



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
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.)

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
THURSDAY 28th MARCH
GOLD COIN DONATION

LAST DAY DISMISSAL
2.30pm
THURSDAY 28th MARCH

PLEASE NOTE:

The main telephone line connected to the school is faulty and unable to be repaired til the 4th April.

Please try the school's 2nd line 9744 3427 or email sunbury.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Sorry for the inconvenience but it is beyond our control...

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Families,

If you have had trouble contacting us over the last few days it's not because we haven't wished to talk to you, but because we have had trouble with the lines. Optus have advised "that the faults are quite major and the work may not be completed until April 4th."

Fortunately one phone line is still available 9744 3427, so in the interim please write this number down and use it if you want to contact the school to report an absence, request assistance or speak to staff.

Another way to communicate with us during this time can be through email at sunbury.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. In the subject line please indicate who the message is to so that we know where to forward you message.

At times staff at school may need to use their personal mobiles to communicate with you so please be aware if a number comes up that you are not familiar with to check your messages.

Apologies to all who have had trouble getting through this week and sorry in advance for the further inconvenience.

Pupil Free Day

Session One: Engaging Families in Learning

The staff at Sunbury Heights believe that school communities are important places in the lives of young people and their families. We believe that when the partnership is strong learning can be transformed providing the chance for all to flourish.

On the Pupil Free Day the staff continued their work with Mary Tobin an Educational Consultant who works across all sectors of Education offering advice on best practice regarding student wellbeing and learning, and school community partnerships.

The staff have decided that in Term Two our focus will be "Talking Together" Home, School Communications, Transition: Kinder-Prep and Grade 6 to year 7, Parent Teacher Interviews and Student Reports are areas that we will specifically look into and seek parent feedback.

Writing – Writing – Writing

One of our main areas for improvement this year is student writing. Tuesday's curriculum day provided us with an opportunity for teachers and support staff to revise high quality teaching strategies for writing. We also looked at some new strategies which will be implemented in classrooms this week.

We will be teaching students powerful writing strategies such as;

Alliteration

Alliteration is when two or more words, close together in a sentence, start with the same letter.

The big, blue bee buzzed happily.

Power of Three

Power of Three is when three adjectives or short phrases are put together to describe something.

Football is fast, rough and exhausting.

Simile

A simile is when the writer makes a comparison between two things using either 'like' or 'as'.

As slow as a snail.

To promote high standards of book work in every classroom we have decided that all work students do must be their **best** work. Focussed handwriting sessions will continue and be extended to include activities in which handwriting, spelling and punctuation are linked. We have also introduced 'dotted thirds' work books for students in years five and six as the extra support of the 'dotted thirds' assists students to create letters of a consistent size. Teachers have already reported a noticeable improvement in student work.

The following activities, many of which you already do, support our writing program;

- **Reading to your child** – *this provides your child with examples of quality writing. As they listen to you read they hear the rhyme and rhythm of good writing. New words, introduced through reading, make sense to children as they are in a sentence and a story. Hearing the same story over and over, helps children to learn the meaning of words which they can attempt to use in their own writing.*
- **Talking to your child, asking questions and listening to them talk** – *this is how your child first learnt about the world. They listened to you and took notice of the words you were using. By using a wide range of words and quite 'grown up words' when speaking to your child you are increasing their working vocabulary. Asking children questions encourages them to think about their experiences at a deeper level. When children talk, they are actually orally rehearsing possible stories they could write, they are experimenting with sentence structures and trying out new vocabulary.*

Cathie Morcom

Easter Display Sunbury Square

If you are down in the Square in the lead up to Easter and over the Easter Break please take the opportunity to look at our Easter display that was put together by the students during their art sessions with Mrs Caddaye.

Thank you to Mrs Caddaye for all her efforts in the art room this term. Our contribution certainly looks **eggcellent**.

