



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1st November 2018



November	
2nd	Foundation – Y2 – Tabloid Sports
5th – 6th	Whole School – Report Writing Day & Melbourne Cup Holiday
12th – 14th	Whole School – Sunbury Library NAO Robot Visit
Tues 13th	2019 Foundation - Transition (2.15-3.15)
Tues 20th	2019 Foundation - Transition (2.15-3.15) School Council Meeting, 6.30pm
Wed 28th	Y5/6 – Exciting Term 4 Day out!
Fri 30th	Whole School – Casual Clothes Day
December	
Tues 4th	Y5 – NGV Excursion
Fri 7th	Whole School – Cushion Concert
Tues 11th	Whole School – Transition Day 2019 Foundation - Transition (8.50-1.30)
Fri 14th	Y3/4 – City Excursion
Tues 18th	Y6 – Graduation
Fri 21st	Whole School – END OF TERM Casual Clothes / Early Dismissal 1.30pm



**REMEMBER
NO SCHOOL
5 – 6 November 2018**

Forensic Fun in Science

In Science, Year 5/6 students have been investigating Forensics. This week they looked at Lip Prints, which involved them applying lipstick to make their print. Students also had to try and match a series of lip prints with the corresponding staff member.



A note from the Principal

As we head towards our Report Writing Day on Monday, staff are completing final assessments on the students who are in their classrooms or who they teach in specialist subject areas. This week I have had conversations with many staff from across all year levels of the school. They have been really excited to see the improvements and growth in learning confidence, curriculum knowledge and outcomes of their students. We are sure when you receive your child's report in December you too will be excited about the amount of learning your child has achieved and will find ways to celebrate their learning.

Grade Structure 2019

In 2019 our class structure will be:
4 Foundation classes
5 Year 1/2 classes
5 Year 3/4 classes
4 Year 5/6 classes

We have chosen this structure primarily in response to the problem of uneven grade enrolments; for example, when there are too many students to form one 'straight' grade but not enough to form two. Combining students in this way is an appropriate solution that not only allows us to ensure more consistent class sizes, but also enables us to address gender balance issues within each class and maximise school and teacher funding and resources. From year to year the class structures at Sunbury Heights may differ. Whatever choices Sunbury Heights Primary School make in relation to grade structure will most definitely have the students and their learning needs at the forefront of the decision making process.

Celebrating 2018

One way we can all come together and celebrate a successful 2018 school year is at this year's Cushion Concert. There was such positive feedback from our school community about the 2017 concert that involved the whole school that we are making it an annual event. The concert will begin at 6pm. Each grade will perform an item and our Wakikiiri performance will be showcased. BYO Food, drinks and cushion, buy a picnic hamper from the canteen and celebrate the end of the year in a low key, low cost, family friendly way.

Relay for Life

Our singing group are once again honoured to have been asked to perform at the Relay for Life event at Boardman Stadium on Saturday 10th November. Please come along and support our kids.

City of Hume 2019 Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Kim from 6K for being selected as our 2018 Scholarship winner. Each year the City of Hume award a Year 6 student from each school in its municipality with a \$1000 scholarship that will support their transition to secondary school. There is selection criteria that needs to be met and Kim displays all of them. Kim is a responsible and mature member of the Sunbury Heights school community. She displays leadership skills and has completed the role of Councillor Captain in 2018 in a professional and respectful manner. Kim supports younger students in the school's Buddy Program and ensures everyone is included. She displays dedication to her school work and a disciplined approach to sporting commitments. Kim is an extremely polite and positive student who works to the best of her ability at all times. Kim's family, Danielle Koller and Mrs Mills are looking forward to the Award ceremony that will be held in November.



ACES for Sunbury Downs

Congratulations to Indie, Oliver and Yonaton on being offered places in Sunbury Downs Secondary College's ACE Program. The above students have had to undertake a series of assessments and interviews prior to being accepted into this Academic Stream. If you're interested in your child being considered for the program in future years here is some basic information. For more in depth information please contact the school.

What Is The ACE Program

The ACCELERATED CURRICULUM and ENRICHMENT Program is designed to cater for the special educational needs of high ability students. It operates on the principles of Curriculum Acceleration and Enrichment.

The first of these—*Curriculum Acceleration*—enables students to cover course work at a faster pace. This methodology will provide a more challenging learning environment for students and give them the opportunity to engage in a six year program but with a much broader VCE experience than traditionally is possible.

The second of these—*Curriculum Enrichment*—encourages the study of more complex and abstract concepts and a greater emphasis on higher order thinking skills such as analysing, synthesising, generalising and recognising relationships. Students are actively encouraged to develop investigative, problem solving and creative thinking skills which will challenge and engage them. Ultimately, this will provide an excellent foundation for further studies.



'It's not ok to be away or late'

School Matters!



Attend Today. Achieve Tomorrow

Our teachers are starting to prepare the end of year student reports. With these reports we will be sending home student attendance data which congratulates students on excellent attendance but also demonstrates the impact attendance has on children's learning.

Drink Bottles

With the warmer weather creeping in we encourage students to stay hydrated and make sure they bring a water bottle to school for use within the classroom.



Individual teachers have classroom rules about whether bottles are on tables, on the sink or kept in a bag. We encourage you to send along water for your child to drink from during the day.

Students wanting to leave the classroom for a drink interrupt their own and their classmate's' learning.

