



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM CALENDAR

DATE	DETAIL
NOVEMBER	
Thurs 8 th Nov	Sunbury Music Festival
Mon 12 th Nov	School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tues 20 th Nov	2013 Prep Transition Afternoon
Tues 27 th Nov	2013 Prep Transition Afternoon
Wed 28 th Nov	Prep Aquarium Excursion
Fri 29 th Nov	Non-Uniform Day Gold Coin Donation
DECEMBER	
Fri 7 th Dec	P-2 Athletic Day
Tues 11 th Dec	Whole School Transition
Tues 18 th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 19 th Dec	P-2 Concert
Fri 21 st Dec	Last Day Term 4 1.30pm Dismissal

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

You are invited to the
2012 Victorian Schools' Garden Awards Presentation Day
 Thursday, 29 November
 10.30 am — 1.30 pm
 Royal Botanic Gardens
 Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra
 (Enter at Gate House, behind Shrine)

RSVP: 25th November
 Debbie Daks at
sga@ngiv.com.au
 or 0413 575 964

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Breakfast in the Hub

Tropical and berry smoothies proved very popular this morning at our first breakfast in the Community Hub. Marie and Mary from Bunnings pulsed up over seventy-five smoothies for our students and family members who attended. Mrs Ramunno, Mrs Dexter, Mrs Adams, Mr de Waart, Miss Morcom, Mrs Williams and Mrs Baldwin cooked up 7 loaves of bread for toast and children munched happily a way on toast spread with vegemite, peanut butter, honey or jam. I hear Ethan Blay ate 4 slices he enjoyed it so much!

Thank you to Bunnings for their sponsorship, Sharon Ramunno for her organisation and to the staff and parents who supported her.

As a parent I realise just how busy the household can be each morning and how on some days the children just don't seem to cooperate as much as you would like. I guess on these days we are not at our best first thing. The usual complications seem to be an unplanned sleep in, a lost shoe, forgotten homework, TV or a dose of the 'grumps'. However there are plenty of food options available ranging from cereals, fruit juices, toast and spreads. Encourage your child(ren) to have a sensible mix each day. Your example of eating a healthy breakfast is probably the best way to promote this practice. Breakfast really does get the kids off to a good start and the Smoothie cubes blitzed up in milk seems a healthy, easy option.

Music Festival

This morning it was exciting for our grade 6LD and our 1/2 R students to travel to Kismet Park and perform in front of students from other government schools in Sunbury and the wider community. So congratulations and thank you to Ms Harding, Mrs Ross, Mrs Langmaid and Miss Ratkowski for their hard work in preparing the students, the students for performing and our families for attending.

AEU Industrial Action

The DEECD and the AEU are currently in negotiations on the new Workplace agreement that will cover staff that work under the jurisdiction of the DEECD. The AEU members have a series of work bans in place and other bans pending. These bans include Half Day stoppages, the writing of report comments, responding to DEECD emails, implementation of the National Curriculum, use of the Ultranet etc. These bans may affect students and parents and as the need arises, I will inform the school community about possible changes to the school program.

Remembrance Day

It is important to hold ceremonies for students to acknowledge their roles as citizens of Australia. At Monday's assembly, we will commemorate Remembrance Day. All students have practiced the poem Pledge of Remembrance and will do a whole school reading.

Students have all begun to talk about the reason for Remembrance Day and had class lessons around the theme of courage. On Sunday 11 November (which is Remembrance Day) school representatives will lay a wreath at the Sunbury Shrine of Remembrance.

PLEDGE OF REMEMBRANCE

Australian soldiers – hear this pledge – your flag flies in the sun
And now we take a minute to remember what you've done
When you went away to battle, you were proud as proud can be
And you did it for your country, yes, you flew the flag for me
Now we live our life with freedom when we work and when we play
For that, my heart says 'Thank you' on this very special day
And as we go, we take the words that sing Australia's song
"I am young and I am worthy, I am brave and I am strong
In the face of any challenge, I will strive to rise above
I deserve this opportunity to live, to learn, to love
I can truly make a difference; my path is up to me
And this is my commitment – be the best that I can be."

Matt Welsh

On behalf of the staff and the students at Sunbury Heights I would like to thank and acknowledge Matt for the contribution he has made to the Out of School Hours services at our school. Matt has implemented quality programs for our children in an environment where they feel safe and secure. He has established a respectful partnership with families and our wider school community over the years. Matthew has been successful in securing another position within Council's Family and Children Services. Sadly for us Matt will be leaving Out of School Hours Care at Sunbury Heights on Friday 9 November 2012. Congratulations Matt on your new leadership opportunity, best wishes and THANKS.

Chess Tournament

Our Chess team has been selected to head off to Diggers Rest Primary School next Tuesday. Accompanying Mr O'Keefe are Grade 6 students Dylan Sapac and Ciaran McArdle. Grade 5 students Adam Fearnley, Hayden Brown, Isaac Williams, Jayson Parmar, Eddy Tichy, Lauren Dini and Allira Travers. Representing grade 2 is Jack Harrison. The chess tournament is a fun and friendly day. Students do not play against students from their own schools so there is a great opportunity to mix and meet other people. Thank you to Rachel Travers who is going to accompany the students on the day.

