



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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NOVEMBER		2015	
Tuesday 25 th November	State Rugby Finals Selected Students	Tuesday 27 th January	Whole School Backpack Sales 8am-4pm
Tuesday 25 th November	2015 Prep Transition 2.15pm-3.15pm	Wednesday 28 th January	Whole school Pupil Free day
Thursday 27 th November	Prep Aquarium Excursion	Thursday 29 th January	Whole school Pupil Free day
Friday 28 th November	Casual Clothes Day Gold Coin Donation	Friday 30 th January	Students from grades 3-6 begin school and attend full time. Prep students and 1/2 students testing by appointment
DECEMBER		Monday 2 nd February	Students from Grades 1 and 2 begin school and attend full time
Friday 5 th December	Prep – 2 Athletics More details to follow	Monday 2 nd – Wednesday 4 th February	Students from Grades 1-2 begin school and attend full time. Prep students testing by appointment.
Monday 8 th December	School Council – 6.30pm	Thursday 5 th February	Prep Students attend fulltime.
Tuesday 9 th December	Whole School Transition	<p>Christmas tree decorating at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre</p> <p>Our grade 3's and 4's have made some fantastic decorations for a Christmas tree at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre. Next Monday, 24th of November, any grade 3's or 4's who would like to help decorate the tree can meet Mrs Caddaye at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre at 4pm. Students will need to be supervised by a parent or carer during this time.</p> <p>Jenny Caddaye (art teacher)</p> 	
Thursday 11 th December	Whole School Backpack Sales 8am-4pm		
Friday 12 th December	Thankyou Morning Tea –by invitation		
Monday 15 th December	Junior School Council 'Dress Up Day' More details to follow		
Tuesday 16 th December	Grade 6 Graduation More details to follow		
Tuesday 16 th December	Class parties for Prep, Grades 1 & 2		
Wednesday 17 th December	Prep – 2 Concert More details to follow		
Wednesday 17 th December	Report to go home		
Friday 19 th December	END OF SCHOOL YEAR 1.30PM DISMISSAL		

A Message from Kerry Hicks (Business Manager)



Did you know you can pay your school account directly into the school's bank account? Transferring \$5.00 weekly/fortnightly into your account (layby system) really adds up over the year.

When excursions, camps, etc come up, the money sitting in your account is then credited off the charge. If you are interested, please contact Kerry Hicks.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP)

This week I have completed an application form for funding to have a chaplain appointed to Sunbury Heights. Sunbury Downs Secondary College, Sunbury College and Goonawarra Primary School all have chaplains at their schools. The feedback from my colleagues and from my interaction with the chaplains at the school and particularly David (the chaplain) from SDSC suggests that a chaplain is a valued resource that contributes much to the welfare of the students and to the school community as a whole. The NSCP is a Commonwealth-funded programme that will provide funding over four years (2015-18) for the employment of chaplains in

Victorian schools. The aim of the NSCP is to support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community. They work closely with wellbeing and allied health staff in schools to support students and their educational outcomes, staff, families and the wider school community. Chaplains in government schools are guided by the Department's Principles for Health and Wellbeing which underpin effective professional practice to promote and support optimal health, wellbeing and educational outcomes for students. If we were successful in our application we would receive a \$20,000 grant. As a school we would need to raise approximately another \$6000 dollars. The other local schools have a chaplaincy fund and parents contribute to this in many ways. If we are successful in our application we will consider the many ways we can raise the additional funds.

Shade Sails

Thank you to the school community for supporting the Parents and Friends fundraising endeavors. The funds raised have contributed to the purchase of the sun shades for the big playground. The shelters will be erected over the January school holidays.

Students Inappropriate Messages on Social Media

Over the last week the teachers and I are dealing with issues in regard to inappropriate usage of social media by some of our grade 5 students in particular. The problem seems to be mainly around rumour spreading and inappropriate and intimidating comments. Please ensure that you are following the rules and recommendations around use of social media by underage children. The main precaution as I see it is to have the children use their iPad, iphone and computer in an area that is frequented and supervised by adults.

A Message from DEECD about Cyber Safety

Social media is more accessible than ever – with the rise of smartphones and tablets, it has never been easier to jump online.

For young people, it means being more connected than any other generation – friends are never more than a tweet away.

Unfortunately this has also led to a rapid increase in cyberbullying – to the point that at least one in 10 children are cyberbullied each year.

Cyberbullying can be very different from traditional bullying, and many parents can feel ill-equipped to respond if their child is being cyberbullied.

