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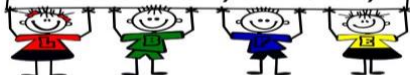
Sunbury Heights

Primary School

TERM 4



'Dates for your diary'



OCTOBER 2024

Fri 25th World Teachers Day

NOVEMBER 2024

Mon 4th Curriculum Day

Tues 5th Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday

Mon 18th Foundation Swimming

Fri 29th Year 5/6 Rugby Gala

School Times and Dates

**Breakfast Club Every Tuesday, Wednesday
 And Thursday @DWH from 8am**

Bell Times

Start School: - 8:50am

Recess: - 10:30am - 10:45am

1st Break: - 12:35pm - 1:05pm

2nd Break: - 1:55pm - 2:25pm

End of Day: - 3:15pm

2024 Term Dates

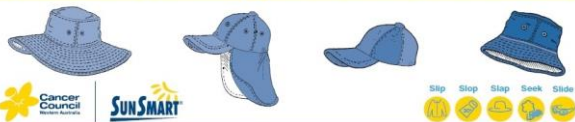
Term 4 - 7th October to 20th December

2024 Curriculum Days & Public Holidays (NO SCHOOL)

November 4th Curriculum Day

November 5th Melbourne Cup

One of these things is not like the others



Caps don't keep the sun off!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 – Week 3 – 24/10/2024

What a wonderful start to Term 4 we are having. I have observed many examples of our students and teacher learning and working together while demonstrating the SHPS values of Kindness, Respect and Responsibility... well done to everyone!

This term is always a busy one; we encourage families to check Compass, Dojo, and the newsletter calendar for upcoming events and details. If you are uncertain or need to clarify anything, please ring the school office and we can assist.

Celebrating World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the immense effort and dedication that teachers put into their work every single day. It serves as a moment to reflect on the invaluable contributions teachers make to the growth and development of our children, shaping not only their academic journeys but also their personal and social development. By celebrating this special day, we can show our appreciation and gratitude for the incredible work our teachers do. It is also a chance to remind ourselves of the important role we all play in creating a supportive and encouraging environment that allows teachers to thrive. A positive, uplifting environment ensures that teachers can continue making a meaningful impact on the lives of students, fostering a love of learning and helping each child reach their full potential.

Tomorrow Friday, 25th October, we will come together to celebrate World Teachers' Day and recognize the amazing contributions of our teaching staff. Let's make it a day to show our appreciation and gratitude for their hard work, passion, and dedication.

Thank you to all our teachers for the difference you make in our children's lives!



In the spirit of reconciliation Sunbury Heights Primary School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



This year we at Sunbury Heights Primary School, we have begun our journey of implementing the Berry Street Education Model to integrate evidence-based trauma response strategies into our daily routines. Through practices such as welcome circles, ready to learn scales, and brain breaks, we aim to create a consistent and predictable environment to support our students' emotional well-being and academic success. Our school will be prioritising the use of these strategies to provide a safe and nurturing space where each student can thrive and reach their full potential.

SAVE THE DATE – Year 5/6 Carnival

We are excited to announce that the Year 5/6 students will be holding a carnival for all students on Tuesday, 26th November. Students from Foundation to Year 4 will attend the carnival with their class teacher at a designated time throughout the day. Our Year 5/6 students have been working hard as part of their "Build A Business" inquiry unit, and they can't wait to welcome their customers. The carnival will feature food items, games, and a variety of fun experiences for all to enjoy! Costs for the stalls will range from 10 cents to \$1, so we suggest sending your child with \$3-\$5 in coins (no notes, please) to make the most of the activities. We're all looking forward to a fun-filled day!



Emergency Drill Practice – Term 4 Offsite Drill



At Sunbury Heights Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff are always our top priority. Each term, we conduct emergency drills to ensure that everyone is prepared and knows what to do in the event of various emergency situations. These drills are a vital part of the Department of Education and Training (DET) OHS requirements, which all schools are required to practice each year. This term, we will be holding a (Code Yellow) 'Offsite Emergency Drill'. During this drill, the entire school will practice walking to

Langama Park, our designated offsite emergency evacuation location. This type of drill is important because it prepares staff and students for situations where it may not be safe to remain on the school grounds, ensuring that we can evacuate to a safe location smoothly and efficiently. Throughout the year, we have also practiced other types of emergency drills, including:

- **Lockdown drills**, where everyone stays indoors to avoid potential external threats. (Code Orange)
- **Oval evacuations**, where students and staff gather safely on the school oval. (Code Green)
- **Shelter-in-Place drills**, where everyone remains inside the buildings in a safe location. (Code Pink)

These emergency drills are carefully planned and executed to help our students and staff respond calmly and effectively in case of an emergency. While we hope that we never need to use these procedures in real life, practicing them regularly ensures that everyone understands the protocols and can act quickly if necessary. As we continue to prioritize safety and ensure that our school community is well-prepared for any situation.

School Council

Our school council came together on Tuesday for our October meeting. A number of topics were discussed and motions passed. The following is a summary of those discussions.

- Enrolments and whole school transition program planned for late Term 4.
- End of Term celebrations including our end of year concert on Wednesday 18th December and end of year early dismissal at 12.30pm on Friday 20th December.

Update on school facilities

- Water damage due to storm event on 18th October
- Storage container refurbishment
- Curriculum Days for 2025
- Out of Hours Care provision in 2025
- Initial 2024 Parent Opinion Data

If you would like to read more details of these discussion the minutes of school office.



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Planning for 2025 – Are You Leaving Sunbury Heights Next Year?

As we start preparing for the 2025 school year, we need to have a clear understanding of our student numbers to help us plan and organize our classes effectively. To do this, we kindly ask that all current families with children in Foundation to Year 5 notify the office if you are planning to leave Sunbury Heights Primary School at the end of 2024. If your family will be relocating or if your child will be attending a different school next year, please inform us as soon as possible. This helps us manage classroom allocations, teacher placements, and other important planning for the upcoming year.

You can notify the school by:

Calling the office on 9744 3377, or Sending an email to sunbury.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Providing this information will help us ensure a smooth transition into 2025 for all students.

2025 Class Arrangements.

Class arrangements for 2025 are beginning shortly and any input parents wish to highlight needs to be in writing to the Principal by Friday 26th October. Please send your requests through to

sunbury.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au

While we cannot always accommodate all requests we strive to make the best possible placement for students. There are many issues considered when classes are arranged:

- Gender balance
- Academic needs
- Special needs of individual students
- Dynamics of various groups



Some issues for parents to consider if thinking about making a request include:

- Younger children have fluctuating friendship groups.

This is a perfectly normal developmental stage so a request for a particular ‘friend’ may become less important over time—especially over the Christmas holidays.

- How will a request support our shared work on building resilience?

Again, it is normal to feel apprehensive about moving classes or starting a new year.

Safety around the school

Please be reminded that the safety of all SHPS students relies on us all following local and state laws. We need everyone's cooperation to ensure the well-being of our school community. Recently, we've noticed some families using the Staff Carpark to drop off their children in the mornings. This area is out of bounds for students and their families because it poses a serious safety risk. It is fenced off and clearly marked as a staff-only area for this reason. We kindly ask that all families remember the importance of following local and state traffic laws



while near the school. Including, Parking correctly and following the street signs. Unfortunately, there have been instances of parents parking illegally, or even across our neighbors' driveways. Not only is this unsafe, but it also reflects poorly on the Sunbury Heights school community.

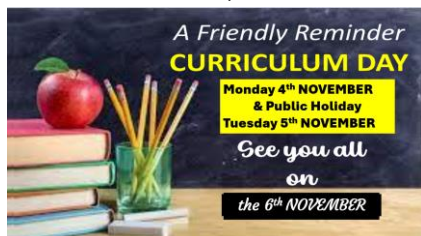
Please take the time to safely drop off and pick up your child, while being mindful of others in the school zone. This is a responsibility we all share, and together, we can keep every student safe.

