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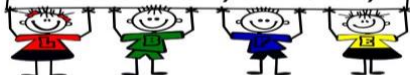


Sunbury Heights
 Primary School

TERM 4



'Dates for your diary'



NOVEMBER 2024	
Fri 8 th	Literacy Buddies Excursion
Mon 11 th	Remembrance Day
Mon 11 th to 15 th	Smile Squad
Fri 15 th	Robotics
Mon 18 th to 22 nd	Foundation Swimming/Water Safety Program
Tue 26 th	Year 5/6 Build a Business
Wed 27 th	Italian Day - Open Classrooms
Fri 29 th	Year 5/6 Rugby Gala
DECEMBER 2024	
Mon 2 nd to 6 th	Year 1/2 Swimming/Water Safety Program

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

2025 Term Dates

Term 1 - 30th January to 4th April

One of these things is not like the others



Caps don't keep the sun off!



MESSAGE FROM
THE PRINCIPAL

Term 4 – Week 5 – 07/11/2024

Dear SHPS families,

As we embrace the changing seasons and the busy months ahead, we want to take a moment to focus on the importance of wellbeing in our school community. Supporting our children's emotional, social, and physical health is essential, and we are committed to fostering an environment where every child can thrive.

On Friday 25th October, we celebrated our Teachers for World Teachers Day! This was a wonderful opportunity for us to recognize and appreciate the hard work and dedication of our teachers. Our students showed their gratitude with many kind gestures across the school.

Thank you to all the teachers in our school and community. We appreciate the support, care and hard work you provide for our students every day.

We had our final Curriculum Day for 2024 on Monday 4th November. Our teachers engaged in assessment and report writing, ensuring they provide thorough and meaningful feedback on your child's progress. This time allowed them to reflect on the year and prepare insightful reports that highlight each student's achievements and areas for growth. Meanwhile, our education support staff participated in professional learning sessions aimed at enhancing their skills and strategies. This training is designed to further support our students' diverse learning needs and foster an inclusive environment.

Staffing Changes for 2025

This time of the year is a busy time for schools in terms of recruitment of staff for the coming school year. Over the past 2 weeks we have been very busy recruiting staff in preparation for 2025. This is a very common practice in schools across the state this time of the year. As a result of this work our staffing profile will change to ensure we are able to achieve the goals and targets that we set for 2025. For our first appointment we welcome Ms Claire Dowling to SHPS. Claire joins us as a Year 1/2 classroom teacher and Team Leader. Claire has extensive experience as a teacher in several schools and brings a wealth of knowledge that we are sure will make her an asset to SHPS.

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.



Transition Program

Preparations are well underway for our 2025 transition program. Thank you to all parents that submitted a placement request for 2025. Those requests have been entered into our system and have been very helpful in grade placement considerations.

TRANSITION
TIME

We have a few activities and events coming up for the classes. Our Year 6 students attending a State Secondary School transition called “step up day” on the 10th December. This will be followed by the Year 6 Graduation on the 11th December.

The first of our 3 transition ‘step up’ sessions will happen on the 2nd December. The purpose of these sessions is to ensure that all students are in a grade for 2025 that will support their educational, emotional and social needs. These sessions also enable the school to develop the 2025 Positive Behaviour Matrix.

To help with this process please contact the office if your circumstances are changing in 2025 and you are either enrolling or exiting a member of your family.

First Lego League Robotics competition



On Friday 15th November two teams of our students will compete in the First Lego League Robotics Competition at the Dulap Wilim Hub. These teams are Sunbury Intelligence and Heights Elite Cyborgs. These team will compete against 10 other local schools and four schools travelling from Box Hill and Geelong. As the event director, I am sure we will be able to see our teams representing our school and demonstrating our school values of Responsibility, Respect & Kindness at the highest level. There will be 16 teams competing this year and 4 of those teams are guaranteed a place at the National Championships in Sydney on the 1st of December.

