



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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## TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
<b>2012</b>	
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>	
<i>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Non - Uniform Day – Pyjama Day Gold Coin Donation</i>
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Prep – Gr 4 Rugby Gala Clinic 9am – 1.30pm
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	
<i>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Term 2 Begins</i>
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School House Cross Country
<i>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> April</i>	<i>Prep Reading Information Session 9.15am</i>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Prep Reading Information Session 2.30pm
<i>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>ANZAC DAY – No School</i>
<b><u>MAY</u></b>	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Interschool Cross Country
<i>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>School Council Meeting – 6.30pm</i>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Anti Bullying Show
<i>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>–Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Grade 6 – Phillip Island Camp</i>
<b><u>JUNE</u></b>	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Winter Sports
<i>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>Back Up – Winter Sports</i>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – No School
<i>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>School Council Meeting – 6.30pm</i>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Grade 5/6 Rugby Gala Day

**TOMORROW**  
**Non - Uniform Day**  
**Pyjama Day**  
**Dress in your favourite PJ's**  
**Gold Coin Donation**  
**Royal Children's Hospital Appeal**

## LAST DAY FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm DISMISSAL

**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

Here we are at the end of first term.....it's been a very busy and productive term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the holidays.

I would like to thank the staff for all they have done to ensure the term ran smoothly and their commitment to, delivering programs and experiences to further enrich our students' learning.

There are some families moving overseas or to schools closer to their home address and I would like to take the opportunity to wish Megan and Jessica Terry and Clinton and Matthew George all the best for their future and to thank their parents for the support they have shown whilst their children attended Sunbury Heights.

#### Inter School Athletics Sports

In Sunbury there is a spirit of cooperation between all government state schools and it was a joy to be able to visit the Athletic Sports on Monday and see our colleagues from the schools across the network working together to provide a well organised, competitive, yet fun filled sports carnival. The effort that goes into the organisation for an event that size is mammoth and Sunbury and Digger's Rest Sports Association deserves our praise and our thanks.

All the PE teachers in our local primary schools have full teaching loads at their respective schools and would have had to put in many extra hours to ensure the event went off without a hitch. At a school level I would like to thank Leanne Ratkowski, Nicole Langmaid, Andrew Knight, Jaclynn Jones and our voluntary staff Gemma Jones and Amy Lines. I would also like to thank parents who assisted or attended for their work on the day. Our students represented the school with pride and in the small school competition came in third. There will be quite a number of students from Sunbury Heights who will represent Sunbury at the next level of competition.

### District Trials in Football, Netball and Soccer.

Congratulations must go out to 4 of our grade 5 and 6 students whose abilities and skills in a particular field of sport has seen them be selected by Miss Ratkowski and school team coaches to try out for a place in the district representative team. If successful the students will proceed to regional trials, regional teams then state trials and state teams.

The students selected are:

Adam Fearnley	Football
Christopher Weedon	Football
Hayden Brown	Football
Kiara Taylor	Netball

### Education Week

Education Week 2012 will be celebrated from 20th – 26th May 2012, This is the week government schools and kindergarten programs throughout Victoria will be showcase through open days and other special events within the school. We will launch Education Week with a whole school incursion called **STAMP OUT** bullying, which will reinforce our values and help to develop emotional resilience in our students.

Education Week 20-26 May coincides with Library and Information Week in 2012, which, coupled with Australia's year-long celebration of literacy through the National Year of Reading, will present us with the opportunity to highlight the importance of reading and literacy skills in a child's early learning and social development.

### Transition

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. Grade 5 students will begin visiting local kindergartens as an introduction to our Buddy program and our Grade 6 students begin programs aimed at easing their anxiety and raising their anxiety as secondary school approaches. Enrolment forms for secondary placements will be sent home on the first day of term 2. 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

### Footsteps

In 2007 Footsteps Dancesports was introduced at Sunbury Heights. It was extremely well received by the students, staff and parents who took the opportunity to observe a session and it has continued to be a valued component of our Middle and Senior school extra curricula programs .

Once again we are really looking forward to this program as we believe that the expertise that Footsteps can offer is something more than what we could achieve in a normal classroom program . It supports our social skills, physical education and performing arts programs.

In Term 2 students in the middle school will be involved in the program. These students are 3T, 3K, 4P and 4L. This will be the introduction to the world of group and partner dance for grade three students. For our grade four students this year's sessions will build upon what was learnt last year.

Footsteps is starting the first week back on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Each session is an hour in length and the program runs for 10 weeks. The cost of the program is \$35.00 which is equivalent to \$3.50 per lesson.

Please visit the website [www.footsteps.com.au](http://www.footsteps.com.au) for more information.



Friday 18 May 2012

Did you know according to latest research announced in the media last week [60% of children are being driven to and from school](#) so participating in Walk Safely to School Day 2012 is more important than ever.

