



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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23rd February, 2012
TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
2012	
Fri 24 th Feb	Non-Uniform Day – State School Relief Gold Coin Donation
<u>MARCH</u>	
Mon 5th – Wed 7th March	Gr 5 Doxa Camp
Wed 7 th – Fri 9 th March	Gr 3 Doxa Camp
Tues 6th March	Preps Western Water Incursion
Tues 13 th March	School Council Meeting – 6.30pm
Mon 19th March	Gr 3 – 6 Athletics Day
Tues 20 th March	Curriculum Day
Wed 28th March	School Photos
Fri 30 th March	Term 1 ends 2.30pm Dismissal

Please remember to return ASAP..

WE ARE UNABLE TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION WITHOUT THESE FORMS

- **2012 Asthma Management Plan – MUST** be completed and signed on the back of the form if your child has Asthma medication kept at school.
- **2012 Medication Form – MUST** be completed and signed on the back of the form if your child has **ANY** medication at school ie: Ventolin, Panadol, creams etc. We are unable to administer medication without this form signed.

Sunbury Heights PS Payment Option Plan

Sunbury Heights is sympathetic and understands the differing circumstances of individual students and families. If you are having difficulty paying for books, camps, excursions, etc. Please ring (9744 3377) or come in to see Kerry Hicks, Business Manager, at the office or Kaye Mills (Principal) to discuss a payment plan that would be suitable for you and the school. All conversations are strictly confidential.



TOMORROW FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2012 NON UNIFORM DAY GOLD COIN DONATION

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECIEVE YOUR ELECTRONIC
NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
(ADDRESS ABOVE) AS THIS WILL BE THE FIRST
AND LAST PAPER COPY FOR 2012.**
(Limited copies are printed and are available from the office.)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was great to see the number of parents who took the opportunity to attend the Parent Teacher exchange of information evenings on Wednesday evening. It certainly gives the classroom teacher valuable insights into the children in their care and is beneficial for you as parents to understand the expectations of the new class.

The Prep families enjoyed a sausage sizzle and an opportunity to visit the classrooms to see the learning that has taken place in the short time their child has been at school.

Thank you to Karole Taylor & Darren for her offer to cook sausages for the students and their families.

Twilight Swimming Sports

Good luck to our swimming team who are representing the school at the SDR Swimming Sports this afternoon. Thank you to Miss Ratkowski and the teaching staff who are going tonight to organise and supervise the sports.

Thanks to our dedicated staff

This week the staff have been involved in Parent Teacher interviews, attended the Twilight Swimming Sports and beginning the week March 5 the grade 3 and 5 staff and Miss Ratkowski will be taking the students to Doxa Camp at Malmbsbury.

The grade five students will leave by train on Monday 5 March and return on Wednesday 7th March. The grade 3 students will travel up on Wednesday March 7 and return on Friday March 9. On arriving the Grade 3 students will spend some time with the Grade 5 students familiarising them with the environment. The camp is an integral part of the transition program. The focus is on team building and the school values. It is testament to the staff's dedication and care for students that they provide these opportunities for our students. On your behalf, I would like to acknowledge their efforts and thank them in advance.

Michael Grose

Often the teachers and I are asked advice and questions in regard to parenting and raising children. While many of us are parents too we may not always have the expertise to fully support or assist you. This year we have subscribed to become a Parenting Ideas school member. This means we can regularly include articles in the newsletter and on the school website about issues that may concern you or the school staff.

Michael Grose is the director of Parenting Ideas.

Michael is the author of 8 parenting books, including his new release *Thriving!* And the best-selling *Why first Borns Rule the World* and *Last Borns want to Change it*.

His popular parenting columns appear in newspapers and magazines across Australia. He's the current Channel 9 Today Show parenting expert. He also has a regular fortnightly half hour parenting segment on ABC radio Victoria.

