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A note from the Principal

Earlier this week both myself and staff representatives were involved in a very rigorous recruitment process to select staff who will join our staff in 2017. Caitlin Bishop, who many of you may already know will become a permanent member of our staff and will teach in the junior school as will Ben Uphill. Anne Killeen, who is currently teaching at Greenvale Primary School will join our senior school and Delia Di Sipio who currently works at Sunbury Downs Secondary College as a Literacy Support Facilitator will combine this work with teaching Italian at Sunbury Heights on a Thursday to our prep and grade 6 students. The staff will have the opportunity to meet our new staff when they visit next Tuesday to take part in our whole school transition day. Thank you to Carmel Ross, Suzy Black, Penny Wilson and Andrew Knight for their support and recommendations during the application and interview process.

December	
Tues 6 th	Whole School – Transition Whole School – Book Pack Sales
Wed 7 th	End of Year 'Thank you morning tea'
Fri 9 th	G5 – Bendigo Golden Dragon Museum Excursion
Mon 12 th	Junior School – Concert Rehearsal & Concert
Tues 13 th	Whole School – CURRICULUM DAY School Council (6.30pm)
Thurs 15 th	G6 - Graduation
Mon 19 th	Whole School – Last Assembly 2.30pm
Tues 20 th	Whole School - Casual Clothes Day END OF TERM – 1.30pm Dismissal

Attendance Certificates

Attached to your students report this year will be a student attendance record for 2016. Congratulations to the students who have 90% attendance or above attendance. If your child's current attendance is flagged as Amber or Red please aim to make this an improvement area for the 2017 school year.

January/February 2017	
Mon 30 th (January)	Staff - return to school
Wed 1 st	G3-6 - start school
Wed 1 st – Thurs 2 nd	G1-2 - testing (by appointment)
Fri 3 rd	G1-2 - start school
Tues 7 th	G3-6 - Swimming Sports
Wed 8 th	2017 Preps - start school
Thurs 23 rd	Selected Students - Twilight Swimming Sports

Absence during the last weeks of school

Please remember that even though it is the last three weeks of school, programs are still running in classrooms and practice for the Junior School Concert and Grade 6 Graduation are held regularly. It is very difficult to run our programs etc. if students are away for reasons other than illness.

Contacting the School

We would like to thank everyone for their patients during the last couple of weeks while we have had issues with our phone lines. Unfortunately we are still in the hands of Telstra and the problem, which they advised us has affected 1200 lines in our area, has not yet been resolved and phones are still diverted to mobiles. We hope that this will be rectified by the end of the week.

We would however like to remind parents that all contact to the school should be made to the main school number 03 9744 3377. We understand that some parents may have staff mobile numbers, but staff may not check their mobiles until later in the day, and may not in school therefore messages are not always relayed.



Notes Sent Home

- G6 Jacket – Deadline Extended until Mon 5th Dec
- Junior School Concert Rehearsal Permission & Payment
- Junior School Concert Ticket Requirement & Payment (numbers are limited so early bookings are advised)

Thank you to all the parents who have already returned these.



TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION
8.50AM – 3.15PM
(2017 Preps 8.50am – 1.30pm)



BOOK PACK SALES
8AM – 5PM
School Office



Community hub
Connect. Share. Learn.



Program End Dates:

The 0-5 Beehive Playgroup – Break-up Friday 9th December
On The Rise Playgroup- Break-up Monday 12th December
B/fast Club – Thursday 15th December
The 0-5 Beehive Playgroup - Bunnings Friday 16th December

G1 Sunbury Library Excursion

On Wednesday the year one classes discovered that there is so much to do at the Sunbury Library. They concluded their unit on toys - past and present by exploring games such as virtual car racing, playing soccer to flying a plane. All of these things were possible with an app on an ipad. There was also laptops with Minecraft challenges as well as Lego. We have some budding architects and designers! Lastly, they explored various sound effects that can be produced with a plastic cup, string, paper clip and a wet paper towel! No visit to the library is complete without at least one story.... Mrs Ross managed to find a book that had two of her favourite topics- Christmas and cats! If you are looking for inexpensive activities to do over the coming holidays, we really recommend dropping by the Sunbury Library to check out some of these activities that the children did today. The Library offers many services for free or at a low cost. Thank you to Kat Taylor and her team for hosting us.



