



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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Important Dates

MARCH		APRIL	
Mon 3 rd March	Hume Division Swimming Sports – Selected Students	Fri 4 th April	Term 1 ends. DISMISSAL 2.30pm
Mon 3 rd March	Grade 4 & 5 \$30 Camp Deposit	Tues 22 nd April	Term 2 commences
Thurs 6 th March	Grade 3/4 Parent Information Evening	Thurs 24 th April	X Country Fun Run
Mon 10 th March	Labour Day – Public Holiday NO SCHOOL	Fri 25 th April	ANZAC DAY – NO SCHOOL
Wed 12 th March	Grade 5/6 Parent Information Evening		MAY
Fri 14 th March	District Athletics Selected Students	Mon 5 th May	District X Country – selected students
Mon 17 th March	Grade 4 & 5 \$30 FINAL CAMP PAYMENT	Wed 21 st May	Prep - 4 Rugby Clinic
Tues 18 th March	Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL	Wed 28 th May	Prep – 4 Rugby Clinic
Mon 24 th - Wed 26 th March	Grade 4 Doxa Camp		
Wed 26 th - Fri 28 th March	Grade 5 Doxa Camp		

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Sad News

It is with great regret and sadness that I have to advise the School Community of the death of a past Sunbury Heights staff member, Suzanne Conroy.

Suzanne taught at Sunbury Heights in 2010 and 2011. In 2010 Suzanne was a middle school classroom teacher and in 2011 Suzanne also took on the role as the team leader of the 3/4 team. Suzanne was a dedicated and committed educator who always had the best interests of the school and students at heart. Many of our current Grade 6 students were fortunate to have been taught by Suzanne in Grade 3 and on talking to them today remember her as a kind, caring teacher who was always prepared to help them with their learning. The students remembered happy times with Suzanne at camp and how Suzanne took time to listen to them all and join in with their fun. Suzanne was well respected both as a colleague and as a friend by the staff and our condolences are extended to Suzanne's children Dylan and Tiana, her partner Bernie and her dad Brian.

Suzanne's funeral will be held in her home town of Ballarat next Wednesday and any staff who wish to attend will be encouraged to do so. On this day some changes to grade structures may be needed to accommodate staff's attendance.

Calling all budding 'wanna be' gardeners!

The school requires volunteer garden assistants to help with watering, planting and occasional weeding. Learn new skills, make friends and enjoy working in our peaceful yet productive gardens.

Meet the gardener (Only available Monday mornings) and learn hands on gardening skills.

If gardening is not your thing but you would like to be involved and can spare 30 mins one or two mornings a week to help as our watering monitor we are keen to hear from you!

Send an email to bernie@littlegreenspaces.com.au and let us know how you can help with our gardening projects.

Pancakes Pancakes Pancakes

When Frank Pianura (father of Mia Rose in Prep K) signed up to cook pancakes on Pancake Tuesday I don't think he thought he would be cooking up 386 pancakes to fill the hungry hoard! Along with Julie, Shona Lee, Christine, Nicole and Maria, Frank volunteered to help our Canteen Manager Jo Miller begin our lead up to Easter cheer and to raise \$260 for small projects around the school. This year's money has paid for the Lone Pine Plaque to be mounted in preparation for ANZAC Day. Please keep a look out for the plaque after Leo concretes it into the garden bed over the first term break. Thank you to Corey Greenwood-Davies' grandfather John for the effort he has put in to the stand for the plaque for the Lone Pine.

Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser

Everyone loved the hot cross buns last year and this year we will take orders for your favourite variety again. The buns will be supplied by Riddell's Creek Bakery (courtesy of our grade 1 student, Karlee's dad Graeme) and they are delicious!

Flavours offered include spiced (without fruit), traditional, milk chocolate and this year the scrumptious white **chocolate**. 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

Curriculum Day

Please remember that there is a whole school Curriculum Day on Tuesday 18 March and students are not required at school on that day. The staff's focus for the curriculum day is numeracy where we will be looking particularly looking at multiplication and division

Curriculum Day Care

If you are working, studying or just want a day to yourself, Complete Kids is offering a fun filled day for your child/ren on Tuesday 18th March for the Curriculum Day. Booking and Enrolment forms are available from the OSHC program (Before & After School Care Room) or you can call Rowena on 0428 005 709.

Your children will be able to participate in a range of activities throughout the day as well as socialize with their friends. It will be loads of fun!

Crossing Supervision

Wendy Sparks our Crossing Supervisor continues to be a welcome addition to our school. As an ex parent of a student at our school and a regular classroom volunteer, we know that Wendy has the best interests of the students at Sunbury Heights in her heart. Wendy is on duty from 8.15am and then again until 3.45pm.

Wendy has instigated a "Safe Crosser Award" which she will regularly distribute at our School Assemblies. Wendy often comments favourably on the behaviour of the students on the crossing and their good knowledge of the crossing safety rules. She is a cheery, friendly person and the students, many who already know her, respond warmly to her as they come to and from school. As parents you have already done an excellent job in informing your child about traffic safety please continue to reinforce the rules as you drop off or pick up your child each day.



Volunteers and privacy in the school community:

As a volunteer you may occasionally access personal information of students, staff, and others in the school community. There are legislative requirements that prescribe how an individual's personal information can be collected, used and disclosed, stored and accessed. Personal information includes health information.

