



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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February		March	
Tues 9 th	House Swimming Sports (Grades 3-6)	Tues 1 st	Prep Western Water Incursion
Wed 10 th	Prep BBQ	Mon 7 th – Wed 9 th	G5 DOXA Camp
Fri 12 th	School Dental Incursion – Oral Health Classes	Wed 9 th – Fri 11 th	G4 DOXA Camp
Mon 15 th	School Dental – Onsite Oral Health Check Clinic	Wed 9 th	Regional Swimming
Wed 17 th	Interschool Twilight Swimming Sports (selected students)	Mon 12 th	Labour Day Holiday
Fri 19 th	House Athletics (Grades 3-6)	Wed 23 rd	Hot Cross Bun Canteen Special (more details to follow)
Fri 26 th	Pancake Day Canteen Special (more details to follow)	Thurs 24 th	Last Day of Term – early dismissal
Mon 29 th	Division Swimming Sports (selected students)		

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Welcome Back

Students have returned to school happy and ready to learn. A special thank you to all parents for your efforts to send children to school in correct school uniform – they all look fantastic! While students in year's three to six started last Friday, teachers in years one and two used this day to meet and learn more about their children. This opportunity to greet the children personally was valuable and we thank parents for supporting the school.

Our "Preppies" began their classes today and made a great start to schooling by settling quickly into the school routine and showing excitement and enthusiasm towards learning. Their Grade Six buddies also relished the chance to help them settle in. It was great to catch up with many of the new families and welcome them to Sunbury Heights. We know you all will enjoy being at Sunbury Heights, it is a fantastic school with a supportive School Community. It's a school where we really believe that, "**Everyone Counts - Every Day.**"

Uniforms

Thank you to our parents for ensuring that our students look fantastic in their school uniforms. We expect everyone to be in school uniform each day.

An important part of our uniform in Term One is the wearing of our **Sunsmart hat**. Please ensure your child has their hat each day. In line with our Sunsmart Policy, students without hats will be unable to participate in PE and Sport and will be required to stay under the rotunda at Recess and lunchtime.

We also run a '**Uniform Swap & Shop**' in the Hub. Please see Sharon in the Community Hub who will be able to help you if you need uniform. If you have uniform pieces that are in good condition that you would like to donate to the school for children who have accidents or to pass on to families in need they will be gratefully received.

Every Day Counts: The importance of full time attendance

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 – 17 years unless an exemption from attendance has been granted. Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

Students are expected to attend the school in which they are enrolled, during normal school hours every day of each term, unless:

- there is an approved exemption from school attendance for the student, or
- the student is registered for home schooling and has only a partial enrolment in a school for particular activities.

Safety of Students

In light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days I need to reassure you about your child's safety and wellbeing while attending Sunbury Heights.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

Visitor's Pass

If you are staying in the school for period of time, we ask that you call into the office to sign in and collect a 'Visitor's Badge' to wear while in the school.

This ensures we know who is in the school at any one time, as well as ensuring the safety of our students and should it be necessary to put an Emergency Management Plan into effect we then know who is in the school and can ensure everyone's safety.



School Crossing

Our school is serviced by two school crossings. It is important that students use the supervised crossings, even when crossing the road with an adult. This helps children to develop safe habits and keeps everyone safe. Please ensure that as a driver you wait until the Crossing Supervisor is off the crossing and stay behind the line designated while waiting.

Please obey speed limits in designated school speed zones during specified times (8.00am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4.00 pm). The speed limit during this time is 40km.

Staff Car Park

A reminder that the staff car park is for staff only, unless we have spoken and circumstances have determined a need for special consideration. It is a dangerous practice for parents to drop off and collect children from this area.



Disabled Parking Bays

When I was away over the summer break I read a sign that said, "being lazy or in a hurry isn't a disability." Please keep this in mind and display courtesy at all times when dropping off or picking up students.

Bikes and Scooters

While we want our students to be physically active it is not recommended that children ride their bikes or scooters unsupervised to school until they are ten years old (about grade 4). If you do let your child ride, please ensure they have knowledge of a safe route to school and the appropriate safety gear to wear. Students who do not wear a helmet to school will have their bike "minded" until a helmet is brought to school. Students who ride their bikes or scooters in the school yard jeopardising the safety of others will also have a consequence that involves being banned from bringing their bike or scooter to school for a certain period of time.

Parent Volunteers

To our new parents, there are many ways you can become involved in school life. One of the ways is by volunteering to help around the school or at special events. Please advise your child's classroom teacher if you would like to become an active volunteer.

G3-6 Swimming Sports



If you have a child in grades 3 - 6, Ashlea Barnes our PE Specialist is looking for a crew of parents who can help with scoring, marshalling and judging at the forthcoming Swimming Sports.

It is also a great opportunity to meet your child's classroom teacher and other school staff in a relaxed atmosphere. The classroom teachers and myself look forward to seeing you at the Sunbury Leisure Centre next Tuesday February 9th for the House Swimming Sports. Students will need sunscreen, a t-shirt (in their house colour if they like), and plenty of food and water to drink.

