

# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

October		November			
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kinder @ School – 8.30am-1.00pm	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pupil Free Day - NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Pix – Whole School Photo	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melbourne Cup Day - NO SCHOOL		
Wednesday 28th	Special Lunch – Hot Dog Day	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2016 Prep Transition Afternoon		
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Casual Clothes Day – Bin Stickers Gold Coin Donation	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 3/4 Song Room Excursion		
		Thursday 19th	Rugby State Finals – Girls Tackle Team		
December		Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	2016 Prep Transition Afternoon		
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Prep – 2 Athletics – more details to follow	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Aquarium Excursion		
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Transition				
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Prep – 2 Concert – more details to follow	Last day for Special Lunch			
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Graduation – more details to follow		Orders		

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Orders
Hot Dog Day
TOMORROW
NO LATE ORDERS

## It's a Healthy Bouncing Baby Boy

I am sure by now; many of you have heard the good news. Rebecca and Wayne Lewis are proud to announce the arrival of Hudson Oliver. Hudson born on 20/10/2015 weighed 3.67 kg and is 52cm long. Mrs Langmaid visited the new family last night to pass on our love and best wishes. She has reported back that Wayne and Rebecca are over the moon, Hudson is "AWESOME "and all are well.

Last Day Term 4 - 1.30pm Dismissal

# **School Review**

Friday 18th

On Monday our School Review was held. Our review panel consisted of our reviewer, Peter Fotheringham, my peer colleagues Romina Pimpini (Assistant Principal Sunbury Downs Secondary College) and Rachelle

Hedgers (Principal Diggers Rest Primary School), our team leaders Suzy Black, Carmel Ross, Narelle de Young and Nicole Langmaid, our School Council President Carl Ashford and Cathie Morcom and I.

During the school review period, the school conducted a self-evaluation to see if the goals that were set four years ago in the strategic plan had been met. This was presented to the panel. From this recommendations were made about how and where we need to focus our energies resources over the next four years.

The review was a very positive experience, it gave the school an opportunity to reflect on the success we have had in the areas of achievement, health and well-being and transition. When Peter Fotheringham presents his report there will be more of an opportunity to give our school community more detailed feedback. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to a successful School Review.

### Water Wise Parris and Mr D

Congratulations Parris for coming runner up in the Western Water poster competition. We knew Parris was a finalist but not until Parris, her family and Penny Wilson (representing our school) attended the ceremony were we aware of how well she had done. Let's all be water wise this summer. Mr de Waart is already putting a bucket in his daily shower that he later uses in the cistern of his toilet. In one year he has saved 14000 litres. Anyone got any other ideas????





#### **Helping Kids Move On**

Kids want to be listen to and taken seriously when they have problems with siblings or peers at school. Part of the wisdom of parenting we know which issues to take seriously and act upon and which ones to let slide. A rule of thumb that we think is valuable to use is to quickly ascertain if the child's problem is current or not. A child may tell you or a teacher about "a friend being mean to me yesterday". Sometimes both parents and teachers become bogged down dealing with the issues when in many cases the issue has resolved itself naturally. I would ask- "do you think your friend will be mean to you tomorrow?" Help children to focus on the future rather than the past. Children with strong social skills tend to be future orientated and move on from disappointments and rejection. The adults in their lives can help them focus ahead rather than be stuck in the past which can be unhelpful.

#### **Grade Placement 2015**

In the very near future we will begin organising our classroom structure for 2015. 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.

The separation of twins or alternatively parents may prefer the twins to be placed in the same class.

Two individuals may work together really well and would benefit from being placed together in the same class or they may not work well together and should be separated.

Each year, we ask parents to inform us in writing of relevant information. Please note that this is <u>not</u> 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 – 2016 Grade Placement'.

Requests for grade placement should be lodged at the office no later than Friday 6th November 2015. Any parent, who has lodged a request in a previous year, should resubmit their request in writing, even if their circumstances remain unchanged.

#### Remembrance Day

At Sunbury Heights Primary School, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November our School Captains Samantha Williams, Rayden Yobb, Caleb Bertram and Natalie McLean will travel with me to a local commemorative service and they will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

#### MILO T20 Cricket.

On Friday 13th November Mr Knight is taking 20 of our grade 4/5/6 students to Dixon Field in Gisborne to play Milo T20 Cricket. Our Boys and Girls teams are playing against schools from around the Gisborne/Sunbury area. Milo Cricket is run by Cricket Victoria. The MILO T20 Blast School Cup is a fast, fun, safe carnival. Teams of primary school students play a minimum of four games over four hours. As well as encouraging a healthy, active lifestyle, the kids develop teamwork, leadership and fundamental movement skills. The modified game format encourages equal participation across batting, bowling, fielding and wicket keeping, regardless of ability.

### Bikes / Scooters In The Yard

Whilst we are pleased with the number of students riding to and from school, please help us to remind students that bikes and scooters need to be walked the whole way to and from the gates.

#### Going Home to Play

There has been a couple of incidents this year where kids are making arrangements to go home and play at a friend's house afterschool without the other parent being aware of the arrangements. This has caused some grief to a couple of our familes when they are unaware where there child might be and cannot contact the other family.

Please reinforce to your child that parents need to make or confirm the arrangements that are being made and that one parent needs to speak to the other parent to confirm arrangements.

#### **CASUAL DAY – BIN STICKERS**

This month we are raising money to buy stickers for our rubbish bins.

The most exciting part of this is that we hope to put our own photos on the bins.

Please support the Junior School Council – wear your casual clothes and make a gold coin donation.

The more money we get, the more bins we can decorate.

Junior School Council





# **CERT 3 EDUCATION SUPPORT**

Certificate 3 in Education Support will be running in the Community Hub again next year. Kelly Butler is an enthusiastic and passionate trainer that will be facilitating the course. There is government funding available for those recipients that are eligible. Dates and times to be advised.



If you are interested and would like more information please contact Sharon Ramunno on 9744-3377

PUPIL OF THE WEEK					
Grade	Student	Reason			
Prep B	Charlie Muscat	For being kind and respectful to others.			
1/2R	Joel Inglis	For working hard on IXL Maths.			
1/2P	Kody Hughes	For putting 100% effort into his writing task.			
1/2H	Michael Webb	For taking such a great interest in Maths and Music.			
3/4K	Kai Oliver	For writing brilliant limericks  There once was a boy called Kai, At limericks he gave a great try, His writing was great, He never was late, Very proud of him are you and I.			
3/4Y	Aidan Thomas	For enjoying all aspects of Health and PE week.			
3/4D	Aaron Sapac	For being an engaging student at all times.			
5P	Sasha Wanyama	For making links between his learning about 1800's Australia.			
5M	Joseph Ring	For being a great member of a group and helping others in need.			
P.E.	5P	For a great session in P.E.			
Science	3/4D	For working beautifully as a group in Science.			
Mrs Warrior	Brodie Corcoran	For writing beautifully.			

HAPPY BIRTHDAY till 25th October						
Tylah Searle-Philpott	Alyssia Quigley	Rori Webb	Tyler Bullen	Zaelan Strachan		

