6th October 2016

**Term 4 Dates for your diary**

**October**
- **Mon 3rd**: Term 4 Commences
- **Mon 10th**: School Council (6.30pm)
- **Mon 10th – Fri 14th**: Whole School - Health & PE Week
- **Mon 17th**: G1 – Toy Incursion
- **Fri 28th**: Whole School - Casual Clothes Day
- **Mon 31st**: Whole School – CURRICULUM ‘Pupil Free’ DAY

**November**
- **Tues 1st**: Whole School - Melbourne Cup HOLIDAY
- **Thurs 10th**: Prep – Aquarium & Beach Excursion
- **Mon 14th**: School Council (6.30pm)
- **Tues 15th**: Whole School - WW1 Puppet Show Incursion
- **Wed 16th**: 2017 Prep - Transition
- **Tues 22nd**: G5 – Show Off Exhibition @ Sunbury College
- **Wed 23rd**: 2017 Prep - Transition
- **Fri 25th**: Whole School - Casual Clothes Day

**December**
- **Thurs 1st**: G3/4 - Docklands Excursion
- **Tues 6th**: Whole School - Transition
- **Fri 9th**: G5 – Bendigo Golden Dragon Museum Excursion
- **Mon 12th**: Junior School - Concert
- **Tues 13th**: School Council (6.30pm)
- **Thurs 15th**: G6 - Graduation
- **Tues 20th**: Whole School - Casual Clothes Day

END OF TERM – Early Dismissal – HOLIDAYS!

**News and Information**

Welcome back to Term 4 and an especially warm welcome to our new families who have started with us this week.

**Staff Changes**
Just prior to the holidays, Cathie Morcom accepted an Acting Principal’s role for this term at Gladstone Views Primary School. In Cathie’s absence the team leaders Carmel Ross, Narelle de Young and Suzy Black will spend some time out of their classrooms supporting me as we head towards the end of the year and plan for 2017.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday Jane Xuereb will replace Carmel Ross (1R)
On Thursday and Friday Brooke Smalley will replace Narelle de Young (3D)
On Tuesday and Friday Katy Lacy will replace Suzy Black (Prep B)
Penny Wilson will continue in her role as Welfare Coordinator on a Wednesday and Thursday.

**Notes that have gone home this week**
- Prep Aquarium & Beach Excursion
- G1 Toys & Games Incursion
- G2 Sunbury Courthouse Excursion

If any of these notes are relevant to your child/ren and you have not received a copy, please get a copy from the school office.

**Excursion – Payment Options**

We have some fantastic excursions planned for Term 4.

As you are aware, we always try to keep excursion costs as low as possible and we don’t want any child to miss out due to affordability.

Please be advised that even though some excursion payments are not yet due, you are very welcome to make weekly payments if you feel this is easier for you.

**For example…..**

Excursion Cost = $35

7 weeks until the payment is due = $5 per week

Payments can be made via EFTPOS / CASH / EFT. Please ask at the office if you require further information.
This week we welcome 7 new students.....

Katie McCosh ~ Kayden King
Cooper Mihajlovic ~ Steel Jarrett
Brayden & Tahlia Farrugia ~ Tihran Dadamian

When I have visited classrooms this week it was lovely seeing all the students settle into their new grades so quickly and watching instantaneous friendships flourish. We hope they all continue to thrive in their education and enjoy being part of the Sunbury Heights community.

Uniform Reminders
Our students are very fortunate to be able to select from a wide variety of uniform options. Our expectation is that students should be in correct uniform every day. Most students have begun the term dressed in proper uniforms but I have noticed some who are not. If your child is out of uniform for a reason could you please supply a note of explanation to the classroom teacher and make every effort to have them in uniform the following day.

Students are reminded that jewellery, nail polish and tattoo transfers that have been worn during the holiday period should now be removed for school.

P&F Chocolate Drive
Thank you to all those who have already sold chocolates, the response so far has been outstanding.

More boxes are available. However, only 1 box per family at any one time.

Please can you ensure that the Chocolate Money due back to school by Thursday 20th October.

P&F Halloween Disco
Our lovely team of P&F volunteers are busy organising a Halloween Disco to be held on Friday 28th October.

More details to follow soon.

Sun Smart
Thank you to all the families who have made a big effort to provide a hat for this term. It is compulsory in Victorian Primary Schools for students to wear hats in both term 1 and term 4.

The PSW Uniform Shop has hats for sale if you want your child ready to start the new term. PSW Sunbury (underneath - near Aldi) Shop 6/106-120 Gap Road Sunbury. Sunscreen will be provided in each classroom for use at the teacher’s discretion. If your child has an allergy and can’t use the one supplied, please supply your own.

Skateboarding Is Fun ‘Grade 6 Transition’ Activity
On Monday our grade 6 students enjoyed a skateboarding incursion. In their lead up to secondary education the staff wanted to illustrate to the students in a positive way, how new experiences which might seem a bit tricky or nerve wracking in the beginning can be nothing to fear if you persevere, have a positive mind set and a can do attitude. The grade 6 students will have their second session on Monday and it will be great to witness the developing confidence of our students. Skateboarding is a safe, fun filled non-competitive recreational activity that encourages both boys and girls to be healthy.

