



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
2012	
MAY	
Thurs 31 st May	2013 Prep Information Session 9.15am – 10.30am
JUNE	
Fri 1 st June	Grade 5/6 Winter Sports
Fri 1st June	PSW Uniform Shop 9am – 11am this week only
Tues 5th	2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2.15pm-3.15pm
Wed 6 th June	ICAS Science
Fri 8 th June	Back Up – Winter Sports
Mon 11th June	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY No School
Tues 12 th June	School Council Meeting – 6.30pm
Mon 19th June	ICAS Writing
Tues 19 th June	Grade 5/6 Rugby Gala Day
Thurs 21st June	5/6 Science Excursion
Friday 22 nd June	5/6 Science Excursion
Tues 26th June	Parent/Teacher Interviews 1.30pm Dismissal
Fri 29 th June	End of Term 2.30pm Dismissal

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 NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
 (ADDRESS ABOVE)**

(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week we have held three school tours and information sessions for prospective prep parents. Tuesday evening was a highlight for me and showed that there are a lot of new young families in the community who are considering Sunbury Heights. Rebecca Danaher and myself welcomed a classroom full of parents who were interested in hearing about our school and our transition program. It was great to hear the parents' positive comments about our school. We feel quietly confident that in 2012 Sunbury Heights will begin to attract a new generation of families into the school.

Time Capsule

What a lovely photo of Kiara Taylor and Aidan Thomas. Their faces are beaming and they look proud to be representing Sunbury Heights. The photo was taken when they helped to bury the time capsule outside George Evans Museum along with Councillors Ann Potter and Jack Ogilvie on Wednesday. The full story and further photos will be in both next week's local papers.



Met Train

As our children get older and we begin to think about letting them travel more independently it is important they have the necessary knowledge and skills to be able to travel safely. Mr de Waart has organised a series of lessons to begin for our senior students. Education Officers from Met train will begin to take sessions on Friday for our senior students.

Stop Work

On Thursday, June 7, the Australian Education Union has called on its members to stop work for 24 hours (a full school day). Members of our teaching staff may be participating in

the action and as a consequence we may not be able to run a full program as normal for all our students. A letter will be sent home on Monday evening to students in the whole school advising you of the teachers who will be participating and asking you to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their child on the day of the stop work. Parents unable to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their child on the day of the stop work are asked to return a slip to inform the school that their child will be attending school.

Victorian Principals, Teachers & Parents delegation visit Canberra on National Public Schools Day 24th May, 2012



The Australian Education Union - Victorian Branch sent a delegation of members to visit Canberra last Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th May, along with delegate groups from every state and territory, as part of the Australian Education Union Public Schools funding campaign to coincide with National Public Schools day. The Victorian delegation included 22 AEU Leaders, parents, principals and teachers from Public Primary & Secondary schools, in particular from schools within marginal electorates I met with Local MP Rob Mitchell to discuss the current government's commitment to the Gonsky review, as part of the delegation. The Gonsky review is the first of its kind to review the funding system to Australian schools in almost four decades. Released in February, it recommends that all schools regardless of sector be funded on the same model. It estimated the proposals would cost at least an extra \$5 billion a year but federal, state and territory governments have yet to commit any extra money.

The delegation also attended a forum, in which Federal Schools Minister Peter Garrett reiterated the Australian Labor Party's commitment to introduce legislation for the reforms by the end of the year. To hold Education Minister Garrett to that commitment parents and teachers should consider contacting MP Rob Mitchell personally to outline how this funding would make a difference to their child and their school.

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Member for McEwen

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Wallan
VIC
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Email Rob : rob.mitchell.mp@aph.gov.au



Rotary Spelling Bee

Michael Coates represented the school with pride Tuesday evening at the Rotary Spelling Bee. The contestants from all schools faced very challenging words from the presenter and all did their best. The overall winner this year was a student from Kismet Park Primary school who did not get a listed word wrong. He was presented with a perpetual trophy on the evening. Michael also received a framed certificate at the conclusion of the evening. Supported by his parents, his brother, Miss Morcom, Mrs Langmaid, myself and his classroom teacher Mr de Waart Michael did himself and our school community proud.

ICAS Science Tests

It is time for the ICAS tests to start for 2012. This is the third year we have run the tests and we have selected six students from grades 4, 5 and 6. The students were selected based on data from science testing Mrs Adams and Ms Harding undertook.