Student Leadership

As the Principal, one of the most rewarding aspects of my role is participating in the election of Student Leaders. The process begins with students nominating themselves or being nominated by their peers, showcasing their commitment to leadership and service. Each candidate then prepares a leadership speech, a pivotal moment where they articulate their vision, values, and plans for the school community. These speeches are delivered in a special assembly, in the Dulap Wilim Hub, allowing teachers and students to hear and evaluate their potential leaders. This democratic process not only empowers students to have a voice in their school but also fosters a sense of responsibility and community. Witnessing the enthusiasm and dedication of our students during this process reaffirms my belief in the importance of nurturing future leaders.



Berry Street Education Model

Completing the first two domains of the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) has been a transformative journey for our school in Semester 2. In 2025, we will introduce several key strategies to enhance our students' readiness to learn. 'Ready to Learn Plans' will be implemented to help students identify and utilize personal strategies for self-regulation and focus. 'Ready to Learn Scales' will enable students to assess their emotional state and readiness, fostering greater self-awareness and responsibility. Additionally, mindfulness practices will be incorporated into daily routines to promote calmness and concentration. To keep students engaged and attentive, we will also introduce brain breaks, which are short, structured activities designed to refresh and re-energize students throughout the day. These initiatives aim to create a supportive and dynamic learning environment where every student can thrive.

Honouring Remembrance Day

On Monday 11th November 2024, Sunbury Heights will observe Remembrance Day. Staff and students will pause at 11:00am for a minute's silence to honour the service and sacrifice of those who have served in wars and peacekeeping operations. Our School Captains will represent the school at the Sunbury RSL Shrine of Remembrance for a wreath-laying service, paying tribute to those who have given their lives and those currently serving, especially in the Australian Defence Force on active deployment. Remembrance Day marks the end of the First World War in 1918, and the observance traditionally takes place at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Let's all take a moment to remember and express gratitude for the courage and sacrifices made by so many.



Christmas Raffle Donation

It's that wonderful time of year again, and we're excited to announce our Christmas Raffle! This year, each of our 19 classrooms will be creating a unique, themed prize basket, and we need your help to make this raffle a success. Each classroom has its own theme, which has been shared on Class Dojo. We encourage families to get creative and contribute fun items within their child's class theme. Have a chat with your child, brainstorm some ideas. All donations are due by Friday, 22nd November. *Tickets will be sent home late November.*



Raffle Draw Date: The raffle will be drawn at our School Concert on Tuesday 18th December.

Don't miss your chance to win one of these fantastic baskets!

Special Bonus: Every donation to our Christmas Raffle earns a FREE entry into the raffle!

When your child brings in a donation, please remind them to tick their name off with their teacher to confirm their entry. All funds raised from the Christmas raffle will go toward completing our beautiful Music Garden! The proceeds will help us add shade sails and bench seats, creating a brighter, more comfortable space for our students to enjoy. Let's come together and make this holiday season extra special! Your participation will help us reach our goal and make the Music Garden an amazing space for everyone. Thank you for your generosity and support in spreading holiday cheer!

\$400 School Bonus

From now until late November you will receive an email from the Department of Education with a link to an online system, where you can access the \$400 bonus. You will receive a separate email for each child enrolled in a government school. The \$400 School Saving Bonus is available for each child. That means a family with 3 school-aged children will receive a total of \$1,200. This one-off \$400 is to help Victorian families cover the costs of their kids' school uniforms, textbooks, excursions and activities. If you need to update your email address and/or your mobile number has changed, please contact the office to update your details by 15th November.



Italian Day at Sunbury Heights Primary School!

We're excited to announce that on Wednesday 27th November, SHPS will be celebrating Italian Day! Students are invited to dress up in Italian colours—green, white, and red—or as a famous Italian person, character, or food. It's a fun way to dive into Italian culture and celebrate with friends.

