**NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**New Flag Poles**
Two new flag poles were installed over the holidays – thank you Leo and Ray. Our year six Flag Monitors couldn’t wait to raise the flags but first they had to find out the correct flag placement. They found that when two flag poles are at right angles to a main building, the Australian flag is flown on the pole closest to the kerb.

The flag pole project has been a huge undertaking of our Junior School Council. After two casual days and an Easter hamper raffle, we still haven’t quite covered the costs. Our final effort to raise money for the flag poles will be a BBQ breakfast on April 24th, prior to our ANZAC Service. This will be a ‘pay on the day’ BBQ run by the Parents and Friends group. More information regarding the menu and prices will be provided closer to the date.

**Back to Learning**
It was terrific to see students back at school, happy and ready to learn on Monday. Students in grades three and four started the term writing passionately about the need for school holidays after they were informed that the school was trialling a new school system – no term holiday breaks and only two weeks holiday at Christmas! They were most relieved when they found out that this was just a stimulus Mr Knight came up with to get them writing.
Pumpkins!
We have all enjoyed watching the pumpkins grow over the last few months. Some classes have written stories about the pumpkin vines and many students have liked checking the progress of the pumpkins as they overtook the vegetable gardens. On Monday, six of the students in years one and two had the opportunity to harvest the pumpkins. It was lovely to hear them squealing with delight when they ‘discovered’ hidden pumpkins. It wasn’t all fun however and a trip to the first aid room was required afterwards to tend to some scratches!

The pumpkins will be used in the year one/two cooking program this term. Every week, four students from each class are involved in cooking something for their class to share under the guidance of Cathy Williams. The casual day this week is to raise money to keep this program going.

ANZAC Service and Breakfast – Friday 24th April
For many years now, Rebecca Lewis has ensured that ANZAC Day is recognised in a respectful and meaningful way. With this year being the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli plans are in place to recognise this historical event with both a service and BBQ breakfast.

Breakfast is being organised by the Parents and Friends group and will commence from 8.15am. Proceeds from the breakfast BBQ will go towards our new flag poles. The service will commence at 9.30am. The plan is to have the service out the front of the school, with students facing the flag poles. Should the weather be extremely inclement we will have to go inside, however, as our ANZACs endured tough conditions we will endeavour to brave the elements – please make sure your child has warm clothes and a coat (perhaps a beanie, scarf and gloves as well!).

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for students in years three and five will be conducted in May. At Sunbury Heights students generally approach NAPLAN with a positive attitude and treat the tests like any other task they are required to complete. We ask that parents view the tests as just a part of the school program, no different to any other test done at school. The way adults perceive and approach the tests is reflected in the approach students have. If adults make a fuss and have a negative attitude, students can become quite anxious. NAPLAN is only a very small part of the overall program for students and in reality is no different to other testing processes we use.

56 Information Night
An interesting information session was held for parents of children in years five and six on Tuesday night. The themes for the night were – STEPPING UP and STEPPING OUT. Staff provided information regarding expectations in the senior school as well as outlining processes for transition to grade six and secondary school. Following the information sessions, parents were invited into the classrooms to see the outstanding writing students have been doing. The writing of our students continues to be impressive and will be the focus of our open night for Education Week in May. Thank you to the large number of parents who were able to attend the evening and to the staff – Nicole Langmaid, Damian O’Keefe, Erica Andersen and Kym Pianura for their work in creating a very worthwhile information program.

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Dear Parents/Guardians
The PartyLite Fundraiser date has been extended to Monday the 20th April. You can smell samples of the fragrances in the Hub. Don’t forget that this fundraiser will raise much needed funds to support the student's education.
Thank you once again for your support.
Sunbury Heights Parents and Friends committee.

SunFest AGM is to be held on Monday 20th April at 7pm at the Sunbury Football Club.

SunFest requires volunteers to continue with the festival, please note article in this week’s Sunbury Leader.

Any assistance you can provide to advertise to your community for interested people to attend and assist is appreciated.

Regards,
Graham Hanley-Smith
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Sunbury Festival Committee Inc
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SUNFEST 2015 AGM TO BE HELD 20TH APRIL 2015 AT 7PM AT SUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO ATTEND TO ENSURE SUNFEST 2015 IS NOT THE LAST SUNFEST PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS
Sunbury Downs College

**Discovery Night**

**TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2015**

- Best VCE results in Sunbury
- Students are known and cared for as individuals
- A safe and secure environment
- High levels of respect
- High expectations with standards
- Accelerated Curriculum & Enrichment (ACE) program
- Firm but fair discipline
- College Musical Production – Footloose
- A clean and modern school
- Student scholarships, leadership and recognition opportunities

**PROGRAM**

- 6:30pm - 7:00pm
  - Principal's Address
- 7:00pm - 7:30pm
  - ACE Information Session
- 7:30pm - 8:00pm
  - College Tours in 
    Classrooms & Displays

**Open Morning**

**THURSDAY 7 MAY 2015**

**'Moor's Morning Walks'**

Tours depart from the Flexible Learning Centre at 9:00am, 9:45am, 10:30am and 11:15am.

Sunbury Downs College warmly invites you and your family to our Open Morning Tour of our School, led by Mr Peter Moore, our Principal.

Meet our teachers and students and learn about our unique approach to teaching and learning.

Explore our visually striking campus and learn how our students become successful.
**Workshops**

**At Sunbury Heights Primary**

**BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS**

A one off free info parenting support program that really works on improving your relationship with your child will be happening in the hub on **29th April** next term.

Parents will learn:

- Child development
- Managing challenging behaviour
- Understanding the uniqueness of your child

This session is free and facilitated by Belinda from Anglicare

**DATE:** 29th April  
**TIME:** 10:30-12:30  
**WHERE:** Sunbury Heights Community Hub

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**MONEY MINDED - BUDGETING WORKSHOP**

Hub With expert training on everyday money matters. In this workshop you will learn:

- Planning and budgeting
- How to set and achieve goals
- How to spend and save wisely
- Set up savings for the future

This workshop is also free to attend and facilitated by Angie from Uniting Care Kildonan

**DATE:** 21st April  
**TIME:** 10:30-12:30/1:00  
**WHERE:** Sunbury Heights Community Hub

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**I.T-WORKSHOP**

This Workshop is beneficial to all those that are feeling that the internet, computers, IPads and any form of digital technology is too difficult and you are feeling like you are being left behind.

Find out what the kids are currently learning and using in class. This will give you the assistance in understanding I.T.

This workshop is free and facilitated by Vicky Murdoch from Macedon Ranges Further Education

**DATE:** 23rd April  
**TIME:** 1:00-3:00  
**WHERE:** Sunbury Heights Community Hub

For more information please contact Sharon at the Community Hub on (03) 9744-3377
PLEASE NOTE: NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS ON THIS DAY.

Name:................................. Room No:.........................

Sausage in bread $1.50 each
How many?

DRINK - (tick one)
Soft drink $2.00
Water $2.00

LAST DAY FOR ORDERS...Friday 24th April 2015

PLEASE NOTE: NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS ON THIS DAY.