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February

Tuesday 17 th	Rugby Talk – Years 3-6 – 2.15
Tuesday 17 th	Pancake Day-Canteen Orders
Wednesday 18 th	Prep BBQ
Friday 20 th	Athletic Sports – Years 3 to 6
Monday 23 rd	Year 4 leave for camp - DOXA
Wednesday 25 th	Year 4 return from DOXA camp
Wednesday 25 th	Year 5 leave for camp – DOXA
Wednesday 25 th	Prep – Western Water Activity
Thursday 26 th	Twilight Swimming Sports
Friday 27 th	Year 5 return from DOXA camp

March

Wednesday 4 th	1/2 Information night
Monday 9 th	Labour Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday 11 th	3/4 Information night
Friday 13 th	District Athletics
Wednesday 18 th	Curriculum Day – No School
Friday 27 th	Last Day Term 1 – 2.30pm dismissal
****	5/6 Stepping Up Evening...early Term 2

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 and payment is required this money is credited off the charge.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Since my return to school last week it has been pleasing to be able to visit each classroom on a daily basis and to see how quickly the students have settled down and are enjoying their learning. It's always a highlight to visit the prep classrooms. The preps who only started last Thursday are reading along to Smarty Pants and Dan, Dan The Flying Man and were able to tell me the words that rhyme. They could also tell me that the writing on the back of a book is called a blurb and it tells you what the book will be about. In the morning during developmental play, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Lewis are encouraging the students to speak in full sentences about who they were playing with and what and where they were playing. Ruby told me, "I was playing dressing up with Blake and Kade in the prep area." Not bad for five days at school!

I am looking forward to the Prep BBQ next Wednesday evening. After a bite to eat the preps will show their families their classrooms and introduce them to the specialist Art, PE and Science teachers to find out what they learning about in Art, PE and Science.

School Council Elections

What is a School Council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a School Council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. In 2015 there will be 4 vacancies on the Sunbury Heights School Council for parent representation. Next week's newsletter will outline the process and timeline.

House Swimming Sports



It was a close encounter with Elliot narrowly defeating Laver and eventually coming out victorious. The newly elected House Captains Hunter Brough and Hollie Maxfield showed their appreciation for their team, staff organisation, parent support and the sportsmanship of other competitors when they accepted the trophy on Elliott's behalf. Jayleigh Noakes won the Stephen Glenn Medal for outstanding swimmer of the day. Thank you to Stephen a former Laver House Captain and Sunbury Junior swimming champion for his support of our school.



The Sausage Sizzle and portable Canteen was a resounding success. Thank you to Joanne Miller (Canteen Manager) Jenny, Maria, Julie, Anashree, Carl and Trevor for their coordination of the sausage sizzle and for slaving over the hot BBQ for the entire day. Thank you to Wendy Sparks for helping to keep the school canteen running back at school.

Athletic Sports

Hopefully many of our parents and family members will be able to attend the House Athletics Sports next Friday. Weather permitting it is always a great day and your child looks forward to seeing you there. A mobile canteen will again operate on the day and Miss Ratkowski will once again be grateful for any assistance you can offer.

Breakfast at School

First week back was a huge success. On Thursday morning 127 people from the School Community attended.

Breakfast is available from 8.00am-8.40am.

Thankyou to Marie, from Bunnings, for her fresh fruit smoothies.

Looking forward to seeing you all there next week.

Pupil of the Week



In order to publicly recognise students who show a positive attitude to learning, display the school values and have made considerable effort to improve an aspect of school life, Sunbury Heights has a Pupil of the Week award that is given to a child in each class on a weekly basis. Specialist staff also presents an award to the "Class of the Week."

The Pupil of the Week awards are given out at Monday afternoon's assembly. The list of recipients will be in the newsletter of the week before. At next Monday's assembly the students listed in today's newsletter will receive their ribbon and certificate.

Class Captains Award Ceremony

At next Monday's assembly class captains will be formally presented to the school community. The class captain role is something that students in grades 3-6 can aspire to. The class captains are expected to display the values of the school. The process for selection is each child who wishes to be considered needs to write a speech about how they will represent the class and how they will help their fellow students. After this the class vote on who they feel would best represent them. These names will be announced at Monday's assembly.

Visitor's Pass

If you are staying in the school for period of time, we ask that you call into the office to sign in and collect a 'Visitor's Badge' to wear while in the school.

This ensures we know who is in the school at any one time as well as ensuring the safety of our students and should it be necessary to put an Emergency Management Plan into effect we then know who is in the school and can ensure everyone's safety.

Office Hours

This year the Office will be open from 8am until 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Our friendly office staff will be able to answer your queries and record information in regard to student absence and any other messages you may wish to leave regarding your child's medication or contact needed with the classroom teacher.

