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April	
Fri 15 th	House Cross Country Pink Stumps Day
Tues 19 th	Inter Schools Athletics
Thurs 21 st	G3-6 Science Incursion
Mon 25 th	ANZAC Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Tues 26 th	Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Thurs 28 th	CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
Fri 29 th	G4 ACCA Excursion
May	
Thurs 5 th	School Photos
Fri 6 th	Inter Schools Cross Country
Tues 10 th	2017 Prep Enrolments (School Tour and Info Session, 9.15 – 10.15)
Tues 17 th	2017 Prep Enrolments (School Tour and Info Session, 6.30 – 7.30)
Thurs 26 th	CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
Fri 27 th	Winter Sports Carnival



Friday 15th April 2016
(please see details below)

DRESS IN PINK!

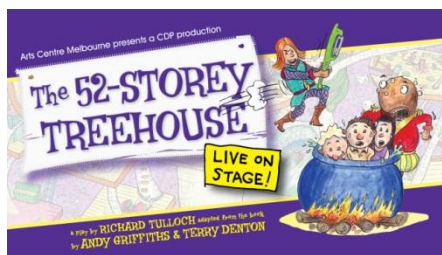
NEWS AND INFORMATION

Our first week back at school has certainly flown and the students and staff are all looking forward to both our 3-6 cross country as well as our Pink Stumps Day Special Event tomorrow. The Cross Country will “kick off” at nine. If you are dropping off students you may like to stay and help cheer on the competitors and of course also see the many pink outfits that will be worn by staff and students alike. Thank you to Miss Barnes and Mr Knight for their organisation of each event. What a great way to end a very successful first week back!

Maintenance Work

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to drop by and comment on how much brighter the school looks now that the painting works is nearly completed. During the holidays windows at the front of the school were replaced and work has been started to ensure the art room, GP room Library and office space are improved and modernised. At Tuesday’s school council meeting, council agreed to recent fundraising being used to have the front windows at the school tinted. This will ensure privacy for our school in terms of security and when groups are using the GP room.

Arts Centre Visit



This year, one of our school goals is to introduce all of our students to the ARTS and give them educational and enjoyable experiences in this curriculum area. The Arts Curriculum covers Visual Arts, Drama and Music. On Wednesday, our grade 1 and 2 students travelled by bus to the Arts Centre in St Kilda Road. The students watched a production of the 52-Storey Tree House and also had a tour of the Arts Centre itself. The staff commented on how enthralled the students were in the performance and how well the students behaved both during the show and when moving down St Kilda Road to a park for lunch. I believe Mrs Ross had a person stop her and comment on this! Thank you to all of the staff who contributed to ensuring the children had a great day out in Melbourne. On return to school, Ms Harding’s grade wrote a wall story about the day.

Grades 1 and 2 Visit the Arts Centre – by 2H

How exciting! The bus arrived and we were off on the first excursion for this year. Mrs Ross had been planning this day for many weeks. We were going to see the play ‘The 52-Storey Treehouse’. The bus trip was short and soon we were in the city. The Arts Centre was golden and shimmering. We had arrived. Prezli felt like Royalty it was so grand. Jack was a little bit scared because when we saw the stage he thought the actors might jump out and frighten us.

The sharp pointy carrot pricked Jill’s finger and she fell asleep. The show had begun. A caterpillar in the play ate everything including a mutant spider. Chloe like to when it turned into an enormous butterfly and Curtis laughed when Terry turned into a girl in the ‘Disguisomatic 5000’ machine. We all laughed when Andy and Terry and the Potato Prince tried to wake up the sleeping Jill. Ebony liked the tram and the conductor who called out “A ding ding! A ding ding!” every time the tram stopped.

We toured the Arts Centre with special guides who pointed out lots of interesting things, like the ceiling made from real gold and the huge pillars painted to look like marble. We saw the largest stage in the southern hemisphere and then it was time for lunch in the sunshine on the lawn outside. We were not allowed to feed the seagulls or pigeons.