The school canteen manageress Jo Miller has organised for a BBQ lunch to be available for students and parents who attend the swimming sports. Sausages \$1.00, drinks \$2.00, small snacks under \$1.00. Students are not allowed to purchase any foods from the Aquatic Centre canteen on the day. If anyone is able to help Jo and her small team of helpers sell food or cook the BBQ please advise Jo prior to the Swimming Carnival, or on the day.

Prep BBQ

The Prep BBQ will be held next Wednesday evening. A note detailing the event has gone out today. The other grade levels in the school will also host an evening later in the term, where you will be able to meet your child's teacher and learn more fully about the learning and activities that are specific to your child's year level. Details of dates will follow.

Leadership Presentations

Our School Captains, Junior School Councillors, House Captains and other school leaders will receive their leadership badges at next Monday afternoon's Assembly. **Assembly this Monday will be at 2.30pm in the GP room.**

The School Captains first official job will be laying the wreath at the ANZAC Day ceremony and the House Captains will lead their houses at next Tuesday's House Swimming Sports.

We welcome parents, grandparents and family friends to attend our weekly assembly which takes place every Monday at 2.45pm in the GP Room.

Pupil of the Week

In order to publicly recognise and encourage students who show a positive attitude to learning, display the school values and have made considerable effort to improve an aspect of school life. Sunbury Heights has a 'Pupil of the Week' award that is given to a child in each class on a weekly basis. Specialist staff also presents an award to the "Class of the Week".

The Pupil of the Week awards is given out at Monday afternoon's assembly. The list of recipients will be in the newsletter of the week before.

Office Hours

This year the Office will be open from 8am until 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Jo Atkinson will be your first port of call and be able to answer your queries and record information in regard to student absence and any other messages you may wish to leave regarding your child's medication or contact needed with the classroom teacher. Karen Cocks, in Kerry's absence, is taking on the business manager's role and will be more able to answer your queries in regard to financial matters.



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Break Times

During Term One, Recess is from 11.00am to 11.30am. Students eat lunches in rooms from 1.15pm to 1.30pm and play in the yard from 1.30pm to 2.15pm.

As there is a long period of time between breakfast and lunch, students are encouraged to have a substantial snack at recess. A sandwich with a piece of fruit and perhaps a treat is recommended.

Students should have plenty to drink during the day; **a bottle of water** is the only fluid that is able to be on the student's desk for drinking during the day. On days of extreme temperatures an inside program will run or the structure of the school day may alter.

School finishes at 3.15pm.

Yard Supervision

Yard supervision commences at 8.40am. It is not appropriate for students to be in the school grounds for long periods before school. The yard is supervised after school from 3.15pm to 3.30pm. Please ensure your child goes home promptly. If you are in need of care before or after school, Complete Kids runs a fantastic out of school hours care program here at Sunbury Heights.

Student 'Dollarmite' Banking

'Dollarmite' banking has started this week and takes place every Tuesday.

Please see Mrs McIntyre in the library for more information.



School Dental

The Mobile School Dental Service will be visiting the school during February. They will carry out Oral Health Classes on Friday 12th February, followed by onsite Oral Health Checks from Monday 15th February.

For your child to be eligible for dental treatment coverage you need to be receiving a payment from the Australian Government and have returned the form sent home this week.

Personal Property Brought To School

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Some students need to communicate with their parents prior to and after school and bring mobile phones to school. Mobile phones must be given to the class teacher at the start of each school day.

Canteen

A new Canteen Price List has been attached for your reference. Lunch Wallets can be purchased from the Office.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders from this catalogue must be received by Tuesday, 16th February.

Community Hub News

This term there are many exciting events happening in our Community Hub

Breakfast Club	- Thursday, 8.00 – 8.40am (started Thursday 4 th Feb)
On the Rise Playgroup	- Monday, 1.00 – 3.00pm (starts Monday 8 th Feb)
Homework Club (Grades 3-6)	- Monday, 3.15 – 4.00pm (starts Monday 8 th Feb)
Hub Club Playgroup	- Friday, 9.00 – 11.00am (starts Friday 12 th Feb)

Certificate III in Education Support - Starting Friday 19th February - please register your interest with Sharon at The Hub

A Community Newsletter will be sent home as a separate document next week so that everyone is aware of all that is happening at Heights. If you have any queries prior to this or want to volunteer in the school in any capacity and don't know who to approach please contact our Community Hub Coordinator Sharon Ramunno on 9744 3377



until 7th February, 2016

Mauola Faato	Lilly Greenwood-Davis	Riley Bennett
Mia-Rose Bennett	Eboney Bentley	Angel Davis

Regards,

Kaye Mills
Principal

COMMUNITY NEWS, EVENTS & PROGRAMS

JUNIOR FOOTY REGISTRATION 2016



SUNDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
EAST SUNBURY FOOTBALL CLUB
10AM-2PM

(For more information please contact Rhonda 0432 124 489)



GIRLS CIRCLE PROGRAM

A structured support group for girls from the age of 10 to 12 years looking at self-esteem, body image, impact of social media and bullying.

ART CLASSES

Commencing 1st February.

Contact 9740 6627 for more information.

Sunbury Swimming Club

Sunbury Aquatic & Leisure Centre

The club offers two "Come and Try" free sessions.

More information about the club can be found at

<http://www.sunburyswimmingclub.org.au/>