SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

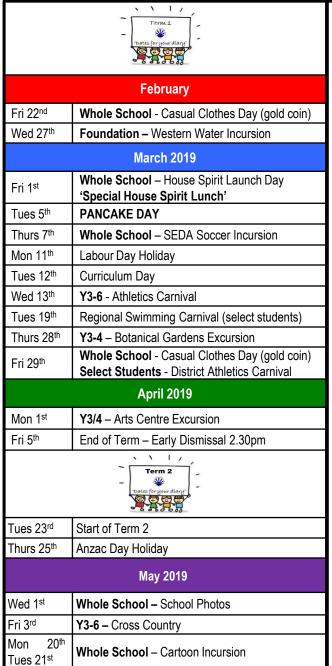
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EDUCATION WEEK

Mon 20th -

Fri 24th



The staff and myself have really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with our families this week and to learn some things about your children through your eyes.

Foundation BBQ

The Foundation BBQ was a great way to meet our new Foundation families and for you to see how your child has settled into school and quickly made relationships with their classmates, teachers and other members of our school community. These evenings do take a great deal of organisation and I thank the staff for being willing to stay back and get to know you all. Of course there were other people who helped and we are always grateful. Thank you Jo Miller, Donna Page, Sharon Ramunno, Cliff and Freya Bishop, and Garry Fisher for feeding the hoards. A special thank you to our OSHC providers for volunteering to do biscuit decorating, crafts and a guess the lollies in the jar competition. It really added to the night and gave parents the opportunity to see how great the OSHC Program is.

Through your eyes

Thank you to all families from Year 1 to Year 6 who made the effort to come up to school yesterday and last night to share information with the staff about their children. There was close to 100% attendance for each class (I believe Miss Harding had 100% parent attendance so well done 1/2H Parents!)

At Sunbury Heights it always give us pleasure to be able to say that we have a parent community that is committed to fostering a strong home school partnership.

Keeping your information Confidential

Next week staff will have the opportunity to make notes of anything of importance that you spoke to them about and pass on relevant information to Jo Fogarty, myself, Damian and other relevant staff. Please be assured that anything told in confidence will remain just that. If you have not completed the form or shared information with your child's teacher please either make a time to see them or fill in another form that will be made available outside the office. For parents who felt they needed more time with the classroom teacher please be assured that you will be contacted in the coming weeks.

Getting to know your child

Starting school is an important milestone for students and families. Our goal was to make the experience of starting school an enjoyable one for both you and your child. So now you have had some time to settle in, I'd like to get some feedback to see if you felt supported and other ways we could make the transition process better for our families. A questionnaire will be sent out to Foundation families this week and we look forward to hearing your feedback and ideas.

CSEF APPLICATIONS

This week we sent all families a 2019 CSEF application form. You only need to complete this if you have a Healthcare card and you have never applied for CSEF at our school before. If in doubt please ask Jo at the office and she'll happily assist you.





Buddies

Our Year 5/6 students love spending time with their buddies.....at Breakfast Club, in the yard and during their Buddy sessions.

They are also looking forward to showing their buddies what House Spirit is all about at their 'Getting to know our House' activity on Friday. A reminder that Y6 and Foundation Students are to wear house colours on Friday.



Year 5/6 Camp Information Night

A reminder that Camp notes and deposit payments need to be returned by **Friday 15th March**. Further information will be available at the family camp information night on, **TUESDAY 5TH MARCH AT 6PM**.



Looking for a new career or a new direction?

If so, come along to an **Information Session** on programs available with Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services at **2pm on Friday 1 March** (before assembly) in the **Community Hub**.

Djerriwarrh is a local not for profit organisation that can deliver training and other programs in conjunction with Sunbury Heights Primary School.

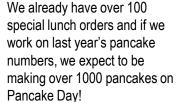
Djerriwarrh's courses include Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA), Hygiene for Food Handlers, Education Support and others. Djerriwarrh can also offer assistance to find a job, or to find training pathways outside our own courses.

For further information come to the information session, pick up our flyer at the school or go to www.djerriwarrh.org.au



Sometimes, it's a case of doing just one thing.....