Personal Information is any information that identifies an individual; it may be enrolment information, health or student progress information. Schools have a responsibility to ensure the personal information they possess is used for the purposes it was collected and is adequately secured.

For example, schools may collect and display student health information in a secured staff room to ensure students receive appropriate care. The information should not be used or disclosed for other purposes. Similarly, schools may take some limited student information off premises when on excursions. Schools are obliged to ensure personal information is secured and used for appropriate purposes.

Student Wellbeing: Parent Behaviour Around The School

In the interests of all students we ask that parents be mindful of their behaviour in and around the school during drop off and pick up times. As role models we need to always demonstrate courtesy and respect for one another in our interactions with others. We also ask parents to be mindful of their language and tone of voice as children can become anxious when adults show or voice aggression.

The welfare of our students is of paramount importance to us all and we therefore ask that parents refrain from approaching other children or adults regarding any personal matters which are of concern.

Where issues arise at school, please contact Kaye Mills, so that the matter can be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with DEECD procedures.

Uniform

With the cold weather just around the corner Miss Ratkowski is investigating how much scarves and beanies in school colors would cost. If the price is reasonable we will organise an order form to be sent home early in the new term. Scarves and beanies can be worn as part of the uniform as long as they are navy.

Anaphylaxis

From 22 April 2014, all schools across Victoria must by law have an Anaphylaxis Management Policy if they have a student enrolled who has been diagnosed at risk of Anaphylaxis. There is also a requirement to put in place preventative strategies to raise awareness of Anaphylaxis. In response to this, Mrs Langmaid and the Senior school staff have organised to have an Allergy Seminar for the Senior school students on Thursday 3rd April at 2.15pm. Karla Anderson, our School Nurse will facilitate the seminar. Its focus will be food allergies, allergic reactions, how reactions present and some of the treatments. Interested parents are welcome to attend.

Middle School Information Evening

The Middle School are holding their information evening tonight at 6.30.. I hope that all families take the opportunity to come along with their child and learn about the middle school classroom program and special event calendar that is proposed for the 2014 school year. Our **RED STAR AWARD** program will also be a feature of the evening

The **RED STAR AWARD** is an initiative to reward students for completing specific tasks related to reading, helping at home, citizenship, the environment, health and hobbies.

Students can work through the task at their own pace.

Junior School Councillors will provide stickers for encouragement as students work towards receiving their **RED Star**.

The **Red Star** is a badge which students will be able to wear on their school uniform.

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.



Sunbury PCYC Closure

In our town of Sunbury where there is growing concern about our young people in terms of unemployment, addiction and crime it was disheartening for me to read this email yesterday from Stuart Ritchie. At our own school level we have used the services of the PCYC over many years. I have referred many young people there as a preventative measure when they were in need of positive role models and as a place where they could go to fill in unstructured hours after school. It was one of very few places where young people in Sunbury could go that was of low cost to their families. Stuart has worked tirelessly to raise the profile of the PCYC and to secure grants and raise funds for the gym. In November 2013, the Car and Bike Show that was held at our school was to support their fundraising endeavours. Proceeds from an annual out of uniform day was also a way we could show support.

On behalf of our school community I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of PCYC, and Stuart in particular for all the efforts they have made over many years to support the at risk and disengaged youth in Sunbury and beyond.

Places Still Available

TIME: 1:00pm-3:00pm

DAY: TUESDAY

COST: \$5:00

WHERE: Sunbury Heights Community Hub

Regards

Kaye Mills

Principal



CURRICULUM DAY

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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 be 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 9th March, 2014

Nicola Vergara, Mitchell Maddox, Tyler Kovzan, Caidan Gardner, Kyle Hills

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep K	Amron Sasulu	For putting in 100% with his writing.
Prep D	Chloe Turk	For her fantastic effort when re-reading her sentences.
1/2R	Aljeo Banting	For finishing his first IXL Maths Task Sheet.
1/2P	Jade Walduck	For trying her best on IXL.
1/2H	Emma Quarrell	For taking pride in her Learning.
3/4K	Jesse Parmar	For bringing a great attitude to his schooling.
3/4d	Jack Price	For a wonderfully 'inquisitive mind'.
5P	Hannah Watkins	For picking herself back up and carrying on, inside AND outside the classroom! Great resilience!
5A	Tamiah Gardiner	For having an active interest in learning outside the classroom.
6L	Nicola Vergara	For submitting home learning each week to a high standard.
PE Miss Ratkowski	Brenden Tringrove-Smith	For using great fielding strategies in P.E.
ART Mrs Caddaye	Isabelle O'Shannessy	For being kind and encouraging towards other students.

Welcome back to 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 a:-

- 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.

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2014/2015 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Closes Friday 2nd May 2014



S.O.L.D Fundraiser

Register at www.sold.org.au

Trivia Night

Sunbury Football Club, Riddell Road Sunbury

Saturday 15 March 2014

7pm till late

Finger food and nibbles provided

Drinks at bar prices

\$20 per head

Tables of 10

Spaces limited

Silent Auction / Raffles

Lots of games and fun

Prizes to be won

Money raised from the Trivia night will help S.O.L.D (Support and Opportunities for Learning Disabilities) pay for a tutoring Program and Learning Lounge for children with Learning Disabilities around the Sunbury area..