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21st May 2015

May

Thursday 21 st	Prep Farm Excursion
Friday 22 nd	Casual Day - Colour Our World
Monday 25 th	Cultural Infusion – Whole School Activity
Tuesday 26 th	Open Night – Writing Festival
Thursday 28 th	3/4 Docklands Excursion
Friday 29 th	Winter Sport – 5/6 Sport Teams

June

Monday 8 th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 th	School Council Meeting
Tuesday 9 th	Life Education Sessions
Wednesday 10 th	Life Education Sessions
Thursday 11 th	Life Education Sessions
Friday 19 th	Reports Distributed
Monday 22 nd	Cooper Barnes Award Presented - Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd	Smart Start Financial Sessions for Students
Wednesday 24 th	Student/Parent/Teacher Meetings Students Dismissed at 1.30pm
Thursday 25 th	Smart Start Financial Sessions for Students
Friday 26 th	Casual Day – School Orchard

School Chaplain – Michael Wanyama

We are pleased to welcome Michael Wanyama to the staff team at Sunbury Heights. Michael will be working as our school chaplain on Mondays and Wednesdays and as he is a qualified teacher, you may see him taking grades when staff are absent. Welcome Michael!



Scholastic Book Club is due back on the 25th May 2015

COLOUR MY WORLD – WRITING FESTIVAL

May 26th 6 to 7pm in your child's classroom

By now you have most likely received an invitation from your child to our Writing Festival. If you haven't, you may need to delve into the depths of a school bag and conduct a search!

Students have been extremely busy planning, drafting and publishing a piece of work about someone who 'colours their world' and they are looking forward to sharing their work with family and friends.

As well as reading the terrific work your child/ren have completed, you will be invited to participate in a short activity in the classroom related to our writing program.

We started the year with the theme, 'Colour My World' and the success of this has led to the theme being used in a variety of ways. Our writing festival is about people who 'colour our world', and our casual day this week has a focus on how students can 'colour the world of others' by doing something special around the school (read more about this later in the newsletter).

Department of Education Camps and Excursions Fund

Applications Invited for Assistance with Paying for School Events

Each year, we aim to provide our students with access to learning opportunities beyond the classroom. These activities come at a cost to parents.

The Department of Education and Training will be administering a fund to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. This payment can not be used towards voluntary school charges, books, stationery, uniforms, before or after school care or music lessons. Any money remaining of this payment at the end of the school year will be carried forward by the school for the following year.

To be eligible for this payment of \$125 per primary school student, a parent or legal guardian of a student must be the holder of a current Veterans Affairs Gold Card or Centrelink Health Care Card. Temporary foster parents and those providing kinship care may also apply.

In the situation where a parent/carer receives a card, or takes on the role of foster/kinship carer, between now and the start of term three, an application can still be made.

If you are unsure if you are eligible to apply for this payment, please contact the school.

Parents in shared custody situations are to organise between themselves which parent will apply for the payment.

A new application will be required each year.

How to Apply

1. Complete the application form (attached to this newsletter)
2. Return the form to the office – when you return the form you will need to show your current Veterans Affairs or Centrelink card

Please attend to these details as soon as possible so we can process your application.

COLOUR OUR WORLD – CASUAL DAY

May 22nd

The date has been moved from the last Friday of the month due to a clash with winter sport.

It's time for our May casual day. Each class has decided on a project to **COLOUR OUR WORLD**. Working as a class team with a starting budget of \$50, students have decided on a project, completed costings and worked out how much money they need to raise. After the casual day students will be busy putting their plans into action.

Our casual day efforts focus on demonstrating to students that they can have a positive impact on the world around them. This day in particular, will provide students with a sense of community – everyone doing something to improve our immediate environment. Over the year, money raised from casual days goes to a variety of school based programs, and community charities. Helping others is an important part of the overall program at Sunbury Heights and we appreciate the support of parents with our monthly casual days.

Preps

Purchasing new toys
for the sandpit.

1/2R

New

1/2H

Purchasing creative play
materials for library recess
and lunchtime programs.

3/4Y

Purchasing new toys
for the cubby house.

3/4d

Painting vegetable
garden fence.
Completed

3/4K

Improving garden
bed near classroom.

5A

Purchasing board games
for the library.

1/2P and 5P

Purchasing garden bed
to go next to the cubby
house.

6L and 6O

Purchasing world
map for inside wall.

