



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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Important Dates

OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
Mon 14 th October	School Council Meeting 6.30pm	Fri 8 th November	School Disco
Mon 14 th – Friday 18 th October	Health and P.E. Week	Mon 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Mon 21 st – Wed 23 rd October	Grade 4 Anglesea Camp	Tues 19 th November	Kinder Transition Afternoon
Tues 22 nd October	Kinder at School 8.30am-1pm	Tues 19 th November	Rugby State Final – Selected Students
Fri 25 th October	Kinder at School 8.30am-1pm	Tues 26 th November	Kinder Transition Afternoon
Fri 25 th October	Non Uniform Day – Women’s Hospital Gold Coin Donation	Fri 29 th November	Non Uniform Day – School Project Gold Coin Donation
Sun 27 th October	Sunbury PCYC Charity and Bike Show Swap Meet, Car Boot Sale, Craft Stalls		

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Here we are at the beginning of the last term for 2013..... and Sunbury Heights continues to shine in so many ways. This week it is giving back to the Community through a Community Art project. Keep an eye out for next week’s local paper to see a photograph of Chelsea 6L, Nathan 6O, Mauricio 5A and Kara 5P, our student representatives for the project. These children along with many of their classmates contributed to the Sunbury Streetscape that has just taken out first prize in the Careworks Caring For Our Community Competition. The photo will show the students, our Art teacher Jennifer Caddaye standing proudly in front to of their “scape” with Nicky Gallus the Manager of Careworks.

Grounds and facilities

Thank you to our neighbours for keeping an eye on the school over the break. It certainly helped to keep graffiti and vandalism to a minimum. Thank you to Geoff, Leo, Ray and John for collecting and erecting the cubby house which was so generously donated by Chelsea Houston’s grandfather Wayne. The cubby which now sits proudly in the Prep playground has certainly proved to be a winner with our Prep students and pre-schoolers who attend playgroup.

Leo also took on the big task and mowed the lawns in readiness for the students return. We are currently looking to have line marking completed so that the students who enjoy a game of football or soccer have the boundaries that they like to keep the game “fair”.

The classrooms in the BER building have had the windows tinted over the holidays. Both staff and students have commented favourably on the positive impact it has had. The rooms are now protected from the sun’s glare and the classrooms appear cooler. Due to the positive response we have now decided to have Mrs Pianura and Mrs Andersen’s classroom windows tinted as well.

“Finger Licken’ and Good”

Thank you to the Colleen, Neil and Shannen Davison for looking after our two chickens Finger and Good over the term break. The Davison’s thought the two chickens seemed lonely since the original Licken’ died and have bought us an extra chicken which they have named Licken’.2. The eggs should be coming in quick and fast now we are back to three good layers. Thank you to the Davison’s for their generosity.

Health and PE Week

Next week Sunbury Heights Primary School celebrates Health and PE Week. Health and PE Week is a great opportunity for schools to raise awareness among students, teachers and parents about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle. Miss Ratkowski has organised some excellent activities for students across the school and lunchtimes will be full of fun physical activities for the students to participate in.

Health & PE Week 2013

Lunchtime activities

Make sure your children wear suitable clothing and runners every day next week.

Monday 14 th October	Amazing Race
Tuesday 15 th October	Skate & ride (basketball, netball court) Remember to join in you need your helmet!
Wednesday 16 th October	Tennis / Speedminton
Thursday 17 th October	AFL- Handball competition
Friday 18 th October	Basketball Knockout competition

NUDE FOOD DAY

Wednesday October 16th will be **NUDE FOOD DAY!**

This is an Australia wide project. All students will be encouraged to bring their food to school in re-usable containers. We want to cut down on the wasteful papers that are used to cover food and that also contribute to litter problems. On this day we can all pull together to have as little wastage and litter as possible. If you would like to know more or research some lunch box recipes please visit nudefoodday.com.

Food for thought! Why do it on one day only? Let's make it an everyday practise! Send your children to school with their snack and lunch in sealed containers that will keep their food fresh and safe without all the papers and wrappings. The containers used should be reusable and there will be little, if no, litter and mess.

Environmentally friendly lunch order containers are also available from the canteen or front office for \$7.50 each.

Transition News Getting Prep- Pared

Geordie and Luke are already joining in with activities in preparation for Prep in 2014. On Tuesday afternoon both boys went to Art with Prep Hill and had loads of fun. Mrs Caddaye said the boys put their hands up and joined in.

