



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
	2012
MARCH	
<i>Mon 19th March</i>	<i>Gr 3 – 6 Athletics Day</i>
Tues 20 th March	Curriculum Day
<i>Wed 28th March</i>	<i>School Photos</i>
Fri 30 th March	Term 1 ends 2.30pm Dismissal
<i>Fri 30th March</i>	<i>Non - Uniform Day</i> <i>Gold Coin Donation</i>
APRIL	
Mon 16 th April	Term 2 Begins

CURRICULUM DAY
TUESDAY 20th MARCH
NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

**Sunbury Heights Primary
School**
Grades 3 -6
Athletics Day Sausage Sizzle
Monday 19th March
Sausage \$1.00 each
Drinks \$2.00 each
**Limited Counter Items will also be
available..**
**Helpers are needed on the day if you can
help please contact the Office or
John Lillywhite 0405 515 848**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECIEVE YOUR ELECTRONIC
NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
(ADDRESS ABOVE)**

(Limited printed copies are available
from the office.)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

In April and May our school will be 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. 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 over the period Monday 23 April to Friday 11 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. Last year we used the data when conducting our school review and the information gained from the survey helped 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 2012 were elected and it is pleasing that Sumen Govender and Joanne Diss were elected into the roles of President and Vice President respectively. Sumen, Joanne, Kylie Stephenson, Sharron Bertram, John Lillywhite and Audra Rooney 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 council meeting and to consider becoming involved in the future.

Two hours of school, please Mrs Mills and I will tell you the reasons why!

The students in Mr Knight's grade are looking at ways they can persuade someone why something should happen. This unit of work will support the writing task that is a component of the NAPLAN. In grade 3 students undertake the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for the first time in their schooling. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in reading, spelling, grammar punctuation and numeracy as well as writing.

The students were trying to persuade me as to why school should only go for two hours.

Jordan Ballinger told me that if school went for two hours:

- it would save the school a lot of money because I would only have to pay each teacher for two hours work.
- the students would have more time at home to do all their jobs at home and the parents would be happier.

Athletic Sports

On Monday the students in grades 3-6 will be competing in the House Athletic Sports at Boardman Oval. The day is always one where every child participates in all the Track and Field events that they have been practising in their weekly PE sessions with Miss Ratkowski. It is always great to see parents and extended family members at the sports cheering their offspring on or helping at the event.

Bring a picnic rug and come and join us for the day.

If anyone can help, please make contact with your child's classroom teacher prior to the day. Each classroom teacher is looking for two parent helpers to assist them with the events they are responsible for on the day.

The Sausage Sizzle at the swimming sports was very successful and we are looking once again to our community to help John Lillywhite cook sausages and sell drinks on the day.

Sausages are \$1.00 and water and LOLS will be selling for \$2.00.

There will be limited Canteen sales on the day as well.

Thank you to John Lillywhite and Jo Miller (Canteen Manger) for their organisation.

Michael Grose Positive Parent Involvement - You Make A Difference.

Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning as well as their school. With the Athletic Sports coming up I thought it was a timely reminder for us all. We have all seen a child's face light up when they see their parents involved in school life or being interested in their day when they come home from school.

Swimming Champ

Congratulations to Brooke Williams who came 3rd and 4th in the two individual events she participated in at the next level of the VPSSA competitions. Brooke has not only represented herself with pride, but also Sunbury Heights Primary and the wider Sunbury and Diggers Rest Region.

Student Wellbeing: Parent behaviour around the school

In the interests of all students we ask that parents be mindful of their behaviour in and around the school during drop off and pick up times. As role models we need to always demonstrate courtesy and respect for one another in our interactions with others. We also ask parents to be mindful of their language and tone of voice as children can become anxious when adults show or voice aggression.

The welfare of our students is of paramount importance to us all and we therefore ask that parents refrain from approaching other children or adults regarding any personal matters which are of concern.

Where issues arise at school, please contact Kaye Mills, so that the matter can be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with DEECD procedures. Inappropriate behaviour by parents will not be tolerated around our school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Children See Children Do

The following advertisement that has been on television over the last couple of years is a great reminder to us all of the role all adults play in the choices our children make. I have included it as a reminder to us all <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4HSgvCBXdg>. You can also view it on our website.

A Child Learns What He Lives by Dorothy Law Nolte, reminds us of the influence that our actions have on our children.

If children live with criticism,
they learn to condemn.

If children live with hostility,
they learn to fight.

If children live with ridicule,
they learn to feel shy.

If children live with shame,
they learn to feel guilty.

If children live with tolerance,
they learn patience.

If children live with praise,
they learn appreciation.

If children live with fairness,
they learn justice.

If children live with security,
they learn to have faith in themselves and in those about them.

If children live with friendliness,
they learn the world is a nice place in which to live.

Science Outreach Program

The Science Outreach program that Ms Harding organised for last Tuesday was certainly a hit with our senior school students and certainly made them curious about many aspects of science.

I sat in on two sessions and the students were completely engaged in the hands on activities. They are all looking forward to future sessions with the equipment that was so generously donated to our science program.

Crossing Supervision

We welcome on board Wendy Sparks as our new crossing supervisor. As an ex parent of a student at our school and a regular classroom volunteer, we can be assured that Wendy has the best interests of the students at Sunbury Heights in her heart.

Wendy is on duty from 8.15am and then again until 3.45pm.