Susan McLean a former police officer and Australia's leading cyber safety expert, said even if parents have no experience with social media, by following a few basic steps, parents can effectively support their children to be safe online.

Parenting in the 21st century requires you to be able to parent in the digital space,' Ms McLean said. 'Technology is firmly entrenched in our lives and that of our children so we need the tools to deal with issues as they arise.

'It's really important that if your child is being cyberbullied, you don't cut them off from social media and take their technology away - the vast majority of kids won't tell a parent if they are bullied and harassed online for fear of losing access. They would much rather put up with the bad to keep the good.'

Ms McLean said when confronted with their child being cyberbullied, parents should follow the cyberbullying quick response checklist:

- Reassure and comfort
- Don't respond
- Block and delete bully
- Report to the site
- Keep a copy
- Tell school (or relevant place) and seek action
- If ongoing inform police
- Support your child as they have done nothing wrong

Coming to and From School Safely

This week we have reminded students about how to walk safely to and from school.

- Walk home with groups of family or friends.
- If called over by anyone in a car that you do not know don't approach car
- Cross at the crossing
- Wear your bike helmet
- Don't go home with any friends from school without letting mum or dad know

A message from Leah,Charlotte and Jack Price's mum

I have been thinking about teeth quite a bit over the past couple of days after my daughter Charlotte's accident. So much, that I've prepared a flyer that I'm really hoping you may be able to attach to the school newsletter. I don't think many parents are aware that the Sunbury Community Health Centre offer dental services free for Health Care card holders and discounted appointments for those without. I was only made aware of them a year or two ago, and think if just one child has an appointment that they may not have had before - the printing costs of the flyer would definitely be worthwhile. I personally have used their services for Jack & Charlottes check-ups and the staff were lovely, and I paid half that of a private dentist. Personally, I had never been to a dentist growing up, due to the fact that my parents simply could not afford it. I'm sure there are other children in the same situation, and so hope their parents are made aware of the great benefits available, as teeth are so important.

Child Dental Benefits Schedule for 2 – 17 Year Olds

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule is a new child dental benefits programme. It gives eligible children access to up to \$1000 in benefits per child for dental services over two consecutive calendar years.

If your child doesn't use the full \$1000 for dental services in the first year, they can use the balance in the second year if they're still eligible. You don't need to register for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. Eligible families and teenagers will get a letter from the Australian Government. The letter will generally be sent to the person receiving the government payment.

To be eligible a child must be:

- Aged between 2 and 17 for at least 1 day of the calendar year
- eligible for Medicare and
- for at least 1 day of the calendar year the child's parent, carer or guardian receives; Family Tax Benefit Part A or Parenting payment.

How to use the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

1. You can confirm your child's eligibility and balance amount by accessing your Medicare online account at myGov.com.au or calling the Medicare general enquiries line on 132 011.
2. Make an appointment with either a private or public dental provider and let them know you are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.
3. At the time of the appointment, the dental provider must discuss your child's treatment and any associated costs with you before providing the services. After this has been discussed, you will need to sign a consent form.
4. When the dental provider has provided the services agreed for your child, they will either bulk bill you or charge you for the services. If they charge you, you need to pay the account and claim the benefit through us.

SUNBURY COMMUNITY HEALTH – 12-28 Macedon Street Sunbury PH: (03) 9744 4455

Did you know there is a public dental service available at the Sunbury Community Health Centre?

Children General Treatment (0–12 years):

Without a Health Care Card or Pension Card – \$31.50 per child for a course of care (excluding emergency appointments). Fees per family will not exceed \$126.

Children General Treatment (0–17 years):

With a current Health Care Card or Pension Card – no fee.

Children Emergency Treatment (0–17 years):

No fee.

Adult General Treatment (18+):

\$26.50 per visit per course of care (no more than \$106 per course of care).

With a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

Adult Emergency Treatment (18+):

\$26.50 per visit.

With a current Health Care Card or Pension Card.

GREAT OFFER FROM P.S.W. (Uniform Shop)

P.S.W.is currently running a 5% off promotion, which runs until December 13, 2014.

This promotion is a great opportunity for parents to prepare early for the 2015 school year and help to relieve some of the pressure placed on families in January's 'Back-to-School-Period'.

EMA Changes 2015

In 2014 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) was made available to families in need to support the costs associated with education. The final payment for the 2014 EMA was made in August 2014. Parents will **not** be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

In place of EMA, money has been allocated to eligible schools. Sunbury Heights is an eligible school.