If you have or know of a child who is attending Sunbury Heights in 2014 and you would like to give them the best start by helping them become familiar within the school environment please drop into the playgroup on either Tuesday afternoon or Friday morning, so that Sharon can take them along to become involved with the school life of our 2013 Preps.

Remembrance Day Read2Remember

Last week we received a copy of the book "The Quest for Courage". It is the book that schools across Australia are invited to read on Remembrance Day to their students. Sunbury Heights chooses to participate and Mrs Ross' words about why we choose to do so are proudly written on the Read2Remember website.

"Sunbury Heights is a school that has a strong and unrelenting focus on instilling a love of reading as well as a goal of helping our students to develop skills to be resilient in their own lives. Sunbury Heights views Read2Remember as an opportunity to bind those two important keys together. The school has ties to both past and present ADF personnel and the 2012 ANZAC Day commemoration had the theme of Courage where the address to the school by a veteran was consistent with the message that is in the book.

We look forward to Read2Remember to being an annual event in our school's life."

NAPLAN 2013

Our school NAPLAN results arrived on Tuesday and while we have only had a short time to look at the data Cathie Morcom is putting together an initial report to present to staff and school council on this year's results and what it looks like for us as a school. Results from this year's NAPLAN test results and relevant information will be sent home to families by post this week.

NAPLAN is one of many tools we use to measure student skills and progress. It is important to remember, especially when looking at your own child's results, that where they are now is not as important as how much progress they have made.

If the results indicated by the NAPLAN report are not as you expect for your child and if you wish to discuss elements of the NAPLAN report with the classroom teacher or wish to explore ways that you may be able to assist your child's learning please make an appointment with your child's classroom teacher.

Our Latest Red Stars!

Alex Hazelman, Alex Braun and Joel Brown were the proud recipients of Red Star badges at the end of term three. These students have worked extremely hard and shown responsibility, endeavour and determination to complete all the required challenges. Well done Alex, Alex and Joel – we are very proud of you!

Our Junior School Councillors are always keen to present the Red Star Awards at assembly and it has been fantastic to see our JSC members supporting and encouraging the students in years three and four.



Hope we are lucky!!!!



Community Garden & Environment Grants Announcement

You are invited to attend the announcement of the 2013 Sammy's Community Garden Grants and Frances' Environment Grants

Light lunch provided

Date Thursday 24 October 2013
Time 11.00am – 12 noon
Venue Jill Gibbs Community Garden (next to St Anne's church), Riddell Rd, Sunbury
RSVP feedback@westernwater.com.au
Nicole Bovezza on (03) 9218 5522
by Friday 18 October 2013

WESTERN WATER

News from the Artroom

Sunbury show is on this coming Saturday (October 12th) at the Sunbury Recreation Reserve in Riddell Rd Sunbury from 8:30am-5pm. If you are going to the show be sure to visit the Arts and Crafts pavillion to see our school artwork display and our 'Tinman' scarecrow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 13th October 2013

Jessi Douglas, Priya Govender

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Brodie Corcoran	For making interesting sentences when writing.
Prep D	Jordan Williams	For her fantastic recount of her holidays.
1/2X	Hailee Walker	For great reading.
1/2H	Briony Williams	For 'story telling' and reading to 1/2H.
3/4K	Jamie Pender	For a great attitude towards school.
3/4W	Samantha Mogridge	For reaching Level 30 in PM reading.
3/4A	Vanessa Tancevski	For using a hyberbole in her school holiday report.
5P	T-Jay Bartlett	For showing persistence with understanding long division.
P.E.	Brayden Varapodio	For outstanding improvement in your beep test results.
ART	Jayson Parmar	For showing a positive in Art.
SCIENCE Mrs Payton	Tate Wilson	For contributing during class discussions.

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER:



SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

School Banking Update: Redeem your tokens for a moneybox this year!

In 2014 the School Banking program will be launching a new set of exciting reward items for students to redeem their tokens for. Each reward item will continue to be valued at 10 tokens (i.e. 10 deposits) and there will be **two new** reward items for students to choose from **each term**.

With exciting new reward items on offer in 2014, please be aware that the **Dollarmites moneyboxes will no longer be available next year**. To avoid any child missing out on claiming their moneybox, please let your children know of this change and encourage them to redeem their moneybox this school year.

In an effort to ensure your child doesn't miss out, the rule of one money box per year has been removed. If your child is trying to collect the series of Dollarmite moneyboxes, they are encouraged to do so before the end of the school year. Please understand that the still need to redeem each moneybox for the required 10 tokens.