



## SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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7<sup>th</sup> February 2019



### February

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 - House Spirit Leadership Workshop
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 - Graffiti Incursion
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation BBQ
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School – Parent Meet & Greet (1.30pm dismissal / optional program)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y3-6 - District Twilight Swimming (select students)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Whole School - Casual Clothes Day (gold coin)
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Foundation – Western Water Incursion

### March 2019

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whole School – House Spirit Launch Day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	PANCAKE DAY
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School – SEDA Soccer Incursion
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day Holiday
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y3-6 - Athletics Carnival
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Swimming Carnival (select students)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School - Casual Clothes Day (gold coin) District Athletics Carnival (select students)

### April 2019

Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3/4 – Arts Centre Excursion
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term – Early Dismissal 2.30pm



Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Start of Term 2
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Day Holiday

## A note from the Principal

Wednesday morning was a hive of activity as our Foundation (prep) students took their first step on their education journey. The students quickly settled into the routine of school and have enjoyed playing with and getting to know their buddies and our teachers

The staff and I are looking forward to meeting you all at the Foundation family BBQ. We hope you can make it so that we can catch up in a more informal setting. Thank you to you all for supporting the staff and making sure your children are prepared and ready to start every day at school with a “Can Do” attitude. I know everyone would want me to thank Caitlin, Jackie, Angelique and Alycia for all the time they have put in to ensure the kid’s first two days at school were great.

### The Buddy Program



The Buddy Program forms an important part of our transition program. On Wednesday all foundation students spent time with their buddies. Tyson from FH’s parents wanted me to give a big shout out to his grade 6 buddy Kody Hughes. Kody introduced himself to them at the end of Tyson’s first day and made a big effort to ensure Tyson was safe to go home

### OUR COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

Sunbury Heights Primary School is committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. At Tuesday night’s staff meeting, we reviewed our commitment to Child Safety and the Code of Conduct under which we operate. Please be assured we are committed to ensuring all our students have the right to be safe and protected from abuse. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff, volunteers and school families. As a school we have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. Our Principal Class Officers, Kaye Mills and Joanne Fogarty, and Child Safe Officer Damian O’Keefe, ensure we have robust human resources and recruitment practice, specific policies, procedures and training in place for all staff and volunteers. Copies of our policies are available from the school office or on our website [www.sunburyheightsps.vic.edu.au](http://www.sunburyheightsps.vic.edu.au).

### Bringing Music to our ears

This year we are pleased to announce that Music continues to be a focus across the school. Each week classes will have the opportunity to participate in Music sessions. The program involves singing, instruments and all aspects of music. It supports the Education State initiative of students having more opportunities within the arts. The school’s singing group’s first performance will be at the Sunfest Festival in the Battle of the Choirs. Lily Hutcheon is this year’s Music Captain



Hi Everyone! My name is Chloe Maxfield and I'm the Junior School Council President (JSCP). My role mainly consists of organising fundraisers and helping to run events. I take ideas for fundraisers from anyone in the school or community so, if you have any ideas feel free to leave a note at the office about which charity you would like the school to raise money for. The ideas I have so far are: I greatly look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone in the school and community, have a good day and goodbye!



### Junior School Council

Congratulations to Chloe Maxfield our Junior School Council President and members of the Junior School Council Kody, Luke, Isabelle, Jet, Imogen, Nalani, Marley, Sebastian, James and Noah on their election.

These students will oversee our out of uniform days that support worthwhile charities both at home and further afield. Please read Chloe's introduction to the JSC. The students will also join the school captains and house captains to help support the implementation of House Spirit.

Two of our past and present students made it in our local papers this week. It's always nice to share with our wider school community.