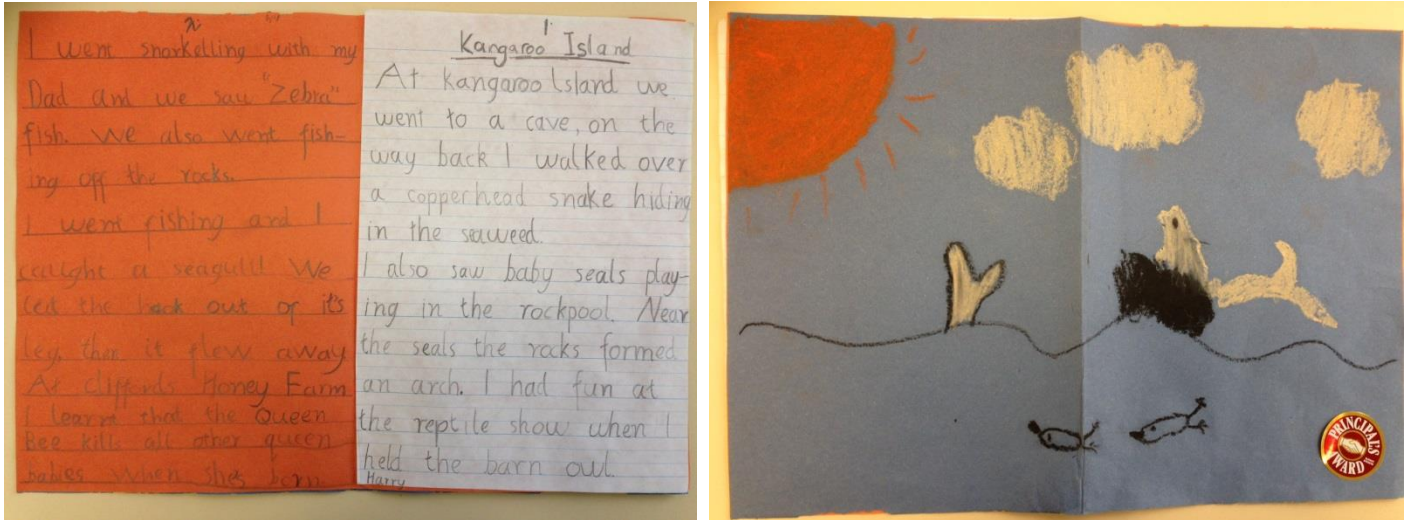
We were much quieter on the bus on the way home. (One or two of us might have had a snooze – but not Ms Harding!). What a great experience for us!

Holiday Work

Often parents ask their child's teacher for work to do if they are taking them out of school for holidays. We often tell parents to

- keep the daily reading going
- look at numbers in the environment and when shopping,
- talk about the experiences with their child, introducing them to new vocabulary
- write a diary about each day's events

Harry Bentley from 1M wrote a terrific diary about his recent holiday to Kangaroo Island. It seems that a whole new world was opened up to him and he learnt a great deal as is evident in his Kangaroo Island Adventure Story that he brought back to school to share with Mrs Morris and the class.



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.

Grade 6 – Grade 7 Transitions

It doesn't seem so long ago that our Grade 6 students were starting Prep and now they have to make a big decision about the school that will be the right fit for the next stage of their learning. Grade 6 parents will already have received some information from Donna Payton, our 'G6-G7 Transition Coordinator'. To ensure that your child is considered for the school of your choice, it is very important that parents return the Application for Year 7 Placement to SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL no later than **FRIDAY, 13 MAY, 2016**.

In the meantime, please take the opportunity to visit secondary Colleges of interest so that you get a good understanding of what both schools have to offer.

Prep Information Sessions – 2017 Enrolments

We have already received numerous enquiries in regards to 2017 Prep Enrolments. School Tour and Information Sessions will be held on Tuesday 10th May 9.15am -10.15am and Tuesday 17th May 6.30pm - 7.30pm. Private tours are available by appointment. However, we do encourage parents to attend the organised group sessions so they can get a better feel for the school and meet other parents and students also looking to enrol.

Students celebrating birthdays this week.....



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Pink Stumps Day

Tomorrow we are taking part in Pink Stumps Day. Pink Stumps Day encourages everyone to show their cricket skills and play for the McGrath Foundation. The McGrath Foundation raises money to place breast care nurses in communities across Australia and to increase breast awareness in young people, particularly young women.

Everyone is encouraged to dress up in their pink clothes, pink hair, pink makeup etc. to join the fun. Gold coin donation is not required, however if you would like to donate you are certainly welcome.



**STUDENTS CAN
WEAR PINK**

**DONATIONS ARE WELCOME
BUT NOT ESSENTIAL**

**IF WE RAISE \$1000
Mr Knight will
dye his hair PINK!**



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
PREP K	Van Barnes	For excellent tracking of the speaker
PREP C	Jack Jones	For his enthusiasm starting term 2 and his fantastic holiday book
PREP B	Atticus Jaeger	For a wonderful start to term 2
1R	Charli Muscat	For being able to use visualization as a reading strategy
1P	Xavier Gardner	For excellent behavior on our excursion and asking great questions
2H	Somah Malseed	A flying start to Sunbury Heights!
2D	Anthony Marino	A positive attitude to your schooling
3J	Charlotte Price	For always being considerate and showing respect to others
4d	Taylor Hardstaff	For always trying so hard with all her work
4H	Lachlan Roberts	For passing his PM's
5K	Taylor Bartlett	For always putting 100% into every task
5P	Nikita Johns	For being persistent in her learning and always showing respect for others
SCIENCE	Xavier Gardner	For excellent questions in Science
ART	Finn Spencer Smith	For a great positive start to the term in Art

NEW School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 2 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Mud Splat Handball



Outback Pat Bag Tag



For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them.

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that **TUESDAY** is School Banking day!

Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Sunbury Heights is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the form which will go home with next week's newsletter and return it to your child's teacher.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

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The Term 2 course guide has been distributed and is available on the website www.mrfec.net.au

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Intro to Horticulture
Intro to Office Skills – Intel Easy Steps
Marketing for Small Business Using Social Media
MYOB – Day/Night
Word – Day/Night
Xero – Day/Night

Please telephone the Centre on **5428 3799** for more details and to enrol or visit our website www.mrfec.net.au to see all the courses on offer.

Funding available to eligible participants