



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

EVERY CHILD - EVERY OPPORTUNITY - HELPING CHILDREN SHINE

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AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Book Week (more information to follow)	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Prep - CFA School Visit
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Prep - Ambulance Talk 9am - 11am	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Father's Day Stall Gifts from \$1 to \$8
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Grade 1/2 Maths Information Night for Parents Only NO CHILDREN - 6.30pm-7.30pm	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Grade 5/6 Summer Sport
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Sausage Sizzle to celebrate Book Week. (more information to follow)	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	School Council Meeting - 6.30pm Prep - Fire Station Visit Hume Division Athletic (selected students)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Grade 1/2 Library Visit 9am-12.30pm	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Choir of Hard Knocks Selected Students
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Grade 6 Weekaway Camp...	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Prep Excursion Essendon Traffic School
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Literacy and Numeracy Week	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Grade 5/6 and selected Grade 4 students Rugby Gala Day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Prep - Post Box Walk	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>LAST DAY TERM 3 2.30pm DISMISSAL</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Casual Clothes Day - Gold coin donation Proceeds to World Vision		

## 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 me.



## REMINDER

**Snax Lolly Fundraiser...orders due back tomorrow 22/8/2014.**

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Rebecca Danaher on her up and coming wedding this Saturday. At Monday's assembly we passed on our best wishes to Bec and her fiancé Wayne. Rebecca will travel overseas on her honeymoon and be absent from school until the last week of this term.

Jenny Adams will take Prep D until Rebecca's return.

### Book Week Happenings

Monday saw our students excitedly visiting other classrooms as part of our Book Week celebrations. In line with the Book Week theme, "Connect to Reading ~ Reading to Connect", students were read a story before completing a related activity. The stories were selected from those short listed for the 2014, Australian Children's Book of the Year Award.

The children were very enthusiastic and eagerly listened to the stories. It was fantastic to hear so many of the kids making connections between the stories, themselves, other books and the world around them.

These pictures show some of the giraffes by students after hearing the story, 'The Short Giraffe' in Mrs Pianura's classroom. We were able to take a 'perfect' family photo with our giraffes.

Students and staff all thoroughly enjoyed the event, and we are looking forward to seeing more celebrations of literature around the school.

A big thank you to all those involved in organising the students and the event itself.



### **The next Connection : Reading at Home**

Here at Sunbury Heights we are working with you and your child to support them as they learn to read.

While your child is learning to read, they are also learning to understand what they are reading and relating this to their everyday experiences. This isn't as easy as it sounds, so it will take time and practice.

So reading has two aspects - being able to recognise many common words but also being able to make sense of what we are reading.

We know that you are keen to help your child learn to read and we are often asked how you can help your child become a successful reader and is there more that you can do besides hearing your child read.

**The answer is yes.** Please continue to hear your child read as that is helping them to develop a big collection of words that they can instantly read.

**While you are listening, stop your child and ask what they think will happen next or what they think of what the character is doing. Help them to learn other words to have besides "happy", "sad".**

### **1/2 Maths Information Session**



Thank you to Ms Harding for organising a night full of activities that helped explain to our 1/2 parents how we teach number concepts to our students. Ms Harding, Mrs Ross and Miss Portelli showed the equipment, games and strategies that we use to develop the numeracy skills of our students. They also explained how parents may be able to use this information at home to support learning. The photos accompanying the article show how engaged the adult learners were, and feedback from



those who attended suggests that they are keen for Ms Harding to organise a similar evening in the not too distant future.

### **Week Away Here We Come**

Our camping program continues next week with our grade 6 students off to "Week Away". The students will be accompanied by Miss Ratkowski, Mrs Langmaid, Mr O'Keefe, Mrs McIntyre and Miss Morcom. Camp is a valuable experience for students but a tiring one for the staff who attend; they are on duty 24 hours a day, away from their own families and I thank them on your behalf for their willingness to give our year 6 students this experience.

### **Strengthening Communication**

Thank you to the parents who contacted the school on Tuesday to check about the situation that required lockdown. The course of events that we took was because the safety of the children is our top priority. There has been feedback about ways that we could have informed the parent community about the situation and to alleviate any concerns parents may have about the safety of their children.

In order to strengthen our communication we will begin to use more regularly the TIQBIZ app that you can download onto your phone, tablet or computer. This app will allow us to send out a range of messages to small groups within the school or to the whole school community if necessary. If you haven't already downloaded the app we will send more information home soon.

### **Measles**

The DEECD have advised me to let the parent community know that three students have tested positive for measles at an Essendon school and a further two have suspected cases of the highly infectious diseases. The outbreak reinforces the importance of ensuring all children are vaccinated against infectious diseases. If your child shows any symptoms – such as fever, runny nose, cough or rash please see your GP as soon as possible. When enrolling a child at Sunbury Heights it is each parent's responsibility to provide an immunisation status certificate.

