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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
	2012
MARCH	
<i>Mon 26th March</i>	<i>Interschool Athletics Sports</i>
<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

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Last day TOMORROW
FRIDAY 23rd MARCH
***Please return money and
unsold chocolate..ASAP***

*Thank You
Cathy Williams*

SCHOOL PHOTOS

WEDNESDAY 28th MARCH
Money and envelopes due back
MONDAY 26th March

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

PREP FOR PARENTS EMAIL

Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school?

Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's new weekly Prep for Parents email. You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child. To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/prepare/prepforparents/default.htm>

This week's email is about coping with life's ups and downs.

Athletics Sports

The Athletic sports were held in glorious conditions last Monday. A big thank you to Leanne Ratkowski for her organisation and for ensuring that all students in grades 3-6 participated fully. Bradman House was the runaway winner and House Captains, Kiara Taylor and Strickland Lesoa, were keen to get their hands on the trophy! Kiara made a very fine speech at the conclusion of the sports thanking her team, the other teams for their sportsman like behaviour and the teachers for their organisation of the day.

It was nice to see so many parents up at the sports helping staff, organising lunch or striding it out in the parent, student, teacher relay. The staff proved, that not only are the good in the classroom they are pretty swift on their feet and easily took out the relay event.

A further thank you, to all staff and parents who contributed to the successful running of the day. The sausage sizzle and canteen sales were an excellent addition and thank you to John Lilywhite, Kerrie Scott, Paul Tomass, and Neil and Colleen Davison who manned the stall all day.

Miss Ratkowski, Mrs Langmaid, Mrs Jones and Mr Knight will accompany the successful competitors to the next level of competition on Monday. Our competitors for Monday, are listed below. Good luck to all students who are going. We know they will display good sportsmanship and represent the school with pride.

Abbey McDonald, Adam Fearnley, Alisha Clarke, Allira Travers, Brooke Williams, Cedric Schwalger, Christopher Weedon, Ciaran Mc Ardle, Dee Hamilton, Grace Ring, Hayden Brown, Isabella Tancevski, Jackson Neilson, Jade Tomass, James Penny, Jemima Sasulu, Jesse Spyrou, Joel Brown, Joel Cave, Jonathon Long, Jordan Ballinger, Jordan McDonald, Kaitlin Adams, Kiah Woolford-Searl, Kiara Taylor, Koby Watts, Lauren Ashford, Luke Harrison, Marijana Stevanja, Mitchell Maddox, Nathan Bull, Nitika Allan-Reardon, Patrick Dickson, Raven Cheriyparambil, Savannah Butler, Sio Kapeli, Strickland Lesoa, T-Jay Bartlett, Tylah Searle-Philpott, Tyrell Watts, Zach Olivieri



Active Travel, Safety and Footpath Etiquette:

While it is pleasing to see students use their legs, a bike or a skateboard as a way to come to and from school, we need to make sure that these students ride safely and that other people who are on the road and footpath are also safe. Please ensure that your child is aware that they need to get off their bike or skateboard when riding out the front of the school. This week we had a couple of near misses. We don't want to stop students being active but we need to ensure all our community is safe.

Ride 2 School Day

Friday 23th March In the 1970's, 80% of school children were active on the way to school. Today, only 20% experience the joy of getting fresh air on the school journey.

National Ride2School Day provides an opportunity for Australian students, parents and teachers to give riding, walking, skating or scooting to school a go

Celebrity Ambassador:



Dylan Lewis, Nova100, Video Hits and recent convert to the joy of bike-riding



"Dudes. Bikes are back. Not that they ever really went away – but I have noticed a significant amount of hipsters and hotties mounting their bikes lately. Maybe it's coz of that Mark Ronson song ('The Bike Song'). Or maybe it's coz we're caring more about our beautiful planet than ever before. Or maybe its coz hipsters and hotties are seeing other hipsters and hotties riding and the trend is spreading??! Whatever the reason – I've started riding to work lately for the 1st time ever and I'm LOVING it! It's given me a new perspective of our city and a new love of nature...all without the aid of lycra or those pig-trotter shoes! So get on yer bikes on National Ride2School Day and have a go. And then keep having a go every day – you'll love it."