Students selected in 2012 are:

Grade 4

Ben Lillywhite
Lukas Stephenson-Irving
Varshini Govender
Ethan Holley
Stephanie Williams
Dylan Kelly

Grade 5

Luke Ciantar
Ciaran Garner
Sean Knox
Michael Duggan
Nathan Bull
Lauren Dini

Grade 6

Ethan Quinlivan
Christopher Weedon
Brooke Williams
Finn Gregor
Kyle Nealy
Alisha Clarke



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MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday 29 May 2012

Sunbury Heights Public School students keep an eye on Venus

To celebrate the science and history of the Transit of Venus, Questacon – the National Science and Technology Centre will host a video conference with students from Sunbury Heights Public School on Thursday 31 May 2012, for the Transit of Venus – a tale of discovery and science video conference event.

The Transit of Venus across the Sun is a remarkable astronomical event which won't be seen in our skies for another 105 years. Questacon is hosting the Transit of Venus video conference event to highlight the significance of the Transit in the history of Australia and New Zealand.

The Questacon video conference will give students the opportunity to see artefacts from Captain Cook's first voyage and discuss the significance of this voyage of the HMS Endeavour which was dispatched to map the Transit of Venus and find evidence of the unknown southern land – Australia.

"The ability to connect to Questacon via video conference means students can engage directly with astronomy experts they may not otherwise have the opportunity to meet" said Professor Graham Durant, Questacon Director.

"The Transit of Venus – a tale of discovery and science video conference event hosted by Questacon is a great opportunity for our students to learn about the Transit before it actually happens next week" said Peter de Waart, Sunbury Heights Public School. "The technology and access to experts allows students to build on their classroom knowledge and learn how to safely view the Transit without leaving the classroom".

The Transit of Venus will occur and be visible in the Southern Hemisphere on the Thursday 6 June, 2012. This rare astronomical event won't happen again until 2117.

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The **Thoroughbred Ed in Schools Programs**, run by Racing Victoria Limited comprises of two fantastic school based programs that are free to schools. [Subzero Goes to School Program](#) will come to Sunbury Heights Thursday 14th June.

Subzero Goes to School is a unique and VELS aligned program, which offers school children the chance to meet, smell and touch a real Melbourne Cup Champion. 'Subbie', the much loved winner of the 1992 Melbourne Cup can even answer questions!



Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE HONOUR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge. We now have 27 students who have finished.

- 3T** Caleb Bertram, Lily Drummond,
Chelsie Hendaheva, Matthew McGann,
Natarsha Maddox, Alyssa Wallace,
Samantha Williams, Rayden Yob
- 4P** Jet Bastos, Simote Feiloaki,
Mitchell Maddox, Kasey Sciberras,
Rachael Wilkinson
- 6D** Joshua Lee, Zachori Olivieri
- 6L** Hayleigh Gilpin, Kiara Taylor

Have you returned your child's permission note for the Premier's Reading Challenge?

If it is still on the fridge or the kitchen bench, **please sign and return the form TOMORROW.**

There is no cost involved in the challenge and the benefits are that your child is practising their reading and discovering new ideas and information through that reading.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB DUE BACK – Friday 1st June, 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 1800557908 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
Liz Hill

World Vision Fundraising

This month we are raising money for World Vision. Each class will be selecting an item to purchase such as a duck, goat, fresh water or pencils. Students in the class will then go about collecting money to purchase the item. This may involve a special effort by the class or regular contributions of small change. Your child will be able to tell you what their class has decided to do.

Junior School Council

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following students to the 3rd June
Alex Gambera, John Bardaris, Varshini Govender, Jaylan Ahu,
Kim Deeble, William Vergara

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 25th MAY

Teacher	Student	Reason
Junior Xuereb(Hubbard)	Tyson Davison	Working hard with his sounds.
Junior Ross	Ashleigh Down	For being keen to attend details to her sentences to create interest for the reader.
Junior Hill	Mikaela Jordan-Wetmore	For trying hard to keep her writing neat.
Junior Wilson	J'tain Coetzer	For beginning to use paragraphs in his writing.
Middle Tyers	Cooper Weir Natasha Maddox	For excellent work in writing.
Middle Knight	Sally DeYoung	For showing tremendous improvement in addition.
Middle Laing	Ethann Holley	For teaching the grade to make pop up cards.
Middle Pianura	Jess Bunting	Being a supportive, helpful friend to her classmates, and her teacher too!
Senior Langmaid	All 6's	For an excellent camp in Phillip Island.
Senior deWaart	All 6's	For an excellent camp in Phillip Island.
Miss Ratkowski PE	50	For a great session in PE, learning Rugby League.
Mrs Caddaye ART	Odin Holt	For always being attentive in ART.
Mrs Adams SUPPORT/SCIENCE	Cooper Weir	For great rap dancing to the phases of the moon.
Mrs Harding SCIENCE	1/2R	For a fantastic response to SCIENCE activities.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE HONOUR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge. We now have 35 students who have finished.

