



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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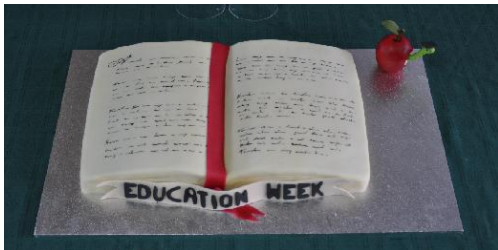
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Important Dates

MAY		JUNE	
Friday 24 th	Walk to School Day	Tuesday 4 th	Parent Forum – session three
Tuesday 28 th	Parent Forum – session two	Monday 10 th	Queen's Birthday – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 29 th	Grade 1/2 Excursion - Werribee Zoo	Tuesday 11 th	School Council Meeting
Thursday 30 th	Hub Breakfast – from 8.15am	Tuesday 11 th	Parent Forum – session four
Friday 31 st	Casual Clothes - Gold Coin Donation	Thursday 13 th	Hume Cross Country (selected students)
 <p>Our Education Week cake made Sebastian's Family</p>		Thursday 13 th	Hub Breakfast – from 8.15am
		Friday 14 th	Prep Farm Excursion
		Monday 17 th	Winter Sports – Years 5 and 6
		Thursday 20 th	Hub Breakfast – from 8.15am
		Monday 24 th	Cooper Barnes Award Presentation at school assembly
		Tuesday 25 th	5/6 Rugby Gala Day
		Wednesday 26 th	Parent Teacher Interviews
		Friday 28 th	Last Day of Term Two - 2.30pm Dismissal

NEWS AND EVENTS

Education Week

While learning is the focus at Sunbury Heights every week, Education Week provides an opportunity for us to highlight the wonderful work we do to the wider community.

Rob Mitchell, our local member of parliament, attended our special assembly on Monday. Rob and his office manager, former student, Josh, presented the Pupil of the Week awards and were interviewed about their favourite books by members of the Junior School Council. For those who weren't able to be at assembly, Rob's favourite book is the rules and regulations of parliament!



Another highlight of the week was our Open Night on Tuesday. We were amazed at the number of people who attended. One 104 children completed their passports and entered the prize draw. Along with those 104 children we had mums, dads, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends. Well over 230 people attended the event, and at one stage it seemed like they were all in the science room making goop and flying balloons at the same time!



Cross Country

Our school cross country team performed extremely well this week. We are always pleased to see our students leave the school for sporting events in full school uniform, full of pride and determination. Regardless of where they were placed at the finish, they all did their best and Mrs Ratkowski was especially delighted that every one of our students ran all the way.

Abbey McDonald and Chloe Desira will now go on to the next race. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing their results.

The following students finished in the top 30 for their age group;

Abbey McDonald – 1st 10 years

Chloe Desira – 6th 11 years

Chelsea Houston – 7th 11 years

Jess Bunting – 8th 11 years

Jazmyn Scharl – 9th 11 years

Marijana Stevanja – 16th 12/13 years

Lauren Ashford – 19th 12/13 years

Adam Fearnley – 29th 12/13 years

XO project

Sunbury Heights Primary School will be the first school in Victoria to become part of the One Education – XO Project. This is a Federal Government project in which laptop/tablet type devices are provided at an extremely low cost. Generally, there is a limit on how many of these devices a school can access, however as the first, and currently only, school in Victoria to be involved we have been given the unique opportunity to offer EVERY student an XO.

The XO is a rather 'groovy' little machine, lightweight but tough with built in wireless, camera, microphone, video facility, USB port and a rotating touch screen. The device comes with specially designed software based on the Australian Curriculum. Impressed already? Well wait until you see the price!

One child	\$30
Two children	\$50
Three or more children	\$60
One year six child	\$15
Two year six children	\$30



Say hello to your own XO

At this stage we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of XOs for the entire teaching staff and once the teachers have learnt all about them we are required to make another payment and the student devices will be shipped. We anticipate the arrival of the student devices to be early in term three.

The school is paying most of the cost for these devices and to cover this we are seeking sponsorship/donations from companies. If you know anyone who may be in a position to assist us financially with this project please let Mrs Ross know.

A note with further information and a payment for will be sent home next week.

Spelling Bee

Typhoon, intelligentsia, retrieve and milliner are just four of the words our spelling champion, Chelsea, was asked to spell at the Rotary Spelling Competition on Tuesday night. We are very proud of Chelsea and impressed with both her spelling and the way she represented our school.