Early dismissal

Next Friday afternoon 30th March school will dismiss for the 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 this time.

THANK YOU

If you have walked to the rear of the school, you will have noticed our new vegetable garden in the making. The raised garden beds were donated by Tankworks (Joe from Tankworks) in Somerton after they received a persuasive letter written by Georgia King, a 2011 grade 6 students. Georgia (below) wrote,

"This will not only make our school shine it will also help the children by teaching them maths for example how to work with percentages, area, volume and perimeter."

The raised beds are made from high strength steel, with an internal food grade polymer lining for long life protection. Some of our current grade 6 students will be working a step-by-step article on how to install the garden beds which can be viewed on our Sunbury Heights website.

After the recent Sunbury Baptist Church working bee, one of the congregation has supplied us with a stack of horse poo, which our handyman, Leo, has delivered. Mrs Harding has her eyes set on using the beds for some science projects, but first we need to construct the picket fence.

If any handy parent is willing to help, please let the school know. We have the pickets and posts (obtained from the Sunbury Tip Shop) ready to go.





While in thankyou mode, we would like to acknowledge the generosity of Sunbury Bicycle Superstore, Horne St, Sunbury for supplying a sporty mountain bike with dual shocks that one of our Grade 6 students, Jordon Dent (below) has put together.

The JSC will be raffling the bike to students. So be in it to win it.



Regards
Kaye Mills

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To the following students to
25th March 2012
Aiden Thomas, Tyler Kelly, Samantha Mogridge, Georgia Taggart,
Ryan Grose, Nicholas Hooper, Natalie Mclean, Jessi Buchanan.

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
Sunbury Neighbourhood House
531 Elizabeth Drive
Phone: 9740 6978



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PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 23rd March 2012

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Xuereb	Christian Ramunno	For always working well.
Junior Danaher	Dylan Pugh	For improving his colouring in.
Junior Ross	Vanessa Tancevski	For being keen to improve her learning by doing extra practice.
Junior Hill	Olivia Clarke	For working well on all class activities.
Junior Wilson	Ryan Grose	For consistent reading at home and reading 25 nights.
Middle Tyers	Daniel Penny	For caring for others and trying hard.
Middle Knight	Shannen Davison	For an enthusiastic towards reading.
Middle Peverell (Pianura)	Hannah McConnell	For showing great resistance and persistence with her maths learning skills.
Senior de Waart	Rachel Chandler-Tyndall	For a brilliant effort in completing all of her work during her week off school.
Miss Ratkowski PE	Prep D	For staying focussed when learning her skills.
Mrs Caddaye ART	Allira Travers	For a magnificent effort with her train artwork.
Mrs Harding SCIENCE	Cedric Schwalger	For washing the science dishes.
Mrs Williams INTEGRATION	Lukas Stephenson-Irving	For challenging himself and giving it his best shot.

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

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 ballpoint 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



Playground Pals

Playground Pals help students from Prep to Grade 1 when they are hurt, or when they find class time difficult. They also support the young during lunch time. We will play games with the preps, and lots more. Look for the Playground Pals near the Prep rooms at lunchtimes. We have red ribbons on our hats as well as whistles.

Playground Pals are
Jaylan, Ciaran,
Renee, Hayleigh,
Luke, Mathew,
Jonathan, and
Karamea.

KEYBOARD and GUITAR LESSONS

New Enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 2, 2012.

At only \$11.90 (incl. GST) per lesson, this music program is
Great Value!!!

Enrolment forms are available from keyboard music teacher(s), the school office or you can enrol electronically on our website – www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au,

Small Reminder

Re-enrolment from one **term** to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so, once enrolled, you **don't** need to send in a new enrolment form each term in order to continue.

If at any stage you wish to cancel: Written advice to that effect must be mailed or faxed to PMI at the above address/fax number at least two weeks prior to the start of any given term in order to avoid incurring the next term's fees. (Please note: It is not sufficient for this advice to be communicated to the school or keyboard teacher).

Instruments: Keyboards are provided, however guitar students must provide their own guitar

The Primary Music Institute wishes all families a safe and musical holiday

