beginning of Term Three and I hope that both you and your family stay well and happy in my absence.

Prep Tours - Welcome Chloe!

Yesterday I conducted the first tour to show local families who will have a child beginning Prep in 2014 our school. Met by our School Captains the families gathered for a chat about what Sunbury Heights has to offer before going on a tour of the school to see the classes at work. Chloe Turk, little sister of Jazzy in grade 5 was the first to enrol. We know that by working closely with Michael and Katrina (Chloe's mum and dad) and the preschool Chloe attends, we can help make Chloe's transition to school a smooth one.

Tonight we will hold another 2014 Prep Information Session where we will focus on transition to Prep in 2014 as well as what a Prep classroom at Sunbury Heights looks like.

Rebecca Danaher and Liz Hill, the Prep teachers will help guide you through the many questions that parents have when their child begins school.

Thank you to Sharon Ramunno, Tracey Mitchell and Joanne Szabo for attending the sessions and being available to talk about Sunbury Heights from a parent's perspective.

Personal Safety Strategies

Principals have been asked to remind parents to talk to their children about personal safety strategies when coming to and from school. Please remind children not to engage in conversation with strangers and not to get into cars offering lifts, gifts, foods etc.

Please advise your children

- to walk home in pairs,
- not talk to strangers

- tell a trusted adult if they are approached or feel unsafe.
- Not to approach any person acting suspiciously but rather contact police with as much detail as can be obtained, particularly any car registration number.

Congratulations Sunbury Macedon Ranges Specialist School State VCAL Award Winners

Last year I was fortunate to attend the SMRSS Deb Ball. Jesse Hector, Jessica Scott and Sharnie Tringrove all ex-students of SHPS were making their debut.

At that time I wasn't aware that the planning and execution of the "Deb Ball" was part of the students' VCAL studies. This week the SMRSS students and staff were awarded a Victorian State Government Team Award for their efforts in organising such a celebratory event. Keep an eye out in the Herald Sun this week for a picture of these fine young adults and my colleague and SMRSS Principal Joanne Nolan receiving their award at Federation Square.

We are very fortunate to have schools in our region that care for all our young people and go that extra mile to ensure they have the chance to reach their potential and participate and enjoy programs and projects that students in other secondary settings do.

Parents/Friends Business Directory

It is great when Parents and Teachers at the school want to support one another. One of the suggestions in the HUB Suggestion Box was to establish a Parents Business Directory, so that if families needed a Plumber, a jumping castle for a party, or homemade cupcakes, they could first of all look to support someone from the Sunbury Heights Community.

If you would like to have your business publicized please send your details to Sharon at ramunno.sharon.s@edumail.vic.gov.au and she will begin compiling the directory. It is hoped that this will be displayed in the HUB and at the front information board.

Mother's Day Stall

Thank you to our parents and friends committee for organising a Mother's Day Stall for our students. We provide the Mother's Day Stall as a service to our students so that they can bring a little money and choose a gift that they have selected especially for those special mums, nannas and care givers in their life. There is a great deal of work that goes into the purchasing, pricing, wrapping and selling on the day and I would like to thank Krystal, Amanda, Laura, Leanne, Kylie, Wendy and Marissa for their efforts. Sharon would like especially to say thank you for the reformation of the Parents and Friends Committee, as parent commitments help make school a better place.

Today's Number

Congratulations to Liz Hill for having her third article published in the Prime Number Numeracy Magazine. The magazine is circulated to teachers across the state and focusses on current thinking in Mathematics and also provides resources for teachers about the teaching of maths.

Liz's article is called What Works for Me and provides an activity about how to revise numbers with students in the Junior School. You could try "Today's Number" at home to help your child revise their number work.

Today's Number

1. Write as a word
2. Show in tens and ones
3. Add ten more
4. Count back two
5. Share into groups
6. Show as an array
7. Is it odd or even?
8. Write the number before and after

9. Write an addition equation to equal today's number
10. Write a subtraction equation to equal today's number

School Crossing News

For our children's safety please remember that your children cannot be dropped off or picked up at the crossing. Infringement officers are patrolling our local schools and infringement notices will be handed out.

Health Centre at the Hub

(Health Checks For Babies Toddlers and Pre-schoolers)

If it is difficult to get to the Health Centre for your 0-4's health checks why not take advantage of the Health Centre at the Hub on Monday 21st May between 1.15pm and 3.15pm.

Gayle Brandellero (a Maternal and Child Health Nurse) will bring her equipment. All you will need to bring is your green or blue book. Gayle can also talk about a topic of interest (toilet training/behaviour guidance or anything you like) or just answer your questions.

