5th March 2015

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<td>Wednesday 18th</td>
<td>Curriculum Day – No School</td>
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<td>Friday 27th</td>
<td>Last Day Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal</td>
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<td>**** To be advised</td>
<td>5/6 Stepping Up Evening...early Term 2</td>
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<td>Friday 17th</td>
<td>Grades 3-6 Cross Country...2pm</td>
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<td>Anzac Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL</td>
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FUNDRAISER – CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Just a reminder that monies and all unsold chocolates to be returned to school on or before the 10th of March. Every child that returns their money and any unsold chocolates on or before the date will receive a surprise!

Payments

Payments can be made directly into the school’s bank account? Transferring $5.00 weekly/fortnightly into your account (layby system) really adds up over the year and when and payment is required this money is credited off the charge.

If you have questions or concerns regarding paying for school activities please see Kaye or Kerry Hicks.

School Information Evenings

Last night we had our 1/2 Parent Information Session. It was very pleasing to see 45 students from this area of the school and their parents participating in the activities that were organised in the “Information Backpack.” After some time in their child’s class I “entertained” the students while the parents did some learning. I hear the handwriting of some of our parents was awarded a gold star! The parents were keen to take home their homework. They are to share with the classroom teacher things they would like the teacher to know about their child. Thank you to Mrs Ross, Miss Portelli and Ms Harding for planning such a fun filled and informative evening for the families in the team.

Middle School Information Evening

The Middle School will be holding their information next Wednesday evening at 6.30pm. I hope that all families take the opportunity to come along with their child and learn about the middle school classroom program and special event calendar that is proposed for the 2015 school year. Our RED STAR AWARD program will also be a feature of the evening.

The RED STAR AWARD is an initiative to reward students for completing specific tasks related to reading, helping at home, citizenship, the environment, health and hobbies.

Students can work through the task at their own pace.

Junior School Councillors will provide stickers for encouragement as students work towards receiving their RED Star.

The Red Star is a badge which students will be able to wear on their school uniform.
Senior School Information Evening
The grade 5/6 session Stepping Up and Stepping Out will be held on April 14. The focus of this session is how in grade 5/6 we prepare the students for the next stage of their learning and Secondary School. More Information regarding the specifics of this evening will be distributed with the students closer to the time. If you need to talk to your child’s class teacher prior to this please don’t hesitate to make contact.

Girls Cricket
Three of our grade 5/6 students, Raven Cheryiaparambil, Abby McDonald, and Maddison Shaw Barton have been offered a wonderful opportunity to try out for the Victorian School Girl’s Cricket Team. The girls were spotted last year when they represented our school in cricket. Mr Knight will take them for the try outs next week. Let’s hope they make some runs and take a few wickets to impress the selectors!

Interschool Athletics Sports
The Interschool Athletic Sports will be held next Friday. Leanne Ratkowski, Andrew Knight and Nicole Langmaid will be the attending staff and would love to see as many parents come along to support their child.

Interschool Swimming Sports
Thank you to the students who represented our school with pride at last Thursday’s Interschool Swimming Carnival. All the children tried their best and were eager to encourage other swimmers. Thank you to Mrs Langmaid, Mrs Lewis and Mrs De Young for attending the sports, as representatives of SHPS.

Student Voice
In the coming weeks the students in Grades 3-6 will participate in a survey that is divided into six sections:

- Feelings about school
- Behaviour
- Ability attitude and effort
- My Teacher
- My future
- My chance to tell teachers about anything

Sunbury Heights completes this survey after the students have settled into the new classroom. Each staff member will look at the surveys and uses the results that each child has written to form some opinions about how each student has settled in academically, socially and emotionally to the classroom. The grade 3-6 teachers will then meet as a group and look for common elements. There may be a need for class discussions or for the classroom teacher to catch up with students to try to find possible solutions if any concerns have arisen.

This initial survey leads into the DEECOD’s Student Attitude to School Survey
The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. It assists schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s schooling experience. This is the eleventh year that the survey has been offered. Students from Year 5 and 6 at our school will participate in the survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school during April and May.

The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child’s class time. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. The results will be communicated to parents through our newsletter and the annual reporting process. The information gained from the survey helps us to plan initiatives to ensure our students remained engaged in their learning. It also helped us ascertain an insight into how students felt when they were transitioning to the next grade level as well as the level of safety they feel when at school.

Doxa Camp
Tyler Kelly’s recount of DOXA camp
It was a very long wait until we got to camp the train took so long it felt like I was on a snail. But it was fun though. Me and my friends played eye spy, but some minutes later we finally got to the bus which would take us to camp in about 40 minutes. We finally got there to meet the staff Clint, Daniel, Patrick and the chef Bek. My roommates were pretty good. I had Lachlan, Joseph and Riley. Once we got there we had heaps of fun there was a game called camouflage, we did archery and the next day we cooked sticky date pudding.

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<th>Student</th>
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<td>Hayden de Young</td>
<td>For using writing strategies to add interest to his writing pieces.</td>
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<td>3/4Y</td>
<td>Maoula Faato</td>
<td>For great narrative writing.</td>
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<td>3/4d</td>
<td>Violet Bastos</td>
<td>For wonderful post test results.</td>
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<td>5P</td>
<td>Tyler Kelly</td>
<td>For his fantastic approach to everything at camp. Well Done!!!</td>
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<td>S8</td>
<td>Laine Reithmuller</td>
<td>For being responsible, reliable, and having a resilient attitude.</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>6L</td>
<td>For a great session in PE.</td>
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<td>ART</td>
<td>3/4Y</td>
<td>For everyone working hard and trying their best in Art.</td>
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<td>SCIENCE</td>
<td>Prep L</td>
<td>For listening well in Science.</td>
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Junior School Council News – Flag Poles

HELP US PROUDLY FLY OUR FLAGS

Our Junior School Council project to erect flag poles at the front of the school is well underway.

