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| March | | April | |
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| Mon 21 st | GERONIMO Performance at Assembly Stationery & Easter Raffle Ticket Sales (Before School, Before and After Assembly) | Mon 11 th | Term 2 Commences |
| Wed 23 rd | G3-6 House Athletics (BBQ Lunch Available at Athletics) NO LUNCH ORDERS | Wed 13 th | G1/2 Song Room Excursion – The Arts Centre |
| Thurs 24 th | Last Day of Term – early dismissal | Fri 15 th | House Cross Country |
| | | Tues 19 th | Inter Schools Athletics |
| | | Mon 25 th | ANZAC Day Holiday |
| | | Tues 26 th | Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS |
| | | Fri 29 th | G4 ACCA Excursion |

NEWS AND INFORMATION

Here we are nearly at the end of First Term...it's been a very busy and productive term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the holidays. There will be an early dismissal time next Thursday, we will dismiss at 2.30 for the Term One Vacation.

I would like to thank the staff for all they have done to ensure the term ran smoothly and their commitments to delivering programs and experiences to further enrich our students' learning. Sunbury Heights has always had strong connections with the parents, extended family members and friends of the students at our school. We believe when our school and our families work together the children do better and our school improves.

As Term One draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for their support of the school and to thank the people who have freely given of their time and for all your efforts in and around the school. This term we have had:



- volunteers supporting the breakfast program
- canteen volunteers
- classroom helpers
- library assistants
- parents making resources for the classroom
- parents organising fundraising activities and purchasing gifts in preparation for Mothers' Day
- parents assisting in the playgroups

In Term Two I hope parents and friends are still available to make time to come to school to make a difference in the lives of our students.

Evacuation Drills

A necessary component of our Emergency Management Procedures is to have regular evacuation and lockdown drills. Because we can't control when an evacuation might be needed the drills need to be at random. So it was a surprise for the staff and students to have a drill on yesterday. Overall the drill went extremely smoothly and the staff will now debrief about what went well and any concerns or issues they may have in regard to improving drills to ensure the safety of our students.

Sunbury Heights Art in the Community

Please make sure you take the opportunity to visit Sunbury Square Shopping Centre and see the Easter poster that our students and Jenny Caddaye have worked tirelessly on. Based on our musical theme it is certainly something we are proud of and we can blow our own "trumpet" about. Hop down to TJM as well and vote for our Beaut Ute. We are hoping to win the \$500 prize money and spend it to create further storage space when the art room renovations take place.

Thank you to TJM for the products they donated. We will certainly put them to good use. The sturdy backpack will be a welcome replacement for our worn first aid bag that we take on excursions, the outdoor chair will now be added to our inter school sports kit and the hanging torch has been added to our emergency management kit.

For further details about the displays and ways to vote for our Ute please see Jenny Caddaye's art news further on in the newsletter.

St Patricks Day

All through the school today there was a "touch of the Irish." Mrs Jackson's grade even had a visit from Lucky the Leprechaun this morning. Yesterday they made Irish hats out of polystyrene cups and today to be sure, to be sure, when they turned up the hats had shrunk down to a size that would fit a leprechaun's head! Lizzy, Kale, Charlotte and Nalani were very excited by all the goings on and



*Dear Lassies and Lads,
I found the hats ye left for me, right on your desk so I could see.
I took them all into me hands, and did some Leprechaun magic, (and a little dance).
Leprechauns can get such a naughty rap, it's so nice to do somethin' other than evade a trap.
I hope ye love your wee, little hats. I had fun time doin' it for ye, I know that!
Signed, Lucky the Leprechaun.*

Saby Sebastian 2016 Memorial Spelling Bee

Late last year one of the Rotary champions of Literacy, Saby Sebastian was tragically killed in a car accident. Rotary intends to run the Spelling Contest again this year for Grade 6 students from all local schools and have renamed it in honour and memory of their dear President. The night they have chosen for the Contest is Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Once again we intend to be involved in the Contest in the coming weeks we will receive a welcome package that will include the rules, conditions, details of prizes and the vital spelling list. When we have the list of words Mr O'Keefe and Mrs Adams will begin the process of selecting the student who will represent the school at "the Bee."

Transition Prep and Grade 6

In Term two our transition program for Prep students and Grade Six students begins in earnest. Choosing a school for your children is one of the most important decisions you make for your child's future. Your neighbourhood school is usually the best choice as it ensures that your children will grow, learn and play within their community. If Sunbury Heights is yours or your neighbours and relatives neighbourhood school, I would like you to consider choosing us. Information sessions **for prospective Prep families will be held in May or if you would like to make an appointment by arrangement at other times.**

Grade 6 students begin programs aimed at easing their anxiety as secondary school approaches. Enrolment forms for secondary placements will be sent home in Term 2. Please ensure you take the opportunity to visit our local secondary Colleges so that you can make an informed choice about the best placement for your child.



Assembly Performance

Your Child Will Be Performing at Assembly on Monday 21st March.

ALL students have been preparing for a whole school performance on Monday at assembly. Students have made their own musical instruments and learnt the words to the song Geronimo. We are looking forward to the big day and invite parents, grandparents, carers, aunts, uncles and friends along to join in the fun.