Attached to this newsletter is a Better Health Channel fact Sheet about measles.

### **Transition to Secondary College News**

Do you have a child with a disability about to move from primary to secondary school?

New information and advice is available to support children and young people with additional or complex needs that arise from disability or difficulties in learning transition from primary to secondary school. Transitioning from primary to secondary school can present a significant change and adjustment in the lives of children and young people and for their parents, carers or guardians.

The new resource provides a framework for transitioning students, a suggested timeline for key planning activities and links to additional information. Find out more information here:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/diversity/Pages/transtosecondary.aspx>

### Cybersmart Presentation

The presentation is conducted by a Cybersmart trainer provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of Cybersmart initiatives. There is no charge.

Where: Kismet Park Primary School

When: 6:30pm on Thursday 28th of August, 2014

RSVP: Friday 22nd August 97444566

### World Vision Fund Raiser

Come and watch a movie at lunch time at Sunbury Heights

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

1.30pm

Monsters University

50c entry

And buy a slinky apple for 20c as your movie snack.

Presented by 3/4DeYoung


### Term 3 Library News

During the cold winter months Mrs McIntyre will open the library at both recess and lunch. Students must finish eating before heading into the library.

### 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 reward items include a:

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

### 2014 Rewards



Any questions please call our local School Banking Specialist;  
Rachel Manlio / [Rachel.manlio@cba.com.au](mailto:Rachel.manlio@cba.com.au)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 24th August  
Keira Hall-Teuma, Corey Byron, Hannah Watkins, Chloe Turk

Grade	Student	Reason
PREP K	Andrew Woods	For writing a fantastic sentence about paramedics.
PREP D	Jaxon Verma	For his great effort in making letters with his body.
1/2R	Evan Woolford-Fleming	For being able to spell 200 mioow words.
1/2P	Skye Atkinson	For great work in maths!
1/2H	Jaxson Jones-Moore	For trying hard with maths problems.
3/4Y	Madison Shaw-Barton Riley Woolford-Grinham	For being great chook monitors and smiling beautifully for the newspaper.
3/4K	Brodie Manton	For showing a kind heart towards other students.
5P	Chloe Spiteri	For working hard on improving her reading and passing all of the PM levels.
ART	Esneya Banda	For showing kindness and consideration towards others.
SCIENCE	Ethan Rooney	For being a thorough scientist.
Mrs Dexter	Brodie Corcoran	For helping others and trying his best on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> .

Auskick have organised a Shopping Tour fundraising event with “**Tartan Tours**”. We are hoping to raise funds to buy our Auskick centre some new equipment for next season. We receive 8% of money spent on the day.



**When:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

**Time:** Departs Sunbury Kangaroos Clubrooms (Oval 3 Boardman Reserve - Mitchells Lane) at 7.30am and returns at approx 6.30pm

**Costs:** \$70.00 per person **(Adults only no children please)**

These prices include Coach, Driver, Hostess; Home baked morning and afternoon tea, 2 course restaurant meal, complimentary iced water, sweets and nuts.

Free Shopping bags supplied and everyone receives a price in the lucky draw.

Examples of places we could go are:

- \* Kids Clothing
- \* Makeup/Lotions
- \* Books
- \* Toys
- \* Mens clothing
- \* Gifts – Homeware
- \* Leather Goods
- \* Ladies fashions
- \* AND LOTS, LOTS MORE**

If you are interested in coming along and joining the fun with us please fill out the form below with names of people attending and a \$35 deposit. **Full payment will be due by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2014.**

Any queries please contact Kylie Gifford on 9746-3338 or 0448440075 or [kyliejifford@bigpond.com](mailto:kyliejifford@bigpond.com)

**Sunbury Heights Primary School YEARBOOKS for sale.**

Did you miss out on buying a Sunbury Heights Primary School Yearbook?

We still have stock available from the last 4 years.

If you would like to buy a yearbook please enclose the correct money in an envelope with students name, grade and the year you would like to buy.

Please refer to the pricing and copies available below.

YEAR	Copies available	Price
2013	26	\$5.00 each
2012	39	\$2.00 each
2011	82	\$2.00 each
2010	66	\$2.00 each



***We Need You!***

Sunbury Basketball is looking for new players of all ages, both boys and girls from 6 to 18.

All players are welcome and if you've never played before we'll teach you how! It's a great way to participate in a family-orientated team sport, learn new skills, get fit, be active, make new friends and have lots of fun.

Games for Under 8 and Under 10 age groups are played after school on Tuesday or Wednesday. Age groups from Under 12 to 18 play on Saturday.

New season starts term 4. New players are welcome any time.

For more information contact Sunbury Basketball by email: [executive@sunburybasketball.com.au](mailto:executive@sunburybasketball.com.au)

Please advise interested player's name and DOB as well as contact phone number/s

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