Keep up the reading over the Summer

With today's newsletter, Prep-G4's will receive some information / entry form about the Sunbury Library Reading Club - Heroes and Villains that will taking place over the Summer holidays. This is open to children to the age of 17.

CALLING ALL HEROES AND VILLAINS – SUMMER READING CLUB IS BACK!

Open to children up to the age of 17, children are encouraged to read as many books as they can to go into the draw to win some great prizes. Summer Reading Club opens **Thursday 1 December** and runs throughout the summer holidays. To get started visit your local Hume Libraries branch or print a reading record from the website at www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au



To enter, children must....

- Read 10 books before 31 Jan 2017 and fill in the reading record.
- Go into Sunbury Library, see the jar of LEGO and write your guess on the entry form and put it into the draw box.

So get ready this summer to read as many books as you can to go into the draw for some fantastic prizes, including bundles of books, vouchers, and LEGO.

Additional entry forms can be obtained from the library.

Book Swap



14th – 16th December 2016
8.30 – 8.50am
and 3.15 – 3.30pm
(no swaps during school hours)

If students wish to bring a book prior to this date, they will get an exchange token to use during the book swap time.

Please also check and return any books you find at home.



1st – 7th December 2016

**Nyssa Tyson Will C Hollie
Yasemin Taylah Luke Shannon**

Grade 1 - Teddy Bears Picnic

As you can see from the cloud cover in the photo, it was a bit up in the air whether we would be able to enjoy our Teddy Bears Picnic on our lovely new synthetic grass. But the weather worked to our advantage and what a wonderful time the kids had. The teachers and ES staff made some lovely treats and everyone enjoyed this wonderful experience.



Preps Playing Dress Up....

Ella and Lana had a wonderful time dressing up during free play.



Easy Educational Holiday Activities

1. Write a letter or a postcard

Demonstrates the importance of literacy and written communication.



2. Make a shopping list

Helps with problem solving, thinking about what food needs to be bought and in what quantities.

3. Set the table

Think about how many people are eating. How many plates, cups and knives and forks are needed?

4. Cook

How much food will a certain number of people eat? What if there is an extra guest? How will this affect the quantity of ingredients needed?

5. Send an email

Talk about what you are writing, how you are spelling the words and sound them out as you go.

6. Sort out the laundry

Helps children identify patterns, for example finding matching socks.

7. Stack the dishwasher

Helps with grouping different items such as round bowls and flat plates.

Wellbeing Martial Arts Classes



Places are limited, so if you are interested, please contact Geoff: 0419 599 206

Sunbury Joint School Community Hub

We are very excited to announce that the City of Hume has put in an expression of interest in regard to a proposed joint venture between Hume Council, Sunbury Heights Primary School and Sunbury Downs Secondary College. This is only one of 4 shared facility applications that is to be supported by Hume and if successful we believe it will have great benefit for not only our school community but also for the whole of Sunbury who live to the South of Gap Road. Please contact your local member Josh Bull or Hume Council to express your support for the project.



Sunbury Joint School Community Hub

Two schools working collaboratively with Council to provide new facilities for a community that will rapidly grow in the future.

What is the project?

The Sunbury Joint School Community Hub (SJSCH) project aims to improve community infrastructure in the western part of Sunbury by developing a first-class, multi purpose Hub for the provision of activities and programs.

The Hub, to be jointly constructed on the sites of Sunbury Heights Primary School and Sunbury Downs College will deliver a new modern facility for the benefit and enjoyment of generations of local residents. Proposed facility elements include:

- Flexible multi-purpose community and activity meeting spaces and meeting/interview rooms;
- Commercial kitchen offering space for training and culturally themed events and activities and;
- Spaces for allied health, Government and non-Government organisations to run training, offer employment support or for Council to run satellite services.

