



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
OCTOBER	
Wed 10th Oct	Gr 4 Anglesea Camp Final Instalment due \$70
Mon 15 th Oct	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Mon – Fri 15th – 19th Oct	Health & PE Week
Tues 16 th Oct	Katie – City of Hume Environment Day
Wed 17th Oct	Nude Food Day
Thurs 18 th Oct	1/2 Cricket Clinic 2.15pm
Mon - Wed 22nd–24th Oct	Gr 4 Anglesea Camp
Mon 22 nd Oct	Katie – City of Hume Environment Day
Wed 24th Oct	Garden Awards Visit from the Judges in a Helicopter at 12.12pm
Fri 28 th Oct	Non-Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation
NOVEMBER	
Tues 6th Nov	Melbourne Cup Day No School
Mon 12th Nov	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 20th Nov	2013 Prep Transition Afternoon
Tues 27 th Nov	2013 Prep Transition Afternoon
Wed 28th Nov	Prep Aquarium Excursion
Fri 29 th Nov	Non-Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation
DECEMBER	
Fri 7th Dec	P-2 Athletic Day
Tues 18 th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 19th Dec	P-2 Concert
Fri 21 st Dec	Last Day Term 4 1.30pm Dismissal

PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (ADDRESS ABOVE)
(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Here we are at the beginning of the last term for 2012.....the weather is warming up and the students are wearing broad-brimmed or bucket hats in response to the state wide SunSmart policy. The policy advises that from September until April, or when the Ultra Violet (UV) level reaches 3, it is important to use a combination of sun protection measures to minimise the risk of skin and eye damage, and skin cancer.

Hats

Thank you to everyone who has ensured their child has a hat at school for outside play and sporting activities.

If in PE sessions and during sport, students do not have hats they will not be able to participate and it is not appropriate to sit the students in shaded areas for the session. The staff are busy trying to teach skills to the other students and are not available to supervise this group. If students do not have a hat at school during outside PE or sporting sessions it will be necessary to accommodate them in another classroom for the session.

All students need fresh air and physical activity. As a school we are mandated to provide this. Please help us by ensuring your child has a hat at school every day.

Vandalism

Thank you to our neighbours for keeping an eye on the school over the break. We were vandal and graffiti free which is certainly great news to return to. Thank you to Geoff Gifford, who kept our yard clean and tidy and to Jeff Cocks and Michael Langshaw who mowed the lawns in readiness for the students return. The long weather has certainly encouraged the grass to grow and regular mowing will be necessary. Please remind your children that warmer weather may see snakes coming out of their holes to bask in the sun and precautions they should take if they do see one.

Athletes

Congratulations to Sio Kapeli and Chris Weedon. The two senior students have been successful at a Sunbury District and Hume Division level and are now off to represent our school at the Northern Metropolitan Region finals. This level is just one step away from the State Championship level. Sio is competing in shotput and Chris in the 200m event. We wish both the boys all the best next Wednesday and know they will do us proud.

NUDE FOOD DAY!

On October 19th 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.

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.

We have registered our school with the NUDE FOOD website To find out more visit the website. Our school can benefit. This is our unique code **NFD1297AF9** to use online at Bonzoo.com.au/nudefoodday this code is extra special as it takes 10% off the Nude Food Movers Rubbish Free Lunch Box and Cool Skins! We look forward to your support

Environmental Education

Beginning next week all classes in the school will be involved in lessons conducted by Katie Nutthall (City of Hume Environment Education Officer.) The Junior School students will establish worm farms, the Middle School students will receive education around the topic RRR Reduce Reuse and Recycle and the Senior Students will have lessons on litter and the effects on the wider environment.

The Senior Students will once again stencil the drains that lead to our waterways with the slogan *BIN IT* or *SWIM IN IT!*

Update to the Victorian Garden Awards

Victorian Schools' Garden Awards Final Judging

School children across the state are frantically preparing their gardens for final judging in the 2012 Victorian Schools Garden Awards.

Judges will set out over the next two weeks to visit schools and meet the keen young green thumbs that will proudly show off their decorative gardens, yard art, mini orchards, lush veggie gardens and in some cases vineyards.

This year marks 35 years of the popular program, the passion and brainchild of the late Kevin Heinze OAM, and current Patron of the program Paul Crowe OAM.

Due to the vast distances between the finalist schools, the judges will be ferried around by helicopter, (this being the most cost effective way to complete this mammoth task) adding to the excitement for the students, as the helicopter lands on their school oval.

Winners will be announced at presentation day, Thursday November 29th at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne.

COMMUNITY PICNIC AND HUB OPENING

On the 24th of October, just after twelve, the helicopter will land on the Sunbury Heights oval. All students will be able to watch the helicopter land. We would like to make the day a special one. It is extremely lucky that the judging occurs during Children's Week.

The theme of Children's Week this year is Let's Laugh, Learn and Play. I am sure that there will be plenty of that happening on the day. We would like to invite families to join with their children's classes for a picnic lunch. We encourage all our students and families to bring a picnic basket full of healthy fruit and vegetables that we hope our orchard and veggie patch will one day produce in abundance.

Our Community Hub will also be open on that day for you to drop into and have a cuppa with our new Community Development Liaison co coordinator, Sharon Ramunno. Sharon will make you all feel welcome and there will be an opportunity to go into the draw for some fruit and vegetable door prizes. There may even be some eggs to buy that have just been laid by our new chooks!

Working Bee

In preparation for the picnic and the final judging we will be holding a twilight working bee at school on Friday October 19 of October.

All helpers and volunteers welcomed. Please bring along any tools and expertise you may have. Refreshments provided.