WSTSD promotes the vitally important message - Active Kids are Healthy Kids All Primary School children will be encouraged to walk safely to school on Friday May 18

The aim of the day is to:

- Promote the health benefits of walking
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion
- To help create regular walking habits at an early age
- To reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour
- To reduce the car dependency habits
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles

### Animal Responsibility Activity Book on our website

This activity booklet focuses on animal responsibility messaging and has a range of puzzles and activities to keep the young at heart amused for an hour or two. A copy of this booklet can be from the downloaded and then printed from our Hume City Council website ([http://www.hume.vic.gov.au/Services\\_For\\_You/Pets\\_Animals/Kids\\_Corner](http://www.hume.vic.gov.au/Services_For_You/Pets_Animals/Kids_Corner)).

If your child completes the pages send through to ([kerrih@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:kerrih@hume.vic.gov.au)) along with the child's name The child will be sent a Hume City Council certificate of recognition for their efforts. The colouring pages will displayed somewhere in Hume City during the period.

### Easter Display Sunbury Square.

If you are down in the Square 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 fantastic.

### REBOOT Footy Boots Needed

When I went to visit my daughter in Roebourne (a remote Indigenous community town which is nearly to Broome), she told me that when the indigenous students played football they didn't have any boots and wore a sock on their kicking foot. Since then we have held drives to get second hand boots sent up to Roebourne and that was extremely successful. A great many other people have taken up the cause, my sister being one.

If anyone has football boots to donate and they can't take them to any of the drop off points you can leave them at our school office. This project aims to achieve something simple... put a pair of footy boots on the feet of players in remote communities throughout the Northern Territory.

The project currently has the support of numerous Victorian Bunnings Warehouses and Salesian College in Sunbury are running collection drives and collection depots for donations.

## DROP OFF POINTS

Bunnings Broadmeadows  
Address: Homemaker Centre, 100 Pearcedale Pde,  
Broadmeadows 3047

Bunnings Northland  
120 Chifley Drive (Cnr Murray Rd),  
Preston 3072

### *Michael Grose* Helping Kids Unwind

With the holidays coming up it seems the perfect time to include the article Helping Kids Unwind. He suggests there is nothing wrong with kids being busy as long as children have plenty of chances to relax and unwind.

Please follow the link

**Regards**  
**Kaye Mills**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**To the following students to**

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2012 (including school holidays)**

*Natalie McLean, Jessi Buchanan, Brittany Partington,  
Blake Macdonald, Matty Holley, Ashley Abbey, Shaylee Williamson,  
Jayleigh Noakes, Allira Travers, Kiera Jehu, Matthew George,  
Annette Ashford, Tegan Doyle, Joseph Ring, Matthew Floyd,  
Kaitlin Adams, Adam Foster, Grace Ring, Aaron Sapac,  
Hannah McConnell, Uriah Matenga, Brittany Braun, Daniel Penny,  
Nathan Crosland, Jonathon Long.*

## **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



### **Prime Tutoring**

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## **PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Teacher	Student	Reason
<b>Junior Xuereb</b>	Jaymee Foss	For always working well.
<b>Junior Danaher</b>	Evan Woolford-Fleming	For being a helpful and caring student.
<b>Junior Ross</b>	Alex Gamberra	For improved participation in discussions.
<b>Junior Wilson</b>	Amy Caruana	For improving her knowledge of letter sounds.
<b>Middle Tyers</b>	Jessica Terry	For always sharing in class discussions.
<b>Middle Knight</b>	Jordan Ballinger	For using his initiative, and writing a persuasive text at home.
<b>Middle Laing</b>	Jarrold Le Breton Hanson	For changing to a very positive attitude to learning.
<b>Middle Pianura</b>	Blake Macdonald	For great reading habits, and doing his best, even when he is not sure how to do something.
<b>Senior Langmaid</b>	Ciaran McArdle	For a great oral presentation on endangered animals.
<b>Senior de Waart</b>	Matt Peet	For well worded emails on the Wiki.
<b>Miss Ratkowski PE</b>	Prep X	For staying focussed when learning new skills.
<b>Mrs Caddaye ART</b>	Alwyn Bernard	For being consistently responsible in Art.
<b>Mrs Harding SCIENCE</b>	Jordan Dent	Helping the Preps with Science.
<b>Mrs Dexter INTEGRATION</b>	Jarrold Le Breton Hanson	For his positive attitude to learning how to read.

### **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



## **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.

### News from the Artroom.

Our double sided Easter poster decorated by our students is now on display at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre. It is hanging on display outside Coles supermarket. Thanks to the many students who worked on the project. It looks fantastic!



Donation of the following items would be appreciated for activities in art:  
old hardcover books,  
wool,  
clean takeaway food containers,  
icecream containers,  
jar lids  
and plastic shopping bags.

## 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](http://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**

