



HEIGHTS HEADLINES

Term 2 | Week 5 | 2025

NEWS

Education Week at Sunbury Heights

What a wonderful week we've had celebrating Education Week at SHPS! A huge thank you to all the families who visited classrooms on Tuesday to join in our special activities. Your presence made the day extra meaningful for our students and staff. Classrooms across the school were buzzing with creativity as students explored the theme "Celebrating Culture." Many classes designed & displayed colourful flags that represent their heritage or countries that are important to them. Students proudly shared greetings, items and stories connected to their backgrounds. It was truly heartwarming to see the rich diversity within our school community – with connections that span the globe! Thank you to the adults who joined in your support and involvement are always appreciated. On Wednesday, our school also participated in the National Simultaneous Story Time, reading this year's chosen book "The Truck Cat" – a beautiful story that reflects themes of connection to people, animals, land and home. It was a lovely way to come together and share the joy of storytelling. To wrap up our Education Week celebrations, students are invited to come in casual clothes tomorrow (Friday 23rd May) with the theme 'Everyone Belongs'. We encourage all students to wear a touch of purple to show unity and inclusivity as we celebrate the incredible and diverse community, we're part of here at Sunbury Heights.



EVENTS

Walking to School

We're encouraging all students to get active and join us for a fun and healthy start to the day as part of the 'Park It' Program! On Wednesday, 28th May, staff will be meeting students at Forrest Street Park in Sunbury & walking together to school. The walk will begin promptly at 8:25am. This initiative not only promotes healthy choices for our students but also helps reduce traffic congestion around the school and provides a great opportunity to practise safe road-crossing skills. Students thrive with a structured routine, and this is a wonderful way to start the morning. After the walk, we will head straight to the Dulap Wilim Hub for Breakfast Club, where students can fuel up and be ready to start the day. In addition, there is a survey for all Year 3 to 6 parents regarding how your child gets to school each day. We would love for all parents to complete this short survey. The link was sent via Class Dojo and Compass. For more information, see next page.

REMINDERS

Curriculum Contributions

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who have already contributed towards this year's Curriculum Contributions and student book packs. Your support helps ensure that our students have access to the best possible resources and learning experiences. These contributions are a vital part of our school funding. They allow us to purchase essential classroom materials, support engaging programs, and create learning environments where all students can thrive. If you haven't yet made your contribution, it's not too late! Payments can still be made at the school office or conveniently through your Compass app. Every contribution, makes a meaningful difference to what we can offer our students. The ongoing support from our community has a direct impact on what we can offer our students. Every bit of your involvement strengthens our school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

- ◆ 23 – Wear Purple Day
'Everyone Belongs'
- ◆ 26 – Year 3/4A, 3/4B & 3/4C
Melbourne Zoo Excursion
- ◆ 30 – Robotics – *Selected Students*

June

- ◆ 2 – Rugby Gala – *Selected Students*
- ◆ 2 – Year 3/4D, 3/4E & 3/4F
Melbourne Zoo Excursion
- ◆ 4 – Division Cross Country

Bell Times

8:50am Start of School
10:30am Recess
12:35 pm 1st Break
1:55pm 2nd Break
3:15pm Finish





is launching for our Sunbury Heights Primary School Community

Do you remember going on adventures as a child and walking to school?

Over the past 40 years, since you were young, children's walking and cycling to school has declined from 75% to 25%, today some experts suggest it may be as little as 15%!

In an effort to help more children to walk to school and embrace improved health and wellbeing, our Primary School is launching PARK IT ... **and your family is invited to participate!**

In term 2 2025, our School Community is trialling a new drop-off/pick-up point at Forrest Street Playground supported by a playful pathway to the school (encompassing walking routes to both the front and back entries) designed by our Grade 5/6 students – **SEE MAP >>>**

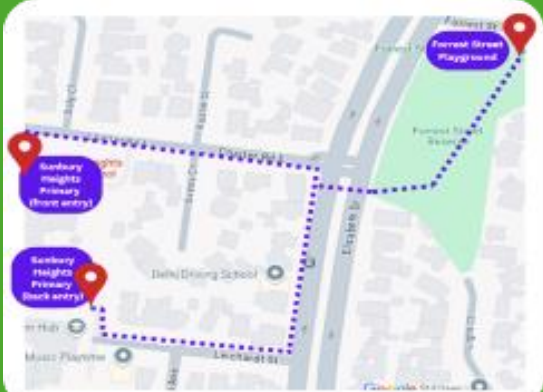
To help introduce our school families to the new pathway, our teachers will be attending Forrest Street Playground on the following times:

- **Tuesday 20 May from 3.15pm onwards** –
Departing from the school at 3.15pm (sharp)
- **Wednesday 21 May from 8.15am onwards** –
Departing for school at 8.20am (sharp)
- **Wednesday 28 May from 8.15am onwards** –
Departing for Breakfast club at 8.20am (sharp)
- **Wednesday 11 June from 8.15am onwards** –
Departing for school at 8.20am (sharp)

Please note that we will be departing for School (as a group) at **8.20am (sharp)** on our Three Wednesday mornings, if you would like your child/ren to participate, please ensure they arrive at Forrest Street playground prior to 8.20am.

What is Park IT?

Park IT is an active travel Initiative that provides car-dependent families with new drop-off/pick-up points within 1km from the school gate, alongside a new child-friendly pathway to get to school... **designed by our students!**



We kindly ask that everyone looks out for our children and broader community members when driving near our school, particularly when driving through the street crossing at Elizabeth Drive (**see map**) so we can look after everyone's safety and support a more active and healthy school community.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Duff 9744 3377.



