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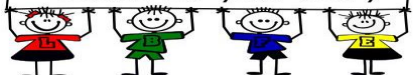


Sunbury Heights

Primary School

TERM 3

'Dates for your diary'



SEPTEMBER

Fri 5 th	Summer Sports – <i>Selected Students</i>
Mon 8 th	Whole School – AFL incursion
Mon 8 th	Foundation - Incursion
Tue 9 th	Year 5 Excursion
Fri 12 th	R U OK? Day
Tue 16 th	Division Athletics- <i>Selected Students</i>
Fri 19 th	End of Term – 2:30pm Finish

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



2025 Term Dates

- ◆ **Term 3:** 21 July – 19 September
- ◆ **Term 4:** 6 October – 19 December

Curriculum Days

- ◆ Monday 3 November 2025

2026 Term Dates

- ◆ Curriculum Days: 27th and 28th January 2026
- ◆ Years 1 to 6 Students Start 29th January 2026
- ◆ Foundation Students Start 2 February 2026
- ◆ Term 1: 27th January to Thursday 2nd April
- ◆ Term 2: 20th April to Friday 26th June
- ◆ Term 3: 13th July to Friday 18th September
- ◆ Term 4: 5th October to Friday 18th December

Term 3 – Week 7 – 4/09/2025

It's hard to believe that the school holidays are just around the corner — only two weeks away! This term has been absolutely packed with fun, learning, and so many special events that have brought our wonderful SHPS community together. First, a huge thank you to all the parents, carers, and families who supported our Book Week Parade last Thursday. We were blown away by the creativity, effort, and excitement that went into every costume. From clever characters to colourful classics, our students and staff had the best time celebrating the joy of reading together. Congratulations to all our prize winners — but really, the biggest win of the day was seeing our whole school community celebrating a shared love of books. And tonight is another highlight on our calendar — our Father's Day Celebration! We've prepared plenty of sausages, plus a special treat with an ice cream truck and a coffee van to keep everyone happy. This evening is all about celebrating the wonderful dads, stepdads, granddads, uncles, and special people who play such an important role in shaping the lives of our students. Your care, guidance, and support make a world of difference — Sunday is your day, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

We want to give a special shout-out to our amazing Parents and Friends (P&F) Committee. The hours they dedicate — organising, fundraising, setting up, packing down — make these events possible and truly memorable for our students and families. This year's Father's Day Raffle features 13 incredible prizes, all generously donated by local Sunbury and surrounding businesses. We deeply appreciate the kindness and support of our local community. The raffle will be drawn towards the end of the day, so fingers crossed! We've made sure to cater for everyone — vegan and gluten-free options are available — so come along, grab a delicious sausage, and create some cherished memories with your loved ones.



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.



Music Garden

Behind the scenes, our P&F Committee have also been hard at work on a very special project: the final touches of our Music Garden. With new shade sails now being installed, this vibrant area — already loved by our students for almost two years — is nearing completion. The Music Garden is more than just a play space; it is a memorial to Ms. Mel Brand, our much-loved staff member and friend to all, who sadly lost her battle with cancer in 2022. All funds raised through special days, including Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, have gone directly into making this project a reality — a lasting gift to our school and a tribute to someone who made such a difference in our community. We are incredibly proud of everything we have achieved together this term. Our students are learning, laughing, and thriving — and it's thanks to the combined effort of families, staff, and our amazing community. Let's enjoy these last two weeks of Term 3, celebrate all we've accomplished, and look forward to a well-earned break!



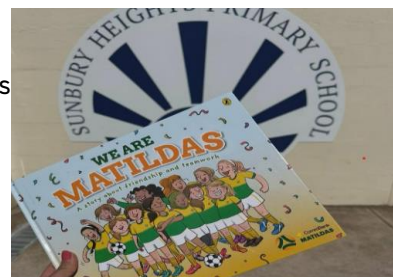
A Week of Inspiration, Culture, Sport at SHPS

What an incredible week we've had at Sunbury Heights, filled with learning, laughter, and plenty of excitement as we look ahead to more great events in the days to come. Earlier this week, we were honoured to welcome Shelley Ware for a very special incursion. Shelley — a proud media personality, author, and



educator — generously shared stories about her life, her deep connection to Country, and her journey as both an author and teacher. She spoke openly about the challenges she faced growing up and how her passion and determination shaped the inspiring career she enjoys today. Her message of resilience, culture, and following your dreams truly resonated with our students and staff. It was an uplifting and thought-provoking session that left our whole school community inspired and grateful for the opportunity to learn from her journey. Adding to the week's energy and celebration of culture, our Year 1/2 students

took part in a vibrant, hands-on African Drumming Incursion. From the very first beat, the room was alive with rhythm, movement, and smiles as students explored percussion, teamwork, and cultural traditions through the universal language of music. The experience encouraged creativity, cooperation, and confidence, giving students a joyful way to connect with rhythm and storytelling. It was truly a day to remember — full of fun, learning, and lots of drumming!



