



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
	SEPTEMBER
Fri 21 st Sept	Term 3 Ends 2.30pm Dismissal
	OCTOBER
Mon 8 th Oct	Term 4 Begins
Mon 8th Oct	School Council Meeting – 6.30pm
Wed 10 th Oct	Gr 4 Anglesea Camp Final Instalment due \$70
Mon - Wed 22nd–24th Oct	Gr 4 Anglesea Camp
Fri 28 th Oct	Non-Uniform Day

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

EMA CHEQUES

EMA cheques have arrived. For security reasons, we are asking you to come in to collect or sign your cheque over.

CHEQUES THAT ARE STILL HERE BY THE 20TH SEPTEMBER WILL BE CREDITED TO ANY OUTSTANDING DEBTS TO THE SCHOOL.

**LAST DAY TERM 3
FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER
DISMISSAL at 2.30pm**



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The last week of Term 3..... Where has the year gone?

Thank you to the staff for the work they have done this term..... it has been incredibly busy, but so very rewarding with all the experiences the students have been able to enjoy. Thank you to Anne Czyz for stepping into the Prep class in Jane Xuereb's absence. Ann is a very experienced teacher and has contributed greatly to the students learning.

Jane will remain on leave until the beginning of 2013. In Term 4 the class will be taught by Lynn Hubbard. Lynn is a regular member of our teaching team the students in this grade are again lucky to have their learning enhanced by a teacher of Lynn's experience and one who has empathy for children.

NAPLAN

Thank you to Cathie Morcom who has put together this initial report on this year's NAPLAN Results and what it looks like for us as a school.

Our school NAPLAN results arrived on Tuesday and while we have only had a short time to look at the data, overall it is certainly encouraging. The current grade three groups have obtained higher results in all areas than grade three students in the previous two years.

With the grade five results we are able to determine the 'value added' learning from year three to year five. This is a measure of the improvement the students have made and is one of the most valuable aspects of NAPLAN because we can determine the effectiveness of teaching and programs. In reading and numeracy, our students made similar progress (on average) to students across the state. In writing, our students made significantly more progress than students across the state.

NAPLAN is one of many tools we use to measure student skills and progress. It is important to remember, especially when looking at your own child's results, that where they are now is not as important as how much progress they have made.

Results from this year's NAPLAN Tests have been sent home by post.

As part of Sunbury Heights Primary School's commitment to continuous improvement and our focus on student learning outcomes, these results will be analysed by staff early in Term 4.

If the results indicated by the NAPLAN report are not as parents expected for their child and if they wish to discuss elements of the NAPLAN report with the classroom teacher or wish to explore ways that they may be able to assist their child's learning, time will be made available in Term 4 with teaching staff.

Remembrance Day Read2Remember

Last week we received a copy of the book *The Quest For Courage*. It is the book that schools across Australia this year will read on Remembrance Day.

Carmel Ross wrote the following when she registered the school to participate.

"Sunbury Heights is a school that has a strong and unrelenting focus on instilling a love of reading as well as a goal of helping our students to develop skills to be resilient in their own lives. Sunbury Heights views Read2Remember as an opportunity to bind those two important keys together. The school has ties to both past and present ADF personnel and the 2012 ANZAC Day commemoration had the theme of Courage where the address to the school by a veteran was consistent with the message that is in the book. We look forward to Read2Remember to being an annual event in our school's life."

Social Networking

Please continue to monitor your child's internet usage diligently over the holidays. Over this last week both teachers and I, have spent too much time dealing with fallout from Facebook. Children under thirteen should not be on Facebook. At a school level we will continue to address the cyber bullying issue regularly. I have contacted the Sunbury Police Youth Liaison Sergeant, who will come and talk to parents and students in November as a preparation for high school. It is opportune to also remind people of this information that was a directive from the DEECD to be passed on.

The Department is receiving a high volume of reports regarding incidents of sexting by students from both primary and secondary settings.

Sexting

'Sexting' means sending sexually explicit photos or videos electronically (eg. by mobile phone, app, chat, social networking or email). With modern technology this can be done instantly, but it can have serious and lasting consequences.