Facebook

Our school Facebook, or as I've been told, 'fb', page is going extremely well and proving to be a valuable way to communicate with our families. If, like me, you have resisted the move to 'fb' you may want to consider signing up just to be part of our page.

The address is www.facebook.com/sunburyheightsprimaryschool

Toys for the Sand Pit

Do you have any sand pit toys that are no longer needed?

If you do, we would love to have them for our school sand pit.

Please consider donating shovels and buckets (in good condition).

Suzanna and Jemima (Junior School Council)

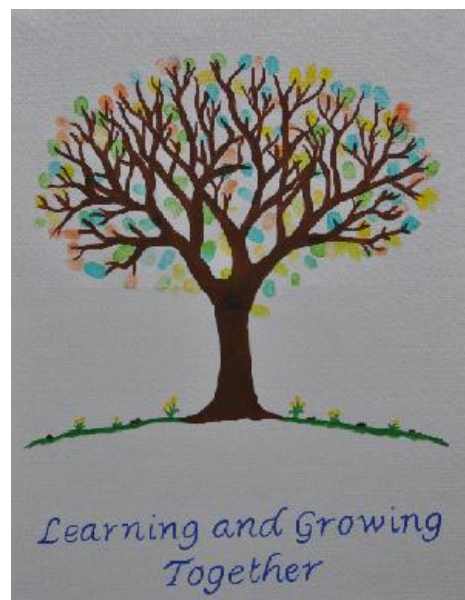
CAN YOU HELP US?

To continue improving the school we are after some items that you just might have at home –

- Small size plastic plant pots to grow cuttings
- Clippings from succulents
- Wooden garden stakes
- Garden edging
- Old paint brushes
- New but not needed sand paper

Please either deliver to the science room or let Cathie know.

Happy Birthday!
To the following students –
Lilly Rowbottom, T-Jay Bartlett, Ben Allan-Reardon,
Sebastian Barnden



PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING -

Grade	Student	Reason
1/2R	Hayley Rooney	For achieving 75 nights reading.
1/2X	Mauola Faato	For Great improvement in reading.
1/2H	Tyson Mills	For using strategies from 100 Reading Lessons to make sensational reading progress.
3/4W	Joel Cave	For reaching level 30 in PM reading.
5P	Alexeen Banting	For making Mrs Ross feel so welcome in the grade.
5A	Cameron Symes	For finishing all the PM levels.
ART	Zidaane Kassem	For improvements overall in Art.

News from the artroom

Thanks to all the families who visited the art room on open night. The cartoons drawn were impressive! Thanks also to those who supported our 'chocolate marshmallow flower' fundraiser. \$50 was raised. This will be used to support learning programs at Sunbury Heights!

Grade 6 Scienceworks Excursion

Wow! Scienceworks was great!

On Thursday 16th of May, all grade 6's went on an excursion to Scienceworks. It was a wonderful experience and the students who hadn't been before had a blast!

We saw three exhibitions; Sportworks, House Secrets and Megawatts. At Sportworks we raced Cathy Freeman and amazingly some students beat the champion. We played netball, became goalies, as well as gymnastic judges and raced in wheelchairs. There was also a handball competition, baseball pitching and snowboarding. It was AWESOME!

The House Secrets made us feel like we had shrunk, as everything was so big. The house was filled with optical illusions and we had to complete lots of challenges. Although we don't want to give too much away, because it's a secret. Shhhhh!!!

The Megawatts exhibition was filled with electric activities. One of the weirdest tasks was learning how to create Morse code. It was really exciting to learn about a therimon and how it creates noise. We learnt about wind power, how trams works, had electricity goes through our bodies and how to create human electric circuits.

The Planetarium was truly awesome!! We watched a show called 'The Problem with Pluto' and then we looked at the Melbourne night sky for constellations and other space objects. We saw Saturn in the sky, as well as The Southern Cross and Scorpio. A definite must if you ever visit Scienceworks.

Overall, Scienceworks was a thrilling experience. We hope everyone at Sunbury Heights Primary School has the opportunity to visit at some stage. Thanks Mrs Adams, Mrs Langmaid, Mr O'Keefe and Mrs Tyers for organising and taking us.

Scienceworks is out of this world!

Written by the Grade 6 students.