SONG Room and Grade 1/2 Arts Centre Excursion

How lucky we have been to foster a partnership with the SONG room. Our senior students will continue with weekly drama classes in Term Two and other students in the school will at some time have the opportunity to see productions at the Arts Centre at a very much reduced cost. On Wednesday April 18 students in grades one and two will be travelling by bus to the Melbourne Arts Centre where they will attend the performance of 52 Storey Treehouse play. After the performance, the children will go on a guided tour of Behind the Scenes of the Melbourne Arts Centre. The cost of the excursion including bus fare is \$8.00. We are able to offer this excursion at this price due to financial assistance provided by the First Call Fund at the Melbourne Arts Centre and through our participation in the Song Room organisation. We are very appreciative to provide this opportunity for our children.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day this year is on Monday April 25. All students in the school are invited to take part in the march and attend the wreath laying ceremony. The students need to be in full school uniform and meet outside the railway station for the Anzac March beginning at 10am. School staff will meet the students at the station to coordinate the march but as this is not an official school excursion parents need to attend the event to ensure their own child's supervision. We will then march to the Memorial area on the Village Green, where our School Captains will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. This will take place at approximately 10.15am - 10.30am.

HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



Let's spend the last week of term celebrating our diversity.
 Monday 21 March is Harmony Day. Harmony Day is an opportunity for all schools to look inward at their school community and all the differences that bring them together and give them a sense of belonging. On Monday we should try to remember that "We are all one under the one sky" and celebrate how lucky we are to be able to share and learn from each other's cultures and beliefs.

Students celebrating birthdays this week.....



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| Lily HUTCHEON | Luke GROSE | Olivia CLARKE |
| Conner KOEPPEN | Aidan THOMAS | Tyler KELLY |

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

| Grade | Student | Reason |
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| PREP K | Iu Toalua | For excellent improvement in his handwriting |
| PREP C | Taylah Maxfield | For always listening and putting in 100% |
| PREP B | Noah Busuttill | For excellent tracking of the speaker |
| 1R | Lachlan Bannister | For developing great stamina in writing |
| 2H | Casey Grose | For confidence in writing her own novel about Easter |
| 2D | Jack O'Donovan | For displaying independence and active participation in class discussions |
| 3D | Tiana Morgan | For attempting every task with enthusiasm and a smile |
| 3J | Isabelle O'Shannessy | For always being eager and willing to learn |
| 4d | Kyana Duffin | For her eloquent reading completing her PM's |
| 5K | Sophie Scalzo | For settling in well to Sunbury Heights |
| 5P | Isaac Spyrou | For showing positive attitude toward his learning |
| 6P | Sasha Wanyama | For showing care and compassion to his fellow students |
| SCIENCE | Jaxon Zarkos-Fisher | Enthusiastically answering questions on life cycles |
| PE | Matty Blay | Excellent behaviour and sportsmanship whilst on camp |
| ART | Justin Taylor | For focusing well and taking care with his artwork |

Woolworths Earn & Learn

A huge thank you to the school community for helping collect the 'Woolworths Earn and Learn' stickers last year. Our new science equipment arrived earlier in the week, some of the things we purchased with our points were:

- **A light box**
- **Colour mixing glasses**
- **Bug viewing jars**
- **Various rock and fossil collections**
- **Lenses and prisms**
- **Some stationery**



A lot of the resources will be used across all year levels, particularly when we study light. Mrs Payton is very excited about the light box and the addition of lots of new lenses and prisms.

Frog Find



Tyson Davison found a real frog in the playground at recess, he wanted to know how many points it was worth and if his class would win the Frog Find. Ms Morcom decided it is worth lots of points and declared 4d the winners of the 2016 Frog Find.

There is no prize, just the satisfaction of knowing they are better than everyone else!

Very exciting to have a frog in the garden as it indicates the environment is very healthy.

Easter Colouring in Competition & Raffle

With this week's newsletter, all students will be receiving a colouring in competition for our Easter Fundraiser. The cost per entry will be \$1 and this money will go towards helping the school provide resources to help with your child's education. This is due back to school by **Tuesday 22nd March**, and there will be a winner chosen from each grade level in the school. Thank you to Krystal Twyman for organising this Easter activity for our students to participate in.

We will also be selling tickets for our **Easter Raffle** on Monday (before school as well as before and after assembly) and on Wednesday at the G3-6 Athletics.

Raffle prizes include a **Family Pass to Jurassic Creatures** at Harbour Town Melbourne, **iTunes Vouchers** and of course...**chocolate!**

News from the Art Room

There has been a lot happening in the art room over the past few weeks.



Firstly students prepared our Easter poster for display at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre. You can see our poster outside 'Best and Less'.

At the same time, many students helped construct and decorate our 'Sunbury Heights' Beaut Ute'. This has been entered in a competition run by TJM Sunbury. TJM provided us with a bull bar box to turn into a four wheel drive vehicle. They kindly donated a number of products to our school and if our 'Beaut Ute' wins the competition, \$500 will be donated to Sunbury Heights. In order for this to happen, we need votes, and encourage you to call in to TJM to cast your vote. TJM also have a special event day coming up this Saturday. See the flier on our Sunbury Heights Facebook page for more details about the happenings on this day. TJM is 4 wheel drive and accessories store and is located at 4/78 Horne St, Sunbury (opposite the Caltex petrol station, on the road heading towards Diggers Rest).





MONDAY 21st MARCH
(Before and After Assembly)



Stationery Items
\$1.00 - \$5.00

Contact
\$1.00

Assorted Ceramic Platters
\$3.00 - \$5.00



All proceeds go to the school resources fund



Dromkeen LITERARY FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2016

A Festival celebrating Children's Writing and Storytelling for families, teachers, librarians and all children's book enthusiasts at beautiful Dromkeen Homestead & Gardens.

Come along and meet authors & illustrators; hear them read their stories; have fun with book & story activities, listen to panels discussing writing, literacy, and learning; join in creative workshops - all in picnic settings.

Meet the Authors & Illustrators.
Fun & Activities in the Gardens.
Book Readings and Panel Sessions

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