



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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DECEMBER		2015	
Monday 15th	Junior School Council 'Dress Up Day' More details to follow	Wednesday 28th January	Whole School Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 16th	Grade 6 Graduation More details to follow	Thursday 29th January	Whole School Pupil Free day Students from grades 3-6 begin school and attend full time. Prep students and 1/2 students testing by appointment
Tuesday 16th	Class parties for Prep, Grades 1 & 2	Friday 30th January	
Wednesday 17th	Prep – 2 Concert More details to follow		
Wednesday 17th	Reports to go home		
Friday 19th	END OF SCHOOL YEAR 1.30PM DISMISSAL	Monday 2nd February	Students from Grades 1 and 2 begin school and attend full time
		Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th February	Students from Grades 1-2 begin school and attend full time. Prep students testing by appointment.
		Thursday 5th February	Prep Students attend fulltime.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December

Last day for lunch orders

Canteen open at Recess only

NO LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE

****Please note...some items may be unavailable****

Thankyou

Jo

Canteen Manager



NEWS AND INFORMATION

On Tuesday evening, at our last School Council and Parents and Friends meeting for 2014, our School Council, led by Carl Ashford wanted me to thank all of our parents for their contributions to Sunbury Heights this year. Carl and some of our School Councillors caught up with families at the "Thank You Morning Tea" that was held today. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped out at school this year your efforts was well and truly appreciated.

School Captains and Grade 6 leaders for 2015

Congratulations to **Caleb Bertram, Rayden Yob, Samantha Williams and Natalie McLean** who will act as the Sunbury Heights School Captains for 2015. These four students are exemplary role models for their peers and I know they will represent the school with pride. The other leadership positions for 2015 were announced today as well.

Congratulations to these students:

Junior School Councillors - Michael Mooney, Alyssa Wallace, Chelsie Hendahewa, Ashley Abbey, Natarsha Maddox, Raven Cheriaparambil, Hannah Watkins, Kristen Matenga, Jamie Clanchy, Annette Ashford and Chloe Spiteri.

House Captains-Fraser: Lily Drummond, Jack Crosland **Elliott:** Hollie Maxfield, Hunter Brough **Bradman:** Abbey McDonald, Will Uili

Laver: Phoebe Hall, Nicholas Diss

Sport Equipment: Alexandra Hazelman, Jordan Ballinger **Orchard:** Shannen Davison, Jak Maddox, Ashleigh Wairau **Flags:** Ethan Rooney, Bailey Verlaque **School Sign:** Jordan Neuwert, Sarah Wilson Hickey **XO Technicians:** Blayde Campbell-Ware, Daniel Penny, Chelsea-Rae Taggart, Matthew McGann **Library:** Tamiah Gardiner, Chloe Bromage

A Badge Presentation Ceremony will take place early in 2015 for all our School Leaders.

2015 SCHOOL STRUCTURE:

The school structure for 2015 is as follows. The three specialist subjects will be Art, Science and PE.

Our final class structure has been developed to try to maintain class sizes appropriate to the needs of the students across the school.

The organisation of classes and teachers assigned to each class are as follows:

Prep

Prep Lewis (Team Leader)

Prep Kelly

Junior School

1/2 Ross (Team Leader)

1/2 Portelli

1/2 Harding

Middle School

3/4(Y) De Young (Team Leader)

3/4 Knight

3/4 de Waart

Senior School

5 Andersen

5 Pianura

6 Langmaid (Team Leader)

6 O'Keefe

TRANSITION:

On Tuesday a very successful Step Up Program was implemented across the school. All current students, as well as our new enrolments spent the day in their 2014 year level class.

When I visited the classrooms, students were excited about what the new year holds and could clearly tell me what they were looking forward too. Joined writing, Grade 3 and 4 sports featured highly for many of our Grade 2 students.

Our grade 1 students were amazed at how much they would be able to write by the end of Grade 2 and our Grade 5 students were looking forward to being buddies for our incoming Preps.

Feedback from parents suggested that the consistency of the activities ensured that all students had many of their anxieties and concerns allayed and I thank Cathie Morcom and the staff for the effort they put into the planning of the day.

New Prep parents had the opportunity to meet with myself and other staff members to have a conversation around what hopes and dreams they have for their children and how the school can help them achieve them. Noah, Jayden and Jayden had a fun time as you can see in the photo.