### **All prepped and ready**

Kinder sweethearts Lyla and Xander are counting down the days to their first day of school.  
The excited duo will be among many preps starting school at Sunbury Heights Primary School this Wednesday.  
Xander's mum, Zoe Watson said the pair had an instant connection when they first met.  
"They met at Learnmonth kindergarten at the start of last year and they've just bounced off each other and they were mates ever since," Ms Watson.  
"She said it was "pure coincidence" that Lyla and Xander would be attending the same school.  
"When Xander found out Lyla was going, he was stoked and then we actually asked for them to be in the same class as each other because they're not two kids that are boisterous together ... these two can sit together and they encourage each other as well," Ms Watson said.  
Lyla's mum Zoe Kasiek said she had mixed emotions about Lyla's beginning school.  
"My daughter's the oldest so she'll be my first one going, so I'll probably cry," Ms Kasiek said.  
Xander and Lyla will be among an estimated 95,000 eager preps who started their schooling during the past week.

Jessica Micallef

## Miracle return to class

Student back at school year after stroke

BY ALL medical predictions, 18-year-old Natalie Wood shouldn't have gone back to school last week. The Sunbury Downs College student was at home one Saturday morning in late 2017 when she suffered a grade-five aneurysm rupture, which led to a severe stroke.

"The best thing is the feeling when I go into hospital and my doctors and my neurosurgeons and nurses cry because I'm doing so well" —NATALIE WOOD

Through more than half a year in hospital, 12 operations and intensive rehab, Ms Wood had to learn to walk and talk again, though she still has paralysis on the left side of her body.

Last week, she returned to the classroom to begin her final year of secondary school.

It's a long way from the traumatic day Ms Wood suffered her stroke.

Paramedics arrived within minutes and 15 minutes after leaving Sunbury she was on an operating table at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Ms Wood said she loved defying the expectations of her doctors and nurses.

"It feels awesome. I love doing it," she said.

Love doing it," she said. "My goal at the moment is to get After school finishes, Ms Wood said she wanted to go to Deakin University and study a double degree of nursing and midwifery.

A driving force for her recovery was neurosurgeon Dr Shivan Kavar and the nursing team at Royal Melbourne Hospital.

"The best thing is the feeling when I go into hospital and my doctors and my neurosurgeons and nurses cry because I'm doing so well," Ms Wood said.

Mum Michelle Wood said the family wouldn't have been able to get through the ordeal without the support of the community.

"We've been overwhelmed. People have helped. The school community have helped make it possible for Natalie to go back to school," she said.

"A lot of the teachers have checked on her, the Sunbury Scouts, the softball club and people we can't even know. They've just come out of the woodwork."

After four months at home, the proud mum said her daughter worked hard every day — but the real healing had only just begun.

"Some days are harder than others, but she turns around and says she can't change it. I'll work. I'll make it work. I'll find a way to get through it," she said. "She's

### House Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Bradman House who for the second year in a row took out first place in the House Swimming Sports. Lizzy and Jake the Bradman House Captains were proud to accept the trophy on behalf of their house and wanted to thank all competitors Mrs Payton staff and parents for organising such a fun filled program that was inclusive of all our students.



They also wanted to express their thanks to Jo Miller and Donna Page for organising the BBQ which kept the hungry herds tummies filled on what started out as a chilly day.

### Mrs. Payton's Comments of the day

Wow!! What a busy start to the year it has been in Phys Ed. On Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February we saw close to 200 students in the Years 3-6 participate in 80 events at the Sunbury Aquatic Centre. The students competed in various events and earned points for their house. At the end of the day we saw Bradman take home the trophy, followed closely behind by Fraser. Elliott came third and Laver finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> position. Apart from the weather being a bit cool, it was a fantastic day where the students displayed excellent behaviour, encouraged their house mates and showed excellent sportsmanship. I would like to thank all the staff and parents who helped on the day. These days aren't possible without the support of the school community. Thanks to Jo and her team of workers for running the BBQ on the day and to all the parents who came to cheer on the kids. Prior to the carnival we held swimming trials for students who wanted to try out for the Sunbury Heights Swimming Team. If successful they will go on to represent our school at the Twilight Swimming Carnival on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of February. The team will be announced by the end of this week. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students taking part in the 50m swimming trials. Ella.M-R, Lincoln. E, Parris.M, Lucas.S, Shaun.W, Karlee.S, Skye. A, Sam.W, Luke.G, Jaxon.P, Aiden.W,



### Black Saturday Bushfire Commemoration and Out of Uniform Day

Today marks the ten-year anniversary of the 2009 Victorian bushfires. It is a time to pause, reflect and remember the impact of one of the worst natural disasters Victoria has experienced. Many schools, staff and students in Victoria were directly affected by the bushfires through loss of loved ones, homes, schools or businesses. The legacy of the bushfires continues to be felt in communities to this day, and this time of remembrance may trigger difficult feelings for some members of our school community.