Looking ahead, the excitement continues with Summer Sports this Friday, 5th September. Selected Year 5 & 6 students will represent SHPS as they compete against other Sunbury schools in, Basketball and Volleyball at Boardman Stadium, Lawn Bowls at Club Sunbury and Tennis at Sunbury Lawn Tennis Club. We know our talented athletes will display fantastic teamwork, determination, and SHPS pride. Good luck, teams!

And then, on Monday, 8th September, it's time to show your team colours for our much-loved Footy Colours Day! Students are invited to wear their favourite Footy, Soccer, or Rugby colours and enjoy a day of sport-filled fun. This year's event is extra exciting — the AFL Inflatable Roadshow will be in attendance, bringing along 6 inflatables for students to enjoy and show their skills in a fun environment. The cost for the day is \$13 and permission can be completed via Compass. Don't forget — Special Lunch is also happening on Monday, making the day even more of a treat! It's been a week of inspiration, creativity, and cultural connection at SHPS, and with even more to look forward to, we can't wait to see our students continue to learn, grow, and enjoy every opportunity that comes their way.

Stay Sun Smart – Hats On from September

With warmer weather on the way, it's time to think Sun Smart! From the beginning of September, all students are required to wear their school hats during outdoor activities.

As a proud Sun Smart school, we take protecting our students from harmful UV rays seriously — even on cloudy days.

Please make sure your child's hat:

- Is clearly labelled with their name
- Is packed in their school bag every day
- Fits comfortably and securely

Together, let's keep our students safe while enjoying all the fun the sunshine brings!

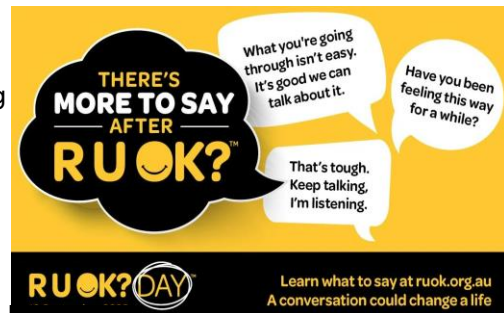


R U OK? Day – Let's Check In, SHPS

Next Friday, 12th September, SHPS will proudly join the nationwide conversation for R U OK? Day, a special day dedicated to encouraging everyone to check in with those around them and ask a simple, powerful question: "Are you OK?"

At its heart, R U OK? Day is about connection. It reminds us that sometimes the smallest actions — like a warm conversation — can make the biggest difference in someone's life. Whether it's a classmate, teacher, parent, friend, or neighbour, taking the time to ask how someone is going can open the door to comfort, care, and even life-changing support. Here are some simple ways to start the conversation:

Ask the question: A gentle, genuine "Are you OK?" can show someone that you care and that they're not alone. Listen with empathy: You don't have to fix their problems — sometimes just listening without judgement can be exactly what they need. Encourage action: If they're struggling, offer help by suggesting they talk to someone they trust or do something that might help them feel better. Check in again: A follow-up message or chat days later shows you care and reminds them that support is ongoing, not just a one-off. At SHPS, we believe in looking out for each other — not just on R U OK? Day, but every day. Together, let's keep building a community where kindness, care, and courage shine through in the way we look after one another.



Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey 2025

We invite parents to 'Have Your Say' in our 2025 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. At Sunbury Heights, we know that strong partnerships between home and school are at the heart of student success. That's why we're inviting parents, caregivers, and guardians to share their voices in the 2025 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. Your opinions matter. The feedback you provide helps us: Understand how families feel about our school's climate and culture. Gain insights into student behaviour, engagement, and wellbeing. Plan for continued growth and improvement in the areas that matter most to you and your children. This is your chance to help shape the future of SHPS. The survey is: Online for easy to access from any device and is anonymous, so your responses remain confidential. The survey will close on Friday, 19 September 2025. Click this link (or copy and paste into your browser):

<https://research.orima.com/parent> Select: **School Name:** Sunbury Heights Primary School Enter the **School PIN: 678364**. We strongly encourage every family to participate. Your voice helps us celebrate what's working well and identify where we can do better — together. Let's make Sunbury Heights the very best place for every student to learn, grow, and thrive.

