



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
Thursday 14 th	Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4
Friday 15 th	Whole School Photos
Tuesday 19 th	Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 20 th	District Athletics
Thursday 21 st	Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4
Friday 22 nd	Ride to School Day
Monday 25 th	Easter Assembly – 2.30pm start
Wednesday 27 th	Cartoon Workshop Gr 1-Gr 6
Thursday 28 th	Term 1 ends..2.30pm
Friday 29 th	Good Friday
APRIL	
Monday 15 th	Term 2 commences

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

**CURRICULUM DAY
TUESDAY 19th MARCH
NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL**

LITTLE HANDS PLAYGROUP

Yes we will be running on Tuesday 19th March 1.15pm-3.15pm.

Due to this day being a Curriculum Day older siblings from Prep to Grade 6 are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Linda Wakeling

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Curriculum Day

Please remember next Tuesday 19th March is a Curriculum Day on that day and there is no school for students on that day. Out of School Care is to be offered if the numbers of parents needing the service warrants it.

On this day the staff will be undertaking professional development that will improve the learning for your child. In the morning the staff will be continuing to work on how, we as a school, can better engage with our families and communicate more effectively about the learning that is happening at school. As with all schools across the state each school is to hold four days professional development per year. Sunbury Heights held two at the beginning of the year before students resumed. The other day is planned for late term two, so that planning can be put in place for the second semester of the school year.

Easter Assembly Monday 25th March at 2.30pm

The whole school is looking forward to our last assembly for Term 1. At the assembly each section of the school will parade in some Easter attire and individual teachers will advise you if they need you to supply anything specific for your child for the day.

On this day our Easter Raffle will be drawn so please make sure you have your raffle tickets purchased as you have to be in it to win it. To make the raffle the big success it normally is, we are still in need of chocolate eggs and Easter novelties.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2013

Once again students from across Victoria have a chance to take part in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (Challenge) in 2013. The students of Sunbury Heights have been participating in the challenge since it began 7 years ago and we see it as a means to promote the importance of reading among students in our school. This year the Victorian Government is encouraging families and parents to be more involved with supporting children's reading, in and beyond school.

Details of the Challenge are available at:
www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

This week your child is bringing home a permission form for the 2013 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Prep – Gr 2

- Each child in years Prep -2 is challenged to read, experience or have read to them 30 books by September 10. There is a Challenge list of books and each Junior School student has to read 20 or more books from this list. The other 10 books will usually be books from the reading program.
- In Years Prep – 2, all students participate in the challenge as part of our classroom programs.

- A student who is regularly at school should successfully complete the challenge.

Years 3-6

- Each child in Years 3 – 6 is challenged to read 15 books by September 9. Students must read 10 or more books from the Challenge list.
- The other 5 books can be books from the home practice reading program or books borrowed from our school library or another library.

Successful challengers receive a certificate in Term 4.

For your child to receive the certificate, you will need to sign the permission form. There is no charge or cost for the certificate. Students names will also be published in an edition of the Sunday Age if you give your permission.

Let's keep up the Sunbury Heights tradition of being ambassadors for the Victorian premier's Reading Challenge in 2013

Earn and Learn

Thank you to everyone who collected Earn and Learn Cards Rewards for Sunbury Heights. As a result of your efforts we received 208 books. The value of the books after Mrs McIntyre did a quick tally up would be around \$4,000. The books cover a wide range and there is something for everyone who shares a love of reading to enjoy

The 208 books we received include, 62 picture story books, 36 fiction books, 53 non-fiction books and 57 big books for shared classroom reading.

A big thank you to Bev McIntyre for organising the selection of the books. The hard work continues as she covers and codes the books to put on the shelves for students to read.

If you would like to help please call in at the library and talk to Bev.



Student Voice

The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. This is the tenth year that the survey has been offered. Students from Year 5 and 6 at our school will participate in the survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school during April and May.

The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. The results will be communicated to parents through our newsletter and the annual reporting process. The information gained from the survey helps us to plan initiatives to ensure our students remained engaged in their learning. It also helped us ascertain an insight into how students felt when they were transitioning to the next grade level as well as the level of safety they feel when at school.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

School Council

At Tuesday's School Council's meeting our office bearers for 2013 were elected and it is pleasing that Sumen Govender and Shaun Synan were elected into the roles of President and Vice President respectively. Kylie Stephenson was elected as Treasurer.