The Echo Kids Lunchtime Program

This year our partnership with Sunbury Baptist Church has continued to flourish. In Term One and Two Mike Riddell, the Youth Minister (and fantastic footballer) has been involved in a sports lunchtime program and helping to coach the school's footy team with Mr O.

With the colder weather coming on Mike will continue to be involved with our Senior students and offer an inside program called Echo Kids. The 'Echo Kids' Lunchtime Program provides a safe, interactive and exciting environment in which Primary School Children in Grades 5 & 6 have the opportunity to participate in fun, 'challenge-style' games. In addition to these games, the kids also have the opportunity to hear a short 3-5 minute talk which presents a Christian perspective on a relevant issue facing kids today. At all times during the lunchtime program, kids are welcome to come and go as they please.

The 'Echo Kids Lunchtime Program' will be launched during Education week on Friday 24th May lunchtime every week during the school term. The program will be run by Mike, the Kids Ministry Team Leader be assisted by selected members of the Sunbury Baptist Church congregation.

We are very fortunate at Sunbury Heights to have community members who are keen to be involved with our school and provide a terrific supportive program for our children as they head towards the tricky years of adolescence.

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following students, until the 12th May
Michael Bernard, Sally De Young, Lizzie Mercer,
Riley Woolford-Grinham

Wanted for the Artroom

Catalogues or magazines containing pictures of fresh fruit and vegetables would be appreciated for art room activities.

With thanks
Jenny Caddaye

**Fundraiser Event
Sunbury Heights Shopping tour**

Saturday 7th September 2013

Depart school at 7.30am return approx 6pm.

Cost is \$70 per person, with \$35 deposit due by 21st June.

Full payment due by Friday 9th August.

Contact Kylie Gifford for more information

ph: 0448 440 075 or kyliejifford@bigpond.com

PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING

3rd May 2013

Grade	Student	Reason
1/2R	Georgia Sciberras	for writing an interesting account of The Fun Run
1/2H	Jaxon Jones-Moore	for fantastic counting by tens!
3/4K	Bridey Carew	For a tremendous persuasive writing policy.
3/4W	Joseph Ring	For working hard to use expert opinions in his writing.
5P	Dylan Kelly	for working well with others while at Salesian College
5A	Chloe Gallant	For thinking of fantastic persuasive vocabulary.
P.E. Miss Ratkowski	3/4W, 3/4A, 3/4K	For wonderful tabloid sport rotations in 3/4 Sport.
ART Mrs Caddaye	Claire Diss	for an amazing cartoon snowman

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

Dear Parents,

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013.

We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. For every \$10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem.

There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, Science, Art & Crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please visit the library and see Mrs. McIntyre.

Thanks
Bev McIntyre
Earn & Learn Coordinator

**HUME CITY COUNCIL AND CRAIGIEBURN BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION PRESENT ALL ABILITIES JUNIOR
BASKETBALL IN CRAIGIEBURN**

Council is working in partnership with the Craigieburn Eagles to develop a weekly junior basketball program for children with a disability.

Sessions will run at the Craigieburn Leisure Centre, 127—147 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn and will involve developing basketball skills, team work and having fun.

This program will be starting in May 2013 and will run on either a Friday evening or Saturday morning. Let us know your preference!

For more information or to register your interest please contact the Access for All Abilities Officer on 9205 2510 or email leisure@hume.vic.gov.au

STUDENT BANKING



During Term 2 one lucky banker will get the opportunity to go on a **\$5,000** adventure holiday with their family and also win **\$5,000** for their school. There are also some fantastic adventure kit runners up prizes as well. To be in the running simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you will be automatically entered into the competition.

To find out more visit www.commbank.com.au/adventureisland
If you aren't already banking through the school there is still time to open a Dollarmites account at the Commonwealth Bank and start banking. If you have an account already all you need to do is bring the book to school on your next banking day.

School Banking day is TUESDAY.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE NEWS

Our Premier's Reading Challenge started first term and we now have 5 students who have completed the challenge. Congratulations to the following students for being the first students to complete the challenge – **Nathan Crosland, Ciaran Garner, Chelsea Houston, Sean Knox, Jayson Parmar**

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE HONOUR ROLL

6L - Nathan Crosland, Ciaran Garner, Chelsea Houston, Sean Knox, Jayson Parmar

Have you returned your child's permission note for the Premier's Reading Challenge?

If it is still on the fridge or the kitchen bench, **please sign and return the form TOMORROW.**

There is no cost involved in the challenge and the benefits are that your child is practising their reading and discovering new ideas and information through that reading.

