



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

## Important Dates

| MARCH  |  | APRIL                        |  |
|--|--|------------------------------|--|
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 28 <sup>th</sup><br>March | Grade 5<br>Doxa Camp   | Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April    | Term 1 ends.<br>DISMISSAL 2.30pm       |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> March                           | Casual Clothes Day – Good Friday<br>Appeal<br>Gold Coin Donation | Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April  | Term 2 commences                       |
|  |  | Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> April | X Country Fun Run                      |
|  |  | Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April   | ANZAC DAY – NO SCHOOL                  |
|  |  |                              | <b>MAY</b>                             |
|  |  | Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> May      | District X Country – selected students |
|  |  | Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May     | Prep - 4 Rugby Clinic                  |
|  |  | Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> May     | Prep – 4 Rugby Clinic                  |

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## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Farewell Jane

Just over 20 years ago, on January 24 1994, Jane Xuereb was appointed to Sunbury Heights. So it is with mixed emotions that we announce that from the beginning of Term Two Jane will retire from teaching.

Jane has been a very committed staff member and in her role as a Prep teacher and as a member of the Junior School team, in particular, has helped give many of our past and present students the best possible start to their educational journey. Her quiet and calm manner was always something I noticed when I would venture into her classroom.

On Friday evening the staff will attend a farewell function with Jane where her career over many years can be both acknowledged and celebrated. On Monday Jane will attend the final assembly for the term so that the School Community and in particular the students also have an opportunity to wish her well. Jane is looking forward to all the fun and excitement that retirement has to offer but has also suggested she will miss her students and all the friends she has made at Heights. As a School Community we know you would like to wish Jane and her husband Joe a healthy, happy and bright future.

### Happy Campers

On Tuesday afternoon Karen Cocks and I travelled up to DOXA to visit the grade four campers and join them for dinner and to see what activities they have been enjoying. The giant swing was a hit with the students (not that sure about Miss Danaher), as was the cooking classes where they all had to shout, "Yes Chef," as they set about making pizza scrolls and muffins. They loved the dress up disco, the trampolines and had enjoyed all the team building and initiative elements of the camp.

The grade four students were joined on Wednesday by the Grade Five students and they enjoyed a BBQ lunch together before the Grade Fours headed off to board the train for home. Karen will head up again Thursday afternoon. She says to help with the kids and win a few games of UNO but I really think she likes avoiding cooking dinner!



### Ex Student Joshua Bull Visits



It is not often that a "dry" subject like the three levels of Government can keep students engaged and not wriggling for an hour but that is certainly when happened when Josh Bull visited our school to talk to the grade six students about electoral seats, Local, State and Federal government and the election process. The students related well to Josh and couldn't believe that he had been taught by some of the teachers who also had taught them.

Josh attended Sunbury Heights and Sunbury Downs Secondary College. Josh was a firm favourite amongst all his peers and the teachers. He was and still is intelligent, a true sportsman and very friendly and approachable. For me, is a timely reminder that you don't have to attend a top private school to have dreams and achieve success. The staff who taught and know Josh are very proud of his achievements. Josh is the endorsed Labor candidate and will be contesting the seat of Sunbury in the November State Elections

### **Allergy Seminar**

Next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.15pm the Senior School are holding an Allergy Seminar. As our students become older the recommendation from Anaphylaxis Victoria is that they need to be able to manage their own allergies and allergic reactions with growing confidence. We see the holding of a seminar as one way to make sure all students:

- have an understanding of the types of allergies there are
- know how to manage their own allergies
- know how show care for friends who suffer from an allergy
- have an understanding of the different types of treatments

The Seminar will be facilitated by our School Nurse Karla Andersen and any parents who are interested are welcome to attend.

### **Transition Prep and Grade 6**

In Term Two our transition program for Prep students and Grade Six students begins in earnest. Choosing a school for your children is one of the most important decisions you make for your child's future. Your neighbourhood school is usually the best choice as it ensures that your children will grow, learn and play within their community. If Sunbury Heights is yours or your neighbours and relatives neighbourhood school, I would like you to consider choosing us. The three information sessions for prospective prep families will be held on

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|------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | <b>9.15am</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b>  | <b>2.15pm</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>14<sup>th</sup> May</b> | <b>7.00pm</b> |

Grade 6 students begin programs aimed at easing their anxiety as Secondary School approaches. Enrolment forms for Secondary placements will be sent home on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April please ensure you take the opportunity to visit our local Secondary Colleges so that you can make an informed choice about the best placement for your child. Early next term representatives from our local Secondary Colleges will visit our school to begin the discussion about common concerns and issues that arise in the move from Primary to Secondary School:

|   |                                      |                |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Sunbury Secondary College Open Night</b> | <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>7.00 pm</b> |
| <b>Sunbury Down's Secondary College</b>     | <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>    | <b>6.30 pm</b> |

### **Kinder to School Transition and 2015 Buddy Program**

In Term 2 in preparation for our Grade 6/Prep Buddies Program, and as a transition activity for Kindergarten children coming to school in 2015, our Grade 5 students visit local kindergartens.