For people under 18, sexting is illegal. It is a criminal offence to take, possess, or transmit a naked image of a person under the age of 18 years. It doesn't matter if your child took their own photo and willingly sent or published it. You cannot 'give someone permission' to break the law. Penalties for these offences are very serious and can result in your child being placed on the sex offender's register.

It is important that you regularly talk to your child about their experiences with communications technology. Make sure that you continually reinforce that your child should come to you if they have any problems, if they see something that they know is wrong or anything that upsets them.

If you require further support, please speak to your school principal or student wellbeing co-ordinator.

Harvest Picnic

On Wednesday 24th October at to celebrate our nomination for this year's Victorian School Garden Award, we will have a whole school picnic.

Sunbury Secondary College Band

Students from grade 3-6 enjoyed the performance of 5 short songs and a demonstration of each of the instruments that the students play in the band. Thank you to Joanne Drummond from Sunbury Secondary for giving our students this opportunity.

SunSmart

Please ensure that your child has a broad-brimmed or bucket hat and other SunSmart gear ready to begin Term 4. Over the last week of school we are reminding students about the importance of being SunSmart and the need to be prepared with their SunSmart gear for fourth term. Our Uniform Shop Coordinator will have hats for sale

this Friday if you want your child ready to start the new term **Year Book**

Once again Nicole Langmaid has taken on the responsibility for the school year book. Nicole and her team of Erica Andersen and Leanne Ratkowski are busy putting together the highlights from across the year. As a school we believe that each student should have a memento of their school year. I still look back on my high school yearbooks and have fun seeing how I have changed (well I am 50 years older for a start), who my friends were, what I was learning and what extra school activities I was participating in. Orders for the yearbook will be taken early next term and cost should be between \$10 and \$12.

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following student til the 7th October (Including the school holidays):

Brad Meyers, Jordon McDonald, Matthew Peet, Amber Mitchell, Hailee Walker, Victoria Lillywhite, Levi Difalco, Jaxson Jones Moore, Ellie Pugh, Dylan Pugh, Ben Lillywhite, Tate Wilson, Vanessa Tancevski, Jemma Holley, Dylan Sapac, Joel Cave, Lacey Blake, Lennon Williams

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 21st September 2012

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Xuereb (Czyz)	Taylor Hardstaff	For making a beautiful butterfly.
Junior Ross	Nikita Johns	For a great recount on cupcake making.
Junior Wilson	Alex Braun	For always greeting the class a positive outlook.
Middle Tyers	Vinnie Salter Ethan Rooney	For trying hard with his writing.
Middle Knight	Jak Maddox	For showing great communal responsibility in the yard.
Middle Pianura	Blake Macdonald	For a huge improvement in his handwriting! Well Done!!
Middle Adams	Ethan Holley	For a great attitude to maths.
Mrs Caddaye Art	Simote Feiloaki	For effort and enthusiasm in Art.
Ms Harding Science	5A	A positive and fantastic attitude to investigations

On the Rise Playgroup

Free ticket Offer for

Pregnancy, Babies & Children's Expo

Come and support Playgroup Victoria

Friday 12th to Sunday 14th October

Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre South Wharf
(formerly Southbank)

Visit www.pbcexpo.com then click on Playgroup Offer

If you would like a ticket or more details please contact

Krystal Twyman 0423 498 213

4 Pianura – Tiffany Hall - White Ninja

Tiffany Hall appeared and everyone was speechless, even Mrs Mills and the teachers. Tiffany Hall had a black belt still from when she was thirteen. She was wearing a white Ninja uniform and she had blonde hair with a clip. She had tanned skin and she loves people being healthy. Christopher broke a wooden board. Tiffany's sister, Electra was mean to her. 'Red Samurai' will be released in April 2013 and 'Black Warrior' will be in 2014. In 'White Ninja', Roxy Ran must find her inner Ninja. Tiffany showed us Ninja moves.

