



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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June	
Fri 1 st	Prep – RACV Incursions
Thurs 7 th	Whole School – First Aid Education Incursion Y3-4 – Hansel & Gretel Excursion
MONDAY 11th JUNE (Queen's Birthday Public Holiday)	
Fri 15 th	Y3-6 – Winter Sports
18 th – 20 th	Whole School – CBA Start Smart Program
Tues 19 th	School Council Meeting, 6.30pm Y1/2 – Zoo Excursion
Fri 22 nd	Y3-6 – Winter Sports (back up date)
25 th – 29 th	Whole School – NAIDOC Week
TUESDAY 26th JUNE (Parent Teacher Interviews) More details to follow	
Fri 29 th	Whole School – END OF TERM 2 Early Dismissal – 2.30pm Casual Clothes Day – TBA



31st May – 6th June

**Ben G, Tayla McD, Jaxon C, William V,
Kim, Sienna M, Astrid, Olivia C**

Y1/2 Bandicoot Fun

On Monday 28th May, the year 1/2 students were visited by Dr Amy Coetsee (Blake and Quade's mum) from Melbourne Zoo. Dr Amy came to tell us about the Eastern Barred Bandicoot, which is a native Australian animal. The visit tied in with our inquiry topic of Home Among the Gum Trees. The students learnt that the Eastern Barred Bandicoot is endangered and that Dr Amy and her team are working to help the population survive.

Dr Amy also told us about the Bubbles instead of Balloons project which aims to eliminate balloons being let go into our environment. Later this term, the Year 1/2s will be celebrating the Bubbles instead of Balloons project with some fun bubble activities.



A note from the Principal

On Tuesday all the government primary schools in Sunbury and Macedon Ranges Specialist School attended a Combined Curriculum Day where the focus was on Positive School Wide Behaviours and Emotional Resilience. The day was a good opportunity for the schools to work together and learn from each other so that we are consistent in our approach to behaviour and the health and wellbeing of all our students. All schools in Sunbury including both secondary colleges have developed their own values which are similar to our school values of Respect, Kindness and Responsibility. It is important that all students no matter what school they attend have a shared language and a shared understanding of what the values look like. All schools have developed their own matrix of what these values look like in different areas of the school e.g. in the classroom, in the playground, when we have visitors etc. and will explicitly teach these to the children in classroom lessons.



A highlight and inspiring part of the day was certainly hearing Hugh from the Resilience Project speak. He talked about his experiences in India and how people and children with so little could be so resilient.



He put it down to three qualities being grateful, having empathy and being mindful or living in the present. If you want to find out more about how to promote resilience in yourself or your family visit the Resilience Project site at www.theresilienceproject.com.au.

Silly Sock Day

It was a very pleasing amount that our students raised on the out of uniform day last Friday. They raised in excess of \$380. This money will be used to help support families who need to stay in accommodation close to a hospital when they have sick children. Members of the leadership team, Olivia and Zoe spoke in an extremely confident manner about the day and we should be proud of the way these students have taken on the roles of grade





'Wonders of nature' art show in the orchard

Our art show in the orchard was a great success, and the weather was just perfect! Our junior and middle school students in particular loved exploring the orchard during recess and lunchbreaks, looking to see the 17 different types of artworks scattered around the orchard. 3D took on the job of reporting on this, and on silly socks day which coincided with this event. Here's some of what they had to say...

'We had silly socks day and we went to the orchard. We made birds and birds nests, It was fun. We also drew pictures when we went to the orchard to look at the art work.' By Jacob.

'Today, you wouldn't believe what happened! In the orchard we had to organize an art show. It was fun. My class and I made a bird in a bird's nest. I was inspired by all other grades art work. I had heaps of fun' By Summer.

House Spirit

Our grade 6 leaders surveyed the students across the school and have begun to organise activities that the students would like to see happening. The first of these happened last Thursday and Jay Jay spoke about the fun the junior school had munching on popcorn and watching a cartoon version of the lion king. The yard was certainly quiet as many of the younger students enjoyed the opportunity to stay inside out of the cold Autumn conditions.

House Spirit was introduced to help the students feel more connected to the school, to all the staff and students and to have a voice in what we can offer to cater for the different interests of our students. Over the last couple of weeks the leadership students have continued their leadership program with Petrina and Karen from House Spirit and it was very pleasing to get this email that said.....

"We really enjoy working with your Grade 6 Leaders. They are an energetic, go-getting bunch that are responding really well to all our workshops. They are so polite and well-mannered and we absolutely love the time we have with them. We are going to send a whole school "House" survey that we would love for every student to fill in. The results we gain from this particular survey will give us an insight into how we are tracking and where we may need to focus for the second half of this year with the current House leaders."

Our own survey results already indicate that the students have really enjoyed the activities, the t-shirts and the positive vibe they get from belonging to a house.



If you have not already purchased a house spirit t-shirt for your child and would like to do so, they are available from the office for \$20.



Certificates will be presented at assembly on Friday 8 June

GRADE	STUDENT	REASON
Prep A	Amelia	For always going 100% in each task
Prep B	Jasmine	For working hard to learn her golden words
Prep H	Mitchell	For excelling in all areas of the curriculum
1D	Hunter	For actively participating in class activities
1K	Loc	For great improvement in mathematics
2H	Marlee	For great application to maths problems
2M	Jordan	For sharing his animal knowledge so enthusiastically
2C	Riley	For always being kind and helpful to his peers and teachers
4M	Jack M	For his confidence in sharing his opinions during class discussion
4H	Jaxon Sandra	For their outstanding performances and character voices in plays
5K	Karlee	For showing empathy with her classmates
5A	James	For displaying the school values, especially kindness!
6PA	Jennifer	For always giving 100%
6K	Jaiden	For working hard during our maths sessions on fractions of an amount
Art	Vansmeet	For always showing responsibility in art
LOTE	Miley (1K)	For showing kindness and respect for her classroom
Music	Xander W-C	For fantastic recorder playing