Jo in the Canteen is working under the pump preparing for our 'House Spirit Lunch' on Friday 1 March and 'Pancake Day' on Tuesday 5 March.



One thing you could do this week, is offer to help Jo. This could be in the run up to these events, on the day, at other events or on a regular day in the canteen.

Please see Jo in the office or Jo in the Canteen if you would like to help.





Friday 1st March 2019



Class Captains

Congratulations to our Years 3 and 4 Class Captains who were voted in by their class peers.

3/4D - Charlee and Lincoln

3/4B - Hannah and Ollie

3/4C – Willow and Ky

3/4H - Jayde and Delcan

3/4M - Isabella and Van

Class captain badges will be presented at this week's assembly.



Inter-schools Swimming

Good luck to our (see below) students who are representing the school at the Interschool Swimming Sports tonight. Thank you to Donna Payton and her team team of helpers.



School Council Elections

We encourage parents to register their interest and nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close on Monday 25
February.

We would like to thank Krystal Twyman for her time on School Council, the support she has given us over the years, and wish her every success with the future.

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



SSG's

For families that have children on the PSD, Damian O'Keefe will contact you shortly to arrange a Student Support Group meeting. This meeting gives staff and families time to set some goals together for the 2019 school year. The meeting usually runs for an hour and is held during the day.

Absences

Thank you to all the families who are now ringing the school prior to their child's absence. As you have been made aware, we are now required to contact parents as soon as possible if a student is absent without an explanation. The easiest way for you to let us know if your child will be absent is to ring. Please ring the office on 9744 3377 on the day of absence. If we haven't heard from you a member of staff will make contact you to check on the wellbeing of your child. If your child is late, to avoid a phone call please make sure they come to the office prior to going to the classroom to collect a late pass.

Building our way to a better future

This week Mrs Mills met with the Architects and she is very excited to announce that the Shared Facility project is all systems go!

The project has now gone out to tender and next week we will have a team of builders assess the site and hopefully, within the next few weeks, building work will commence.

The capital funding we received in 2018 has also been allocated and work will soon commence in building our new STEAM room, which will be incorporated into the back of the Art room.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY



MORE THAN JUST WORDS

Speech

This year we have employed a Speech Pathologist to work with our school staff and students to give our students the best start possible. The ability to articulate words, have correct pronunciation, have a growing vocabulary and to understand and respond to spoken language is imperative in every subject and in every classroom. Last year Leanne screened all of our Foundation parents and, under Leanne's guidance, Tracey Baldwin and other ES staff are running both individualised and small group programs. All parents of students who have a program in place will be contacted and there will be an opportunity for you to observe a session and to have support in doing follow up at home.



Art

PΕ

STEAM

LOTE

3/4H

Koby

Maison

Charlotte B

21st - 27th February

Julian, Allira, Ryan B, Summer, Kelsey, Caroline, Andrew, Gloria

Presented at Assembly on Friday 27 February		
FA	Toby	For his excellent Maths skills!
FH	llai	For great name writing!
FB	Tilly	For being a great friend
FK	Kaleb	For displaying our school values and putting 100% effort into all his work
1/2M	Ryan	For showing respect to his classmates
1/2H	Eric	For presenting an excellent lesson on healthy eating
1/2D	Tyler	For displaying all values all the time1
3/4B	Noah B	For always demonstrating kindness in both the classroom and the yard
3/4M	Riley	For being a positive, well mannered student at all times
5A	Luke W	For being a mature, responsible and kind class member
5U	Jaxon V	For being a respectful and positive member of our grade
6KW	Sam	For following our school values – being a respectful, responsible student
6A	Kody	For always showing kindness to everyone

For showing our school values in Art

For over coming her fear and having a go

For an enthusiastic approach while investigating magnets

For attempting to say the days of the week in Italian

Pupil of the Week





Music to our ears....

We are so lucky to be able to offer Music as part of our curriculum this year.

Mel Brand is doing an amazing job engaging the students and teachers into her program.

This term students are learning about rhythm and have had fun using the African drums.