



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1st May 2014

Important Dates

Friday 2 nd May	Casual Day – School Vegetable Garden and Chicken Project
Monday 5 th May	District Cross Country (selected students)
Wednesday 7 th May	2015 Prep Session 9.15am to 10.15am
Friday 9 th May	Mother's Day Stall at Sunbury Heights
Friday 9 th May	2015 Prep Session 2.15pm to 3.15pm
Monday 12 th May	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 13 th May	NAPLAN for students in years 3 and 5 (Language Conventions and Writing)
	Life Education Sessions (cost \$6 per child or \$12 for families of two or more)
	Science Activity for students in years 1 and 2 (cost \$5)
Wednesday 14 th May	NAPLAN for students in years 3 and 5 (Reading)
	Life Education Sessions (cost \$6 per child or \$12 for families of two or more)
	2015 Prep Session 7.00 to 8.00pm
Thursday 15 th May	NAPLAN for students in years 3 and 5 (Numeracy)
	Life Education Sessions (cost \$6 per child or \$12 for families of two or more)
Monday 19 th May	Education Week Commences (further details to be provided closer to the week)
Tuesday 20 th May	Open Night (further details to be provided closer to the night)
Wednesday 21 st May	Rugby Clinics for students in years Prep to 4 (no cost involved)
	Eco-Link Excursion for students in 3/4 W and 3/4 K (cost \$5)
Thursday 22 nd May	Collingwood Farm Excursion for Prep Students (cost \$5)
	Eco-Link Excursion for students in 3/4 d (cost \$5)
	Rocket Launching Activity for students in years 5 and 6 (cost \$5)
Friday 23 rd May	School Fun Run
Monday 26 th May	National Sorry Day
Wednesday 28 th May	Rugby Clinics for students in years Prep to 4 (no cost involved)
Friday 30 th May	Casual Day – Eastern Barred Bandicoot Preservation
Wednesday 4 th June	Rugby Clinics for students in years Prep to 4 (no cost involved)
	ICAS Science Test (selected students only)
Monday 9 th June	Queen's Birthday – students do not attend school
Tuesday 10 th June	School Council Meeting
Thursday 12 th June	Woodlands Division Cross Country (selected students)
Friday 13 th June	Winter Sport (5/6 Sport Teams)
Monday 16 th June	ICAS Writing Test (selected students only)
Friday 20 th June	Reports Distributed (all students)
Monday 23 rd June	Cooper Barnes Memorial Award Presented at School Assembly
Tuesday 24 th June	Student / Parent / Teacher Conversations
Wednesday 25 th June	Regional Cross Country (selected students)
Friday 27 th June	Last Day of Term (2.30pm dismissal)
	Casual Day – School Orchard / Cooper Barnes Memorial Project

Mother's Day Stall

Don't forget mum this mother's day, with gifts ranging from \$2 - \$6 there is sure to be something your Mum will love.

The stall will be held on Friday the 9th of May.

Please bring along a plastic bag on the day to take home your gift in.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB DUE BACK – Friday 9th May 2014

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 1800557908 with your credit card details. Please make sure you record your 11 digit receipt number on the back of your order form.

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

**Keys to
Success
Getting Along
Persistence
Organisation
Confidence
Resilience**

ANZAC Day

Even though I was absent this year on ANZAC Day it was a proud moment to see posts on Facebook of members of our staff, families and students in uniform and at the Sunbury Station ready to march in the ANZAC Day Parade.

Holding our wreath Mauricio, Rachael, TJay and Kasey our School Captains led the way to the memorial where they listened to the service and our wreath was laid. Thank you to Mrs Langmaid for coordinating the event and thank you to Miss Danaher for organising our school ANZAC Day service the day before. The poppies that are out near the lone pine are still fluttering in the Autumn breeze.

Patch the Banking Dog Inspires Students to Save

Patch's visit to our school assembly Monday afternoon certainly spurred the students on with their banking. Mrs McIntyre says about 30 students bank per week but this week sixty students put their bankbooks in. I know that I have a special Pat money box for one special prep student Maddison Street from Miss Danaher's grade. There are many rewards for regular savers so please send your child's bankbooks along on Tuesday bank days.

Fifty Days Of School

Today the students in Grade 1/2 celebrated fifty days of school by heading back to the rock and roll days of the 1950's. Mrs Ross, Miss Harding and Miss Portelli have put together terrific activities to get the students rocking and rolling to school. Thank you to all the parents who have really got on board with the "Every Day Counts," message.

Attitudes to School Survey

Today our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. 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.

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 Attitudes to School survey assists schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and their experience of school. The survey provides schools with valuable data on students' views of their wellbeing, school in general, and teaching and learning.

At Sunbury Heights we use the data in a number of ways, to:

- monitor levels of student engagement and wellbeing
- compare school level data on engagement with state-wide benchmarks
- stimulate discussion within the school community about how to improve engagement
- assist in the identification of areas for improvement

Education Week

Education Week is fast approaching and the staff are busy at work thinking of the many ways they can make the week enjoyable for the whole family. The Life Education Van visit, the science week activities and the Fun Run are already planned.

Yesterday Kat from the Sunbury Library contacted Mrs Wilson to offer the students in grades 3/4 a free incursion for Education Week. The author Sally Rippin, author of the 'Hey Jack' and 'Billie B Brown' series will come and visit us for an hour on Tuesday the 20th of May at 10am.