At some time during the week four students visit a kindergarten, join in with activities and play with the pre-school children in their familiar environment. Before our Grade Five students visit we will talk with them about;

- the need to be friendly,
- how to start conversations and talk with younger children
- how to play with and help younger children without taking over.

### **Life Education Victoria**

As part of our Drug and Health Education Program next term the Life Education mobile classroom will visit our school during the week beginning the 12<sup>th</sup> of May. Life Education has been visiting schools for many years and is always a highlight. The lessons help to facilitate the development of life skills in students to prevent and minimize the harm of drug misuse.

Lessons are always age appropriate and the children will be covering a wide range of drug and health related topics ranging from the human body and how it works, healthy eating and nutrition, medicines and drugs bullying, resilience and social skills.

Normally \$9.00 per student this year we have been the recipient of a \$1000 grant from the Hume City Council. This will help us to keep the cost down to \$6.00 per child or \$12.00 for families of two or more.

Notes detailing the program for each year level will go home at the beginning of second term.

### **PSW Uniform Shop Change of Date**

We have been advised that from Term Two the Uniform Shop will open on a Thursday morning.

For the remainder of this term the Uniform Shop will open on a Friday morning

### **Last Week to book your buns!**

Please help us with our *HOT CROSS BUN* fundraiser and make some money for our school. For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order, The Old Firestone Bakery will give \$2 to the school. Order forms will accompany this newsletter \$6.50 per 6 pack of Traditional, Milk Chocolate or White Chocolate buns ONLY \$6.00 per pack of Spiced Buns

Last orders being taken now!

### **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 as soon as possible

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Kara Gifford for being invited to train with the Under 14 Central Highlands Cricket Pathways Squad. Training will commence in the September school holidays. The sessions have an emphasis on fun and enjoyment as well as the girls developing their cricket skills through Cricket Victoria and Central Highlands Pathways Coaches.

**Regards**  
**Kaye Mills**  
**Principal**

## Sunbury Heights' Cookbook

We are seeking family favourite recipes for our Sunbury Heights' cookbook. Recipes can be uploaded at [www.PublishedAuthors.com.au](http://www.PublishedAuthors.com.au) If you are unable to enter your recipe online you can fill in and return to school, the recipe card attachment, which was sent home with students a few weeks ago. Extra copies are available at the office. **Students of families who submit recipes will be given the opportunity to attend a special lunchtime cooking class with Mrs Caddaye. We'll be making Easter biscuits! These lunchtime cooking classes will start happening NEXT week, so please get your recipes uploaded or sent to school as soon as possible.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

To the following students, until the 30th March, 2014

Jesse Pattle, Nicholas Hooper, Natalie McLean, Jessi Buchanan, Blake Macdonald, Matty Blay, Ashley Abbey

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

| Grade              | Student               | Reason  |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Prep K             | Indiannah Campbell    | For practicing her sight words every day.                                       |
| 1/2R               | Isabelle O'Shannassy  | For using her voice to tell the story when reading.                             |
| 1/2P               | Hailee Walker         | For fantastic reading with expression.  |
| 1/2H               | Corey Greenwood-Davis | For his extra care and planning for writing.                                    |
| 3/4W               | Kaiden Mitchell       | For reaching PM level 30.   |
| 3/4d               | Eboney Bentley        | For doing extra maths at home and getting it correct.                           |
| 5P                 | Caleb Bertram         | For consistently putting 100% into all that he does, a fantastic role model!    |
| 6L                 | Angus Olivieri        | For an enthusiastic approach to reading "Gallipoli"                             |
| 6O                 | Jacob Nutting         | For demonstrating improved interest, attitude and interaction in the classroom. |
| ART<br>Mrs Caddaye | Jess Bunting          | For very creative line and shape artwork.                                       |
| Mrs Sarbach        | Jesse Newbery         | For reaching 50 lessons in the 100 Reading Lessons.                             |

## Sunbury Heights Easter Raffle

Eggs, Bilbies, Chocolates = Easter Raffle= Books for our Library

Not a normal maths equation we know but it's the result we are aiming for in this year's Easter Raffle.

