



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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Important Dates

JUNE	
Friday 14 th	Prep Farm Excursion
Monday 17 th	Winter Sports – Years 5 and 6
Monday 17 th	Scholastic Book Money Due Back
Tuesday 25 th	5/6 Rugby Gala Day
Wednesday 26 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 28 th	Last Day of Term Two - 2.30pm Dismissal

Premier's Reading Challenge

Please ensure permission notes have been returned by Friday 14th June.
There is no cost for involvement in this exciting, engaging and educational challenge.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE - HONOUR ROLL 2013

Our school has participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge since it first started eight years ago. The Challenge provides a good opportunity to focus on children reading for enjoyment. Some of our students have already completed the Challenge. A huge well done to:

Samantha Williams	Jordan Ballinger	Hunter-J Brough	Joel Brown	Jamie Clanchy
Amy De Young	Alex Hazelman	Natarsha Maddox	Abbey McDonald	Matthew McGann
Jayleigh Noakes	Hannah Watkins	Rayden Yob	Kaitlin Barcellona	Caleb Bertram
Joel Cave	J'Tain Coetzer	Nicholas Diss	Phoebe Hall	Chelsie Hendahewa
Brodie Manton	Hollie Maxfield	Samantha Mogridge	Jackson Olivieri	Hollie Pickering,
Ethan Rooney	Chelsea-Rae Taggart	Will Uili	Alyssa Wallace	Mitchell Maddox
Jazzy Scharl	Stephanie Williams	Lauren Ashford	Lacey Blake	Hayden Brown
Adam Fearnley	Ruby Ryan	Jordon McDonald	Allira Travers	

Sometimes it can be difficult to encourage children to start reading, or to keep them engaged in reading. Here are some reminders of things you can do to 'get their heads into books'.

Give Books - Books make a great present. It can be fun for children to collect and read a series of books as it makes them feel quite grown up.

Read in Bed - Children love to 'stay up late'. Tell them that they can, but they must be in bed reading for the 'extra time'.

Poetry is Perfect - Poetry is a fun way to engage children with words. Poems can become part of the regular daily routine and once your child understands a little about rhyming words you can make up your own fun rhymes.

Take Turns - It's fun to take turns with your child while reading. You can read one page and then they can read the next one. This strategy is particularly useful if your child selects a book which is a little difficult. While you are reading the meaning of the story is maintained and gives the child some insight into the words they may come across on their page.

Get Them Started - We all know that at the start of a movie or a book, it takes some time to work out what is going on and to settle into the plot. Read the first few pages (or chapters of a longer book) to your child.

Book Stack - Get four or five books (or as many as you like) from a library or from around the house. Make them into a stack and set a goal for you and your child to read them all. Decide on a reward for you both when you get through the stack.

Adult Reading - Ensure children see adults reading. If adults show that reading is important, children will think it is important. Children will follow more of what you do than what you tell them to do. All children need good role models. If a boy only sees men reading the sports pages of the newspaper, they will assume that men only read the sports pages of the newspaper.

Read it Again - Encourage children to read the same book over and over. You may have noticed that they are willing to watch the same movie many times. This is because they become familiar with the movie, they know what will happen next and they can start to take notice of details that they may have missed on the first watching. It's exactly the same for books.

Write Notes to Your Child - As your child starts to recognise words, write short notes for your child to find and read. For example you could leave an "I love you" message on their pillow.

The 2013 Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Thank you to everyone who supported our school through the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. The program has now ended so if you have any sheets or stickers still at home, please drop them in to school as soon as you can.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 16th June 2013 – Chelsie Hendahewa, Lukas Stephenson-Irving, Tyler Rud

STORYTIME IN THE HUB – SAVE THE DATE

Deb from Sunbury Library will be hosting a Storytime session with the Friday Playgroup on Friday 21 June at 10am.

The playgroup will be still be gathering in the Hub at 9am on that day and Deb will arrive before 10am to set up the Storytime.

This session is open to all children who are not yet attending school. Everyone is welcome, even if you have not previously attended the playgroup. Of course, the invitation is also open to come to the playgroup beforehand and join in the great activities.

The Storytime session will include stories, songs and an activity. We are very excited to have Deb bring this session to our Community Hub and hope you can join us.

Parking

Once again, parking has been raised as an issue at School Council. Contact with the City Council has established that we are not entitled to another parking bay designated for disabled persons, however, this is being followed up by School Council members. While everyone is busy before and after school we do ask that you take that extra bit of care when driving and parking around the school to ensure the safety of all our students.

For safety reasons, parents are not to, drop off, or collect students from the staff car park. Cars reversing in this space place students at a high risk. If you do notice that one or two parents are using this area please understand that individual circumstances have made this arrangement necessary for a short period of time.

Shopping Tour

The next fundraising event will be our school shopping tour. This is a terrific opportunity to get a start on the Christmas shopping while raising much needed funds for our school. At this stage, the money raised by the school community is going towards paying for the replacement shade sails over the playgrounds.

Details - Shopping Tour by Tartan Tours
 Saturday 7th September 2013 7.30am departing school 6pm returning to school
 \$70 per person, including lunch \$35 deposit due by 21st June Final payment by 9th August
 Contact – Kylie Gifford (0448440075 or kyliejifford@bigpond.com)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING – 14th June 2013

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep D	Kyle Hills	For using his letter/sound knowledge to sound out words
1/2X	Shaylee Williamson	For trying harder with her written work
1/2H	Dylan Pugh	For progress on IXL maths
1/2R	Aljon Banting	For spelling the first 200 M100W words
1/2R	Ashleigh Down	For spelling the first 200 M100W words
1/2R	Aaron Sapac	For spelling the first 200 M100W words
3/4W	Bailey Verlaque	For a very settled start at Sunbury Heights
3/4A	Ashley Abbey	For achieving Level 30 in PM Reading
5P	Kara Gifford	For being resilient and for excellent preparation of her Bunyip presentation
PE	Angel Tupuola (Prep H)	For an outstanding effort always in P.E.
ART	Arran Garner	For great improvement overall in ART

Say Hello to Your Own XO

COSTS	
One child	\$30
Two children	\$50
Three or more children	\$60
One year six child	\$15
Two year six children	\$30



138 children are paid up and ready to receive an XO.

Payment plans available

Payments are still being taken for children to have access to an XO.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all our students to have access to technology and we have reduced the cost as much as possible to ensure EVERY child can be involved.