She will do a presentation about her books, many of which we have in the library. I know the girls, in particular have been quite keen on the Billie B Brown series.

Last year I heard it was AMAZING at our open night. Families were busily moving all around the school, doing activities and getting stamps in their passport at rooms they visited. Many families went into a draw for some fabulous prizes after they completed their passport. This year as part of our open night we will have our own version of an "Amazing Race". I hear there is even a "Pin the Tail" on the Principal task! Education Week is a great opportunity to come up to school and visit your child's classroom and get to know the other teachers and what happens in other classrooms around the school. Once again there will be prizes galore for some lucky families. More details to follow but please save the date. The open evening will be held on Tuesday 20 May between 6 and 7pm.

Parent Thanks

A belated thank you to Rick Barton, Marissa Allen, Nicole Bishop, Annette Williamson, Jenny Deeble, Maria Morbey and Sharon Ramunno who helped cook so many hamburgers last term when Jo Miller (our Canteen Manageress) organised a special Easter lunch to help celebrate the end of term. There are special lunches organised for the remainder of the year and Jo always appreciates and needs extra help.

Mother's Day Stall

The Parents and Friends committee have been busy all year putting together gifts for students to buy for their Mums and Nannas for Mother's Day. It is a service for our students so they can surprise their mums with a special gift that only they know about. The stall will be held next Friday May 9.

Data Collection –students with disability

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need. The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide 'reasonable adjustments' to support students to

participate on the same basis as other students. The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: <https://education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx> or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

Let there be song!

Ms Harding and Mrs Langmaid are inviting students who are interested in the performing arts in grades 3-6 to join them for a weekly singing and dancing session. These students will be able to perform at assembly

For general information and specifically for grade 3-6 parents, Nicole Langmaid and I will be asking students in those classes (3-6) who are interested in performing arts to meet us in the half hour before assembly in LSA area (space closest to 6 L's room). Initially we will make an announcement to remind students to attend around bell times. Children could then come straight to the LSA from lines so that we have enough time. They would then go straight to assembly to sit with their class. Once a commitment is made we would then require those students on a weekly basis with as little changes as possible.

thanks

Jo Harding

Nicole Harding

Stop the Germs Spreading

In Australia, our flu season typically runs from May to October, usually peaking in August.

At various times throughout the year including flu season, it is important to remind students of the importance of good hygiene at school and at home. All classes will display posters that have been especially designed for primary school students to remind them to cough or sneeze into a tissue, to throw used tissues in the rubbish and to wash their hands with soap and water.

We ask families to encourage good hygiene and help reduce the risk of spreading the flu.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 4th May

Logan Hansen, Hayley Rooney, Stephanie Williams, J'tain Coetzer, Ethan Blay, Jess Bunting, Brock Tadd-Lennox, Jake Szabo, Brenden Tringrove-Smith

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep K	Marlie O'Brien	For huge improvements to her writing.
1/2P	Ben Gilpin	For great work using the correct punctuation.
1/2H	Lily Hutcheon	For always presenting bookwork to a high standard.
3/4d	Ethan Davies	For completing his PM levels.
5P	Ethan Rooney	For persisting with his understanding of measuring angles.
5A	Jarrod Douglas	For showing enthusiasm towards his learning.
ART	Jessi Douglas	For care and effort with his abstract shapes artwork.
SCIENCE	Rayden Yob	For being a gentleman and offering to carry my bags.

SOLD – Sensory Processing in the Classroom

DO YOU TEACH OR HAVE A CHILD WHO CAN'T SIT STILL, DOESN'T LIKE LONG SLEEVES OR TAGS ON CLOTHES, WHO APPEARS OVER STIMULATED BY CERTAIN SITUATIONS OR DOESN'T LIKE LOUD NOISE? THEN THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU!

FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2014 – 7PM FOR 7.15PM SHARP START – SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHARTER ROAD EAST, SUNBURY

WORKSHOP FINISHES AT 9.15PM AND SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST ONLY TO www.secretary@sold.org.au AFTER BOOKING ONLINE

Many learning disabilities have aspects of a sensory processing disorder (e.g. Autism and ADHD) and can be extremely difficult for the children who live with it. Likewise, the disorder can be frustrating for parents and teachers who are not aware of the practices and strategies that can help. This workshop will look at what sensory processing disorder is and how it can have a major impact on children's learning and engagement. Great tips and information for parents and teachers. BOOK at www.sold.org.au/events. Please feel free to pass this on to your networks and contacts.

Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found [here](#) and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!



For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

Parent and Carer Asthma Information Sessions

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is funded by the Federal Department of Health to provide free asthma education sessions to groups of parents and carers. These sessions can take place at the school or at a location of your choice. The session runs for approximately one hour and covers:

- Asthma triggers
- Signs and symptoms
- Asthma action plans
- Asthma medication
- Asthma First Aid

If you are interested in attending a parent and carer asthma information session, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria to arrange a session on 1800-ASTHMA or sdoherly@asthma.org.au

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Sunbury Family Market & Car Boot Sale

Saturday, May 3rd at the Community Centre, Elizabeth Drive Sunbury. All proceeds are returned to the community through various projects.

The market runs from 9am – 2pm and there will be over 50 indoor & outdoor stalls with a jumping castle, henna tattoos, face painting and something special from Masters & Bunnings! Sites available for additional stalls.

Kind regards,

David Allan

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For The Rotary Club of Sunbury