Hot Cross Buns

Thank you to families who ordered the delicious Riddell's Creek Bakery Hot Cross Buns. Graeme will deliver them to school and we will distribute them to each child's class. Some families have ordered a large amount, so it may be a good idea to call into the classroom in the afternoon and pick them up yourself. As we know every little bit of fundraising helps and the school made \$213 from the drive.

Easter Assembly

Please try to come up to Monday afternoon's Easter Assembly to

- see the parade of Easter decorations and costumes that have been made in the e classroom,
- witness the drawing of the Easter Raffle
- hear the preps and Junior School sing some of our favourite Easter rhymes and songs

Maybe the Easter Bunny may visit the school at this time.

Who knows!

Easter Raffle "It's Not Too Late"

Don't forget we would still love some more eggs and novelties for our Easter Egg Raffle. Please drop donations into the office, classroom or Hub on Friday.

Cartoon Workshop Wednesday

I would love to be able to draw and next week our students in Grades 1-6 will be able to take part in a Cartoon Workshop, which will teach them some strategies for drawing that I never had the opportunity to participate in when I was at primary school.

As a conclusion to a successful term in art, Mrs Caddaye has organised for celebrated author and illustrator Richard Galbraith to visit our school. Books signed by the author will be on sale next Thursday, so if you are looking for some holiday reading and drawing for your family please keep an eye out for the order form.

Interschool Athletics Sports

The Interschool Athletic Sports were held in glorious conditions yesterday. A big thank you to Leanne Ratkowski, Damian O'Keefe and Andrew Knight for travelling to the competition with our competitors

Early Dismissal

Next Thursday afternoon 28th March School will dismiss for Term One holiday at 2.30pm.

Please ensure that someone is available to collect your child from school at this time. OSHC will be available from 2.30pm

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following students, until the 24th March
Aidan Thomas, Tyler Kelly, Samantha Mogridge, Georgia Taggart,
Ryan Grose, Jesse Pattle

News from the Art Room

We are excited to announce that cartooning workshops will be held at Sunbury Heights on **Wednesday 27th of March 2013** for all students from Grades 1-6.

The school will cover the cost of the cartooning workshops so there will be no cost to you.

The workshops will be conducted by Richard Galbraith. Richard has been a professional writer, illustrator, cartoonist and storyteller for 27 years. He has been inspiring primary school children with his cartoon workshops since 1999.

Richard's workshops are designed to help students create and draw cartoon characters and weave them into simple stories. He teaches simple cartooning techniques that increase students' confidence in their ability to draw. Cartooning has strong links to storytelling and can be used to help students with reading, writing, speaking and listening.

Richard has books and a CD which may be purchased should you wish to do so. See the flier for details. This has been sent home with students from Grades 1-6.

We have copies of Richard's books on display in the art room.

If you wish to purchase any of the books and/or CD please send the money to school in an envelope clearly stating name, grade and items you wish to purchase.

This needs to be done no later than Thursday 28th of March.

Richard will be available in the library on Thursday 28th of March to autograph books should you desire.

Our double sided Easter poster is on display at Sunbury Square Shopping centre in the food mall!

Jenny Caddaye (Art Teacher)

PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING

15th March 2013

Grade	Student	Reason
1/2R	Mitchell Crosland	For making a great effort to always give 100%.
1/2X	Odin Holt	For listening & working well in class.
1/2H	Amber Mitchell	Being confident and reading her story to the class.
3/4K	Sky Price	For a brilliant persuasive writing piece about students wearing uniform.
3/4W	Annette Ashford	For reaching level 30 in her pM levels.
3/4A	Vinnie Salter	For putting 100% with his reading.
5P	Alexeen Banting	For being an excellent role model to her classmates and being a confident Class Captain.
5A	Kasey Scibberas	For being mature and responsible member of the class.
6L	Chelsea Houston	For an enthusiastic approach to enhancing powerful sentences.
ART	Nathan Bull	For being caring and helpful to other students in Art.
Ms Wakeling Science	Bethany Riggio	For working well in her first Science class.

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 990 946 or saydogan@linterauc.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

