



# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

## March

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal</b>
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## May

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>District Cross Country Selected Students</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Photos</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grade 6 Shrine Excursion More details to follow</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cultural Infusion - Whole School Incursion More details to follow.</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open Night</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2016 Prep Information Day Session</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2016 Prep Information Night Session</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Prep Farm Excursion More details to follow</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grade 3/4 Ship Excursion More details to follow</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Grade 5/6 Winter Sports</b>

## April

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Term 2 Begins</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5/6 Stepping Up Evening</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SHPS 3-6 Cross Country</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Premiers Reading Challenge Launch</b>

## Payments

Payments can be made directly into the school's bank account? Transferring \$5.00 weekly/fortnightly into your account (layby system) really adds up over the year and when payment is required this money is credited off the charge.

If you have questions or concerns regarding paying for school activities please see Kaye or Kerry Hicks.

## NEWS AND INFORMATION

Here we are at the end of First Term...it's been a very busy and productive term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the holidays.

I would like to thank the staff for all they have done to ensure the term ran smoothly and their commitments to delivering programs and experiences to further enrich our students' learning.

Sunbury Heights has always had strong connections with the parents, extended family members and friends of the students at our school. We believe when our school and our families work together the children do better and our school improves.

As Term One draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their support of the school and to thank the people who have freely given of their time and for all your efforts in and around the school.

This term we have had

- volunteers supporting the breakfast program
- canteen volunteers
- classroom helpers
- library assistants
- parents making resources for the classroom
- parents organising fundraising activities and purchasing gifts in preparation for Mothers' Day
- parents assisting in the playgroups

In term two I hope parents and friends are still available to make time to come to school to make a difference in the lives of our students.

## Long Service Leave

During Term 2 I am taking long service leave and I am very excited to be visiting England, Ireland Scotland and Sicily. In my absence Cathie Morcom will be Acting Principal. I know that Cathie in my absence will continue her tireless work to improve the learning outcomes for our students and I know that she can expect the same support that you have shown me.

## Community Hub Funding Continued.

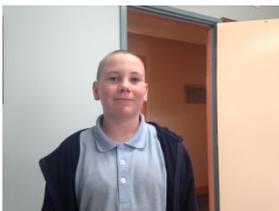
When families enrol at Sunbury Heights we tell people we are enrolling not just the child but the family. Over the last two years we have received funding to establish a Community Hub and have a Community Hub worker. Sharon Ramunno has done an amazing job helping to prepare children to succeed at school, providing services linked to the needs of our community and linking parents to education training and volunteering pathways. Due to the success of the HUB model that is used by the City of Hume the Federal Government has given all existing hubs a grant that will see us be able to run our hub for the next three.

## Smoking Bans

From 13 April 2015, smoking will be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987*. As a community it is up to us to remind other visitors to our school. It is a legislative requirement that we install suitable 'No smoking' signs at all entrances to the school premises. We have ordered the signs and will have them erected when they arrive



## Chocolate Champion



Congratulations to Justin Taylor who sold 12 boxes of chocolates during the recent fundraiser. The PFA rewarded Justin's efforts with a \$50 EB Games voucher. Mrs Ross' grade celebrated being the first grade to return all their chocolate boxes with a "Hub Party." Mrs Ramunno organised fairy bread and fruit platters. This combined with a birthday cake for Jesse Pattle's birthday ensured the kids all had a fun time.

## Transition Prep and Grade 6

In Term two our transition program for Prep students and Grade Six students begins in earnest. Choosing a school for your children is one of the most important decisions you make for your child's future. Your neighbourhood school is usually the best choice as it ensures that your children will grow, learn and play within their community. If Sunbury Heights is yours or your neighbours and relatives neighbourhood school, I would like you to consider choosing us. The two information sessions **for prospective Prep families will be held on Tuesday May 19 at 6.30 pm, on Wednesday May 20 at 9.15 or by arrangement at other times**

**Grade 6 students** begin programs aimed at easing their anxiety as secondary school approaches. Enrolment forms for secondary placements will be sent home in term 2. Please ensure you take the opportunity to visit our local secondary Colleges so that you can make an informed choice about the best placement for your child.

## Kinder to School Transition and 2014 Buddy Program

In term 2 in preparation for our Grade 6/Prep Buddies Program, and as a transition activity for kindergarten children coming to school in 2015, our grade 5 students visit local kindergartens.