Sumen, Shaun, Kylie, Joanne Diss, Carl Ashman, Audra Rooney, Sharron Bertram and John Lillywhite are your parent representatives on Council and are very keen to chat to parents and involve them in the working parties of Council wherever possible. School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools, and being a member of the School Council is a rewarding and challenging experience. Acting as a team, Council supports a Principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students.

I look forward to working with the new team and encourage any parent to attend a School Council and to consider becoming involved in the future.

Active Travel, Safety and Footpath Etiquette:

While it is pleasing to see students use their legs, a bike or a skateboard as a way to come to and from school, we need to make sure that these students ride safely and that other people who are on the road and footpath are also safe. Please ensure that your child is aware that they need to get off their bike or skateboard when riding out the front of the school. This week we had a couple of near misses. We don't want to stop students being active but we need to ensure all our community is safe.

Ride 2 School Day Friday 22nd March

In the 1970's, 80% of school children were active on the way to school. Today, only 20% experience the joy of getting fresh air on the school journey. National Ride2School Day provides an opportunity for Australian students, parents and teachers to give riding, walking, skating or scooting to school a go.

Regards

Kaye Mills

Principal

RED STAR AWARD – YEARS THREE AND FOUR



Students have now received their RED STAR booklets and we are looking forward to seeing them achieve the challenges set.

Junior School Councillors will be available in the BER building each Friday at 1.20pm to acknowledge achievement and mark off completed tasks.

Who will be a STAR at Sunbury Heights?

RESPONSIBILITY ENDEAVOUR DEVELOPMENT.

Cathie Morcom

WANTED NINTENDO DS's

Is your Nintendo DS feeling lonely because it's not used anymore?

Let us cheer up all those unwanted Nintendo DS's.

We are after as many Nintendo DS's as we can get for brain training. Brain training has been proven to assist children with their learning.

If you have a Nintendo DS / DS 3D/ DSI please consider donating it to the school.

We are also after the Brain Training chips.

All superseded, unloved and lonely DS's and brain training chips can be given to Cathie at the office.

Cathie Morcom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following students, until the 17th March
Leo Bunting, Luke Grose, Lily Hutcheon, Olivia Clarke,
Brayden Varapodio

PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING 15th March 2013

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Angel Tupuola	For working hard on set activities and listening well.
Prep D	Charlotte Price	For her great writing.
1/2R	Aljon Banting	For a great effort in story writing.
1/2X	Olivia Clarke	For always working well.
1/2H	Lachlan Roberts	Persisting at writing and having a positive attitude.
3/4K	Georgia Bull	For showing great persistence on Grade 3 camp.
3/4W	Laura Hunt	For beating the entire grade in nouns, verbs and adjectives game!
5P	Brad Meyers	For having an excellent attitude on camp and working hard on his writing.
5A	Jessi Douglas	For always having a positive attitude towards his learning.
ART	Cedric Schwalger	For a consistently positive attitude in Art

News from the Art Room

A number of our students have been busily preparing our Easter poster which is looking fantastic! It will soon be on display at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre. If anyone has any ice cream containers to spare these would be appreciated for use in the Artroom.

COME JOIN US!

The Melton Hockey Club is currently recruiting for the 2013 season. We are a fantastic, fun, family friendly club and would love for you to join us.

Never picked up a stick before?? No worries at all, we have a team for you!

We cater for all ages, abilities and skill levels with teams fielded in the following:

Under 10's, Under 12's Under 14's, Under 16's and Under 18's.

Women's Vic League and Reserves

Men's Vic League and Reserves

Men's and Women's Metro and social teams

Masters (over 40's)

Our great Hook in2 Hockey program caters for 4-12 year olds new to hockey. An 18 week program with Gala competition days, the program is a fun and exciting way to fall in love with hockey.

The program is just \$40 for the 18 weeks or you can choose to purchase the hockey pack as well for a total of \$85.

The pack includes a portable fold out goal, hockey stick, shinpads, ball, replica playing top, medallion, dvd and other goodies.

YES, 18 weeks of exciting coaching sessions and all those goodies for just \$85!

Feel free to attend any training session, no obligation.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6pm.

All staff are accredited and hold current Working With Children Checks.