This year, our staff are organizing the Easter Raffle with all the proceeds going to purchase books for our school library.

We need your support in two ways. We are looking for donations of Easter eggs, chocolate rabbits and bilbies. The more donations, the more prize packs we can have.

We will not be able to accept donations of stuffed or cuddly toys.

Raffle tickets will be sold at school at 50c or 3 for \$1. Tickets will be organized through the classroom teachers.

Mrs Cocks will be very busy caring for all the bunnies and bilbies and will not be able to take money for tickets.

We hope to raise lots of dollars and keep Mrs Mac very busy processing lots of new books for our library.

Thank you from all of our staff.



## School Banking for 2014.

**TUESDAY** is our Banking Day.

Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child's teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.

All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips **MUST** be completed.

Save from as little as 5c per week.

Each deposit earns a **SILVER TOKEN** this should be kept safe at home.....when they collect 10 tokens they can redeem for exciting rewards!

If your child would like to join the program please visit your local Commonwealth Bank with photo ID for yourself and your child's birth certificate – too easy!



2014 reward items include:

- Handball
- Scented Pencils
- Penguin and Dolphin Keyrings
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Tin Moneybox
- Swimming Bag
- Projector Cup
- Sea Streamers

**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.**

## SUNBURY FIRE BRIGADE

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21/03/2014

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RE: Recognition and Appreciation.

Dear Kaye,

We write in appreciation of your staff and students very kind donation of \$482.95 raised recently. The Sunbury Fire Brigade is integrated brigade meaning we have small compliment of full time officers and approximately 65 Volunteer firefighters from the Sunbury Community.

We are always appreciative of local support to our brigade, as I personally know that at least three of your students have a parent and grandparent who are volunteer firefighters.

As you will no doubt recall during the afternoon of Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February, Sunbury brigade found its self fully committed to a large fire fight in Gisborne South and also committed to an extremely large fire at Mickleham. Both of the members mentioned were involved.

Fundraising is always a difficult task and even small amounts go a long way to allow the brigade to purchase and upgrade our equipment. To this end I will forward at a later date what the money was actually used to purchase.

If I could request that this letter be distributed through you staff and students to ensure our appreciation and acknowledgement of their efforts

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damian Hudson'.

Damian Hudson  
Secretary  
Sunbury Fire Brigade  
0429 801 120

*Creating a safer community*

### Have you heard about **COMPLETE KIDS VACATION CARE**



Complete Kids Vacation Care Program offers a range of exciting themed days, incursions and excursions such as; IMAX Theatre, Yoga, Fun Factory, Science Works, Grand Prix Day, Clay Design, Apple Bobbing, Fossil Digging and much, much more.

#### **Don't miss out!**

For more information or to book your place email [oshc@completekids.net](mailto:oshc@completekids.net) and request your Enrolment and Booking forms!

Places are taken in received order so don't wait. Book Now!

#### **Short Session Care**

Is it a struggle to pick the kids up by 3.15????

Book them into Complete Kids Afterschool Care

Come join in the FUN- Afternoon tea, Play games, Cook, Art & crafts

We offer a Short session Rate which could cost you as little as a few dollars for hours of FUN!!!

Call Rowena on 0428 005 709 to make a booking.

#### **Mobile Phone Collection**

This term, the Junior School Council is collecting old mobile phones.

We are collecting the phones to help save the gorillas.+Mobile phones contain Coltan. Coltan is found in the ground and to get the Coltan out, workers have to cut down trees. These trees are the gorilla's homes.

If you bring along your old mobile phones, we will send them away to have the Coltan taken out and reused in another phone. This will mean that the forests the gorillas live in do not have to cut down.

There will be a box in the atrium for you to put your old phones in.

Please ask all your family and friends to find their old phones and bring them to school. There is a box in the atrium for all your old phones.

You can also help save the gorillas by thinking about whether you really, really, really NEED a new phone when the contract on your phone expires. Often the phone you have will do the job.

Please help us save the gorillas.



### **Child Dental Benefit Scheme**



Is your child eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme? \$1000 of free dental treatment over 2 years to children aged 2-17 (cosmetic & orthodontic dentistry not included). If your family receives the Part A Family Tax Benefit, you may be eligible. The Smile In Style Dental Practice at 9 Dornoch Drive Sunbury, has a team of highly experienced dentists that are happy to care for your children in a friendly and supportive environment. For more information Ph: 9740 5044 or visit [www.smileinstyle.com.au](http://www.smileinstyle.com.au) or

<http://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule>