



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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30<sup>th</sup> October 2014

OCTOBER			DECEMBER		
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Non Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation		Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Prep – 2 Athletics More details to follow	
			Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council – 6.30pm	
	<b>NOVEMBER</b>		Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Transition	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>NO SCHOOL – PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>		Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Grade 6 Graduation More details to follow	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	School Council – 6.30pm		Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Prep – 2 Concert More details to follow	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	2015 Prep Transition		<b>2015</b>		
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	2015 Prep Transition		Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole school Pupil Free day	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Prep Aquarium Excursion		Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole school Pupil Free day	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Non Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation		Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Students from grades 3-6 begin school and attend full time. Prep students and 1/2 students testing by appointment	
<b>NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER GOLD COIN DONATION</b> 			Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Students from Grades 1 and 2 begin school and attend fulltime.	
			Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Students from Grades 1-2 begin school and attend full time. Prep students testing by appointment.	
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## A Message from Kerry Hicks (Business Manager)



Did you know you can pay your school account directly into the school's bank account?

Transferring \$5.00 weekly/fortnightly into your account (layby system) really adds up over the year.

When excursions, camps, etc come up, the money sitting in your account is then credited off the charge. If you are interested, please contact me.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION



The Victorian Education Service Awards commemorate the contribution that those with 40, 45 and 50 Years' service have made to education. On Sunday a presentation ceremony took place at the Pullman Albert Park Hotel and I was there! This year, more than 240 of attended the ceremony with their families or friends. I took my friend Janet who I met at teacher's college in 1973 and still am great friends with. The Hon. Martin Dixon, MP, Minister for Education and the Hon. Wendy Lovell, MP, Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development, presented certificates to 40 Year recipients, forty 45 Year recipients and five 50 Year recipients, who are celebrating being a part of Victorian education since the 1960s or 70s.



## Grade Placement 2015

In the very near future we will begin organising our classroom structure for 2015. Our final structure will depend on our student enrolment numbers, available classrooms, teacher schedules and possible changes to government policy that may impact on our decision-making. Regardless of these factors there is always some very relevant information that parents convey to us that we take into consideration when arranging student groupings. Some examples of parent requests we consider have included:

*Siblings may be in consecutive year levels e.g.: a year 5 and a year 6 and the parent wishes that they are not placed in the same class.*

*The separation of twins or alternatively parents may prefer the twins to be placed in the same class.*

*Two individuals may work together really well and would benefit from being placed together in the same class or they may not work well together and should be separated.*

Each year, we ask parents to inform us in writing of relevant information. Please note that this is not a teacher selection opportunity but one which may influence the children's social and academic grouping to ensure all students' needs are met. Whilst we cannot guarantee your requests will be met, we assure you that the information you present will be carefully considered.

Requests must be made in writing and should be addressed to myself as follows - 'Confidential – 2015 Grade Placement'.

Requests for grade placement should be lodged at the office no later than Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014. Any parent, who has lodged a request in a previous year, should resubmit their request in writing, even if their circumstances remain unchanged.

## Remembrance Day

At Sunbury Heights Primary School, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day. On Tuesday November 11. Our school captains Rachael Wilkinson, Kasey Sciberras, Mauricio Barragan Orea and TJ Bartlett will travel with Mr O'Keefe to our local commemorative service and they will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

## AROUND THE SCHOOL

### Science Report

In Science this term the grade 3/4 team are learning about force and friction. Today Mr d's grade did some awesome experiments to see what they could find out. First they did a bare handed tug of war. Then the losing team wore rubber gloves. They won easily. Next the new losing team wore the gloves and they won! Dane told me that he learnt that the friction between the rope and your hands gave you rope burn or sore hands but when you wore gloves there was no friction and they could perform better because their hands weren't hurting.



### Eat My Art

Brodie Corcoran certainly is talented when it comes to Art. Yesterday he was busy helping prepare drums for an item for the Junior School Concert and today he whipped up a meal of spaghetti bolognese with a banana fritter on the side. It looked so real I nearly ate it.

## MILO T20 Cricket.

Next Friday Mr Knight is taking 20 of our grade 4/5/6 students to Dixon Field in Gisborne to play Milo T20 Cricket. Our Boys and Girls teams are playing against schools from around the Gisborne/Sunbury area. Milo Cricket is run by Cricket Victoria. The MILO T20 Blast School Cup is a fast, fun, safe carnival. Teams of primary school students play a minimum of four games over four hours. As well as encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle, the kids develop teamwork, leadership and fundamental movement skills. The modified game format encourages equal participation across batting, bowling, fielding and wicket keeping, regardless of ability.

## Smoking Ban

On 1 July 2009 the Minister for Education exercised the power under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* to prohibit smoking in all government schools. The ban is to ensure there is no smoking on school premises and that smoking is actively discouraged at all times including at school sanctioned events held off school premises. In line with this policy I would like to discourage parents who are waiting for students after school from smoking out the front of the school.

## Student Wellbeing: Parent Behaviour Around The School

In the interests of all students we ask that parents be mindful of their behaviour in and around the school during drop off and pick up times. As role models we need to always demonstrate courtesy and respect for one another in our interactions with others. We also ask parents to be mindful of their language and tone of voice as children can become anxious when adults show or voice aggression.