Brad 4P

"Hiii-Yaaaah!!" A black belt Ninja came to our school. Her name is Tiffany Hall. She was Angel on GLADIATORS. Tiffany is also from 'Biggest Loser'! I think she's written 7 books. Tiffany Hall has loved Martial Arts for over 20 years! She made 'White Ninja' because of her years of martial arts and her passion. Tiffany's book 'White Ninja' is about a girl named Roxy Ran. She has one friend named Cinnamin. Tiffany's other books, 'Red Samurai' and 'Black Warrior' are coming out in April 2013 and January 2014! Tiffany knows some pretty good ninja moves such as 'the crane'. So there you have it, most of the stuff about Tiffany Hall and her books. I even got my 'White Ninja' book signed. It was so fun!

Kasey 4P

"Hiiiiii...Yaaaah!" said Tiffany Hall. Hello there everyone I'm Tiffany Hall..... My new book is called 'White Ninja', it's all for kids and adults. The most interesting character is Roxy Ran, she is a Ninja but at school she gets bullied. Her friend Sinomen gets bullied too, she gets called Sinomen donat and she does not like it. Roxy & Sinomen both have a voice in their heads, a nasty voice. It makes them sad.

Gemma 4P

Wow! The one and only Tiffany Hall came to our school! I asked Tiffany Hall a question. We saw Tiffany Hall doing Ninja moves and she taught us Ninja moves as well. We listened to Tiffany talk about her life. 'White Ninja' has been out for less than a week. The question I asked to Tiffany Hall was "When did you start writing 'White Ninja'?" She said "About three years ago."

Jazmyn 4P

Tiffany Hall is coming today, "Hiii-Yaaaah!" Tiffany was on 'The Biggest Loser'. We asked Tiffany questions about the book called 'White Ninja'. Tiffany Hall's sister, Electra was mean to her. It took Tiffany 3 years to complete 'White Ninja'. We saw and did ninja moves. 'White Ninja' has been out less than a week. 'Red Samurai' will be released in April 2013 and 'Black Warrior' will be released in 2014.

Stephanie 4P

"Hiiiiii-Yaaaah!!!" Tiffany yelled. There was a big round of applause. Tiffany Hall was very good at Taekwondo, and she is very pretty. She had an assistant at the school. I wonder who the other lady was.

Someone asked "When are you putting the next book out. She said she was putting it out on April 2013 and the other one is going to be on January 2014. The books are called 'Red Samurai' and 'Black Warrior'.

I hope I can see her again. Maybe we will next year or in 2014, so I hope we do. She is my favourite writer now. She was on 'The Biggest Loser'. She was the white teacher on 'The Biggest Loser'. She was the person that showed them some moves. She has been writing the book for three years. Tiffany gave us some writing tips. One of the tips was how much you read is how much you write. There is a boy that goes to our school that goes to her dad's Taekwondo. He is red belt but Tiffany is black belt. Christopher snapped a piece of wood in half.

At the end I got my book signed by Tiffany. We got to all have a picture with Tiffany. We got to do ninja moves and Cameron got to 'Duck, Block, Jump, punch.'

Jess 4P

Kaaaa-ching-yaaaaah! "Yaaaaah!" screamed the kids with happiness. Tiffany Hall came to Sunbury Heights. When we got there she was on her way.

We sat down and Tiffany came in her Taekwondo suit then we were clapping. When she came, she was talking about herself and the book, 'White Ninja.'

We asked Tiffany questions about the book and her personal life. She taught us moves and she got the people who did well and she gave them a prize.

Tiffany said it took her 3 years to complete the book, 'White Ninja.' The book hasn't been out for a week yet. The next book is 'The Red Samurai'; it will be released in April 2013. The book, 'Black Warrior' will be released in 2014. In 'White Ninja', Roxy has to find her inner Ninja.

We saw Ninja moves, Tiffany Hall, Cameron's red belt and Christopher breaking a wooden board with his fist.

Mitchell 4P

Art or Photo Calendar Fundraiser.

