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June

Friday 26 th	Casual Day – School Orchard (Gold Coin)
Friday 26 th	Last Day of Term 2 Students Dismissed at 2.30pm

July

Monday 13 th	Back to School – Term Three
Friday 17 th	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 21 st	Red Cross Sessions – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 22 nd	Red Cross Sessions – Years 5 and 6

August

Monday 3 rd	Responsible Pet Ownership Session Preps
Wednesday 12 th	RACV Visit – Years 1 and 2
Monday 17 th	Ambulance Visit - Preps
Monday 24 th	Grade Six Camp
Tuesday 25 th	Grade Six Camp
Wednesday 26 th	Grade Six Camp

September

Friday 4 th	Summer Sport – Years 5 and 6
Friday 4 th	Dads and Donuts – Preps 2.15pm
Wednesday 9 th	Walk to the Post Box - Preps
Friday 11 th	Rugby Gala Day – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 16 th	Traffic School Visit – Preps (approx. \$30)

Hume Council Computer Award – Ebony Bentley



In recognition of hard work and a passion for learning, the Hume City Council awards one student from each school in the area with a laptop and a year of free Internet access. Ebony Bentley was the proud recipient from Sunbury Heights Primary School. Ebony and her teacher, Mr deWaar, attended a rather flash presentation ceremony last week.

Ebony always works to the best of her ability and approaches tasks with quiet enthusiasm and determination. She enjoys learning, works cooperatively with her peers and persists with challenging activities.

Ebony brought her laptop to school this week to show us and despite a serious rugby injury, she has continued with her learning; showing that nothing will stop her from achieving her best.

Congratulations Ebony!

Cooper Barnes Memorial Award - Marcus Stephenson-Irving

Justine, Russell and Isabella (Cooper Barnes' Mum, Dad and sister) attended our assembly on Monday to present the Cooper Barnes Memorial Award. This award is given to a grade two student who displays the qualities Cooper demonstrated; caring, honesty, enthusiasm for learning and humour.

Marcus Stephenson-Irving got a huge surprise when his name was read out as the recipient of the award this year. Marcus approaches school life in an unassuming manner; always watchful of what is going on around him and ready to help a friend in need. He puts in 100% to all tasks and loves learning. He can see the humour in situations quickly and enjoys a joke with both students and teachers.

Congratulations Marcus!



To read more about the history of this award, see the inside article on our school orchard.

Nationally Consistent Data Collection on School Students

Our school is once again, required to participate in the annual collection of data regarding the educational needs of students. Information will be collected in regard to the support provided to individual students within our school which teachers provide to enable them to achieve their best. The data collection is not limited to those students with a diagnosed disability. Next term, families with children who fall under the broad category as defined by the collection requirements will receive a letter allowing them to opt out of the process.

We have been fortunate to have Sheridan Thomas from Diggers Rest Primary School working for us part-time this term. Sheridan has done an outstanding job in regard to applications for disability funding for a number of students and she will continue with us to collect the data for this project. If you have any questions regarding this project please contact Sheridan Thomas or Cathie Morcom.



Cooper's Orchard

As it has now been five years since we established the school orchard many parents may not be aware of the story behind this special place in the school. Cooper Barnes started school at Sunbury Heights in 2008. In May 2009 Cooper was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumor. Cooper fought his cancer with quiet determination and maintained his dignity and sense of humor until there was nothing more doctors could do; sadly, he passed away on the 8th July 2010.

As a school, we decided that a special memorial garden would be a fitting way to pay tribute and remember Cooper. Work started in 2010 with Cooper's sister Isabella planting an apple tree. All students who attended the school in 2010 placed their handprints on the fence and as the year progressed more trees were planted. Students have continued to be involved in the development of the orchard. Our Junior School Council raised money for the plaque which you can see on the rock under the huge gum tree. Roses, rosemary and a variety of trees and small shrubs have been planted. Each year our casual day at the end of term 2 is dedicated to raising money for orchard improvements. The arch, lizards, rocks and many of the plants have been funded through casual day donations.

Each year, a small group of senior students take on the role of caring for the orchard. The students take this role extremely seriously and can be seen watering on the hottest days and weeding in the coldest weather. The orchard is an area for quiet play and contemplation; our students show an incredibly high level of respect for the area and we are extremely proud of the way they pay tribute to a special little boy.



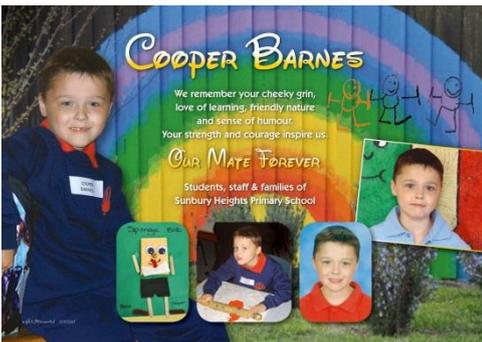
Rainbow painted by students in 2010.



Student hand-prints on the fence.



Our daffodils have just started to break through the soil in the last few weeks.



Memorial plaque on one of the rocks in the orchard.



A colourful Nandina at the entrance.



Lavender and a variety of purple flowering plants have been included in the orchard as purple was one of Cooper's favourite colours.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK			Reason	Aussie Pride Award	
Grade	Student			The Aussie Pride Award is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Canterbury. This award will be presented to students who, through significant acts, demonstrate the ANZAC values of initiative, persistence, mateship and courage to achieve.	
1/2R	Brodie Miller		For an improved effort in maths.	 Cathie Morcom	
1/2H	Tanisha Griffiths		For a sensational effort on IXL – 2 ½ hours!!		
3/4K	Will Cooper		For showing a responsible, mature attitude 100% of the time.		
5P	5P		For excellent getting along when working in groups.		
ART	Alejo Banting		For being a caring class member.		
Mrs Dexter	Linh Nugyen		For using her "voice" and excellent meditation, focus and improvement in her writing.		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY til 12 th July					
	Adam Quirke	Georgia Sciberras	Cooper Howie	Erynn Bulmer-Smythe	Kristen Matenga
	Alejo Banting	Emma Bridges	Will Uili	Montanna Oliver	Zach Lynch
	Kai Oliver	Ebony Coad	Seth Oliver	Evan Woolford-Fleming	Justin Taylor
	R-Jay Bartlett	Arran Garner	Marcus Tancevski	Isabelle Williams	Jacob Candiloro
	Leti Erika	Cody Walton	Natarsha Maddox	Jak Maddox	Skye Atkinson
	Hollie Maxfield	Marley Barnes	Lillian Pace		