GRADE 6 GRADUATION:

Our Grade Six Graduation will be held next Tuesday evening. The students will enjoy a meal with their class teachers at the Bowling Club, a disco and then formal presentations. This is an opportunity for students to share their Primary School years with their parents. It is a night that will be one of mixed emotions, the excitement at the prospect of starting a new stage of life in the transition to Secondary School and a touch of sadness at the conclusion of seven years of primary school. It is an exciting time though and as our students enter this next stage, I encourage them to, seize the moment.

Set yourself some goals to strive for not only next year, but for the future and work hard towards achieving them

Farewell Grade 6 and all the best, "You have been "wicked."

JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT:

I am sure all of our families will thoroughly enjoy the Junior School Concert next Wednesday evening.

I am sure the thorough organisation and coordination of the concert by Rebecca Lewis and the Junior School teachers and support staff will ensure the evening goes off without a hitch.

Thank you to all the staff for planning the program and teaching the students the items they will present.

REPORTING:

Student's reports will be sent home next Wednesday 17th 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.

CLASS PARTIES:

Class parties for students in Grades Prep to 2 will be held next Tuesday. Next Monday afternoon students in grades 3-5 will enjoy a 3/4/5 combined class picnic from 3pm-4.30pm.

Individual teaching teams will contact families with specific details about arrangements for class celebrations.

News from the Department

Help your child beat the brain slump these holidays.

Summer holidays are a great time to get your child reading for relaxation.

Most children are pleased to have a break from the rigours of school work over the summer holidays, but many will not open a book again until the beginning of the next school year. Not only does this make it difficult to get back into the swing of study when the time arises, it also means a valuable opportunity is missed.

And that is the opportunity to discover the joy of reading for pleasure.

Reading for pleasure is a wonderful way for your child to escape and unwind. It's also a great way to keep their brain active.

Studies have shown that children who stop reading over the school holidays experience something American researchers call the "summer slide" - a term used to refer to students' learning losses over the summer break.

Researchers used the analogy of a 'tap' to provide some insight into their findings, saying that while children are at school there is a flow of information, and all children have the same opportunities to learn.

When they are not at school, however that 'tap' is turned off, unless there is some active engagement with books or other resources. Children whose 'tap' stays on throughout the summer holidays return to school with an advantage over those whose 'tap' may have been turned off for the past two months.

Over time, that advantage accumulates, and becomes a reason why some children are more successful at school than others.

Success aside, there is a world of enjoyment waiting to be discovered inside the pages of picture books and novels. Books are perfect for the sofa, the back lawn and the beach – all the places your child is most likely to be lounging these school holidays.

The Department has even compiled book lists for children of different ages – making it easy to find something for your pre-schooler, Preppy, eight-year-old or teenager.

The book lists, which are refreshed every year by reading experts to include popular new releases, form part of the Premiers' Reading Challenge – an annual event that inspires young people of all ages to read more books.

So while their textbooks may be closed for the summer, their brains certainly shouldn't be. Make sure your children have a ready supply of books that appeal to their age and interests these school holidays, and help them discover the joy of reading for fun.

To download a copy of the Premiers' Reading Challenge booklists, visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx>

The Bureau of Meteorology has forecast a hot summer. It's important for schools and children's services to be ready to manage extreme heat, and support your communities to be prepared for the hot weather ahead of the holidays.

Remember to Take Your Child with you when you Park the Car this Summer

Summer has arrived and it's important to remember the dangers of leaving young children unattended in the car. It can result in serious injury or death.

Within minutes, the temperature in a parked car can double; leaving young children vulnerable to the life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other health issues. If you have to leave the car, even just to run a quick errand, take your child with you. You never know how long just a quick stop at shops will take - it's just not worth the risk.

For information about the dangers of leaving children in cars when it's hot visit www.kidsafevic.com.au.

Stay healthy in the heat

With hot weather on the horizon, it's important to plan ahead and know what to do when the heat hits. Young children, alongside older people and people with disabilities, are at greater risk of getting sick from the heat.

Think of ways you can prepare your home, for example, checking your cooling appliances are working. If it's just not possible to stay cool at home, have some places in mind of where you could go to escape the heat - and get there early.

Remember, power failures can happen in extreme heat. Think about what you will do to stay cool if this happens.

If you have concerns about staying healthy, in the heat, see your doctor or call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24.

For more information, visit www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat.

The Sunsmart App

Know how and when to protect your family from sun damage by downloading the free SunSmart app for Smartphones and tablets.

