



20th April 2017



April	
Fri 21st	G3-6 – Cross Country Whole School – Anzac Service
Mon 24th	Whole School – Curriculum Day
Tues 25th	Sunbury Anzac Service
Wed 26th	Whole School – Student First Aid Training
May	
Wed 3rd May	Interschool Athletics
9th – 12th	NAPLAN
Tues 9th	2018 Prep Information Session, 2.15 – 3.15pm
Wed 10th	G1-2 - Science Excursion
Fri 12th	Prep – Mother's Day Afternoon, 2.15 – 3.15pm
Thurs 18th	2018 Prep Information Session, 6.30 – 7.30pm
Wed 31st	G3-6 - Woodlands Cross Country
June	
Tues 6th	G5 – Space Centre Excursion
Fri 9th	Winter Sports
Mon 12th	SCHOOL CLOSED – Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tues 13th	SCHOOL CLOSED – Curriculum Day
Wed 14th	G6 – Space Centre Excursion
20th – 23rd	Whole School – CBA Start Smart Presentations
Wed 21st	G3-6 - Regional Cross Country (selected students only)
26th – 28th	G4 – DOXA Camp

A note from the Principal

Our first week back at school has certainly flown and the students and staff are all looking forward to both our ANZAC Day Ceremony and 3-6 cross country tomorrow.

The ANZAC Day Commemorations will begin at 8.30 where parents and community members can enjoy a cup of coffee and ANZAC biscuit before the ceremony. Weather permitting, the Ceremony will begin at 10.00 on the grassed area bordered by the BER and 1/2 classrooms, alternatively in the GP room. We welcome all our parents to the ceremony which will be led by our senior students. We are fortunate that one of our dads James Thornley (who sang for us last year) will once again sing for us. Rob Mitchell, the Honorable Member for the Federal Seat of McEwen will be attending the service and giving a short speech. Rob will be available to meet with community members after the service to discuss any other concerns. Students and parents are welcome to wear the medals of family members. These medals should be worn on the right side of the chest.

The Cross Country will "kick off" at 11.30. If you are here for the ANZAC Day Ceremony you may like to stay and help cheer on the competitors. Miss Barnes is also looking for parent helpers to assist with the event. Thank you to Miss Barnes for her organisation of the cross country and Miss Killeen for her organisation of the ANZAC Day Ceremony. What a great way to end a very successful first week back!



MONDAY 24th APRIL
(Curriculum Day)
TUESDAY 25th APRIL
(Anzac Day Holiday)

ANZAC Day Holiday

There is **NO SCHOOL** on Tuesday April 25 due to the ANZAC Day holiday. All students in school are invited to take part in the march and attend the wreath laying ceremony in Sunbury. The students need to be in full school uniform and meet myself and other staff members and other staff, outside the railway station for the march beginning at 10am. We will then march to the Memorial area on the Village Green where our School Captains (who can attend) will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. This will take place at approximately 10.15am -10.30am.

As this is not an official school excursion parents need to attend the event to ensure their own child's supervision.



Transition Information for Year 5/6 Students

Information regarding procedures for transition to Secondary School for Year 6 students was sent home on Wednesday. Year 5 students have also been given information regarding our local Secondary School information evenings. This is a great opportunity for families to visit the Secondary Schools and for students to take a look at what the Secondary School experience offers.

Sunbury Downs College

Open Night - Tuesday 2nd May - 6.30pm

Sunbury College

Open Night - Wednesday 3rd May - 7pm

Salesian College

Enrolments for Salesian College **2019** close August 25th **2017**

For information on other Secondary Schools please contact them directly - they are sure to have open days or welcome tours. If you have further questions you are welcome to contact Donna Payton (Transition Co-ordinator).

Student First Aid Courses

St John Ambulance will visit our school on Wednesday to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters will lead students through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency.



Our junior students will learn about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students will learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Participating students have been given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to "do your homework" and go online (www.stjohnvic.com.au/quiz) to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY?

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 September 2017.

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.

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.

Prep Information Sessions – 2018 Enrolments

We have already received numerous enquiries in regards to 2018 Prep Enrolments. School Tour and Information Sessions will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2.15 - 2.15pm and Thursday 18th 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.

eSmart

We are pleased to announce that we are now officially an eSmart school and are proud to display our new sign out the front of the school advising our community of this.

