



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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Important Dates

NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
Tues 19 th November	Kinder Transition Afternoon	Fri 6 th December	Junior Sports Carnival Boardman Reserve (Oval 1)
Tues 19 th November	Rugby State Final – Selected Students	Tues 10 th December	Statewide Transition Day
Tues 26 th November	Kinder Transition Afternoon	Fri 13 th December	JSC Christmas Fun Day Casual Clothes Day
Wed 27 th November	Prep Aquarium Excursion	Tues 17 th December	Bookpack Sales 8am-4pm
Fri 29 th November	Non Uniform Day – School Project Gold Coin Donation	Tues 17 th December	Gr 6 Graduation
		Wed 18 th December	Prep – 2 Concert
		Fri 20 th December	LAST DAY TERM 4 1.30pm DISMISSAL

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Hume Education Scholarship 2013 Congratulations Suzanna Pyke

It is with pleasure that I write to inform our School Community that Suzanna Pyke has been awarded a Hume City Council Education Scholarship. The scholarship has been awarded because Suzanna since beginning Prep has been a quiet and conscientious and well-mannered student who always tries her best. She has achieved excellent results during the year. She is keen to improve her own learning and shows curiosity in all areas of schooling. Suzanna is a pleasure to have in the classroom and has been a valuable member of Mr O'Keefe's class.

This year Suzanna has been an active member of the Junior School Council and has been keen to help in any way she can. Suzanna was nominated by her class teacher, Damian O'Keefe, and the Senior School teaching team and I keenly supported their recommendation.

Suzanna will receive her scholarship in front of her family and our school staff at a Presentation Ceremony, which will be held at the Craigieburn Global Learning Centre on Tuesday 26th November.

The \$500 scholarship can be used to help Suzanna's family with expenses associated with school uniform, books and excursions.



Other Awards and Scholarships

As the Grade 6 year draws to a close, other students in Grade 6 will be selected as recipients of Academic, Sporting, and Citizenship Scholarships. These students will be presented with their awards at the Grade 6 Graduation which is to be held at the Sunbury Bowling Club on Tuesday 17th December.

Disco

Our Junior and Senior Discos was well attended last Friday afternoon and evening. A big thank you to Sharon and Ben Ramunno and their extended family, Laura and Jeff Garner, Sharron Bertram, Amanda Hutchinson, Crystal Twyman, Tim Carey, Jo Szarbo, Tracy Mitchell, Crystal Williamson, Mel Grose and Sharon Shaw for attending and doing all the hard work that goes into making such an event the success it was. It was great to see all the students decked out in their disco finery enjoying the music that our ex-students' (DJ Saher and his "side kick" Joel Cocks) played. The disco added another \$800 to our Parents and Friends fundraising endeavours. A great effort!

Transition afternoon

It will be fantastic to see all our eager new Preps and meet their mums and dads next Tuesday for our first full transition afternoon. When the Preps are whisked away to become involved in the prep classroom, the parents will have a chance to hear about the prep procedures, order uniforms and talk more fully with me about what they want for their children from Sunbury Heights and what we can do to ensure this happens.

Congratulations Mrs Langmaid

Late last year Nicole Langmaid was selected to take part in a regional "Leaders in the Making Program." The program recognises young teachers who may already be leaders in their own school and who also have the potential to further develop their leadership skills to become the future leaders in schools and across the broader educational community. Tonight I will attend the presentation ceremony with Nicole where all her hard work and efforts undertaking this course will be recognised.

Shrine of Remembrance Poster Competition

Earlier this year, Mrs Ross worked with ten of our Year 4 students in a Literacy extension group. The learning topic was the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne - what it is, how it came to be and its role in today's world. The group read both printed and electronic texts about the Shrine and the world events associated with it.

At the end of the unit, the students entered a poster competition to advertise Remembrance Day 2014. The children were required to create a poster that included the spirit of the ANZACs as well as honouring Remembrance Day. The competition also required the students to write a short statement explaining their poster and its design.

A few weeks ago, we were very excited to be told that **two** of those students were awarded **Highly Commended** for their posters.

As part of their award, **Jamie Clanchy and Chelsea-Rae Taggart** were invited to attend this year's Remembrance Day service at the Shrine. On Monday, 11th November, the girls and the other members of that group travelled to the Shrine with Mr and Mrs Ross.



After reading, talking and writing about the Shrine, the students were humbled to walk those steps to the forecourt as so many of our Service personnel have before them.

Watched by their classmates, Jamie and Chelsea-Rae laid a wreath on behalf of the Sunbury Heights community.

After the service, we went into the Shrine Education Centre where the girls each met the Victorian Premier, Dr Denis Napthine who presented them with their award.



The girls' posters have been framed for display and will be on show at the Shrine until the end of November and then elsewhere over the next few months.

Congratulations Jamie and Chelsea-Rae! Thank you to the families who joined us yesterday and a special Thank You to Gordon Ross who saw this is a special opportunity for our students and drove the minibus.

Like many Australians, Gordon and members of his family have, through the generations, served in the Australian Defence Force.

We received this email from Gordon today:-

"It was a privilege to accompany a wonderful group of young people to the Shrine of Remembrance on a very special day. They are a credit to their families and to their school.

Service in the Australian Defence Forces is about preserving the values of our country for future generations. It was wonderful to see that those values will be carried forward in very safe hands."



College Colours

It always fills us with pride to hear of our ex students who are doing well at secondary school. Last Thursday evening Sunbury Downs College held their 2013 College Colours Awards Ceremony. These awards are given out sparingly, so it was pleasing to see many of our previous students receive awards for excellence in different areas of secondary school life.

