



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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25th October 2018

October	
Fri 26 th	Whole School – Casual Clothes Day
November	
2 nd	Foundation – Y2 – Tabloid Sports
5 th – 6 th	Whole School – Report Writing Day & Melbourne Cup Holiday
12 th – 14 th	Whole School – Sunbury Library NAO Robot Visit
Tues 13 th	2019 Foundation - Transition (2.15-3.15)
Tues 20 th	2019 Foundation - Transition (2.15-3.15) School Council Meeting, 6.30pm
Wed 28 th	Y5/6 – Exciting Term 4 Day out!
Fri 30 th	Whole School – Casual Clothes Day
December	
Fri 7 th	Whole School – Colour Run & Family Picnic
Tues 11 th	Whole School – Transition Day 2019 Foundation - Transition (8.50-1.30)
Fri 14 th	Y3/4 – City Excursion
Tues 18 th	Y6 – Graduation
Fri 21 st	Whole School – END OF TERM Casual Clothes / Early Dismissal 1.30pm

REMEMBER NO SCHOOL

5 – 6 November 2018

Staffing News

We are very fortunate to have had a stable staffing profile for many years. In 2019 all our existing staff will continue at Sunbury Heights (of course there may be changes of roles or classroom teachers) and we will welcome back Nicole Fagan from family leave.

I hope everyone in the school community knows that I feel very privileged to have been able to be the Principal of Sunbury Heights for a number of years now. On October 6 2018 the DEECD renewed my contract for five years. I truly want to be an advocate for our students and families to ensure that what our founding parents and community fought for continues to be our focus.

"To establish SHPS, the community had to stick up for what they believed was due to the families to the North of Gap Road. They worked tirelessly, making new friends along the way to make the school what it still is today. A school that will work together like a family to make sure that no child, regardless of background or location, will miss out on the opportunity of an excellent state school education." Rod Quarrel Founding Parent 2009

A note from the Principal

It seems like I have been away for an age and I must admit, I was a little nervous on Monday morning after having been on LSL and personal leave since the August 12. Everyone has been so kind asking me questions about my time away and enquiring about my family so I will cut to the chase and tell you...

Spain was my favourite country



My grandson Marlowe Leslie was born on August 18 (at 28 weeks). He is now thriving and back home in the Pilbara with his mum, dad and sister.



Thank you to all staff for their dedication and hard work during this period, and in particular, heartfelt thanks to Jo Fogarty who took on the Principal's role while I was away. Jo ensured Sunbury Heights kept steaming ahead. Thank you also to Anne Killeen, who stepped into Jo's role during this time.

We are now ready and prepared to put in place all that is necessary so that we have a successful end to the 2018 school year and that we are in a position to begin our forward planning for 2019.



25th – 31st October

**Max R, Isabella H, Alexis,
Ayden G, Beau, Karlee**

Giant Car Boot Sale & Craft Market

Sunbury Uniting Church is holding its 15th Annual 'Car Boot Sale & Craft Market' on Saturday 17th November, 8.30am–2pm (inside and on the Village Green) with over 60 cars and many craft stalls! Car sites are available at \$25 (+\$10 PL insurance if you don't have your own). Contact Helen on 0407 506 507 or helenhall88@gmail.com.



Late Arrivals

It has come to our attention that some of our senior students may be taking detours on the way to school and are therefore arriving late. This is something we feel families may be unaware of.

Please can you discuss with your children, the importance of walking directly to school and arriving on time.



Account Payments / Fees

In the next few weeks School Council will be confirming the 2019 fees and these fees will be added to family accounts in December.



We would ask that families who have not yet completed the payment of their 2018 fees to attempt to do so, or contact the office to discuss payment plans, prior to the new fees being added.

Although we like parents to come in and see us, we know this is not always possible. Therefore, we are now accepting EFTPOS payments over the phone should this be an easier option for you.