The Melton Hockey Club is located at the rear of Heathdale Christian College (formerly Mowbray College), Centenary Avenue, Melton.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact us:

Mobile – 0450643826

Email – meltonhockeyclub@yahoo.com.au

Web – www.meltonhc.org.au

Invitation

The Hume Early Years Partnership invites parents with children aged 0 – 12 years to join the

Hume Parent Advisory Group (HPAG) meeting on Friday 22nd March 2013

Where: Sunbury Community Health Centre

12 – 28 Macedon Road, Sunbury

Time: 10am – 12pm

The HPAG is a forum for parents to have their say about improving local programs and services and connect with your community.

RSVP by 18 March 2013

Surmeli Aydogan on 9351 3600 / 0427 990946 or

saydogan@lentarauc.org.au

SUNBURY SUPER NETBALL CLINIC REGISTER ONLINE: VUWESTERNLIGHTNING.VNL.COM.AU

11.00am-12.30pm

Saturday 13 April 2013

Boardman Stadium, Cnr Mitchells & Wilson Lanes
Sunbury

Cost: PLAYERS \$26.50

(RECOMMENDED 6-16 years)

COACHES EXPERIENCE \$26.50

Every Participant receives a show bag

PLACES ARE LIMITED – REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT



Australian Government

Schoolkids Bonus

Lighten the load

The first instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus has recently been paid to approximately 1.2 million families to help lighten the load of back-to-school costs.

For your school, this means financially-challenged families will have extra funds available to help buy the things their children need – whether it be uniforms, shoes, stationery, books or sporting gear.

Most eligible families would have received the payment automatically; however some needed to update their child's education details to ensure they received the payment, e.g. families with children starting primary for the first time in 2013 and children moving from primary into secondary school in 2013.

We are seeking your assistance to help spread the word that any families who think they are eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus January payment but are yet to receive it should contact Centrelink.

Yours sincerely

Schoolkids Bonus Communication Team

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Sunbury Kangaroos Auskick

2013 Registrations for Sunbury Kangaroos Auskick Centre (Boardman Oval 3) are now open.

Our first session kicks off after first term school holidays on Monday 15th April '13.

We offer a 14 week program (excluding school & public holidays) running to 5th August '13.

Come and join in the fun with lots of activities, BBQ & pie nights. The cost of the program this season is \$65.

Register and pay online before 15th April to be eligible to redeem your Club Connect AFL Ticket Offer (2 Adults & 2 Children FREE Match Tickets).

Look forward to seeing you at kick off. (Entry off Mitchells Lane).

Happy Auskicking!!!

Contact Mark Gifford for any further information required.

0412 461 802 or email mgifford40@bigpond.com



Sunbury United Junior Rugby League Club is now recruiting for the upcoming VRL season.

Players of all ages are welcome. Under 7 through to Under 18 teams are looking for experienced and new players to the game of Rugby League, to come and join our club

Senior players also welcome

The club is also looking for experienced coaches for selected teams

All coaches have VRL/NRL accreditation

Free Melbourne Storm Membership for all registered players, along with an opportunity to have Melbourne Storm Ambassadors to coach all teams at selected training nights during the season

Home ground at Langama Park, Mitchells Lane Sunbury:

Training on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5.30pm

Contact our club president on 0448 435 107 or email us at sujrlc@gmail.com for more information

Sunbury Tigers - Holiday Clinic

WHN: THURSDAY 4TH APRIL, 2013

WHERE: LANGAMA PARK, SUNBURY – HOME OF THE TIGERS. Melways 381:K6

TIME: 10am – 12pm

AGES: 6 – 18

COST: FREE

Learn how to play Rugby League in a safe, fun and friendly environment with NRL/Melbourne Storm Game Development Officers.

For more information please contact Ryan Walker on 0448 890 012 or rwalker@nrl.com.au

