



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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## TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 5 Doxa Camp
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Holiday NO SCHOOL
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Photos – details to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	District Athletics
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rugby Clinic Prep-Gr 4
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ride to School Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Assembly – 2.30pm start
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cartoon Workshop Prep-Gr 6
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Term 1 ends..2.30pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
<b>APRIL</b>	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 commences

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC  
NEWSLETTER ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE (ADDRESS ABOVE)**  
(Limited printed copies are available from the office.)

### LITTLE HANDS PLAYGROUP

Yes we will be running on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm-3.15pm.

Due to this day being a Curriculum Day older siblings from Prep to Grade 6 are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Linda Wakeling

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### School Council

At Tuesday's School Council's meeting our new School Council will be formed. It is an opportunity for our new members to meet with our outgoing members. Thank you to John Lillywhite and Sharron Bertram who will no longer be elected parent members of School Council. John and Sharron have been instrumental in raising much needed funds for Sunbury Heights and have initiated many activities that our students and parents have enjoyed.

I hope that Sharron and John continue to be involved in the life of the school and hope both still attend School Council as co-opted and interested Community members. Our other parent School Council representative Joanne Diss has re nominated for School Council and will continue to be a valuable member. New parent representatives for the 2013-2015 time frame are Carl Ashford and Sean Synan and we hope they both enjoy the experience of contributing to the governance of the school.

Jennifer Caddaye will replace Liz Hill as the staff representative and again I thank Liz for all her hard work on School Council and particularly for her role on the Environment Sub Committee. Much of the work in regard to beautifying and maintaining the school grounds has been as a result of Liz's hard work. Sharon Ramunno will also be a co-opted representative to School Council advising them of all the community activities that are currently being undertaken and ways that parents can become involved more fully. Office bearers for 2013 will be elected and next week we will advise you of the position each member holds.

School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools, and being a member of the School Council is a rewarding and challenging experience. Acting as a team, School Council supports a Principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. I look forward to working with the new team and encourage any parent to attend a council meeting and to consider becoming involved in the future.

### Computers and iPads arrive

Last week 50 new Laptops and 22 iPads arrived at the school and will soon be included as welcome additions to our ICT program. They are being imaged as I write this and shortly each classroom will have 5 laptops installed for individual students use.

There will be two banks of 21 new laptops for whole class use in either end of the BER building. The 3/4 students will be the first to use the iPads and then they will be rotated to the students in the Senior school and then the Junior school.

## Camp

I have spent two nights this week visiting the happy campers. Both Karen Cocks and I went up for dinner with the Grade Three group and they were having a wow of a time on their first school camp! They certainly were enjoying the excellent home cooked meals and joining in fully with all the wonderful activities that the staff had planned for them.

Last night I visited the grade 5 camp for Caidan Gardner's birthday and once again Miss Ratkowski had planned a surprise party for him. Mrs Cocks will visit again tonight because she thinks the food is certainly better than what she would cook at home!

The children are all well and happy but Miss Ratkowski in particular will be extremely tired having spent the whole week in extreme heat on duty. Thank you Leanne for all your efforts and to our staff and parents Andrew Knight, Penny Wilson, Bev Mc Intyre, Sean Synan Kym Pianura, Erica Andersen, Kerry Dexter and John Lillywhite - thank you for your support and hard work. We appreciate it.

## Buddy Arrives

Thank you to the Shaw Barton family for the present of Buddy the Budgie for Jo Harding's class. It has certainly given the students something to show care and love to as they go about looking after him. The grade has also been busy researching nonfiction texts so they know what this new addition to the classroom needs.

## Swimming Champ

Congratulations to Lauren Ashford who came first in the two individual events she participated in at the next level of the VPSSA competitions. Lauren has not only represented herself with pride, but also Sunbury Heights Primary and the wider Sunbury and Diggers Rest Region. Good luck Lauren with your future events.

## 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 regularly distributes 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.



Wendy would like to remind parents about some of her concerns around parking and speed limits

## Parking

Parking around schools is a time old problem. It seems everyone wants the closest park to the gate or of a morning, thinking it's OK to park in the driveway or staff car park because "it's only quick... we're only dropping the kids off".

**Please stop to think of the danger you are placing your children in because of these actions.**

In lots of ways we are lucky at this school because there are designated parking bays out in the street, and a considerable number of them available. Please make an extra few minutes available, so that you can drop off or pick up your children in safety.

We do have a number of people entitled to use the disabled parking bay so please be considerate and do not use this bay unless you have the required sticker. It is illegal to do so otherwise.

## Speed

Please be aware of the speed you drive away from the school as well. Yes, it is **40km/hr** and the majority of people observe this speed limit. What is more worrying is how quickly some people are getting to that speed with their acceleration from the school. None of us want to witness an accident involving our students...**your children**... please help us keep them safe!

## Dropping Students off

Please make sure you are dropping students off when fully parked and parked in a designated bay. If Charter Road is congested try parking a little further away from the school and encouraging your child to walk the last little bit



## 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. Inappropriate behaviour by parents will not be tolerated around our school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to all the families who have already brought in Easter items for our Easter raffle. Rabbits are now breeding in my office! The more eggs and Easter novelties we collect the more prizes we will be able to have for our families. Raffle ticket books will be sent home soon in books of ten. Tickets sell for twenty cents or buy the book for \$2.00.