The co-location of community services and programs and voluntary, community and local government service providers will help promote social inclusion and opportunities for participation for all age groups.

For further information

- ☎ 9205 2200
- 🌐 hume.vic.gov.au/advocacy
- 🐦 #humeadvocates



Why is it important to the Hume City community?

There is significant demand for multipurpose community space in this part of Sunbury - an area on the western outskirts of the town which will be subject to an influx of new residents.

The provision of new accessible meeting spaces to offer training, learning and community activities will fill a current void and the instigation of community kitchen space will afford local groups with an opportunity to access services which are currently in demand at the moment.

With inadequate public transport connecting this part of the community with the variety of services in the Sunbury Town Centre the provision of a localised community facility will cater for a vast and growing population and help grow existing community groups and hopefully lead to the development of new groups and networks in the township.

The support we need

Funding from the Victorian Government to support this development for the Sunbury community.





Family-School Partnerships

There are several important elements to an effective family-school partnerships which we will continue to implement in 2017

Communication	Commitment	Equality	Skills	Trust	Respect
<p><i>Good communication includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - sharing resources - being clear - being tactful - being honest active listening 	<p>Commitment to making a partnership work involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - being flexible - encouraging the child and family - being accessible to child and family - being sensitive to emotion, including empathy versus sympathy. 	<p>Equal family-school relationships include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - avoiding use of 'clout' – power imbalance - being willing to explore options - validating others 	<p>Skills that are needed to make partnerships work include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - taking action - being willing to learn - meeting individual needs 	<p>In partnerships based on trust, adults will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - being reliable - keeping the child safe - being discreet 	<p>Respectful relationships involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - being non-judgemental - being courteous - valuing the child - avoiding intrusion

Grade 6 (2017) Young Leaders Program

As the 2016 year is coming to a close we are looking towards 2017 and planning for our grade 6 students to develop the leadership skills necessary for the final year of primary school education and transition to secondary school. The grade 6 staff and I are excited to be able to provide in 2017 a structured leadership program that gives training, opportunity and built in recognition to all our grade 6 students.

Our Young Leaders Program which will be run over the first three days of Term 1 (Wednesday 1st - Friday 3rd February):

- Is for students in the final year of primary school.
- Develops **Confidence**, **Character** and **Citizenship** in young people.
- Promotes both **personal and public leadership**
- Is based around the 4 building blocks of: **Responsibility, Organisation, Team work and Presentation skills**

The Conference will be held at Sunbury Heights and will be opened by Josh Bull MP on the Wednesday. Some of the highlights will include:

- one day workshop facilitated by the Jim Stynes 'Stride Foundation'. Qualified Stride trainers will implement the workshop that includes understanding leadership, leadership skills training and guidelines for 'leadership group' initiatives.
- Conference Celebration - parents are welcome to join us for afternoon tea on Friday 3rd February at 2.30-3.15 where the 2017 School Captains, House Captains and Junior School Council leaders will be formally announced.

Please note the cost of the 3 day Conference (including afternoon tea for families) will be \$30. Parents with CSEF funding may use this to cover the cost of the conference.

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As part of our cyber safety policy, students will now be acknowledged by 'first name' only.

GRADE	STUDENT	REASON
Prep C	Ashton	For always putting in 100% with his work
Prep B	Tristan G	For showing persistence with his work
1R	Jaxon Z Jaxon C Caleb	For having a sense of fairness and taking turns when working with others
1R	Nyssa	For a very enthusiastic attitude to reading
1M	Rori Cooper	For her enthusiasm when practicing for the concert For trying his best in all aspects of his schooling
2H	Indiannah	For making her teacher happy over the last 2 years
3D	Jesse	
4d	Brayden	For working so hard on his 100 reading lessons
4H	Jemma Christian C	For improved efforts in maths For improved efforts in work presentation
5K	5K	For being the best ever class all year
5B	Skye R	For a fantastic attitude to everything as a new class member
6PA	Isabella Jack	For always working independently in class
6K	Eden	For helping one of his classmates learn subtraction
ART (Mrs Caddaye)	5B	For focussing well in art and producing some wonderful artwork