Grade Placement 2019

In the very near future we will begin organising our classroom structure for 2019. Our final structure will depend on our student enrolment numbers, available classrooms, teacher schedules and possible changes to government policy that may impact on our decision-making. Regardless of these factors there is always some very relevant information that parents convey to us that we take into consideration when arranging student groupings. Some examples of parent requests we consider have included:

- Siblings may be in consecutive year levels e.g: a Year 5 and a Year 6 and the parent wishes that they are not placed in the same class. Eg the separation of twins or alternatively parents may prefer the twins to be placed in the same class.

Each year, we ask parents to inform us in writing of relevant information. Please note that this is not a teacher selection opportunity but one which may influence the children's social and academic grouping to ensure all students' needs are met. Whilst we cannot guarantee your requests will be met, we assure you that the information you present will be carefully considered.

Requests must be made in writing and should be addressed to myself as follows - '**Confidential – 2019 Grade Placement**'. Requests for grade placement should be lodged at the office no later than **Wednesday 7 November 2018**. Any parent, who has lodged a request in a previous year, should resubmit their request in writing, even if their circumstances remain unchanged.

Student Transfers 2019

We would also appreciate if you could advise us if you are planning on transferring your child/ren to another school in 2019. This is important as we need to take this into account when assessing grade sizes.

NDIS information for parents now available on Department Website

If you would like information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), resources are now available. These include:

- how to get support through the NDIS
- requests for NDIS funded therapy in schools
- NDIS and student transport

#ndisready

To access these resources, please refer to the Department's website <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/needs/Pages/ndis.aspx>. If you would like support in this area please make an appointment to see our Welfare Coordinator Damian O'Keefe.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!

We recently received a generous donation from the Abou-Eid family to put toward items the school requires.

Sharon very happily put the money to good use and was able to purchase new, state of the art toasters for Breakfast Club.

All donations, however big or small, are very much appreciated.

WANTED

Science & Technology 2019 classes are currently looking for donations of pre-loved:

- Lego,
- Building blocks,
- Duplo,
- Wooden blocks
- Cardboard tubes (please no toilet rolls)

Or anything else like this for fun technology-based activities.

If you have anything that you would like to donate, please leave it in the Science tubs at the office and we will collect them.

Thanking you in advance.

Mrs Langmaid & Mrs Andersen

Hats

The weather is starting to warm up and unfortunately there are still several students without hats.

Students without hats are unable to play or be involved in PE or Sports classes.

If a student does not have a hat in the breaks students will be directed to the library or to the rotunda area to sit and play games there.

Hats can be purchased from PSW (Aldi complex on Gap Road) or any major retailer such as Target, BIG W or Best and Less.



DON'T FORGET YOUR
HAT
we are
SUN SMART



Snakes

Today the mowing of our two ovals will commence in preparation for the warmer weather. Our student's safety is always at the forefront of our minds. Whilst we have never found a snake on our school site we are well aware of local concerns especially after the news this week that a toddler was bitten by a snake in Sunbury. Please go through safe practices with your child and FYI, we have included the recommended response to snake bite.

Snake bite

IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL TRIPLE ZERO (000) FOR AN AMBULANCE.



DRSABCD Danger ▶ Response ▶ Send for help ▶ Airway ▶ Breathing ▶ CPR ▶ Defibrillation
The DRSABCD Action Plan is the first step when providing first aid. Use this to assess the immediate situation.

All known or suspected snake bites must be treated as potentially life-threatening, and medical aid should be sought urgently.

WARNING

Do not wash venom off the skin or clothes because it may assist identification.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Signs of a snake bite are not always visible and, in some cases, the patient may not have felt anything. Symptoms may not appear for an hour or more after the person has been bitten.

Depending on the type of snake, signs and symptoms may include some or all of the following:

- immediate or delayed pain at the bite site
- swelling, bruising or local bleeding
- bite marks (usually on a limb) that may vary from obvious puncture wounds to scratches that may be almost invisible
- swollen and tender glands in the groin or armpit of the bitten limb
- faintness, dizziness
- nausea and vomiting
- headache
- abdominal pain
- oozing of blood from the bite site or gums
- double or blurred vision
- drooping eyelids
- difficulty in speaking or swallowing
- limb weakness or paralysis
- difficulty in breathing
- occasionally, initial collapse or confusion followed by partial or complete recovery.