Michael has an education background, and holds a Master of Educational Studies with research into what makes healthy families tick. He has conducted over 1,500 parenting seminars over the last two decades. We will build up a resource of articles and parenting tips on our website under the heading Parenting Ideas.

Chocolate Drive

Thank you to all the families who are keen to sell chocolates. The organising committee are thrilled with the response and have ordered more boxes for the families who have sold their box and are requesting more chocolates to sell.

If we sell all chocolates we can make up to \$5000 profit which will certainly help the PFA reach its target and provide much needed resources for the school.

Pancake Tuesday

When Jo Miller (our Canteen Manager) visited the classrooms to see how many pancakes she would need to cook she was shocked to find out this was close to 300! An emergency dash was made to the supermarket and the fresh ingredients were quickly whipped up into a batter. Thank you to Jo and her crew of helpers Karole Taylor, Colleen Davison, Kerry Scott and Eva Eli for doing such a magnificent job.

Thank you to Ebonni Draper and Rachel Thomas for the promotion and help with the fundraiser. Two hundred and forty dollars was taken in pancake sales on the day.

Sunbury Heights: A safe and secure environment for everyone

It is our intention to ensure that we maintain an environment in which all children feel safe and secure. It is our shared responsibility as teachers and parents to set and demonstrate high standards of behaviour for the children, I ask all parents to continue to support us in this manner.

Under no circumstances may parents speak sternly, make threats, question or discipline a child from another family, parent or guardian or any member of the school staff.

If you believe a child is misbehaving, or you have a concern about a school-based issue then please notify the classroom or yard duty teacher immediately or contact either Cathie Morcom or myself.

Premier's Reading Challenge

This week we have attached a letter from the Premier of Victoria inviting you to encourage your child to become involved in the 2012 Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge is an annual event open to all Prep to Year 10 students in government and non-government schools. It promotes the importance of reading among students in Victorian schools. The 2012 Challenge booklists have been expanded and cater for all types of interest, with fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry, short stories and graphic novels included. Students may also read books in other languages. Last year, Victorian students broke all previous Challenge records, with 222,000 participants reading more than four million books. With 2012 being the National Year of Reading, there has never been a better time for students to be inspired by the Challenge and to discover the magical power of books. The National Year of Reading 2012 is a collaborative project joining public libraries, government, community groups, media, commercial partners and the public to encourage the promotion of reading and literacy.

Please keep your eye out for the parent permission form that will come home to be signed. Signing the form will ensure your child receives a certificate and has his/her name printed in The Age newspaper's Honour Roll.

Volunteers and privacy in the school community:

As a volunteer you may occasionally access personal information of students, staff, and others in the school community. There are legislative requirements that prescribe how an individual's personal information can be collected, used and disclosed, stored and accessed. Personal information includes health information.

Personal Information is any information that identifies an individual; it may be enrolment information, health or student progress information. Schools have a responsibility to ensure the personal information they possess is used for the purposes it was collected and is adequately secured.

For example, schools may collect and display student health information in a secured staff room to ensure students receive appropriate care. The information should not be used or disclosed for other purposes. Similarly, schools may take some limited student information off premises when on excursions. Schools are obliged to ensure personal information is secured and used for appropriate purposes.

Please call in and collect a copy of the volunteers and privacy in the school community guidelines when you next are helping in the school.

Healthy Snack:

At approximately 10am each day some classes have the opportunity to eat a healthy snack during class time. This is not a scheduled break time and all eating is undertaken during the course of their learning program. Accordingly foods provided should be able to be eaten in one hand and with minimum risk of spillage so as to avoid spoiling their class work. Suitable snack items should be selected from the following list: a small piece of fruit, or vegetable segments, or dried fruits, or cheese slices or cut up portions of cheese sandwich. Please note that these items are not intended to replace the foods parents choose to supply for their child to eat at recess or lunch time. During class time students are only allowed to drink water.