Curriculum Day & Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

We would like to remind all families that our final Curriculum Day for 2024 will be held on Monday 4th November. On this day, students will not be required to attend school. The Curriculum Day is a vital part of Sunbury Heights' assessment schedule, where teachers will focus on reviewing assessment tasks, moderating student work, and writing reports to ensure accurate reporting for the end of the year.

To assist families, Out of Hours School Care (OHSC) will be available on this day. If you require care for your child, please contact OHSC on 9740 2111 to make a booking.

Additionally, there will be a Public Holiday on Tuesday 5th November for the Melbourne Cup. This means students will enjoy an extra-long weekend! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 6th November. Please mark these dates in your calendars and enjoy the extended break with your family!



STUDENT OF

THE WEEK

TERM 4

WEEK 3

FA	Bobby N	For finishing his work promptly and making time to help his classmates who need support. Well done Bobby!
FB	Leo K	For making amazing improvements with his reading. I am so proud of you Leo!
FC	Stevie J	For always working hard to achieve your learning goals! Keep up the fantastic effort!!
1/2A	Jax S	For using lots of different strategies to solve words in texts he is reading. Keep up the great work Jax!
1/2B	Indi N	For planning a very persuasive text of why water parks are better than school. Excellent work!
1/2C	Aurelia S	For planning and writing a great persuasive writing piece that included solid arguments for why Minecraft is better than Roblox. Keep up the wonderful work Aurelia!
1/2D	Izaak C	For a wonderful start to your learning journey at SHPS. We love having you as part of 1/2D!
1/2E	Zara J	For taking responsibility for her learning, by trying her best to complete all set tasks. Keep it up!
1/2F	Nikita P	For consistently trying her best in all areas of learning. Super effort Nikita!
3/4A	Jean V	For consistently demonstrating great leadership and responsibility towards her peers. Well done!
3/4B	Geneve M	For her fantastic skills in leadership and showing exceptional responsibility.
3/4C	Linkoln E	For his enthusiasm in inquiry when researching the states in Australia.
3/4D	Hyde E	For applying himself in all Mathematical tasks this week. Well Done.
3/4E	Ollie J	For always showing kindness and a big smile.
5/6A	Sienna S	For always trying her best during all learning tasks. Her positive attitude and commitment towards school is amazing. Great work Sienna!
5/6B	Berkay A	For making some strong connections in the area of number. Well done Berkay.
5/6C	Zechariah D	For attempting tasks even though they were a little tricky to begin with, especially with his fractions work.
5/6D	Naavya P	For making a positive and confident start to her new school. We are enjoying having you as part of 5/6D.
5/6E	Kai M	For having a go at every task and showing everyone to not give up! Keep up the hard work!

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THE ARTS	Nate J 3/4A	For turning his air-dry clay pinch pot into a funny creature, very creative!
ITALIAN	Jaxx B 5/6A	For being very helpful and testing out a lesson on his computer for the class. Bravomissio!
PE	Izzy N 5/6C	For going out of his way and helping teachers 'being an extra pair of arms' carrying equipment. Awesome help, Izzy!
STEAM	Mitchell B 5/6C	For focusing and assisting others in class to finish off tasks.
Heights Star of the Week	Bobby N FA	For finishing his work correctly and making time to help his classmates who need support. Well done Bobby!
Indigenous Deadly Award	Leo K FB	For making amazing improvements with his reading. I am so proud of you Leo!

TERM 4 Yard Activities

Break 1

Break 2

Monday



Choir
Art Room
Ms Smith

Chill with
Lenny
Room 6
Ms Kilkenny



Tuesday



Get Creative
with Chalk
Fraser Area

Disco at the
sails
Fraser Area



Wednesday



Outdoor Games
Fraser Area

Outdoor Games
Fraser Area



Thursday



Lego in the Sun
Fraser Area

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Fraser Area



Friday



Disco at the
sails
Fraser Area



Bowl out a teacher
Laver Area



HALLOWEEN DISCO

October 31st Come have a boogie
from 5pm in the BRIGHT BITZ STUDIO



5 Riverview Terrace Sunbury



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Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus
Places still available for next term!



Small Group & Private Lessons

- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Online lessons (after hours) are also available direct to your home – contact us to find out more
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!

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