KISMET PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

TWILIGHT AUSTRALIANA FETE

FRIDAY MARCH 22ND

3:30PM – 8:00PM

Rides

Free Entertainment

Activities

BBQ

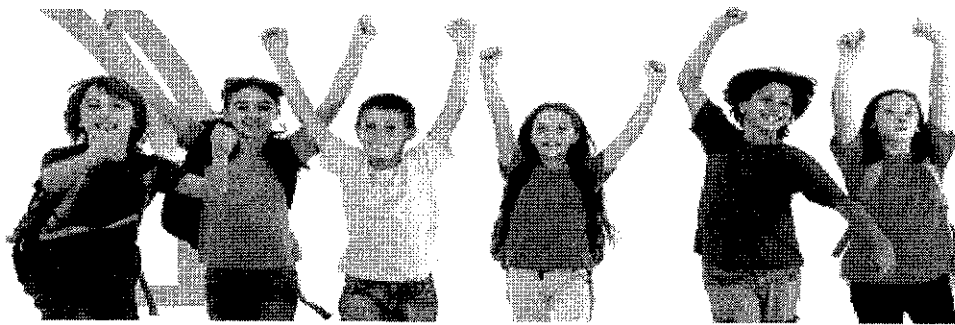
Stalls

Silent Auction

ALL WELCOME TO ENJOY

McEwen Drive Sunbury

HUME CITY COUNCIL LEISURE CENTRES

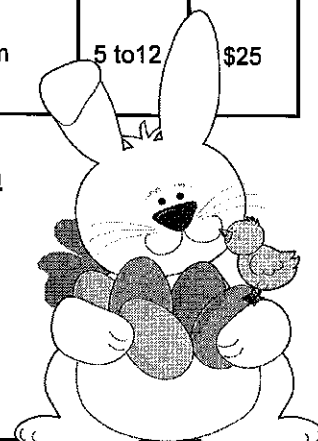
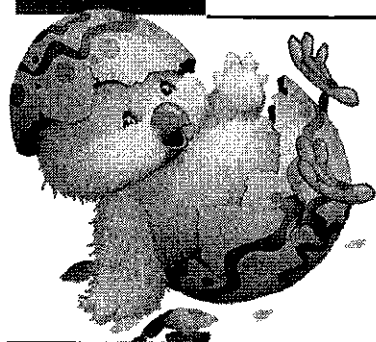


"GET ACTIVE" IN THE HOLIDAYS

	FOOTY FUN DAY - Wear your favourite footy colours & join in the fun of the footy season—loads of games & fun.	BROADMEADOWS CRAIGIEBURN	9.30am to 11.30am 1.30pm to 3.30pm	5 to12	\$15
	MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY —Make your own tea cups & heart scones to share at our own tea party.	SUNBURY BROADMEADOWS	9.30am to 11.30am 1.30pm to 2.30pm	5 to12	\$12
	MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY —Make your own tea cups & heart scones to share at our own tea party.	CRAIGIEBURN	9.30am to 11.30am	5 to12	\$12
	INFLATABLE FUN DAY IN THE POOL	CRAIGIEBURN SUNBURY	1pm to 3pm 1pm to 3pm	5 to12	\$7
	GIRLS PAMPER FUN DAY —All guests will receive a face mask, manicure, foot spa, and then a hair & make up makeover.	CRAIGIEBURN	1pm to 3.30pm	5 to12	\$25
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Bookings and payments must be made at your local Leisure Centre and required by Wednesday 27 March 2013 - No late bookings will be accepted.

Note: Art smocks & Drink bottles are required at each workshop with the exception of Inflatable Fun Day in the Pool.



BROADMEADOWS LEISURE CENTRE
cnr. Pearcedale Pde & Dimboola Rd
Broadmeadows 9205 2670

CRAIGIEBURN LEISURE CENTRE
127 Craigieburn Rd
Craigieburn 9205 2650

SUNBURY AQUATIC & LEISURE CENTRE
20 Ligar St
Sunbury 9740 9766

Join our Free Easter Family Night

Thursday 21st March 6pm – 8pm

- Kids D.I.Y. Workshops
- Visit from the Easter bunny
- Fun Easter egg hunt
- Easter activities for the whole family
- Refreshments provided



Booking recommended - speak with our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au



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School Website

Have you been on the school website this year?

Yes No

Approximately how many times have you been on the website this year?

If you have visited the website, what were you looking for?

Were you able to easily find what you were looking for on the website?

Yes No

How often do you access the school newsletter online. Weekly Monthly Never

Please indicate which sections of the website you have visited and may be of interest/value to you?

Area of website	I have visited this area in 2013	I might visit this area in 2013	Value of this area 1 to 6 1 being of no value
Principal Page			
Assistant Principal Page			
Specialist Pages			
Specialist Newsletters			
Year Level Team Pages			
Team Newsletters			
Individual Class Pages			
Policies			
Transition			

What would you like us to have on the website?

Facebook

Do you use Facebook?

Yes No

Are you a Facebook friend of Sunbury Heights?

Yes No

Do you see Facebook as an effective way for the school to communicate with parents?

Yes No

What sorts of things would you consider worth putting on the school Facebook page?

Other Comments

Please use this section to make any other comments in regard to home school communication.
