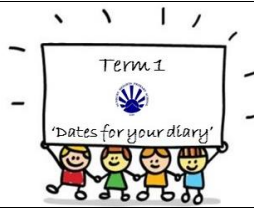




23rd March 2017



March

Tues 21st – Fri 24th	<b>Whole School</b> – School Dental (Phase 2)
Wed 22nd	<b>Prep-G2</b> – RACV Incursion
Mon 27th	Fathering Project Get-together
Tues 28th	School Council Meeting
Fri 31st	<b>Whole School</b> – Casual Clothes Day – Pink Stumps Day <b>Whole School</b> – End of Term (Early Dismissal 2.30pm)



April

Tues 18th	<b>Whole School</b> – Start of Term 2
Fri 21st	<b>G3-6</b> – Cross Country
Mon 24th	<b>Whole School</b> – Curriculum Day
Wed 26th	<b>Whole School</b> – Student First Aid Training

**The Fathering Project - Calling All Dads**



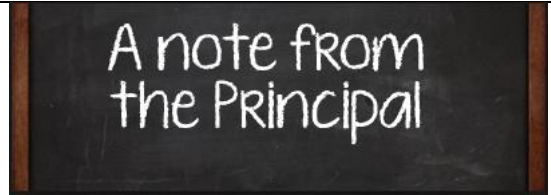
In 2017 Sunbury Heights have been chosen to partner with 'The Fathering Project'.

The aim of the project is to encourage dads / male carers to become more engaged with their kids, share the enjoyment in their lives and most important, have fun with them. We realise the male role model is critical in a child's upbringing, and are therefore keen to be involved in this project. I have invited a few dads and grandfathers to an informal get-together where I get the chance to pick your brain and ask you to offer some suggestions about some things we introduce into our school community to make this happen. This will take place on **Monday 27 March at 7pm**. Damian O'Keefe one of our male staff members will also be there as well as Colin from The Fathering Project and dads from other local primary schools. I hope to see you there if you would also like to join in.



23rd March – 19th April

**Miley B, Astara, Bailey, Jesse D, Nicholas, Ruby S, Matty, Chelsea, Shaylee, Darris & Chanelle, Jessie T-L, Dexter, Ayisha, Aaron S, Ashton, Ruby D, Eddy**



This week is Cultural Diversity Week (March 18 - 26). Cultural Diversity Week brings together Victorians from all walks of life. It is an opportunity to celebrate Victoria's rich cultural diversity and to promote community inclusiveness. This year's theme is 'Our journey, our stories', was a wonderful chance to recognise how our diverse community enriches our school. Last year during NAIDOC Week all students in the school contributed a personal drawn story about themselves or our Indigenous cultural heritage. The individual pieces of fabric were then all sown together by Titta Seacombe to make two Sunbury Heights Story Murals. Please visit the library to see the finished murals that show case just one aspect of our diverse school community.



**REMINDER!**

**Friday 31st March**



**2.30pm**

*Please be mindful that staff will also be leaving to start their holidays at this time, therefore, prompt collection of your child/ren is appreciated.*

### G3/4 Botanical Gardens Excursion



The Grade 3 / 4's had a wonderful day at the botanical gardens on Tuesday.

This excursion was organised to fit in with their Term 1 curriculum topic of 'Plants in Action'.

The students were all prepared with their rain coats but luckily the storms stayed away until they were on the coach home!

All the students thoroughly enjoyed the day and they all returned home with a plant of their own.

### School Council

Once again thank you to the parents, wider community and staff who have been elected to the Sunbury Heights Primary School Council. On Tuesday evening we will elect our office bearers, decide on our sub committees and the school representatives will present our Annual Implementation Plan (A.I.P) for endorsement by Council. The AIP sets out the school's priority areas for 2017. In 2017 our key improvement areas will be to build consistency and quality of teaching practice across the school in the teaching of reading and numeracy and to implement a shared approach to supporting the health, wellbeing, inclusion and engagement of all students at our school. Even if you are not an elected member of school council you are more than welcome to attend school council meetings.



The grade 5 students have been doing an amazing job helping at breakfast club.

Breakfast Club is on in the hub every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.15 – 8.45am. Students and families are welcome to attend. As the saying goes 'breakfast is the most important meal of the day!'



### 2017 Camps

This week families of students in grade 4 will receive information about the cost for the camp to Doxa that will take place in the last week of Term 2.

This is the student's first experience at school camp. Doxa camp provides a rural setting for young people from urban areas to come and experience the great outdoors in a safe environment.

In 2017 our grade 5 students will join our grade 6 students at Weekaway. This camp will take place in early December.

Weekaway is nestled in the quiet Benloch valley, (15km from Lancefield) While on camp the students will enjoy a combination of indoor and outdoor activities The property features a variety of both land and water based activities. Using a unique program, the students will develop skills in communication, teamwork and leadership.

More detailed notes regarding programs and costings will be sent home early in term 2.