Car Parking:

A special reminder to all of our families to observe the parking signs around the school boundaries. The police and parking officers regularly patrol the area at drop off and pick up times and issue infringement notices to all vehicles illegally parked. In the interests of student safety:

Please Note that the car park at the school is for staff use & deliveries ONLY and cannot be used as a drop off or pickup point for children.

Please refrain from walking through this area with your children on your way to and from school.

Student Safety on Roads:

Please go over safe walking or riding to school practices with your child. Students need to be alert when crossing the road and use crossings even if it means walking a few extra metres down the road.

Head lice:

As much as head lice are a nuisance we have to admit that they can be an unfortunate part of school life. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis using the following method:

- Step 1:** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair.
- Step 2:** Comb sections of the hair with a fine toothed, headlike comb.
- Step 3:** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 4:** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 5:** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.

If lice or eggs are found please commence treatment immediately. Children are able to return to school once treatment has commenced. It is also important to notify the school as soon as possible. **The Department of Health and Family Services strongly recommends that treatments are reapplied 7 days later to prevent reinfestation.**

I ask all parents to carry out weekly checks and to treat any infestations promptly. Please note that unless treatment is carried out effectively the head lice will reappear. Regular checks prompt and repeated treatment and notification to the school will assist us to control the **spread of head lice in our school.**

Student Injuries at School:

Sunbury Heights has a range of first aid protocols in place to deal with student injuries. These protocols include giving first aid, attempting to contact parent or other emergency contacts and if necessary, calling an ambulance. **For this reason it is important that parents and guardians ensure that the school always has up to date emergency contact details.**

DEECD wants parents to be aware of the following information:

School Injuries and Insurance:

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. **Please note the Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students.** The Department is aware of three insurers, AON Insurance Services, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.

Regards
Kaye Mills

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following students to
26th February 2012
Chelsea Houston, Ally Barnden, Dane Gifford, Georgia Bull

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 24th FEBRUARY 2012

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Ross	Georgia Sciberras	For writing lots of sentences in our writing sessions.
Junior Wilson	Lachlan Gilpin	For encouraging others in their learning.
Middle Knight	Michael Mooney	For looking after his friend and buying a pancake for someone one who didn't have one.
Middle Peverell	Blake McDonald	For displaying positive school values.
Middle Laing	Bryce Street Andrew Holness Jacob Sabol	For having a positive attitude for learning. For displaying positive school values.
Senior Langmaid	Karamea Wairau	For giving up her own time before school to help in the classroom.
Senior de Waart	Josh Lee	For completing all his work and being enthusiastic learner.
Miss Ratkowski PE	5A	For a focussed session in PE. Well Done!!!
Mrs Caddaye ART	Isaac Spyrou	For being responsible and helpful in Art.

**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

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

DUE BACK - Monday 20th of February 2012

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

School Banking has arrived at Sunbury Heights PS! Free Showbag to Students who open accounts in February



The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is here!

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.

- If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.
- If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school.



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Upcoming events: (12 – 14 Sussexs Crt, Sunbury)

DISCO - Fri 24th February 7pm–9pm

- Dress up in your summer gear
- Cost \$10 (includes Entry, Sausage & a Drink)
- Sign in & Out; No passouts
- All Welcome; No need to be a member to come along



OPEN DAY- Sat 24th March 12noon – 2pm

- Come along and have a try
- Head Coach and members of the Committee will be in attendance

EASTER DISCO - Fri 23rd March 7pm-9pm

- Dress up in your favourite Easter theme

Salesian College

School Tours will be held on the following dates during Term 1:

Monday 27th February at 4.30pm

Thursday 15th March at 9.30am

Please note that Applications for Year 7 2013 close on Friday 2nd March 2012.

Enquiries concerning enrolments for other Year Levels (8-12) are welcome.

Contact the College Registrar,

Mrs Marylou Jones, on 9744 0060 to book in for any of the tours listed or for further information.

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Enquiries: Paul Calleja 5428 3691 or just come along and try it.