Review and Update Your Child's Enrolment Details

Last week, we sent home a printed copy of your child's enrolment details — the personal and family information we currently have recorded on our system. This information is vital to the daily running of our school, as well as for ensuring that your child is safe, supported, and has access to everything they need at SHPS. We'd like to thank the many families who have already reviewed and returned their forms. Your prompt response is greatly appreciated and makes a big difference to how efficiently we can keep our records accurate. For families who haven't yet returned their forms, please take a few minutes to carefully:

- **Check all personal details** — including your child's name, address, date of birth, and emergency contacts.
- **Confirm parent/carer contact numbers and email addresses** — so we can reach you quickly when needed.
- **Review medical and allergy information** — to ensure we have the latest details to keep your child safe.
- **Update parent employment details** — this is particularly important as it assists with school funding allocations. Accurate, up-to-date employment details can help ensure our school receives the appropriate level of government funding and support for programs, learning resources, and facilities.

Even if there are no changes, we ask that families **sign and return** the form to confirm the information is correct.

Please return the updated (or confirmed) forms to the school office as soon as possible. Your support in keeping our records current not only helps us communicate with you effectively but also ensures SHPS continues to receive the resources it needs to provide the best possible learning environment for all students.



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THE WEEK

WEEK 7

FA	Jaylen F	For your AMAZING Teddy Bear's Picnic recount - making sure to extend your writing - Fantastic!
FB	Amber G	For consistently displaying our school value of respect and having a positive mindset towards her learning!
FC	Indi D	For amazing growth when decoding, blending and reading aloud. It's great to see your progress. Well done!
FD	Aodhan M	For improving on his reading and challenging himself to read long vowel sounds. Well done Aodhan!
1/2A	Parker M-B	For being responsible for his learning by attempting tasks confidently.
1/2B	James W	For showing lots of creativity when writing his narrative! Well done.
1/2D	Jack B	For continuing to show persistence in Writing and Reading. You have done such a great job, keep it up!
1/2E	Isabelle H	For showing the SHPS values of respect, responsibility and kindness whilst at the African drum's incursion this week.
3/4A	Chelsea P	For sharing her knowledge about the segmenting strategy for spelling words.
3/4B	Summer J	For demonstrating excellence in learning and consistently giving her best effort in writing.
3/4C	River Z	For showing resilience and perseverance in learning division this week!
3/4D	Evelyn G	For a thoughtful and interesting Genius Hour question.
3/4E	Maddison B	For writing a great fable and explaining what the moral is.
3/4F	Sebastian G	For his positive attitude towards multiplication and division learning.
5/6A	Tate H	For showing responsibility during learning time.
5/6B	Tekyida T	For showing amazing growth and confidence in your learning. Well done and keep up the hard work!
5/6C	Jasmine B-S	For following instructions when setting out her work in Numeracy which is helping to support her learning. Great work Jasmine.
5/6D	Kaylee G-D	For her amazing growth in reading and trying hard across all learning areas! Well done Kaylee!
5/6E	Ash Odering	For demonstrating great determination with his learning, even when challenged. Keep up the amazing work Ash!
5/6F	Logan Gilpin	For showing a growth mindset to complete challenging Multiplication and Division questions. Well done!

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THE ARTS	Oliver C-G 3/4A	For writing Ms Smith a lovely note and giving her a gift after hearing about what happened to the Arts Room, demonstrating kindness and empathy. Thank you!
ITALIAN	Jack B 1/2D	For his creativity when drawing his own special pet using different body parts from pets taught in Italian.
STEAM	Georgia M & Abby W 1/2E	For packing away all our technology at the end of the lesson without being asked to. Thank you for showing wonderful responsibility!
Heights Star of the week	Bobby N 1/2C	For consistently demonstrating the school values of Respect, Responsibility and Kindness
Indigenous Deadly Award	Isaac M FC	For being an upstander when he noticed others were not being kind.
Staff of the Week	Mrs Lewis	For organising amazing sporting opportunities for our school.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY



Monday September 8th, 2025

AFL Roadshow Inflatables - \$13

Footy Lunch - Sausage in bread,
jam donut and a can \$6**

**Will be available to order on Compass.

Students are invited to wear their
Footy/Rugby/Soccer colours