Wendy has already commented favourably on the behaviour of the students on the crossing and their good knowledge of the crossing safety rules. She is a cheery, friendly person and the students, many who already know her, respond warmly to her as they come to and from school. As parents you have already done an excellent job in informing your child about traffic safety please continue to reinforce the rules as you drop off or pick up your child each day.



Parking

Parking around schools is a time old problem. It seems everyone wants the closest park to the gate or of a morning, thinking it's OK to park in the driveway or staff carpark because "it's only quick... we're only dropping the kids off".

Please stop to think of the danger you are placing your children in because of these actions.

In lots of ways we are lucky at this school because there are designated parking bays out in the street, and a considerable number of them available. Please make a extra few minutes available, so that you can drop off or pick up your children in safety.

We do have a number of people entitled to use the disabled parking bay so please be considerate and do not use this bay unless you have the required sticker. It is illegal to do so otherwise.

Please be aware of the speed you drive away from the school as well. Yes, it is **40km/hr** and the majority of people observe this speed limit. What is more worrying is how quickly some people are getting to that speed with their acceleration from the school. None of us want to witness an accident involving our students...**your children**... please help us keep them safe!



Regards
Kaye Mills



Tuesday morning the VSSEC Primary Outreach Program came to provide an informative incursion about space and science for us. The grade 5/6's conducted experiments, tried on space suits and studied 100,000 year old fossils.

The students also put themselves in scientist's shoes and investigated the states of matter and UV rays. We hope to visit the University as an excursion later in the year to discover more things about space and science.

Alisha Clarke and Victoria Lillywhite

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following students to
18th March 2012
Leo Bunting, Olivia Clarke

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 16th March 2012

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Xuereb	Lilly Rowbottom	For working well in class.
Junior Danaher	Aidan Thomas	For his great reading in class.
Junior Ross	Dane Gifford	For trying very hard to improve his story writing.
Junior Hill	Eboney Bentley	For contributing to class discussion with a strong voice.
Junior Wilson	Jack Price	For writing a story with lots of adjectives.
Middle Tyers	All the Grade	For fantastic behaviour on camp.
Middle Knight	Jamie Clanchy	For doing the rope course on camp in spite of her fears.
Middle Peverell (Pianura)	Kasey Sciberras	Consistently showing excellent attitude to her learning and ignoring distractions
Middle Laing	Varshini Govender	For working hard at her maths especially rounding.
Senior Langmaid	Hayley Sharrad	For showing such an enthusiastic approach to learning.
Senior de Waart	Kiera Jehu	For her eagerness to learn.
Miss Ratkowski PE	Luke Harrison Grace Ring	For taking responsibility for packing up the 5/6 sports equipment.
Mrs Caddaye ART	James Penny	For a positive attitude in Art
Mrs Harding SCIENCE	6d especially Mr d & Rachel	Superb looking after Lizzi the Lizard.

**PLAYGROUP
FRIDAY MORNINGS
9.00am – 11.00am**

Come along Mums, Dads and Bubs, have a coffee and share experiences with our kids.

Kids can play and parents can have a chance to be with others.

Don't be shy; it's great fun for all.

Join us on a **FRIDAY** from 9-11am. Cost \$2.00

LOST

One silver Canon camera from the Science room. Has lots of science pictures on memory card. If found please return to Ms Harding. Reward offered.

STUDENT BANKING DAY-REMINDER

Teaching your child the all important skill of money management and saving when they are young can empower them for success in the future. The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is a special initiative designed to do just that. It also has a fantastic rewards program that child can redeem for awesome gifts along the way such as a watch, ball, book light and USB stick. You can participate with as little as five cents per week.



Please refer to the information pack that you received with instructions how to participate in this fantastic program. When your child banks at school for the 1st time they receive their token and the school receives \$5 to go towards our fundraising efforts.

If your child already has a Dollarmites/Youthsaver account with the Commonwealth Bank simply fill in the deposit book and amount and simply start banking straight away.



Commonwealth Bank Account.



SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

Messy Play Drop in Play Group

Facilitated Play session that uses **Messy Play** activities as a learning tool.

Tuesday 11:30 – 12:30

\$5 per child each week

Health care card holders **FREE**

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531 Elizabeth Drive

Phone: 9740 6978



LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

DUE BACK – Friday 16th March, 2012

Prime Tutoring

“Helping children reach their Prime with maths”

Prime Tutoring assists with:

- Primary School literacy and numeracy (Grades 3 – 6)
- Mathematics (Years 7 – 11)
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Sunbury Indoor Sports & Active Kidz.

New Junior Seasons starting for Cricket, Netball, Soccer and Beach Volleyball.

Registration day:

Monday 26th March 2012 at 5.30pm.

For more details call Mat 9744 5406

ADVANCEDLIFE

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS On

Wednesday 28th March 2012

Dear Parents,

On the above date, School photos will be taken at your school. Order envelopes have been distributed to all pupils.

It is important that instructions are followed in order to save confusion and disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE: All orders received after photography day will incur a reorder fee.

You must complete a separate order envelope for each purchasing child. Clearly mark the package and gifts you wish to purchase in the space provided using a black or blue ball point pen, complete all your contact details.

Family envelopes are available from the Office

**ALL ENVELOPES NEED TO BE RETURNED
No later than MONDAY 26th March**