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IMPORTANT – outside of these days/times, it is the continued responsibility of parents/carers to ensure children are safe when travelling to/from school, including when using this pathway.

Did you know...

Children who walk to school increase their awareness of local surroundings, developing a stronger sense of belonging in their community. **This sense of belonging is an important protective factor to grow childhood resilience.**



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

TERM 2

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FA	Jude R	For his fantastic presentation of his Australian flag during our Education Week open afternoon. His confidence in sharing his ideas to the class was outstanding. Well done!
FB	Kiana W	For writing cvc words by listening to the sounds in words and writing the corresponding letters. Great work!
FC	Cruden M	For an amazing effort with his phonics learning. It is so great to see you using your cued articulation prompts to support you in connecting the letters and sound! Keep it up!
FD	Zara C	For showing the School Values with her friends and always making sure everyone around her is happy. Amazing work Zara.
1/2A	Katarina J	For always coming to school with a positive attitude and giving everything her best efforts.
1/2B	Tom B	For showing kindness towards his classmates, by trying his best to help them when they are feeling sad or are hurt.
1/2C	Aayu K	For her amazing efforts in writing and using her phonics knowledge to help sound out words. Well done Aayu!
1/2D	Julienne L	For her persistence in completing her explanation of a butterfly life cycle during writing this week.
1/2E	Lucy S	For successfully using a number line to help solve addition number problems. Well done Lucy!
3/4A	James M	For applying himself to every task and showing improved listening.
3/4C	Tara B	For showing persistence when researching for her information report about giraffes. Well done Tara!
3/4D	Albert L	For showing Kindness to his classmates and always trying his best
3/4F	Harry C	For tremendous efforts towards his Numeracy. Great work Harry
5/6A	Bindi M	For her exceptional capabilities with resilience and work ethic. Bindi you are getting too clever!
5/6B	Toby M-B	For being a great role model to his peers, consistently showing the school values of Kindness, Respect and Responsibility.
5/6C	Lucy D	For always having a positive mindset with all areas of her learning.
5/6D	Tori S	For growing in confidence with her Maths skills and being able to help other students through their work!
5/6E	Chloe A	For her determination to do her best and having a fantastic mindset with completing all her work.
5/6F	Lyla M	For her hard work and dedication towards her narrative writing task. Great work Lyla!

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THE ARTS	Chloe S 1/2A	For getting 21/21 on her Peter and the Wolf character and instrument post-test, congratulations!
ITALIAN	Kianna W FB	For knowing how to count to 10 in Italian independently.
PE	Wyatt C 1/2D	For his determination and persistence in keeping the ball bouncing in Basketball.
STEAM	Kate B 3/4B	For consistently showing effort and perseverance in her coding tasks. Well done!
Heights Star of the week	Jaxon S 3/4A	For consistently displaying the school values of Kindness, Respect and Responsibility.
Indigenous Deadly Award	Wesley A FB	For being a responsible role model to others and always using his delightful manners.
Staff of the Week	Sharon R	For all her hard work at the hub to ensure Breakfast Club run smoothly each week.
Weekly Star Readers (Premiers Reading Challenge)	Abagail FC Priyanka 1/2C Zoey C 3/4C Niha 5/6C	These girls have collectively read 110 books so far this challenge!

☀️ Let's Celebrate Our Students! ☀️

Achievements Beyond the Classroom

Is your child reaching a special milestone in a sporting activity, club, or hobby outside of school?

We'd love to hear about it and celebrate it with our Sunbury Heights community!

🏆 Dance, Football, karate, swimming, scouts, music.

Whatever it is – we want to celebrate the amazing things our students achieve outside of school.

👉 If your child has something to share, please message Mrs Lewis on Class Dojo, and we'll proudly share their achievement at school!

Let's show just how talented and hardworking our students are – both at school and in the community!



Bring your kids, we supply the Lego (and tea & coffee)

This drop-in group session is for the builders! And is run by SNH volunteers/ parent volunteers (including yourselves!). Working with mixed Lego, let's encourage social connections, inspire creativity and most importantly, have fun!

All participants set up & pack up together and all equipment is provided. Caregiver participation is welcomed or just enjoy a cuppa while the kiddos create (caregivers must be present at all times). You're invited to contribute a piece of fruit to our group fruit snack.

Please let us know of any allergies at sign-in on the day. Severe allergy? Please phone ahead & let SNH staff know.

Who: Primary School Aged Children & their Parents/Caregivers

Where: Sunbury Neighbourhood House - Activity Room

Cost: Gold Coin Donation is Appreciated

Enrol: Sign in on the day

When: Tuesday's 3.30pm - 5pm Term 2 (Starting 29/4/25)



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Creation Station

Sunbury Library

Every Thursday during school Term 2, 2025

Starting May 1st until July 3rd

4.30-5.30pm

Explore your creativity with our afterschool program.

Book in for a different craft activity every week.

Great for children in school, ages 5 -12.

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Drop in for free personalised advice to:

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Bring along recent electricity, gas and water bills, and enjoy light snacks.

Wednesday 28 May, 10am - 2pm

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44 Macedon Street, Sunbury

You can speak to staff from Uniting Vic. Tas. Energy Support, Greater Western Water, the Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria, and Hume City Council's Home Energy Upgrades program.



Bookings are not essential but assist us in managing numbers. Drop in any time.

Register at www.hume.vic.gov.au/energy or scan the QR code.