The welfare of our students is of paramount importance to us all and we therefore ask that parents refrain from approaching other children or adults regarding any personal matters which are of concern.

Where issues arise at school, please contact Kaye Mills, so that the matter can be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with DEECD procedures.

## EMA Changes 2015

In 2014 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) was made available to families in need to support the costs associated with education. The final payment for the 2014 EMA was made in August 2014. Parents will **not** be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015. In place of EMA, money has been allocated to eligible schools. Sunbury Heights is an eligible school.

At Sunbury Heights Primary School we are committed to ensuring our students receive fair and equitable educational opportunities. As such, the school is currently in the process of considering funding supplied through the core operational funding mechanism and the ways in which

families in need can be supported. It is anticipated that families with a valid health care card as of the 27<sup>th</sup> of January, 2015 will still be able to access support from the school in a form that is yet to be decided.

### **Pupil Free Days for 2015**

January

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

Whole school Pupil Free days – No students attend school.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Students from grades 3-6 begin school and attend full time.

Prep students and 1/2 students testing by appointment.

February

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Students from grades 1-2 begin school and attend full time.

Prep students testing by appointment.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Prep students attend full time.

Pupil Free Days for 2015

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 14 August

### **1/2 INCURSION**

**The 1/2 Incursion is next Thursday 6 November.** This incursion is a very important part of our next unit of work on Toys and Games of the Past. **The charge is \$5. Payments are now due.**

We are very pleased to have found a low cost incursion that will really support your child's learning.

The incursion will be from 9:00 - 11:00 am. There are no other sessions so we would appreciate that medical and dental appointments are not made on that day.

We ask that payment is given to the classroom teacher. Last day for payment is Wednesday 5 November.

*Carmel Ross*

*Year 1/2 Team Leader*

### **SCHOOL BANKING**

Remember School Banking is **Tuesday**

You can bank as much as you like every week, School Banking is about frequency not value.

Every time a student makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmite reward item shown below.

Open your child's account at The Commonwealth Bank (any branch)

If your child already has a YOUTHSAVER account at home simply bring that in on banking day and hand to their teacher with their \$ safely enclosed inside

### **2014 Rewards**



2014 reward items include a:

- Handball
- Scented Pencils
- Penguin and Dolphin Keyrings
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Tin Moneybox
- Swimming Bag
- Projector Cup
- Sea Streamers

*Any questions please call our local School Banking Specialist;*

Rachel Manlio / [Rachel.manliol@cba.com.au](mailto:Rachel.manliol@cba.com.au)



### **COMPLETE KIDS**

We are taking expressions of interest for a 3 & 4 year old sessional Kindergarten Program to be run within Sunbury Heights Primary School.

Contact: 03 9740 2111

75 Phillip Drive,

Sunbury 3429

[www.completekids.net](http://www.completekids.net)

**SUNBURY ROTARY MARKET** this Saturday 1st November.

9am-2pm – 531 Elizabeth Dve Sunbury.

Sunbury Rotary Market

Committee member

Ph: 0400 740 403

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Isabella Hall, Dakota Bethune, Karlee Semmens, Nikita Johns

### Sunbury Heights Primary School YEARBOOKS for sale.

Did you miss out on buying a Sunbury Heights Primary School Yearbook?  
We still have stock available from the last 4 years.

If you would like to buy a yearbook please enclose the correct money in an envelope with students name, grade and the year you would like to buy.  
Please refer to the pricing and copies available below.

YEAR	Copies available	Price
2013	26	\$5.00 each
2012	39	\$2.00 each
2011	82	\$2.00 each
2010	66	\$2.00 each

### PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep K	Curtis O'Shannessy	For great improvements in his writing.
1/2R	Emma Bridges	For being able to spell 100 MIOOW words.
1/2P	Jaymee Foss	For excellent comprehension when reading.
1/2H	Jaiden Manton	For trying really hard with presentation of work.
1/2K	Amy DeYoung	For great persistence learning about equivalent fractions.
3/4Y	Shelby Smith	For working so hard at your singing and dancing and singing at the Station Café.
3/4d	Jesse Newbery	For working well on his spelling and reading.
5P	Jak Maddox	For showing persistence and resilience at 5/6 sport.
5A	Chloe Bromage	For always being a reliable and conscientious member of the class.
6L	Jazzy Scharl	For being a conscientious and hard working class member.
P.E.	1/2R	For a focused and well organized lesson in P.E.
ART	6L	For giving 100% in making their masks.
SCIENCE	Brock Ireland	For being actively engaged in creating a circuit in Science.
Mrs Adams SUPPORT	Aalyrah Tuariki	For sharing her excellent knowledge about toys with the class.
Mrs Williams	Shaylee Williamson 3/4K	For completing her 100 Reading Lessons with enthusiasm.

## Knowing What To Do In An Emergency Situation Could Save Your Child's Precious Life

Kids First Aid offers the only first aid courses delivered exclusively by experienced paramedics, designed to teach parents, grandparents and caregivers how to respond calmly and confidently to 10 of the most common first aid emergency situations.

**Courses available now :** Sunbury (Melbourne), Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2014, 9am to 12pm,  
Gonnawarra Golf Club, 2 Frances Blvd, Sunbury.

Book Online Today: [www.kidsfirstaid.com.au](http://www.kidsfirstaid.com.au) or call 1300 138 133

Private Sessions also available