With a few clicks, you can find the weather, temperature, UV level and daily sun protection times anywhere in Australia, so you know when you do and don't need sun protection.

The App includes a sunscreen calculator and vitamin D tracker tool.

The SunSmart app was developed by the SunSmart team at Cancer Council Victoria and can be [downloaded here](#).

LAST NEWSLETTER 2014:

As this is our last newsletter for 2014 I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, children and the school community for a great 2014 school year.

A whole school assembly will take place on Friday 19th December and students will be dismissed from the assembly between 1.20pm and 1.30pm.

Enjoy the break from routine over the holidays, with best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Regards,
Kaye Mills
Principal



A MESSAGE FROM MY DESK - 2015 BOOK PACKS

This note is to advise you that if you have a current healthcare card, you will be eligible to receive a discount of \$85.00 towards your 2015 fees. This will leave you with a balance of \$130.

If your 2014 account is in arrears, you will be ineligible for this discount.

\$85 - Book pack

\$40 - Essential items

\$40 - I.C.T.

\$50 – family contribution (one charge of \$50.00 per family)

Also, if your child does not have a XO, there is a one off charge of \$30.00. Your health care card must be dated to the 28th January 2015 or later.

Payment options we offer:

\$33.00 per term

\$5.00 per week

\$10.00 per fortnight

See Kerry Hicks for banking details to pay directly into school's bank account.

If you are ineligible for a health care card and need to implement a direct debit plan to help budget for school fees and associated costs please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanking you Kerry Hicks



2014 Yearbooks

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 2014.

It looks fantastic and will be a wonderful keepsake.

The yearbook cost is \$15.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
1/2R	Shannon Verlaque	For being able to spell 200 MIOOW words.
1/2P	Riley Bennett	For great progress and determination in Reading.
1/2H	Tyson Lamb	For great listening and following directions!
P.E.	3/4Y	For a fantastic P.E. session.
ART	3/4D	For a fantastic term in Art.
Mrs DEXTER	Mason Duggan	For improvement in his attitude towards learning and behavior in general.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 31st January, 2015

Alex Braun, Brodie Miller, Phoebe Hall, Mitchell Crosland, Chloe Desira, Jack Bishop, Christian Verlaque, Zoe Ryan, Aljon Banting, Jesse Newbery, Jackson Olivieri, Laura Hunt, Cameron Symes, Linh Nguyen, Kasey Sciberras, Chloe Spiteri, Jack Price, Lachlan Gilpin, Tamara Tichy, Jacob Nutting, Mason Duggan, Alyssa Wallace, Skye James, Ashleigh Wairau, Ashleigh Down, Bryce Street, Ashton Hedges, Mackenzie Walker, Chloe Bromage, Marko Zecevic, Mauola Faato, Lilly Greenwodd-Davis, Blayde Campbell-Ware, Riley Bennett, Tamiah Gardiner

Stuck On You – Labels and Gifts Fundraiser

With the Christmas holidays just around the corner it's time to start thinking about the 2015 school year. Stuck on you offers labels for all your school labelling needs from clothing, hats and drink bottles to pencils and books, an investment that will save you money as you are not needing to replace lost items. It's a perfect way to support your child's school while saving yourself time and money.

Simply purchase the products you require at their online store and make sure you enter the code that is on the attached flyer so that Sunbury Heights can receive up to 20% Commission on all orders which will go towards our 2015 fundraising efforts.

Thank you from

The Parents and Friends Committee

Sunbury Heights Primary School Cookbook:

Don't forget that there are still copies of our Sunbury Heights' recipe book available from the office. They are only \$10 each and make great Christmas presents. Every cent from the sale of these books goes to Sunbury Heights to support our school.

If anyone is able to take some of the recipe books to their workplace to give more people the opportunity to purchase a copy, we would appreciate this. Unsold copies can be returned. Please see Kerry Hicks in the office if you'd be happy to do this.

Here is an example of the type of wonderful recipes contributed by those in our school community for our recipe book:

Old Fashioned Macaroni Pudding

1/4 cup small macaroni

2 cups milk

1/2 cup sugar

3 eggs

1/2 cup sultanas

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Cook macaroni in boiling salted water for 12-15 minutes or until tender. Drain well and place in a bowl. Add milk, sugar, lightly beaten eggs, sultanas and vanilla. Mix well. Pour into a greased shallow ovenproof dish. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Bake in a moderately slow oven for 40-50 minutes until golden.

**For another great example (Shepherd's pie) see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/sunburyheightsprimaryschool.