From the casual day last week, $222 was added to the $241 raised last year, resulting in a total to date of $463.

The original plan was for three flag poles so we could fly the Australian, Aboriginal and State flags side by side. However, flag poles have turned out to be quite expensive and we are now planning to erect only two poles at a cost of $2183.50.

In addition to the money raised by the students we have applied for a $500 grant from the Federal Government.

We still need over $1000 to cover costs. If you know of anyone, or perhaps a company, who might like to make a donation to this project please contact Cathie Morcom.

Own You Own Chook!

Have you ever wanted to have chooks but your backyard is too small?

Do your children want a pet but you don’t want to have to feed and care for one?

We have a unique opportunity just for you.

At Sunbury Heights Primary School you can OWN YOUR OWN CHOOK and we will do all the work!!!

To take advantage of this unique opportunity all you need to do is write your family name and “Chook Ownership” on the outside of an envelope, put $20 in the envelope and send it along to school. We will purchase a chook for you, send you a photo of your chook, feed your chook and even send your chook on exciting holidays during term breaks. You can name your chook and your children can enjoy visiting the ‘family pet’ every day at school.

Don’t be a chicken – buy your own chook!

Scholastic Book Club is due back on the 12th March 2015

If you would like to purchase any books, please send your order form with enclosed money, back to school by the due date in an envelope marked Scholastic Book Club.

If you would like to order and pay by credit card visit: scholastic.com.au/LOOP. There is no need to fill in the order form or send anything back to school if you use LOOP. All orders are delivered to school.

All orders earn commission for our school so that we can get new books for our library.

Bev McIntyre

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
To the following students, until the 8th March, 2015
Noah Stick, Kyle Hills
Reminder: School banking is every Tuesday

Rewarding good savings:
To help reward individual savings efforts, every time a student deposits into their Youthsaver account through School Banking, regardless of the amount, they'll receive a Dollarmites token.
Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exciting reward items. They'll also receive a certificate when they reach certain savings milestones.

Available in Term 1 when you have collected 10 tokens are:

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

COMPLETE KIDS NEWS
Are you children bored when they arrive home?

Do they ask to see their friends, join a sporting club or want to eat you out of house and home?
Our Complete Kids Before and After School Care program offers activities from Sport to Cooking to Craft. Children have the opportunity to socialize with their friends and make new friends! We offer both afternoon snacks late snacks along with anything our future chefs can cook during their cooking class. For those children who can't sit still, our sporting program is here for you. Our program allows children to work on their fitness, gross motor and team playing skills - all in a fun and supportive environment.

Please call 9740 2111 for further information or to make your booking.
What's on

Family DIY workshop event

FREE KIDS DIY WORKSHOPS

- Kids learn how to build a wooden toy BBQ unit with D.I.Y presenter Steve
- Each child can make a pen holder

Adults workshops: Floating floor demo with Tarkett

Bookings on
Phone 9744 0600 RSVP Tues 10th March

Light refreshments provided, bookings essential.

95 Vineyard Road, Sunbury  Phone 9744 0600

Bunnings Warehouse
**AUTUMN Program**
**BOOKINGS OPEN 23.2.2015**

*Book on TIQBiz!*

**Don't be bored these school holidays, STOP Nagging MUM, come to Complete Kids and have some FUN!!!**

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<td>WILD ACTION VISIT LUNCH PROVIDED</td>
<td>PREPARE TO BE FOOLSED ON APRIL FOOLS DAY- Magician visit</td>
<td>EASTER AT HANGING ROCK EXCURSION</td>
<td>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE CLOSED</td>
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**BOOKINGS CLOSE FRIDAY 13.3.2014**

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<td>EASTER MONDAY SERVICE CLOSED</td>
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<td>WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION</td>
<td>MOVIES @ READING CINEMAS- EXCURSION</td>
<td>TAKE 2 KIDSTOWN ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND EXCURSION</td>
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**AFTER CCB & CCR REBATES YOU COULD PAY AS LITTLE AS 9.20 PER Day**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE & CONFIRMED 20th MARCH**
**PAYMENTS DEDUCTED 25th MARCH**
EVERYONE LOVES DRAMA
PARENTS LOVE THE RESULTS!

For the past 30 years, our self-development, drama programme has been helping children (5-17 years) with their creativity, confidence and communication skills.

The acclaimed Helen O'Grady programme helps your child become:

An Effective Communicator
A Confident, Happy Student
An Empowered Participant in a full Life

Our teachers have received specialist training in the Helen O'Grady Drama System ensuring that:

Your child is made to feel valued
Everyone is involved in the learning process
Each lesson is motivational and fun!

CLASSES ARE HELD IN:

| Mill Park | Greensborough |
| Coburg   | Essendon     |
| Craigieburn | Keilor Downs |
|           | Sunbury      |

To find out more, please phone 1300 OGRADY or Principal, Joanna Melo Howard on:

0459 160 263