Grade Placement 2013

In the near future, we will begin organising our classroom structure for 2013. Our final structure will depend on our student enrolment numbers, available classrooms, teacher schedules and possible changes to government policy that may impact on our decision-making. Regardless of these factors there is always some very relevant information that parents convey to us that we take into consideration when arranging student groupings. Some examples of parent requests we consider have included:

- If there were composite classes, siblings may be in consecutive year levels e.g. a year 5 and a year 6 and the parent wishes that they are not placed in the same class.
- The separation of twins or alternatively parents may prefer the twins to be placed in the same class.

Each year, we ask parents to inform us in writing of relevant information. Please note that this is not a teacher selection opportunity, but one which may influence the children's social and academic grouping to ensure all students' need are met. I often have parent requests about placing students with long standing friends. This is not always in the best interest of the child. We all need to develop emotional resilience, learn ways to make new friends and develop independence. Please be assured that your child's best interests are always at the forefront when planning. While we cannot guarantee your requests will be met, we assure you that the information you present will be carefully considered.

Requests must be made in writing and should be addressed to the principal as follows- 'Confidential – 2013 Grade Placement'. Requests for grade placement should be lodged at the office no later than Friday, 9th November. Any parent, who has lodged a request in a previous year, should resubmit their request in writing even if their circumstances remain unchanged.

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal



Successful Plant Donation Application Scheme

An application by Mrs Hill, on behalf of Sunbury Heights Primary School, was successful in the Hume's Schools Plant Donation Scheme. An allocation of 100 indigenous plants (shrubs and native grasses) will be made to the school during Autumn of next year. These plants will be planted, in the yet to be extended garden area of the oval along Charter Road and fill in any spaces in the already established part of that garden.

Our efforts will not only support the Hume City Council in protecting and enhancing biodiversity of the area, but be part of our school's effort to continue beautifying our garden.

WANTED: TOY CATALOGUES

The Year 1 and 2 classrooms are in need of **TOY CATALOGUES** to support our writing program. Please send *any toy catalogues* to Carmel Ross in Room 3 so that class sets can be created.

If you could spread the word amongst your neighbours and other family members, we would be very grateful.

Thank you for not sending other catalogues.

Carmel, Liz, Penny.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following students til the 11th November

Sky Price, Tristan Scott-Overs, Eddie Tichy, Justine Galvez, Rhyse Allen, Mathew Jewell, Jazzy Scharl, Rachael Wilkinson

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – WEEK ENDING 9th November 2012

Teacher	Student	Reason
Mrs Xuereb/Hubbard	Tate Wilson Ellie Pugh	For a great all round effort. For 150 nights of home reading
Junior Danaher	Shayla Hendaheva	For her fantastic effort in finishing her work.
Junior Ross	Ava Woolford-Fleming & Georgia Sciberra	For being able to spell and read 200 "MIOOW" words.
Junior Wilson	Levi Difalco	For using emotion resilience when things didn't go his way.
Middle Pianura	Jess Bunting	For showing enthusiasm and a commitment to improving her learning in maths.
Senior Andersen	Jesse Spyrou	For having a positive attitude towards his maths.
Senior Langmaid	6L	Awesome, confident performers at the Music Festival.
Mrs Caddaye ART	Cooper Weir	For having a great session in Art and for being helpful.
Mrs Harding SCIENCE	1/2R	Great singing and a fabulous audience at the Music Festival.
Mrs Dexter Integration	Brocky Ireland	Working hard on his reading lessons.

PSW UNIFORM SHOP

PSW are offering 5% off all uniforms sold for the month of November only! All laybys must be finalised by the Friday 14th December 2012!

The Uniform Shop will be open as normal on Fridays 8:30am-10:30am. As requested the Uniform Shop will open for extra days on Wednesday 12th December 2012, 9am-1pm and on Tuesday 29th January 2013 8am-11am!

Regards!

Joanne Whiteway

PSW Uniform Shop Coordinator

News from the Artroom Calendar fundraiser reminder

All orders for the calendar fundraiser are due by Thursday 8th of November. Examples of both art and photo calendars are on display on a noticeboard in the atrium.

Enquiries: Jenny Caddaye (Art Room) after 3:15pm
Tues-Fri.

GIANT CAR BOOT SALE AND FAMILY DAY!

Saturday 17th November from 8.30am - Village Green and Sunbury Uniting Church.

Ring Helen on 9744 3031.

- Over 60 cars and also inside craft stalls - a chance to do some Christmas shopping! Outside sites still available but be quick!
- Devonshire tea/coffee, sausage sizzle, sno-cones, coffee van.
- Huge second-hand book stall inside - cheap!
- For the kids - jumping castle, Thomas the Tank ride, lucky dips, craft table!