Thank you to Mrs Caddaye for all the hard work she has put in so we can receive this status and for her tips and advice she shares with us.



Personal items and toys in school

We understand that students are excited when they receive new toys/items and are keen to show their friends. However, this can often cause upset to other students. If your child wishing to bring something for show and tell, please discuss this with their grade teacher prior, to see if it is suitable to do so.



WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK



20th – 24th April

**Evie, Liam, Pearl,
Lachlan R, Denver,
Jamielee, Ethan**

Soccer Star in the making

Well done to Kyle for making it through the first round of the state schools soccer trials.

Kyle will now move onto the Northern Metropolitan Team Trials on 2nd May.

Good luck Kyle!



The 2017 Attitudes to Schools Survey

We want our student to tell us what they think

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. The survey assists schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school between Monday 22 May to Friday 23 June. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

Students from years 4-6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3. The survey results will be communicated to parents through the Annual Report and newsletter articles.

Last year we used the survey results to identify and plan programs and activities for the 2017 school year. The Grade 6 leadership Program, the Life Skills Program and our strategies to improve student Learning confidence were some the initiatives that *came out of the 2016 survey*.

The Department has updated the survey for 2017 to include important new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance. Mr O'Keefe in his role as student engagement and wellbeing coordinator will be looking carefully at our results to ensure that our students are feeling safe and are engaged in their learning.

Students privacy is our priority

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to combine data for research purposes only. Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of your child's survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file.

Congratulations Mrs Fagan

Our very own Miss Calleja left in Term 1 as Miss Calleja and returned in Term 2 as Mrs Fagan.

Congratulations to Nicole and Chris who celebrated their wedding during the Easter break.



GROWTH VS FIXED MINDSET

Throughout 2017, teachers at SHPS are incorporating notions of 'fixed' and 'growth' mindsets into their program. If your child has a 'growth mindset', they will believe that hard work and perseverance determine how successful they are. Whereas, someone with a 'fixed mindset' believes that being successful at something is determined at birth. You are either naturally good at something or not, and nothing you do will change that. The difference in mindsets can be illustrated in the comments students say.

A student with a growth mindset would say -
Learning to ride a bike without training wheels took lots of tries, but eventually I got it.
The cross-country was really hard, but I kept going.
We lost every game this season, but we got a lot fitter, so next season we'll be better.
A student with a fixed mindset would say -
It's no use, I'll never learn to ride a bike without training wheel.
I came last in the cross-country and I'll always come last.
It's hopeless, we lost every game and we're never going to win a game.

**FIXED OR
GROWTH
MINDSET?**

As parents and teachers, what we say to our children and students can influence whether they develop a growth or fixed mindset. Each week our newsletter will have a tip for parents to help your child develop a growth mindset.

Tip #1

Praise effort and hard work, rather than results alone.

The Praise Makeover

Before	After
"Great job!"	"I like the way you kept trying even when the problems became harder."
"I'm proud of you!"	"You went back to check your work-- that extra step was a great idea."
"You got an A!"	"Those extra practice problems you did really made a difference!"
"You're so smart!"	"The ideas you thought of are unique. Where did you learn about that?"

A child can lose a game of basketball, yet run up and down the court continuously, have numerous attempts at goals and constantly encourage team mates. Whereas, someone on a winning team may have not put in 100%, relied on team mates to shoot goals and not shown sportsmanship. Recognising and praising the effort and work ethic of your child, rather than only recognising the result will help develop a growth mindset in children. Children will hear that you value the importance of effort and hard work, rather than the result alone. The following website has a clip and more information for parents to find out about a growth mindset.

<https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>

Camps, Sports & Excursion Funding

This funding of \$125 per student per year is available for to anyone with a healthcare / pension card. If you applied for the funding through us last year, we will automatically re-apply for you. If you have recently received a healthcare card, received the funding from a previous school or did not receive the funding last year, please obtain an application from the school office.

Applications for funding closes at the end of term 2 so don't miss out.

CSEF

Primary Music Institute (PMI)

Many of our students enjoy guitar, keyboard and drum lessons through Primary Music Institute each Tuesday.

Our Music Teacher Tony had a captive audience as he gave a lunchtime music performance for our students.

If you would like your child to begin lessons in term 2 please don't hesitate to contact us for enrolment forms.