



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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6th November 2014

OCTOBER		DECEMBER	
	NOVEMBER	Friday 5 th December	Prep – 2 Athletics More details to follow
Monday 10 th November	School Council – 6.30pm	Monday 8 th December	School Council – 6.30pm
Tuesday 18 th November	2015 Prep Transition 2.15pm- 3.15pm	Tuesday 9 th December	Whole School Transition
Tuesday 25 th November	State Rugby Finals Selected Students	Tuesday 11 th December	Whole School Backpack Sales 8am-4pm
Tuesday 25 th November	2015 Prep Transition 2.15pm-3.15pm	Tuesday 16 th December	Grade 6 Graduation More details to follow
Thursday 27 th November	Prep Aquarium Excursion	Wednesday 17 th December	Prep – 2 Concert More details to follow
Friday 28 th November	Non Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation		2015
		Tuesday 27 th January	Whole School Backpack Sales 8am-4pm
		Wednesday 28 th January	Whole school Pupil Free day
		Thursday 29 th January	Whole school Pupil Free day
		Friday 30 th January	Students from grades 3-6 begin school and attend full time. Prep students and 1/2 students testing by appointment
		Monday 2 nd February	Students from Grades 1 and 2 begin school and attend fulltime.
		Monday 2 nd – Wednesday 4 th February	Students from Grades 1-2 begin school and attend full time. Prep students testing by appointment.
		Thursday 5 th February	Prep Students attend fulltime.

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 Kerry Hicks.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

I hope that everyone enjoyed a relaxing break on Tuesday and made the most of the Spring sunshine. Thank fully some of our neighbours in Leichardt Street stayed home and were quick to report to police when they noticed an act of vandalism. This prompt action stopped the act of a \$300 broken window from turning into a full blown burglary. If you live in the vicinity of the school and you notice and over the weekend of an evening or on the holidays anything untoward happening we would appreciate you calling 000 to report the incident.



Toys Toys Toys

What a fantastic opportunity to have a Toy Museum visit our school today. I certainly was reminiscing about swap cards, music boxes and miniature metal sewing machines when I visited the exhibition before school this morning.

Today our Year 1/2 students (and their teachers!) enjoyed a journey of how toys have changed over the years. Karen Ralph shared her amazing collection of toys and knowledge with our students and gave them a great introduction to their next unit on Toys and Hobbies from Years Gone By. The staff were thrilled to be able to provide such an experience for our students at a low cost.



Victorian School Sports Awards: Outstanding School and Community Partnership

Sunbury Heights and NRL Game Development Melbourne Storm has been nominated for a Victorian School Sports Awards in the category, Outstanding School and Community Partnership. Leanne Ratkowski in conjunction with Ryan Walker (NRL Game Development Manager) should be commended for all the efforts they have put in to ensure this program has developed to what it is today.

In 2010 Sunbury Heights Primary School established a small partnership with NRL Game Development Melbourne Storm. The development officer appointed to our school ensured us that it wasn't a "one off" and that it would be a structured developmental program that all students regardless of gender or age could be involved in and benefit from during their primary school years. Leanne Ratkowski also believed it would provide our students with a lifelong love of a sport that maybe they had no previous involvement with and one that would provide them with many hours of enjoyment. The NRL program now plays a vital role not only in our sporting and physical education classes but also at times crosses over into literacy and Civics and Citizenship. There have been other benefits in terms of our community's feeling of self-worth and pride in the achievements of the school at local, district and state levels. The 2013 Melbourne Storm Christmas Party being held at Sunbury Heights and the presentation of a signed Melbourne Storm Guernsey was the culmination of our partnership. The partnership is reciprocal and we believe that we give back to NRL Game Development Melbourne Storm in kind for the positive impact they have had on our school and the wider community of Sunbury.

All the training and development has paid off as this year we have two teams competing in the state Rugby finals on Tuesday 25th November.

Cottage by the Sea

Once again some of our senior school students will be off on Monday to Cottage by the Sea at Queenscliff. The children will enjoy a week long holiday adventure. Trained and qualified staff coordinate activities, including beach games, rock pool rambling, swimming, horse riding surfing lessons, art activities, cooking and bike riding.

When selecting students we considered students using the following criteria:

- Someone who would benefit from a fun filled seaside holiday.
- A reward for improved behavior.
- Someone who could act as a role model for other students.

We hope they all have a fun filled time and hopefully one of the staff may be able to visit later in the week to join in and to let us know how they are going.

Warm Weather Alerts

Drink Bottles:

With the warmer weather creeping in we encourage students to stay hydrated and make sure they bring a water bottle to school for use within the classroom. Individual teachers have classroom rules about whether bottles are on tables, on the sink or kept in a bag. We encourage you to send along water for your child to drink from during the day. Students wanting to leave the classroom for a drink interrupt their own and their classmates learning.

Casual Clothes Day

Please remember on Casual Clothes days (Fridays), students must wear closed toe shoes, shirts or t-shirts with sleeves and a broad brimmed hat.

Snakes

As parents and staff it is important to remind our students that snakes are more likely to be encountered on warm, sunny days, especially in grassy areas and along creeks. In classrooms we will be talking about snakes and safe practices. Please remind your child if they see a snake in your garden or house, do not try to catch or kill the snake. Walk away from it slowly and keep an eye on it from a safe distance (several metres away). Keep your pets safely away from it and the snake will usually move on in its own time. Snakes don't want to be near humans any more than humans generally want to be near snakes.

As in other first aid situations, prevention is better than cure. That is why we recommend that students should wear solid shoes and socks even when the weather is warmer.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
1/2P	Arran Garner	Fantastic effort in spelling.
1/2H	Cheyenne Moretto	For positive attitude when working and playing.
3/4K	Sasha Wanyama	Great efforts in his home learning.
3/4Y	Mauola Faato	For learning lots of new skills during our work on fractions.
3/4d	Erynn Bulmer-Smyth	For following directions and helping in class.
5P	Sarah Wilson-Hickey	For settling in well to Sunbury Heights and showing confidence and organisation
P.E.	Jordan Ballinger	For great fielding in PE.
ART	Kyle Hills	For focusing well in Art.
SCIENCE	Jayden Rowbottom	For being so eager to explore circuits and what they can do.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 9th November
Caleb Bertram, Sky Price, Justine Galvez, Ashton Varapodio.

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 27th of January, 2015 will still be able to access support from the school in a form that is yet to be decided.

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*



Sunbury Heights Primary School Cookbook:



We still have copies of our Sunbury Heights' Recipe Book for sale. With Christmas just around the corner, why not consider buying one or more copies for family and friends. The recipe book features great recipes provided by our school community. The Community Health Centre has included tips for healthy eating and each cookbook costs only \$10. The recipe books are spiral bound for easy use. The photos in the recipe book were all taken at Sunbury Heights by

a professional photographer and are a delight to look at. The books are a great gift for grandparents and perfect for all those people who are difficult to buy for. The entire \$10 from the sale of each recipe book goes directly to Sunbury Heights to support our kids. It's a great way to support our school as well as a way to cross a few names off your Christmas list! Recipe books are available at the school office or money can be sent to your child's classroom in an envelope with details clearly labelled. Please spread the word and thanks for your support!