4th August 2016

**August**

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**NEWS AND INFORMATION**

This week we welcomed back Rebecca Lewis. Rebecca is teaching science across the grade 1-6 areas and is already planning some very special activities for science week that is coming up next week.

**STAFFING**

There have been a number of staff changes this year and I thank parents and students for the way they have accepted changes. Please be assured that all staff plan together in teams and that the change in personnel does not affect the curriculum and classroom programs that are provided. Our staff are very dedicated and all work very hard to ensure the quality of their practice is first class.

**BOOK WEEK**

Across Australia Book Week is celebrated in the week beginning August 20.

The theme of Book Week this year is Australia our Story and many exciting activities to introduce our students to the world of books are being planned. As well as author visit, and other incursions, we will also hold a whole school dress up day on Friday 26 AUGUST. Please don't rush out buying or sewing costumes as we have planned a simple event that all children can be involved in that will be minimal cost for our families. In next week's newsletter we will detail this more fully. Thank you Mrs De Young for the "Thing" idea.

**THE LEARNING NEVER STOPS**

As I mentioned above, Sunbury Heights staff are hardworking and are always striving to ensure that their teaching is informed by research and best practice. This evening, a large group of our staff from across the school are travelling to Keilor to attend a professional development activity in the teaching of reading. Attendance at this activity is after a full day of teaching and will see them return home late in the evening. While the staff value the importance of continuing to grow their knowledge so that they can be best placed to teach your child, I do thank them on your behalf for giving up time away from their families to increase their skills.

**TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL**

Shortly our secondary colleges will be notifying our grade 6 parents of their child’s acceptance for 2017. If you have not received this advice by the end of August please advise Mrs Payton or Miss Koller

**ROAD SAFETY**

We have been advised that local police will be patrolling school zones within Sunbury over the coming weeks. We would therefore ask that parents and students abide by the 40km speed limited, are courteous to other drivers and most important, use the designated school crossing.

Our school crossing lady Romwyn does a wonderful job and we very much appreciate having her situated at our directly outside our school gates.
AUSTRALIAN SPORTS GRANT
Congratulations to Ashlea Barnes who has obtained funding to introduce Tennis to the Grade ¾ sports program.

ANZAC CENTENARY
The Victorian State Government is committed to honouring the 100 years of ANZAC. This commemoration will extend until 1918. Recently, our local State MP, Josh Bull, contacted us to advise that there is a free puppet show available to primary schools. Called "Messenger Dogs- Tales of WW1", the show follows the journey of three dogs and tells tales of courage, determination and mateship. The Minister for Education, James Merlino, has invited schools to submit an expression of interest in hosting the puppet show. I'm delighted to say that Mrs Ross has been successful in achieving a performance date for our school which will be November 15. The show will be free of charge and each child attending will receive a special commemorative 1919 Children's Peace Medal. Thank you to Carmel for organising this for our school and to James Merlino MP and Josh Bull MP for supporting Sunbury Heights Primary School in providing such opportunities for your children.

SUNBURY COLLEGE FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8
6:30 TO 8:00 PM
AT SUNBURY COLLEGE

ENTRIES COLLECTED THE WEEK OF AUG 15
10 FINALISTS ANNOUNCED BY AUG 26
TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH EVENT BRIGHT
ADULTS $8, STUDENTS $4, UNDER 5 FREE

Child safety is always our priority and the department of education are introducing new guidelines every day to ensure that children within our care are as safe as possible.

One simple rule that we must follow is that anyone entering the school, MUST REPORT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST.
We would like to remind parents of this and appreciate you working with us to ensure that these guidelines are adhered to.

VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are a huge asset to our school and the work they do is greatly appreciated.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in the Canteen, especially on a Friday which is our busiest day for lunch orders. If you would like to offer your services, please see Jo in the Canteen or Jo in the office!

FINALISING ACCOUNTS
You will soon be receiving a statement detailing the amount outstanding on your account. Should you wish to know in advance about the amount owning and/or details so you can make payments directly in our bank account please contact the school office.
**Grade** | **Student** | **Reason**
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Prep C | Ruby Divirgilio | For great contributions to class discussions
Prep B | Charlotte Bateman | For being respectful to others
1R | Xander Webster-Cox | For being a co-operative member in group activities
1M | Roni Webb | For giving 100% in her narrative writing
2H | Lilly Greenwood-Davis | For showing interest in learning about continents
2D | Marko Zecevic | For working hard on learning place value
3J | Jaxon Clas | For always displaying great work ethic
4H | Kris Riley | For working hard to improve his punctuation skills
5K | Haylee Ryan | For 100% effort to her home learning
5P | Isaac Spyrou | For great effort in all work areas
6K | Jayden Taylor-Curran | For working hard to complete his work
6PA | Emily Harley | For displaying confidence when approaching new tasks
PE (Miss Barnes) | Zander Campbell | For his excellent behaviour in PE
PE (Miss Barnes) | Jade Kelly | For her impressive dribbling skills when looking at the Olympic sport basketball
ART (Mrs Caddaye) | Jaiden Manton | For a great effort with his bird artwork
Mrs Warrior | Tristan Rose | For making his own book
Mrs Warrior | Brodie Corcoran | For helping organise the classroom library books for the teachers

**BARRY PLANT COLOURING COMPETITION**

Students have been invited to enter the Barry Plant colouring competition. This competition has been rolled out to all local school and with the 1st prize being a Bicycle to the value of $800, is well worth entering. Some students have been fortunate enough to have time to complete this in school, others who have taken them home need to ensure that entries are returned to school by Thursday 18th August. If our school is lucky enough to have any winners, they will be announced at assembly on Monday 22nd August.

**COMPLETE KIDS**

In Before School Care last week we explored all the different things we can do with playdough. We learnt how to read the playdough recipe, measure out ingredients as well as experimenting with smell’s and texture. The children mostly created food items out of the play dough- burritos, breakfast sausage rolls, a cuppa tea, ravioli and panini. Playdough promotes social skills and presents lots of possibilities for talk and discussion, playing collaboratively, problem solving and planning with others.
SUNBURY HEIGHTS BREAKFAST CLUB

Sunbury Heights Community Hub
Tuesday & Thursday
8.00am – 8.45am