WHAT TO DO

- 1 Follow DRSABCD.
- 2 Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance.
- 3 Lie the patient down and ask them to keep still. Reassure the patient.
- 4 If on a limb, apply an elasticised roller bandage (10–15 cm wide) over the bite site as soon as possible. Apply a further elasticised roller bandage (10–15 cm wide), starting just above the fingers or toes and moving upwards on the bitten limb as far as can be reached. Use clothing or other material if an elasticised roller bandage is not available. Apply the bandage as tightly as possible to the limb.
- 5 Immobilise the bandaged limb using splints.
- 6 Keep the patient lying down and completely still (immobilised).
- 7 Write down the time of the bite and when the bandage was applied. If possible, mark the location of the bite site (if known) on the skin with a pen, or photograph the site.
- 8 Stay with the patient until medical aid arrives.



Foundation STEM Unit

In Foundation at the moment we are learning about fairy tales for our STEM unit. We are learning about using different materials and working as a team. This week we created dresses for Cinderella out of newspaper. The students were asked to design the outfit, and then make it. The students had great fun during this activity.



Casual Clothes Day

It hard to believe we are at the end of the month again, and we all know what that means...it's Casual Clothes Day on Friday!

This month we are celebrating National Bandana Day, supporting young people with cancer.

Bandanas are available for purchase at the school office for \$5. Lots of students have already purchased them and it is great to see the beautiful array of colours around the school already.

This is a great cause so please remind your child/ren to bring their gold coin donation.

We are always looking to support charities which are personal to our families. If there is a charity close to your heart, please let us know so we can consider it for 2019.



If You Can Read This... Thank a Teacher

International World Teacher's Day will be celebrated in Victoria on Friday 26 October. Every day, Victorian teachers are supporting children and young people by improving student outcomes and shaping their lives for future success.

At Sunbury Heights we recognise the high quality of our teachers and the significant contributions they make in our classrooms, to our Specialist programs and communities. World Teacher's Day is an opportunity to acknowledge this valuable work and celebrate the wonderful achievements made by all teachers but in particular, our teachers.

Our teaching staff were spoilt on Wednesday when our Education Staff provided a special morning tea to show their appreciation and acknowledge the contributions our staff make to the life of our students and the school.



WILL BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2018

GRADE	STUDENT	REASON
Prep A	London	For her fantastic Handwriting
Prep B	Mariam	For a fantastic attitude in Reading
Prep H	Evie	For always trying her best at Writing
1K	Dane O'Keefe Chelsea Tanti	For powerfully persuading his audience to buy a toy dragon For making $\frac{1}{2}$'s and $\frac{1}{4}$'s correctly in Maths
1D	Sophie	For displaying kindness to others
2C	Emasyn	For always trying her best to include WOW words in her Writing
2H	Amelia	For terrific progress in all areas, but especially in Reading
2M	Jack R	For beautiful manners and his caring nature
3D	Forde	For displaying school values of respect at all times
3U	Hannah	For using different strategies during Maths problem solving
4M	Jessica	For her great ideas when writing narratives
4H	Luke	For showing kindness to his peers
5K	Kody	For being focussed and active during class discussions
5A	Jesse	For great conversation during Reading groups
6K	Christian	For sharing his experiences about Vietnam while learning about Asia
Art	Andrew (4M)	For being helpful and responsible in Art
LOTE	Violet (Prep B)	For being attentive and achieving a great result
PE	Joel (5K)	For giving dancing a go and working well with all students
Science	Grace (2H)	For such enthusiasm while testing rain and learning the Water Cycle song
Music	Ebony C	For great body percussion memory
Mrs Warrior	Skye	For showing kindness to Foundation students