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

1st – 7th November

Poppy

Remembrance Day

Poppies and Remembrance Day items are available for sale from the school office at a cost of \$1, \$2 or \$5.



Year 6 Jackets

Over the past years, we have offered Year 6 students the opportunity to purchase a Year 6 Jacket. The garments are navy blue with the school logo on the front and the names of the students on the back.

Students have already tried on sample sizes, so the correct size will be ordered for them and have voted on a design. **To ensure the students receive their jackets at the start of Term one, the \$30 DEPOSIT must be paid by FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER 2018.**

2019 Fees

This week School Council will approve our 2019 Parent Payment Charges. Once this has taken place, you will receive advice of what these charges are and the payment options available to you.

November

This year our male staff members are supporting Movember.



For those who don't know, this means they'll be growing moustaches for the month of November, with the aim to raise money for prostate cancer.

We will keep you updated each week in regards the growth progress. In the meantime, please get behind this great cause by supporting online.

<https://moteam.co/sunbury-heights?mc=1>

OH&S Audit

Two weeks ago an OHS audit was conducted at Sunbury Heights and the auditor was extremely pleased with all the protocols and practices we have in place to ensure our school is safe for, students, staff and community who visit. Each Term our OHS Team and Lauren Howard (our OHS Representative) in particular, plan to practise an Evacuation Scenario. We hope the practise never has to be enacted upon but occasionally a scenario becomes a real life situation.



Congratulations to the students in the senior school who were evacuated from the City Camp in the early hours of the morning. They handled themselves calmly showing respect and responsibility for the staff and service workers who in the end deemed it a false alarm. The auditor puts the students' response down to the regular practice that Sunbury Heights undertakes. Later this term our evacuation practice will see the students being moved off campus. Please take the opportunity to talk to your students about the process and reminding them to stay calm and listen to their classroom teacher or the adults in charge.

The Auditor also reiterated the importance of visitors to the school reporting to the school office and ensuring they sign in and out as required. You will now see we have new signs at all gates reminding people of this and again, we ask if parents are in school before 3pm or after 9am that they report to the office and sign in.

Vote & Support

We are lucky to have been selected as a voting venue for the forthcoming election on Saturday 24 November. As you all know, voting can be very hungry work! We will therefore be running a BBQ throughout the day. Not only will this allow us to interact with the wider community, but also allow us to raise some extra funds for the school.

As this will run all day, we will split the day into 2 hour shifts, but this will require a team of helpers. If you would be interested in helping, please let Jo in the Office know when you would be available.

As the saying goes, many hands make light work!

Year 3/4 Poems

Inspired by the poem 'My Country' by Dorothea Mackellar.

'Australia' By Jaxon P:

When the wildlife calls in the hot summers and the cold winters,
I'll be there.

When the special jewelled seas are waving to me,
I'll be there.

'Australia' by Summer:

I see swinging trees,
I feel nature's breeze,
Hot deserts and lots of good weather.
The blue skies, the coloured eyes,
The sunlight flies while the animal lies.

Year 1/2 Vintage Toy Incursion

Last week the Year 1/2 students enjoyed a visit by Karen Ralph, who brought along her personal collection of vintage toys. Various items such as boats, dolls, books and teddies were seen. Students learnt about the materials that were used to make these items and how they differ from today.

Mrs Ralph has a great collection of puppets including human and elephant marionettes, and a toggle stick puppet! The Magnetic Play Theatre was a great hit with the students, especially when the characters kept bumping into each other and falling over. Thank you to Ms Harding for organizing the interesting incursion.



RED star award – RESPONSIBILITY, ENDEVOUR AND DEVELOPMENT

Over the year the students in Years 3 and 4 have the opportunity to complete a variety of tasks and earn their RED star badge. Tasks include completing 100 nights of Home Reading, participating in House events and learning the names of all states and territories. Over the course of the year the Class Captains have been responsible for keeping track of the students' progress and awarding stickers in their RED star booklet.

Geordie (4M) is the first RED star award recipient for 2019. Geordie will be awarded his RED star badge at assembly. Congratulations Geordie, you have worked really hard over the year.





SUNBURY HEIGHTS CUSHION CONCERT

Friday 7 December 2018
5:00pm – 7:45pm
(Concert will commence at 6:00pm)



BYO picnic rugs, chairs, family and friends
Pre-purchase picnic hampers (more details to follow) or BYO food & drinks



WILL BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2018

GRADE	STUDENT	REASON
Prep A	Ayce	For his fantastic efforts during our STEM sessions
Prep B	Lachlan	For brilliant, speedy reading!
Prep H	Aurora	For demonstrating fantastic reading skills
1K	Miley Ella	For brilliant effort and improvement when reading For challenging herself when reading
1D	Hunter	For being responsible with his learning
2H	Van	For all his great performance skills, and positive attitude
2M	Ella	For being a positive House Spirit participation
3U	Isabelle	For presenting a wonderful picture graph
4M	Prezli Jason	For continued effort during class time
4H	Seth	For his dedication to improving his reading
5A	Brodie	For an improved attitude towards his learning
5K	Emma B Ayisha	For always showing respect, responsibility and kindness
6PA	Dion	For producing an excellent travel brochure
Art	Nevaeh	For working well and being helpful in Art
Science	Matei	For being focussed and engaged when investigating shadows