Congratulations to Tia Blake who received a Gold College Colour for Academic Excellence and to Sugeshan Govender who received a Gold College Colour for Music.

Silver award winners were;

Service- Ryan Rowbottom, Jake Middlebrook, McGregor Brough, Cassidy Pitts and June Uili

Arts- Alexandria Bertram and Felix Yu

Sport- Sophia Davies

Music- Daniel Shaw, Timothy Trewin, Tori Cutajar and Cameron Gregory

House- Maddison Ashford and Brodee Campbell

Academic- Nathan Snelson and Hasnat Siddiqui

Congratulations to all of you!

Fire Action Week 2013 –

A memo from the Department asks me to remind our families about **Fire Action Week**. Victoria's Annual Bushfire Awareness week from 17th to 24th November - signals the start of the Summer Fire Campaign.

This year, the campaign encourages Victorians to plan and prepare for fire and know when to leave. Victorians will be receiving information on bushfire and grassfire safety in several different ways.

Over the summer months, Victorians will see television, radio, print and online advertisements urging people to be prepared to leave early in the event of a fire.

Partnerships with Cricket Victoria, the Melbourne Renegades, Melbourne Heart, the AFL Players Association and Coles Supermarkets will also help get the word out about fire safety through sports clinics in schools and other events.

During Fire Action Week, Victorian emergency services will be promoting fire awareness messages through events including CFA Sunday (24 November), when brigades across the state will open their doors to communities to discuss local risk and how to get prepared.

Making your Cords and blinds Safe

Tragically, at least 15 Australian children have died in strangling incidents related to blind and curtain cords since the early 1990s, including two Victorian infants in 2009.

Children - particularly infants - can become entangled in looped curtain and blind cords. This includes cords they can reach from furniture, beds or cots.

Why are loose cords dangerous?

A child can place the loop over their head and/or get tangled in loose cords when they are:

- in a cot or bed where cords are hanging
- playing near cords, or
- standing on a chair, sofa or bed to look out of a window.

Free safety kit

Make your curtain and blind cords safe by requesting a free safety kit from Consumer Affairs Victoria.

The safety kit contains a device that tensions looped cords to a window frame so they are no longer loose, reducing the likelihood of strangulation.

Although safety standards now apply to new curtain or blind cords, all cords in the home should be checked to make sure they are safe.

Request a free and easy-to-install safety kit from Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81 or see:

Grade 6 Uniform

From Monday 9 December students in grade 6 are able to wear casual clothes to school in exchange for donating pieces of their school uniform to the Hub for distribution to families in need.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 17th November 2013

Jet Bastos, Kara Gifford, Amy Gralha, Angus Olivieri, Lizzy Faato, Alex Hazelman

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Isabelle O'Shannessy	For writing excellent sentences.
Prep D	R-Jay Bartlett Hunter Walton	For a great effort with his writing.
1/2R	Arran Garner	For always being keen to discuss books that he has read.
1/2H	Amber Mitchell	For writing a fantastic description of a dragon.
3/4A	Ashleigh Wairau	For reading PM Level 30.
5P	Ethan Blay	For great use of writing strategies in his 'mountain' story!!!
6L	Isaac Williams	For completing all the PROBE fiction levels.
PE Miss Ratkowski	5A	For a great PE session.
ART Mrs Caddaye	Tamara Tichy	For being a great help in the Artroom.
SCIENCE Mrs Adams	Nathan Crosland	For involving the whole class in an excellent idea showing reflection of light with mirrors.
SCIENCE Mrs Payton	Hayley Rooney 1/2R	For always trying her best.
Mrs Warrior	Ashleigh Down Hayley Rooney 1/2R	For completing the 100 Reading Lessons.
Mrs Dexter	Hayley Rooney 5P	For a great improvement in speech.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB
DUE BACK – Friday 22nd November, 2013

If your child would like to make a purchase, please fill out the order form on the back of the brochure you are ordering from. If you are ordering from a few brochures, please fill out each order form and place in an envelope with correct money marked scholastic book club.

If you would like to pay by credit card, payments can be made online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment or free call 1800 557 908 with your credit card details. Please make sure you record your 11 digit receipt number on the back of your order form. Please place your order in an envelope, marked scholastic book club.

This is a great opportunity to purchase quality books at reasonable prices. All orders will earn our school free books and resources.

Thanking you
Bev McIntyre

DOLLARMITES REWARDS

I have stock of all the Dollarmite rewards in the Library. Feel free to visit the Library between Tuesday to Friday, with your 10 token coin/s. Tokens can also be sent on banking day with a list of the item you would like.

Thanks
Bev McIntyre

YEARBOOK ORDER 2013

Its Yearbook time again!

Once again, the school has put together a yearbook magazine. Every student has been included in the book. The book has lots of photos of students, students' work and special activities that took place in 2013. It looks fantastic and will be a wonderful keepsake.

The Yearbook cost is \$15.

(Once the money and form have been received a yearbook will be given to your child.)

Thank you
Yearbook Committee

SHOPPING TOUR

We are three ladies short for the Shopping Tour on Saturday to make it a fundraiser.

Our Shopping Tour is going ahead with 17 ladies - but we need 20 shoppers for it to be classified a fundraiser.

It leaves Sunbury Heights PS at 7.30am on Saturday 16/11/13

Outlets are: Feelgood Australia, Five Star Direct, Richmond Chocolate Factory, Social Club Books, The Linen Factory, Bambis Homewares, lunch at the Castle Hotel, Raglan Fashion House, Rudolph's Warehouse, the Clothing Outlet and Toy Network.

If anyone would like to join the SHPS Shopping Tour please phone Belinda 0420 504 362

Thanks
Sharon Shaw
Business Manager