Throughout the day, students will participate in six engaging activities, rotating through different classes with their classmates to experience a

OPEN CLASSROOM

variety of Italian-themed events. We warmly invite families to join us in the classrooms during our Open Classroom sessions in the morning and afternoon:

•**Session 1:** 8:50 am to 9:40 am

•**Session 6:** 2:25 pm to 3:15 pm



Come be part of the festivities, enjoy the Italian spirit, and join in the fun with your child! We look forward to a vibrant, memorable Italian Day together.

Swimming / Water Safety Program

Our Foundation and Years 1/2 students will take part in an exciting and essential Water Safety Program this Term. This 5-day program, held at the Sunbury Aquatic Centre is designed to teach and reinforce important water safety skills. This program provides students with valuable water safety education, helping them build confidence and learn crucial skills for staying safe in the water. Each lesson will go for 45 minutes and is led by experienced instructors, ensuring a fun, safe, and supportive environment for all participants. Let's support in helping our young learners become more confident and capable around water. Families, please note that some lessons may overlap with lunchtime. To make it easier for students, we recommend packing a lunch and avoiding canteen orders during their swimming week.



Second-Hand Uniform Donations

If you have any school uniforms that your child has outgrown and are still in good condition, we'd love your help! Please consider donating these items to SHPS to help us support our school community. You can drop off any second-hand uniforms at the Office. We appreciate your help.



STUDENT OF

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FA	Koah H	For demonstrating the school values every day and coming to class prepared. Great stuff Koah!
FB	Astrid E	For staying focused, trying her best and showing very good growth in Numeracy. Well done Astrid!
FC	Orlando O	For improved focus during learning time. I am so impressed with how you are working! Keep it up!
1/2A	Eleanor S	For trying her best to complete work tasks to the best of her ability - Keep it up Eleanor!
1/2B	Ruby H	For writing a remarkable recount of her long weekend. Showing effort and care. Keep it up!
1/2C	Jasmine K	For putting in her best effort to write an interesting recount about her adventures during the long weekend. Well done Jasmine!
1/2D	Mason M	For being a friend to all and showing the school values both inside and outside of the classroom. Superb!
1/2E	Dartai E	For showing so much responsibility during our fire drill! I loved how well you showed our school values! Well done!
1/2F	Mya C	For her outstanding efforts brainstorming /sh/ words using the different spelling choices.
3/4A	Jean V	For consistently being a role model in 3/4A with her outstanding behaviour and incredible work ethic. Keep up the amazing work.
3/4B	Aniyah B	For showing great resilience and working well with her study buddy.
3/4D	Summer J	For consistently applying herself to her learning and always giving her best effort.
3/4E	Thomas D	For having a positive mindset when working on writing tasks this week. Great effort Tom.
5/6A	Alex P	For the kindness and support that he provides to his peers daily. Keep up the great work Alex!
5/6B	Michalis M	For making the most of every learning opportunity and striving to make connections and build his knowledge.
5/6C	Malakai P	For establishing working partners to work with a group to help develop his business ideas.
5/6D	Zavier B	For working cooperatively with his group when Building a Business in Inquiry.
5/6E	Seth C	For putting in dedication and an amazing effort all year in his learning.

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THE ARTS	Millie C 3/4D	For sculpting and painting a very cute pinch pot to look like the character Stitch.
ITALIAN	Jax W 3/4B	For correctly following the explanation for telling the time on a digital clock in Italian. Bravo.
PE	Kazyius J FB	For working hard in improving his throwing skills.
STEAM	Hyde E 3/4D	For focusing on the requirements of the task to complete his ozobot track with creative codes. Well done Hyde!
Heights Star of the Week	Willow S 1/2F	For consistently displaying the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Kindness.
Indigenous Deadly Award	Zoey C	For respecting others, the school rules and the environment.



**Sunbury Heights
Christmas Raffle
Donation Drive
Free Raffle Entry
For your donation**

Donations Due 22nd November