Farewell (for now) to Mrs Andersen

Friday 29th May will be Mrs Andersen's last day with us due to the commencement of her maternity leave. Mrs Andersen has been at Sunbury Heights Primary School for nine years and in that time has taken on many roles including visual and performing arts, grade one, and senior grades five and six.

One absolute highlight of Mrs Andersen's career at Heights would have to be her highly acclaimed work with the senior students on their entry for the Wakakarri several years ago. Mrs Andersen worked tirelessly to ensure the student performance was sensational and that all those involved participated at a comfortable level; either performing or assisting with props.

Mrs Andersen has provided students with a friendly, organised, supportive and calm learning environment. She has ably supported students with a variety of academic and social needs through effective planning and well-structured learning programs. A large number of students will have very fond memories of their time with Mrs Andersen and she has no doubt, had a significant and positive impact on their lives.

On behalf of the school community we wish Erica and her husband Rhys, all the very best for the birth of their first child. While we will miss Erica's smiling face around the school, we know that being a parent is an extremely important and rewarding role which Erica will fulfil with her usual competence and enthusiasm.



Trivia Night

The Sunbury Chaplaincy Support Group is holding a Trivia & Games Night at 7pm this Saturday 23rd May, at Sunbury Downs Secondary College (Mitchells Lane). Tickets cost \$15, BYO snacks and drinks, tea/coffee provided. For more information or to book, phone Helen on 0407 506 507 or email sunburychaplaincy@hotmail.com

Spelling Champion



Rayden Yob was an outstanding representative for our school at the Rotary Spelling Bee this week. The actual words Rayden was asked to spell (aloud, to an audience and without spell-check) are listed below – no doubt our school community will join us in congratulating Rayden on attempting to spell these most unusual and tricky words.

For his efforts, Rayden was presented with a framed certificate acknowledging his spelling prowess and a \$100 note. Well done Rayden.

Rayden's Words:

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| pseudonym | martyr | oscillation | papyrus | permanently |
| biannual | zyzygy | independently | hieroglyph | pianist |

Prep Information Sessions – New Preps for 2016

This week, we held both a day and evening session for the families of our 2016 Preps. These sessions were well attended and it was terrific to have the opportunity to chat about our school programs with parents new to the school as well as those returning for the second, third or even fourth time!

Thank you to our Prep teachers, Rebecca and Angelique, as well as Karen in the office for preparing materials for the sessions and ensuring everything was ready to go!

Prep Farm Excursion



It's that time of the year when Big W and Target sell out of gumboots!!! Our Prep students, complete with boots, coats, hats (and even their rugby socks!!!) headed off to the farm this morning. No doubt they will all have a fantastic day – no doubt the teachers and parents will sleep well tonight!




PUPIL OF THE WEEK		
Grade	Student	Reason
PREP L	Isabelle Williams	For a fantastic effort when reading.
1/2R	Ryan Hazelman	For enthusiastic and consistent practice of repeated reading at home.
1/2P	Curtis O'Shannessy	For showing initiative in class and always having a go.
1/2H	Rayah Gilbert	For great writing in paragraphs on different topics.
3/4K	Jesse Parmar	For spelling "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" correctly
3/4Y	Rakiah Ball	For great work in maths this week.
5P	Brody Oliver	For asking questions to improve his learning.
5A	5A	For being a wonderful, fabulous, awesome grade.
6L	Ashley Abbey	For a super effort during reading sessions.
P.E.	Jesse Pattle	For an outstanding improvement in his PE skills.
ART	Aidan Thomas	For being helpful and consistently giving 100% in art.
SCIENCE	Taylor Hardstaff	For being a caring & co-operative class member.

Aussie Pride Award

The Aussie Pride Award is an initiative of the Rotary Club of Canterbury. This award will be presented to students who, through significant acts, demonstrate the ANZAC values of initiative, persistence, mateship and courage to achieve.



	HAPPY BIRTHDAY			
	Grace Shaw-Barton	Rayden Yob	Ben Allen-Reardon	Lilly Rowbottom



THE FIRST EVER! THE INAUGURAL SUNBURY HEIGHTS WRITERS' FESTIVAL

You're
Invited:
When:
Time:
See:

All parents and friends
of 'Heights'

Tuesday 26 May

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Children's writing about
who colours their world

Participate:

See your children's
writing

Visit their classroom



Write On at Heights