School Crossing

Our school is serviced by two school crossings. It is important that students use the supervised crossings, even when crossing the road with an adult. This helps children to develop safe habits and keeps everyone safe. Please ensure that as a driver you wait until the Crossing Supervisor is off the crossing and stay behind the line designated will waiting.



Please obey speed limits in designated school speed zones during specified times (8.00am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4.00 pm). The speed limit during this time is 40km.

Staff Car Park

A reminder that the staff car park is for staff only.

It is a dangerous practice for parents to drop off and collect children from this area.

Addressing Parent Communication

If parents like to use email as a form of communication please feel free to use the school email address:

sunbury.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au and put the teacher's name in the subject box.

School and Community Newsletter

As a way to ensure we communicate more effectively with our families a hard copy of the school newsletter will be sent home to all families on a Thursday. Alternatively you can still access the newsletter on our website.

A community newsletter will be introduced early next week and this will be sent home once a term. The Community Newsletter will advise families of important dates and events and programs you can become involved in during the up and coming term.

Parent Concerns

As a parent, you may not always be aware of whom to approach if you have any concerns regarding school issues. These are the guidelines you need to follow if a concern may arise.

Addressing Parent Concerns

Sunbury Heights Primary School is committed to treating everyone with dignity and respect and encourages good communication between our parents and the school.

Teaching and learning works best when parents and teachers talk to each other and work together to solve problems.

Parents' concerns and complaints most commonly relate to:

- The management of an incident between students at school
- The education or progress of their child
- The development and implementation of school; and general education policy

We need to know if you have any concerns about your child's education.

How do I raise an issue or make a complaint?

The school should always be the first point of contact.

How do I frame my concern?

- When contacting the school plan, what you will say, so you can clearly explain what the problem is
- Have some ideas about how the problem can be solved
- Talk about the problem with the child's teacher by telephone or appointment. Most problems can be solved this way.

Who do I talk to?

- Your child's teacher about learning issues and incidents that happen in the classroom or in the yard
- Cathie Morcom, Assistant Principal about issues relating to staff members or complex student issues
- Kaye Mills, Principal specifically about issues relating to school policy, school management, staff members or complex student issues.

Contacting School

Any appointments to speak with school staff should be arranged through the office.
For contact details for any staff member, call the office on 9744 3377.

What can I expect from the school?

- Confidentiality
- Respect and understanding for your point of view
- Courtesy
- An efficient and prompt response
- A desire to resolve concerns and complaints amicably
- A mutually agreeable outcome
- A restored working relationship

What if my issue isn't resolved?

If you still have a concern after talking to your child's teacher you may speak to Cathie Morcom or myself.

If the matter is not resolved by talking to us you can contact the community liaison officer at Northern Region Office on 9488 9488 who will assist us to find a solution.

You cannot speak sternly, make threats or discipline a child from another family. If you believe a child is misbehaving, then please notify the classroom or yard duty teacher immediately. It is the responsibility of the Principal and teaching staff to carry out any necessary disciplinary action in accordance with school and Department policies.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
PREP K	Declan Russell	For always using his beautiful manners.
PREP L	Koby Collier	For settling well into school.
1/2R	Jesse Pattle	For great comments each night about his home reader.
1/2P	Marko Zecevic	For appositve start to the year and giving 100%
1/2H	Brodie Corcoran	For a great start to learning this year.
3/4K	Jessie Parmar	For great communal responsibility and looking after his mates.
3/4Y	Olivia Ballinger	For bringing in Pamela Allen books to share with the grade.
3/4D	Mason Duggan	Wow, simply sensational start.
5P	Justin Taylor	For showing great concentration and thinking through his narrative.
5A	Ryan Grose	For having a positive start to the year and being a helpful mate.
6L	Ashley Abbey	For being such a supportive and enthusiastic buddy.
6O	Christina Cotis	For a great start to SHPS.
P.E.	1/2R	For an amazing start to P.E.
ART	5A	For a sensational start to the year in Art.
SCIENCE	6O	For an enthusiastic start to Science
Mrs Williams SUPPORT	Ally Quigley	For being a responsible helper.

Welcome back to School Banking for 2015.



TUESDAY is our Banking Day.

Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child's teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.

All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips MUST be completed.

Save from as little as 5c per week.

Each deposit earns a SILVER TOKEN this should be kept safe at home.....when they collect 10 tokens they can redeem for exciting rewards!

If your child would like to join the program please visit your local Commonwealth Bank with photo ID for yourself and your child's birth certificate – too easy!

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 15th February, 2015
Maddison Street, Ruby Oakley, Kody Hughes, Mason Ruff