This week the grade 6 students also began preparation for their graduation dance that they will perform at the Grade 6 Graduation Celebrations on December 15 at the Sunbury Bowling Club. Thank you to Sarah Conroy, an ex-student and dance teacher for volunteering to give up an hour of her time each week to help prepare the student. Thank you also to Barry Plant Real Estate where Sarah works for freeing her up so that she can come to school during the work day week to help us out.

Creative Art and Play
Jake is one of our newest students and certainly enjoyed the creative art experience in his Wednesday art session. Jake designed an egg holder to give to his nanna so that she could keep her eggs out on the bench at home. Jake’s egg holder is a reminder about just how creative children can be when left with a “pile of junk”.

To encourage this type of creativity and to get kids away from a screen maybe a construction/ craft table at home could be a good idea.

News from the art room!
Sunbury show is on this coming weekend! If you are attending the show be sure to check out our Sunbury Heights art display in the pavilion to see some of the great artwork produced by our students.

Once again we have entered the scarecrow competition. The scarecrows usually keep the sheep and alpacas company near the pavilion, although sometimes they are displayed in the pavilion itself.
Protective Behaviours
Protective Behaviours focuses on rights to safety and strategies to assist people to work towards being safe. It is designed to assist children, young people and adults with difficult situations. The catch phrases are “We all have the right to feel safe all of the time” and “Nothing is so awful we can’t talk about it with someone.”

To begin the term all classes in the school have a protective Behaviours Focus, the themes being covered are:

- Identifying Feelings
- Personal Space
- Identifying Your Supportive Network
- Surprises Versus Secrets
- No Go Tell

Please ask your children what they have been learning about in class and reinforce the strategies and messages given.

Cyber Sense Poem
I have a special secret,
Whenever I’m online
I do not share with others
The things that are just mine.
My email and my address,
My phone and age and name,
These facts are just for me to know
On websites or in games.

Instead I use my nonsense name
As my net identity.
When people ask me who I am
I say, “I’m Cyber-me.”
And when I want to surf the web
For places that are cool,
I get some help from mum or dad
Or teachers from my school.

Sunbury Heights promotes safety for every child. Protecting our children online can be a difficult task but what do you do if you feel like your child has been exploited or spoken to or engaged with in an inappropriate way online?

This website allows you to report these incidents in a simple and straightforward way:

This week’s tips from our school community on being smart, safe and responsible when using digital devices.
- Don’t share your personal information. Watch what you say!
- Keep your ipads, phone and laptop away from water at all times. Keep cords tucked safely away so you don’t trip over them.
- It is not a good idea to sleep with your phone under your pillow or leave next to your ears for longer than you need to. Phones emit radiation.

Please keep an eye out for the e-smart messages that the students have been chalking on the paths around the school.

Special Visitors
On 27th October we will be hosting 25 Japanese Teachers for the day. They are visiting Australia to obtain information about our education system and teaching values. We are very lucky to have been chosen to host this event and we hope that everyone who has the chance to meet them, gives them a warm Aussie welcome.

Some of you may not have noticed, but our logo is very similar to the Japanese Rising Flag!
## Grade  Prep K

### Student:
- Tasha Pearce-Whiting
- Nikita Moretto

### Reason:
- For magnificent efforts in her writing.
- For making smart choices so she can learn as much as possible.

## Grade  Prep B

### Student:
- Blake Coetsee

### Reason:
- For fantastic efforts in his writing about his holiday to Tasmania.

## Grade  Prep C

### Student:
- Jayden Barbera

### Reason:
- For writing fascinating journal about his holiday in Europe.

## Grade  1M

### Student:
- Tahlia Farrugia

### Reason:
- For a happy and positive start to her new school.

## Grade  2D

### Student:
- Airina Yosip

### Reason:
- Great use of expression when reading.

## Grade  4d

### Student:
- Conner Koeppen

### Reason:
- WOW what an improvement in all areas of learning, especially ready.

## Grade  5K

### Student:
- Lachlan Roberts

### Reason:
- For always giving 100% towards his learning.

## Grade  6PA

### Student:
- Alex Braun

### Reason:
- For reading with greater expression.

## Grade  6K

### Student:
- Samantha Mogridge

### Reason:
- For her enthusiastic approach to learning.

## Subject: Science (Mrs Lewis)

### Student:
- Emily Guthrie

### Reason:
- For her fantastic description of chemical and physical changes.

## Subject: Art (Mrs Caddaye)

### Student:
- 5B

### Reason:
- For a fantastic session in art.

## Grade  International Teachers’ Day

Charlotte Price brought a lovely card and cupcake in for Mrs Jackson for International Teachers’ Day.

## Fundraising

As you are aware, each month we raise money for a variety of charities through casual clothes days where we ask each child for a gold coin donation.

These are already set out for this year however we are asking if you have any charities that you feel we should include in 2017. This may be a charity close to your heart due to family or close friend illness, a local person, organisation or business that you just feel are deserving due to the work they do, or for any other reason. For example CFA, Local Footie/Soccer Club, Soup Kitchen. If you would like to suggest a charity / cause, please complete the details below and return this to the school office – you can give a reason why if you wish, but this is not essential.

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