The Sunbury CFA are an extremely important part of the Sunbury Community. Each year our Foundation students visit the station to meet some of the "people in our community" who help us. To commemorate the anniversary our February Out Of Uniform donations will go to the Sunbury CFA.

### Year 6A Mission Statement



## Meet 'n Greet

Parent Meet & Greet

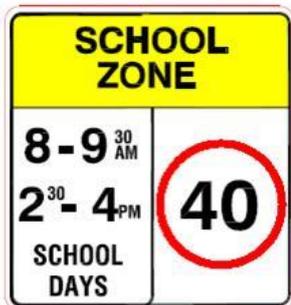
1:30pm dismissal/optional program.



### Please can we remind parents and families the importance of road safety around the school.

Some simple reminders below will hopefully make our school area a much safer and friendlier place:

- Charter Road is a school zone and traffic rules should be adhered to.
- Please ensure that you use the school crossing and encourage all students to use the crossing also.
- Staff car park is for staff only (or parents with prior approval) due to the OH&S regulations and restrictions (that parents may not be aware of) are in place.
- Disabled parking bays are for those with disability stickers only. I know it is tempting to park there when there are limited spaces, but we do have families with special needs that need to use these spaces.



## Students arriving at School



Please can we remind parents that students should not arrive at school prior to 8.40am except on Tuesday and Thursday when Breakfast Club is open from 8.00am. The school yard is not supervised until this time therefore, in the interest and safety of the children, we ask that you respect the arrival time we have in place.



## Hub Helpers

Our first Breakfast Club back for the year was a great success. It runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8am and the wider school community are all welcome.

## Lunar New Year

Happy New Year to all our families celebrating Lunar New Year



There will be

**NO ASSEMBLY**

on

**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**



**ASSEMBLY**

will return on

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

## SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

'House Spirit' T-Shirt Order Form



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name & Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If families have attended our school previously or have siblings who currently attend the school, we try to ensure they are put in the house that is relevant to your family. If so, what house were/are they in:

House:  LAVER  BRADMAN  ELLIOTT  FRASER

Size:  XS (6)  S (8)  M (10-12)  L (14)  Adult L (16-18)

\$20 Payment:  CASH (enclosed)  EFTPOS (pay at the office or complete and return slip below)

CARD PAYMENT (No less than \$10)	
Students Name:	Students Grade:
Payment For:	AMOUNT: \$
Card No.	Expiry
Cardholders Name:	Cardholders Signature:
Office Staff:	Authorising Officer:
	Date Processed:

If you require to purchase a House Spirit T-Shirt for this year and we don't have stock available at the office, please ensure you place an order by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Payment can be made by cash or EFTPOS



## Living with Autism

Sunbury Heights Primary School

Are you a parent of a child who has a diagnosis of autism?

- Join in with this free 6 week parenting programme where you will have the opportunity to:
- Meet others who are in the same situation
  - Discuss autism and how this impacts your child
  - Be supported to develop new approaches and strategies for your child
  - Consider self-care and other supports

**DATES:**  
Tuesday 19th February - Tuesday 26th March 2019 (6 Weeks)  
**TIME:**  
10:30 am until 12:30 pm  
**WHERE:**  
Sunbury Heights Primary School Hub, Charter Road East, Sunbury  
**To Book: Contact Sharon Ramunno, Hub Co-ordinator**  
Sunbury Heights Primary Hub on 03 97443377

All Sessions are Free



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BETTER TOMORROWS