Let's make it a real community get together many hands make light work of:

- Weeding garden outside Building 2.
- Trimming back shrubs in the front of Building 2.
- Weed behind building 2 on the terraced areas.
- The garden area on the roadside of oval has weeds, some dead branches to be moved.
- Orchard mowed and weeded.
- Weeding around the water tank.
- Brushing cobwebs from windows/eaves
- Planting shrubs that have been purchased via our prize money

Bright Futures

This term our school will be hosting the Bright Futures SOS program. The Bright Futures SOS (Strengths, Opportunities and Supports) group will be a space where young people can increase their knowledge and awareness of healthy coping skills in order to deal with life's challenges.

Through art activities and discussion the group will explore topics such as: tough times, feelings, how to get through tough times, strengths, supports and the future.

The program, for students in years 4, 5 and 6, will be run at school on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 to 4.30pm. While there are enrolment conditions, these are reasonably flexible. If you feel that your child would benefit from this program, please contact Cathie Morcom at school.

Sunbury Downs College Visit

We are very lucky to have strong links with Sunbury Downs College as many of our ex-students are now students there. We are often invited to participate in activities with the college and it always pleasing to get positive feedback.

Dear Leanne,

Thank you so much for the letters and pictures that you sent for my Year 11 students. The kind comments your students wrote were highly valued by my entire class.

My Year 11 students were so thankful to you for bringing your students over to improve their understanding of the development of children. They have so much more insight into the physical, emotional and social aspects of development from the opportunity you provided for them in working with your students.

On behalf of the Year 11 Health and Human Development class as Sunbury Downs College, I sincerely thank you for this valuable learning experience.

We look forward to keeping this partnership going in the near future.

Regards,

Michelle Nugent

Regards

Kaye Mills

Principal

Health & PE Week 2012

Day	Lunchtime Activity
Monday 15 th October	Calisthenics Fun! (MP Room)
Tuesday 16 th October	Skate & ride (basketball, netball court)
Wednesday 17 th October	Amazing Race
Thursday 18 th October	AFL- Handball competition
Friday 19 th October	Staff Vs Students Match

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following student til the 14th October
 Eddie Sasulu, Michael Mooney,
 Kiah Woolford-Searle, Ciaran McArdle,
 Priya Govender

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING
12th October 2012

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Wilson	Jackson Olivieri	For working hard on answering comprehension question.
Middle Pianura	Caidan Gardiner	Making a positive start to term 4 and focussing well in class.
Mrs Caddaye Art	Hayleigh Gilpin	For fantastic work in Art.
Mrs Williams Integration	Jet Bastos	For being a reliable friend and encouraging his peers.

Education Maintenance Allowance - information for parents currently receiving EMA

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for 2013:

The EMA continues to help families on lower incomes with financial assistance to cover the cost of educational expenses including **textbooks, stationery** and **excursions** for their child up until the age of 16.

From 2013, the Victorian Government is restructuring the EMA to better target financial support to families on lower incomes. Payments made direct to parents will be increased for eligible recipients at all year levels up to age 16, with an additional increase for parents with students in Years Prep and 7 in recognition of the additional costs at these transition points.

In 2013 the annual EMA payment for families with children in primary school (years 1-6) will receive a payment of \$150. Families with children in secondary school (Year 8 up until the age of 16) will receive an annual payment of \$250.

The School Start Bonus which was previously received by EMA families has been discontinued as a separate payment from 2013. However, additional funding has been incorporated into the EMA meaning that parents of children in Prep and Year 7 will receive boosted EMA payments of \$200 and \$300 respectively in those years.

From 2013, the EMA will no longer be paid 50/50 between the parent and the school. The 50% school portion of the EMA will no longer be paid to schools on behalf of parents. However, \$62 million over four years will be redirected to the State's most needy schools to assist families on lower incomes. These funds will form part of the school Student Resource Packages to be allocated at the local level.

New EMA payment option

From 2013, on the EMA application form you can choose to have your EMA payment;

- **Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your nominated bank account or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection
- **Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses**

The introduction of the new payment option to have the EMA payment directed to the school provides parents with extra flexibility to assist with budgeting towards education expenses.

Payment Amounts - 2013:

	Prep	Years 1 - 6
Instalment One	\$140	\$105
Instalment Two	\$60	\$45
Annual Total	\$200	\$150

Ray White - Colouring Competition

The winners of the colouring competition were: Sophie and Georgia from 1/2R, Mitchell and Justine from 4P, Brooke from 6L and Nathan from 5A. Thanks to the following sponsors for the prizes: Ray White Sunbury, Sportsco Sunbury, Toyworld Sunbury, La Porchetta Sunbury, Reading Cinemas Sunbury and Telechoice Sunbury.

Art or Photo Calendar Fundraiser.

In term 4, the calendar fundraiser will be happening again with all funds raised supporting our school. There will be the opportunity to purchase calendars featuring your child/ren's art work or a photo supplied by you. More information will be provided a few weeks into term 4. In the meantime, if you are interested in purchasing a photo calendar, you might like to take some photos during the holidays. Photos will need to be in landscape (sideways) orientation. Calendars will cost \$12 each. They make great Christmas presents.

Jenny Caddaye (Art teacher)



School Banking Rewards Update

Attention School Bankers:

The USB Stick is now available to order. If you have banked 10 times just send through the redemption card or a note with your banking so your reward can be ordered for you as soon as possible.

Don't forget school banking day is Tuesday

Our local Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist is Rachel Manlio, she can be contacted on 0422 116 037 or Rachel.manlio@cba.com.au with any questions or queries

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERSHOPPING TOUR
SAT 10TH NOVEMBER

Cost \$65 per person including lunch leaving school at 7.30am returning approx. 6pm

Final payments due by 12th October
 Seats still available

Call Kylie Gifford for more information
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