At Sunbury Heights Primary School we are committed to ensuring our students receive fair and equitable educational opportunities. As such, the school is currently in the process of considering funding supplied through the core operational funding mechanism and the ways in which families in need can be supported. It is anticipated that families with a valid health care card as of the 27th of January, 2015 will still be able to access support from the school in a form that is yet to be decided.

Stuck On You – Labels and Gifts Fundraiser

With the Christmas holidays just around the corner it's time to start thinking about the 2015 school year. Stuck on you offers labels for all your school labelling needs from clothing, hats and drink bottles to pencils and books, an investment that will save you money as you are not needing to replace lost items. It's a perfect way to support your child's school while saving yourself time and money.

Simply purchase the products you require at their online store and make sure you enter the code that is on the attached flyer so that Sunbury Heights can receive up to 20% Commission on all orders which will go towards our 2015 fundraising efforts.

Thank you from

The Parents and Friends Committee

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
PREP K	Linh Nguyen	For being more confident in class and loving to learn new things.
1/2R	Jaxon Cias	For being able to spell 100 MIOOW words.
1/2H	James Cias	For writing in paragraphs.
3/4Y	Eden Verlaque	For being a great class captain and role model especially with Home learning.
3/4d	Nikita Johns	For completing her PM readers!
5P	Natarsha Maddox	For always putting in 100%.
5A	Kristen Matenga	For always being a quiet and polite student.
ART	Jaymee Nunn	For always following instructions in Art.
SCIENCE	Luke Grose	For an excellent explanation of how a helicopter flies.
Mrs ADAMS	PREP K & PREP L	For working co-operatively in teams.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 23rd November
Lizzy Faato, Alex Hazelman, Brodie Manton

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

ISSUE 8

DUE BACK – Monday 24th November 2014

Thank you for supporting our issue 7 Book Club, we had \$413.00 in sales and raised \$83.00 in commission to buy new books for the library.

If your child would like to make a purchase, please fill out the order form on the back of the brochure you are ordering from. If you are ordering from a few brochures, please fill out each order form and place in an envelope with correct money marked Scholastic Book Club.

If you would like to pay by credit card, payments can be made online at www.scholastic.com.au/payment or free call 1800557908 with your credit card details. Please make sure you record your 11 digit receipt number on the back of your order form. You only need to make one credit card payment for all your order forms.

This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping and purchase quality books at reasonable prices.

Thanking you
Bev McIntyre

SCHOOL BANKING

- Remember School Banking is **Tuesday**
- You can bank as much as you like every week, School Banking is about frequency not value.
- Every time a student makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmite token. Once they have individually collected 10 tokens they can be redeemed for an exclusive Dollarmite reward item shown below.
- Open your child's account at The Commonwealth Bank (any branch)
- If your child already has a YOUTHSAVER account at home simply bring that in on banking day and hand to their teacher with their \$ safely enclosed inside

2014 Rewards



2014 reward items include a:

- Handball
- Scented Pencils
- Penguin and Dolphin Keyrings
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Tin Moneybox
- Swimming Bag
- Projector Cup
- Sea Streamers

*Any questions please call our local School Banking Specialist,
Rachel Manlio / Rachel.manliol@cba.com.au*



Sunbury Heights Primary School Cookbook:

We still have copies of our Sunbury Heights' Recipe Book for sale. With Christmas just around the corner, why not consider buying one or more copies for family and friends. The recipe book features great recipes provided by our school community. The Community Health Centre has included tips for healthy eating and each cookbook costs only \$10. The recipe books are spiral bound for easy use. The photos in the recipe book were all taken at Sunbury Heights by a professional photographer and are a delight to look at. The books are a great gift for grandparents and perfect for all those people who are difficult to buy for. The entire \$10 from the sale of each recipe book goes directly to Sunbury Heights to support our kids. It's a great way to support our school as well as a way to cross a few names off your Christmas list! Recipe books are available at the school office or money can be sent to your child's classroom in an envelope with details clearly labelled. Please spread the word and thanks for your support!



CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

3rd Sunbury Scout Group

Freshly cut Christmas Trees from \$40

**Miller St Scout Hall: Sat. 6th & Sun. 7th Dec
Sat. 13th Dec**

Delivery available

To pre order trees contact Steven 0412 104 008 or Mike 0419 810 727

or online <http://www.3rdsunburyscouts.org.au/component/rsform/form/3-xmas-trees-order>

Tradition Special

For those who wish to put up the Xmas Tree on 1st December 2014.

You must order by 26 November 2014.

All trees to be delivered (included in special price) by our Xmas helpers.