### Cyber Safety Tips



Even with the best up to date anti-spam and malware software, spam and malware can sneak in. Spam is the modern version of junk mail and malware is malicious software that can disrupt damage or gain access to your computer. Learn how to tell the difference between real emails and messages, and dodgy things with dodgy links. Sometimes they look quite realistic...always be suspicious of hyperlinks in emails.

<https://www.esmart.org.au/news-events/national-esmart-weeks-top-10-cyber-safety-tips/>

### Sunfest



Thank you to all of the families, teachers and the wider community who supported our students at their first public performance in the Battle of the Choirs at the Sunfest Festival last Saturday. The students who performed told me that they felt very proud to be representing our school and they sang their little hearts out for you. Congratulations to all who participated and a big thank you to Mel Brand for the dedication she showed in preparing the students. At Monday's assembly the singing group gave an encore performance and received a certificate and canteen reward in thanks for the way they represented the school in a positive light in the wider Sunbury community.

## Pink Stumps Day

Sunbury Heights is renowned for the way we support good causes and it will be a highlight to end of Term 1 with a fun filled day raising money to increase the awareness of breast cancer. Get out your pink, join in the fun and pop along to school to cheer on the cricketers and see the mascot. I am sure there is a challenge for Mr Knight so that we can raise a few more dollars. The Grade 5's have been busy planning the day with Mr Knight and Cricket Victoria, and are all ready for pink stumps day.



Our 2016 Pink Stumps Day was so much fun and such a huge success, we are having another one.....

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

Pink dress-up (gold coin donation)

Grade 3-6 cricket carnival, special canteen 'PINK' counter sales  
Sledge the mascot, giveaways, music and competitions on the oval.



Another hot pink initiative from the  
McGrath Foundation



together we can make a difference

## The 2017 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

In Term 2 Mrs Ross and Mrs Macintyre will launch the 2017 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge for Sunbury Heights Primary School and won't that be exciting!

Since the Challenge began in 2005, more than 2.2 million students have turned the pages of almost 42 million books, nearly enough books to reach from Melbourne to Sydney if lined up next to each other. We have been one of those schools!

There's a lot of research that suggests that exposure to lots of books and reading can lead to success in later life and we're all for supporting any program that promotes literacy at Sunbury Heights. The Challenge is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children and young people to read a set number of books.

This year marks the thirteenth Premiers' Reading Challenge, and to complete it students in Years 3-10 need to read 15 books or more.

Students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 are challenged to read or experience 30 books, while children who have not yet started school are challenged to read or experience 40 books with the help of their families.

Each student who completes their target number of books will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Premier of Victoria and former premiers, and will have their name included in the online honour roll.

This year award-winning illustrator and author Marc Martin designed the Challenge's primary school poster, which he hopes will inspire a generation of readers to imagine places all over the world.



## New Canteen Price Lists

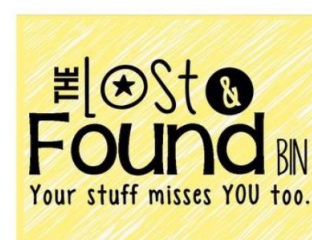
Our new canteen price lists are now in circulation.

Please note that sauce is not listed however sauce is still charged at 20 cents.

Therefore, please include the additional 20c should your child require sauce.



## Lost Property



The lost property (yellow) bin located in the Atrium (between the GP room and prep area) will be emptied and items discarded at the end of term.

Please ensure you check for lost items prior to this.



**'The next pupil of the week will be in Term 2'**

Grade	Student	Reason
PREP B	Isabella B	For having a 'can do' attitude
PREP C	Mason C	For a fantastic effort with writing and detailed pictures
PREP K	Ella G	For learning all the lyrics to our songs in literacy
1H	Audrey	For a special effort with reading and confidence
1D	Jack W	For 100% effort to all learning tasks
1U	Beau Xander P	For fantastic counting and showing confidence in his work For displaying great listening in life skills
2XR	Ali	For giving 100% to all his tasks
2B	Toni	For always being counted on to give 100% to her work and also when helping others
3D	Jack B	For amazing, fantastic behavior at the Botanical Gardens
4M	Marley	For always giving 100% in her learning
4H	Rayah	For asking interesting questions and contributing to discussions on the excursion
5K	Declan	For showing great leadership in and out of the classroom
6PA	Emily	For her valuable contributions to discussions during maths
6K	Odin	For trying hard in all set learning tasks
ART	Chloe M	For always putting effort into her artwork and for showing initiative with clean up tasks

**Seasons For Growth, Grief and Loss program**

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Sunbury Heights Primary School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called 'Seasons for Growth'. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practice new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Seasons for Growth will run for eight weeks and each weekly session is 40-50 minutes. The program will conclude with a 'Celebration' session, then later in the year, each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning. Seasons for Growth will commence soon and if you feel your child/ren would benefit from this program please complete and return the form below or contact me on a Monday or Wednesday for further information.



Michael Wanyama  
School Chaplain

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Yes, I ....., would like my child/ren to participate in the **Seasons For Growth, Grief and Loss program with the Chaplain Michael Wanyama** .

Name of child/ren..... Grade/s.....

Parent Signature..... Date .....