In term 4 the calendar fundraiser will be happening again with all funds raised supporting our school. There will be the opportunity to purchase calendars featuring your child/ren's art work or a photo supplied by you. More information will be provided a few weeks into term 4. In the meantime, if you are interested in purchasing a photo calendar, you might like to take some photos during the holidays. Photos will need to be in landscape (sideways) orientation. Calendars will cost \$12 each. They make great Christmas presents. Jenny Caddaye (Art teacher)



School Banking Rewards Update

Attention School Bankers:

The USB Stick is now available to order (brought forward from Term 4). If you have banked 10 times just send through the redemption card or a note with your banking so your reward can be orderd for you as soon as possible.

Don't forget school banking day is Tuesday

Our local Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist is Rachel Manlio, she can be contacted on 0422 116 037 or Rachel.manlio@cba.com.au with any questions or queries

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE HONOUR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge. We now have 145 students who have finished.

3K - Annette Ashford, Jordan Ballinger, Hunter-J Brough, Shannen Davison, Nicholas Diss, Tamiah Gardiner, Brock Ireland, Kristen Matenga, Hollie Maxfield, Natalie McLean, Tylah Searle-Philpott

3T - Abbey McDonald, Elizabeth Mercer

4L - T-Jay Bartlett, Tyler Chakley, Maddi Lee, Hayley Rooney, Bryce Street, Brenden Tringrove-Smith

5A - Lauren Ashford, Lacey Blake, Sian Crowe, Ciaran Garner, Chelsea Houston, Callista Keenan, Sean Knox, Jade McLean, Jackson Neilson, Cruz Noonan, Marijana Stevanja

5O - Casey Carew, Jason Parmar, Suzanna Pyke, Allira Travers

6D - Jaylan Ahu, Dee



Hamilton,

Justin Salluzzo, Tristan Scott-Overs, Christopher Weedon

6L - Kaleb Bartlett, Jonathan Dawson, Patrick Dickson, Letitia Fernandes, Matthew Floyd, Blake Kenyon, Jonathan Long, Ciaran McArdle, James Penny, Ethan Quinlivan, Dylan Sapac, Brooke Williams

Sunbury Pirates Softball Club would like to invite you and your family to our:

Season 2012 / 2013

OPEN DAYS!

DATE: 23rd September 2012

PLACE: Goonawarra Recreation Reserve
155 Lancefield Road, Sunbury

TRY OUT & TRAINING TIMES:

Women: 10am - 11am

T-Ball & Junior: - 11am - 12pm

Men: 1pm - 2pm

If you have any questions about the season, please call Sandra Elgin on 0412 507 885

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERSHOPPING TOUR SAT 10TH NOVEMBER

Cost \$65 per person including lunch leaving school at 7.30am returning approx. 6pm

Final payments due by 12th October

Seats still available

Call Kylie Gifford for more information

Ph: 0448 440 075 or 9746 3338

Email: kyliejifford@bigpond.com
giffysgirl@gmail.com

We Need You!

Sunbury Basketball Association is looking for new players of all ages, both boys and girls from 6 to 17.

All players are welcome and if you've never played before we'll teach you how! It's a great way to participate in a family-orientated team sport, learn new skills, get fit, be active, make new friends and have lots of fun.

Games for Under 8 and Under 10 age groups are played after school on Tuesday or Wednesday. Age groups from Under 12 to Under 18 play on Saturday.

The new season commences in the first week of Term 4, but new players are welcome any time.

For more information contact Rick Giannino by email: rick@sunburybasketball.com.au

Please advise interested player's name and DOB as well as contact phone number/s



Sunbury & Macedon Ranges Specialist School

TRIVIA NIGHT

Pitruzzello Estate

25 Deverall Rd, Sunbury

20th October 2012

7pm

Tickets: \$45 includes a 3 course set menu plus tea and coffee

Drinks at bar prices

Lots of prizes to be won on the night

For tickets contact 9744 4879



SUNBURY NETBALL ASSOCIATION JUNIOR 2013 REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

UNDER 11

UNDER 13

UNDER 15

UNDER 17

DATES: SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER & 13TH OCTOBER

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE HEAD TO THE SNA WEBSITE:

<http://www.sunburenetball.org.au/default.asp>