3T - Joel Brown, Jack Crosland, Phoebe Hall,
Alex Hazelman, JordiNeuwert, Will Uili,
Hannah Watkins
4L - Dylan O'Connell

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HUME CITY COUNCIL
VACATION CARE
BOOKING REQUEST FORM

Program dates:
Monday 2 July to Friday 13 July, 2012.
CLOSING DATE: Friday 8 June, 2012
www.hume.vic.gov.au

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hume City Council's next Training Day for all Family and Children's Services staff is scheduled for **Monday 4th June 2012.**

The Sunbury Heights Out of School Hours Care Program will be closed on this date and will resume as normal from Tuesday 5th June 2012.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact the program on 9746-3264 or 0419 334 648.

Regards,
Matt Welsh
Program Supervisor
Sunbury Heights O.S.H.C.

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ART ROOM

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

SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

Hi Everyone,

I'm Cred one of the Dollarmites

Banking at school every week is a great way to learn how to save, participate in a great rewards program and raise money for your school. When a student from the school banks 5 times at school between 16th April and June 30th they can then enter the "Dollarmize me" competition. Go to the website:

www.combank.com.au/beadollarmite

and enter your best Savings Tip. Keep going if you have yet to bank 5 times boys and girls.

School Banking is every Tuesday

PS: If you don't have a school bank account yet, please visit your nearest CBA Branch, log onto Netbank or download an application form from our website www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and start banking.



2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Will be open TUESDAY 5th JUNE
1st Tuesday of every month
2.30pm - 3.15pm
For more details please contact
Angela on 0432 038 224

EDUCATION WEEK – SCIENCE ROOM
LET'S TALK ABOUT POPCORN

It absorbs heat.
Ryan

It explodes and rotates.
Jayden.

Pop popcorn.
Popcorn pops heats when heat is added.
Nicola Vergara

To make Mrs Williams a very happy person.
Mrs Williams

Popcorn pops when put in the microwave.
Heat makes popcorn pop.
The heat makes popcorn pop as well while it's vibrating.
Callista

Popcorn pops because the machine gets warm.
Jessi Buchanan

The popcorn gets warm then
It goes
POP
The corn makes the pop sound.
Stephanie Williams

The heat is the microwave makes the popcorn go POP.
The heat makes the popcorn go POP
Heat.
Sian

Heat.
Alex H

Because we have a popping machine
Heat inside expands and making it explode.
Ashley Abbey 3K

Thanks to all those people who visited the science room during Education Week. What a fun night of popcorn and investigations. we had some responses to why popcorn pops. a few of the answers are listed here. A prize was presented to Ashley Abbey in 3K for her scientific answer "Heat inside expands making it pop."

SHOPPING TOUR

Parents and Friends Committee have organised a Shopping Tour with "Tartan Tours"

When: Saturday November 10th, 2012.

Costs: \$65.00 per person with a \$30 deposit per person
These prices include Coach, Driver and Hostess; Home baked morning and afternoon tea,
2 course restaurant meal, complimentary iced water, sweets and nuts.
Free Shopping bags supplied and everyone receives a price in the lucky draw.

Examples of places we could go are:

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| * Kids Clothing | * Chocolate and Lolly Factory |
| * Manchester | * Gifts – Homeware |
| * Books | * Leather Goods |
| * Toys | * Ladies fashions |
| * Sports Outlets | * AND LOTS, LOTS MORE |

If you are interested in coming along and joining the fun with us please fill out the form that was sent home or you can collect one from the office with your Name, Number of people attending and a \$30 deposit per person (non refundable) to secure your seat by **NO LATER than Friday 27th July.**

Full payment will be due by Friday 12th October, 2012.

Any queries please contact Kylie Gifford on 9746-3338 or 0448440075 or giffysgirl@gmail.com or kyliejifford@bigpond.com