Regards  
Kaye Mills  
Principal

## RED STAR AWARD – YEARS THREE AND FOUR



A huge number of students and parents attended our RED STAR AWARD launch last Thursday. It was wonderful to have so many people and so much enthusiasm.

Students have now received their RED STAR booklets and we are looking forward to seeing them achieve the challenges set.

Junior School Councillors will be available in the BER building each Friday at 1.20pm to acknowledge achievement and mark off completed tasks.

Who will be a STAR at Sunbury Heights?

### RESPONSIBILITY ENDEAVOUR DEVELOPMENT.

*Cathie Morcom*

## WANTED - NINTENDO DS's

Is your Nintendo DS feeling lonely because it's not used anymore?

Let us cheer up all those unwanted Nintendo DS's.

We are after as many Nintendo DS's as we can get for brain training. Brain training has been proven to assist children with their learning.

If you have a Nintendo DS / DS 3D/ DSI please consider donating it to the school.

We are also after the Brain Training chips.

All superseded, unloved and lonely DS's and brain training chips can be given to Cathie at the office.

*Cathie Morcom*

## Hume's April 2013 Vacation Care

The Enrolment Forms and Booking Request Forms are available on the Hume website.

The next program is in April 2013 and will run for 2 weeks (9 days)

**Tuesday 2 April – Friday 12 April 2013**

Please note all the information is always **available on line** -

Visit [www.hume.vic.gov.au](http://www.hume.vic.gov.au) to download the PDF files

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**15 March 2013 - Applications due at Council**

**28 March 2013 - Payments due to Council**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following students, until the 10th March  
Liam Bulmer-Smyth, Jackson Neilson, Mitchell Maddox,  
Nicola Vergara, Caidan Gardner, Kyle Hills, Jemima Sasulu

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK- WEEK ENDING

8th March 2013

Grade	Student	Reason
Prep H	Jake Szabo	for working well to complete all activities
Prep D	Mia Wills-Jehu	for writing her name beautifully
1/2X	Mikaela Jordan-Wetmore	For working hard with her writing.
1/2H	Leo Bunting	for persisting with writing and making interesting stories
3/4W	Nicholas Diss	for making a huge effort to show a positive attitude towards learning
5P	Ben Fisher	for a fantastic start to his SHPS experience and showing a positive attitude to his learning
ART	Georgia Sciberras	for being attentive, enthusiastic and helpful in ART
MRS WILLIAMS	Jordan Ballinger	for including everybody when he is playing

## COME JOIN US!

The Melton Hockey Club is currently recruiting for the 2013 season. We are a fantastic, fun, family friendly club and would love for you to join us.

Never picked up a stick before?? No worries at all, we have a team for you!

We cater for all ages, abilities and skill levels with teams fielded in the following:

Under 10's, Under 12's Under 14's, Under 16's and Under 18's.

Women's Vic League and Reserves

Men's Vic League and Reserves

Men's and Women's Metro and social teams

Masters (over 40's)

Our great Hook in2 Hockey program caters for 4-12 year olds new to hockey. An 18 week program with Gala competition days, the program is a fun and exciting way to fall in love with hockey.

The program is just \$40 for the 18 weeks or you can choose to purchase the hockey pack as well for a total of \$85.

The pack includes a portable fold out goal, hockey stick, shinpads, ball, replica playing top, medallion, dvd and other goodies.

YES, 18 weeks of exciting coaching sessions and all those goodies for just \$85!

Feel free to attend any training session, no obligation.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6pm.

All staff are accredited and hold current Working With Children Checks.

The Melton Hockey Club is located at the rear of Heathdale Christian College (formerly Mowbray College), Centenary Avenue, Melton.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact us:

Mobile – 0450643826

Email – [meltonhockeyclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:meltonhockeyclub@yahoo.com.au)

Web – [www.meltonhc.org.au](http://www.meltonhc.org.au)

## Invitation

The Hume Early Years Partnership invites parents with children aged 0 – 12 years to join the Hume Parent Advisory Group (HPAG) meeting on Friday 22 March 2013

**Where:** Sunbury Community Health Centre  
12 – 28 Macedon Road, Sunbury

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

The HPAG is a forum for parents to have their say about improving local programs and services and connect with your community.

RSVP by 18 March 2013

Surmeli Aydogan on 9351 3600 / 0427 990946 or  
saydogan@lentarauc.org.au



Australian Government

**Schoolkids  
Bonus**  
**Lighten the load**

The first instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus has recently been paid to approximately 1.2 million families to help lighten the load of back-to-school costs.

For your school, this means financially-challenged families will have extra funds available to help buy the things their children need – whether it be uniforms, shoes, stationery, books or sporting gear.

Most eligible families would have received the payment automatically; however some needed to update their child's education details to ensure they received the payment, e.g. families with children starting primary for the first time in 2013 and children moving from primary into secondary school in 2013.

**We are seeking your assistance to help spread the word that any families who think they are eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus January payment but are yet to receive it should contact Centrelink.**

Yours sincerely

Schoolkids Bonus Communication Team

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