At some time during the week four students visit a kindergarten, join in with activities and play with the pre-school children in their familiar environment. Before our grade five students visit we will talk with them about:

- the need to be friendly,
- how to start conversations and talk with younger children
- how to play with and help younger children without taking over

## ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day this year is on Saturday April 25. All students in the school are invited to take part in the march and attend the wreath laying ceremony. The students need to be in full school uniform and meet outside the railway station for the Anzac March beginning at 10am. Mrs De Young and Mrs Williams will meet the students at the station to coordinate the

march but as this is not an official school excursion parents need to attend the event to ensure their own child's supervision. We will then march to the Memorial area on the Village Green, where our School Captains will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. This will take place at approximately 10.15am -10.30am. .

### Save the Date Plan the Payment

Please put today's attachment on your fridge as a reminder of the incursions and excursions Sunbury Heights has organised for the students in Term 2. Please remember that if payment for any school excursion or incursion causes you financial concern to speak to Kerry Hicks (Business Manager) or Cathie Morcom. As a school, we recognise the importance of these experiences and do not want any child to miss out.

### Concreting

Thank you to Clay Carew (dad of Bridey) for the quote to repair our paths. Clay will complete the works over the school holidays. This will ensure the outside environment is safer for all who use the school paths and concrete areas.

### Early Dismissal

Tomorrow, 27<sup>th</sup> March, School will dismiss for Term One holidays at 2.30pm.

Please ensure that someone is available to collect your child from school at this time. OSHC will be available from 2.30pm

On behalf of the staff and myself I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and safe Easter and look forward to catching up with you when I return to school at the beginning of term 3.

Regards  
Kaye Mills  
Principal

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

Ryan Grose, Jesse Pattle, Nicholas Hooper, Natalie McLean, Matty Blay, Ashley Abbey, Axel Esam, Shaylee Williamson, Jayleigh Noakes, Chloe Mills, Jaymee Nunn, Jessie Tadd-Lennox, Annette Ashford, Joseph Ring, Aaron Sapac,

### Reminder: School banking is every Tuesday

Rewarding good savings:

To help reward individual savings efforts, every time a student deposits into their Youthsaver account through School Banking, regardless of the amount, they'll receive a Dollarmite token.

Once they've collected 10 tokens, they can redeem them for a variety of exciting reward items. They'll also receive a certificate when they reach certain savings milestones.



### Available in Term 1 when you have collected 10 tokens are:



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.



### COMPLETE KIDS NEWS

Have you seen children laughing and playing before or after school hours?

Complete Kids Early Learning offers Before and After School Care right here at Sunbury Heights!

Our program is child led meaning that we build our program around you child's interests.

There are building areas for our future engineers, I-pads for those who love technology, art and craft for those who artistically driven and sporting games for our future sporting stars. We have quiet corners with books and games and a home corner to role play and make believe as well as a comfy lounge for those who just want to relax.

Our highly qualified staff provide an environment that is both safe and stimulating and we understand that each child has their own individual flare and work with children to ensure they feel supported and empowered.

Friendships are made amongst children of all ages which assists with children's confidence, identity & wellbeing.

To make a booking, please contact....

*Under One Sky*  
**A Taste of The African Children's Choir and Friends Free Concert**  
**Sunbury Baptist Church**  
**207 Gap Road Sunbury**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
**7:00 – 8:00pm**  
**Proudly sponsored by Goonawarra Primary School**  
**Donations appreciated to support**  
**The African Children's Choir**  
 CD's, T-Shirts and African Crafts will be available for purchase.

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## SUNBURY HEIGHTS PS TERM 2

### Save the Date - Plan the Payment

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Year Level:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Approx. Costing</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Grades 3 - 6</b>	<b>Interschool Cross Country – selected students</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>School Photos</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Junior School</b>	<b>Werribee Zoo</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Grade 6</b>	<b>Melbourne Excursion</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Prep</b>	<b>Collingwood Animal Farm</b>	<b>\$14.00</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Cultural Infusion</b>	<b>\$4.00 Child \$8.00 Family</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Grades 3/4</b>	<b>Captain Cook Endeavour Ship</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Grades 5 - 6</b>	<b>Winter Sports</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>Life Education</b>	<b>\$6.00 \$12.00 Family</b>