On Wednesday our 2017 preps were welcomed by our students and new family of baby chickens as they walked through the front door. The students settled easily into the classroom and parents and families had the opportunity to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers who will be teaching the prep classes in 2017. There is another prep transition session next Wednesday afternoon where the parents will have an opportunity to complete forms to open school banking accounts.

**School Council**

School Council met on Monday evening and were very sad to hear that two of our longest standing staff members will be leaving Sunbury Heights at the end of the year. Peter de Waart is retiring from teaching and Kerry Dexter is pursuing a career in teaching. Kerry has worked here since 2004 and Peter began here in 2008. Both have been respected staff members who have contributed a great deal to the school. Our Community Helper Appreciation Morning Tea which is being held on the December 7th will be a good opportunity for parents to catch up with Peter and Kerry and thank them for their contributions to SHPS.

**2017 Fees**

Council approved our 207 Parent Payment Charges and this week you will receive your copy. Parents should note that the two main days to make your payment of $165 and receive the book pack component are Tuesday 6th December and Monday 30th January (8am – 5pm). There are many payment options available to our parents. In addition to the payment structure the letter advises parents of the expected costs for camps and excursions at each grade level.

**Permission Notes Sent Home**

- Special Lunch – LAST DAY FOR ORDERS FRIDAY
  - G1 Teddy Bear Picnic
  - G5/6 (selected students) Rugby State Finals
  - G1/2 Fairytale Fiasco Incursion Notice

Thank you to all the parents who have already returned these.

**GRADE 6 JACKETS**

Over the past years, we have offered Grade 6 students the opportunity to purchase a Grade 6 Jacket.

The garments are navy blue with the school logo on the front and the names of the students and Grade 6 teachers on the back.

Students have already tried on sample sizes, so the correct size will be ordered for them. Delivery of the order will be in Term 1, 2016.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT A $20 DEPOSIT AS CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ORDER IS PAID NO LATER THAN MONDAY 14th OF DECEMBER 2015.
Child Safe Standards

Sunbury Heights promotes safety for every child.

This week we want to highlight the Daniel Morcombe foundation website. This is a website full of different videos, resource kits, even apps that promote child safety. Definitely one to check out!

http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au

Turning Orange for Orang-utans

On Friday the 11th of November turned the school orange to raise awareness of the effects caused through the misuse of palm oil to orang-utans and other endangered species. Thank you to all those who supported and enjoyed the day.

News from the Art Room

Students in Grades 3 and 4 have made some beautiful decorations for a Christmas tree at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre. I will be at Sunbury Square this coming Monday (Nov 21st) at 4pm to decorate the tree. If any students would like to assist, particularly those in Grades 3 and 4, they are welcome to come along to help. They must however be under the supervision of an adult.

Also if anyone has any ice-cream containers to spare I’d appreciate them for use in the Art Room. With thanks Jenny Caddaye

Incursions and Excursions

Attending incursions and excursions and providing children rich experiences in the classroom (chickens hatching) give students a valuable experience that expands on the curriculum and extends children’s vocabulary from only knowing Tier one words.

Tier 1
Basic words that commonly appear in spoken language.

Tier 2
More challenging and subject specific words that students will meet in print.

Hume Seedlings For Schools

On Monday we received notification that our application had been successful. Our allocation of indigenous plants will be available in July 2017. A working bee to prepare the site may be needed prior to the planting may be needed. There will be a lot of soil to turn, mulch to spread and weeds to pull.

Thank you Jo Harding and Peter de Waart for putting together the submission and giving us this opportunity to improve our outside environment.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to Mrs Ross who organised our school service. Once again the respect shown by our students and the young pre-schoolers from Good Start Learning Centre was commented favourable upon. Please read the account of the Sunbury Service that our school captains attended.

“...It was a lovely day at Sunbury Heights for all on Friday 11th of November, for that was Remembrance Day. It was sunny, the birds were singing and the grass was as green as ever.

The school captains, me (Sasha), Bridey, Jack, Priya and Mrs Mills attended the Sunbury service. As we got out of the car, we saw old friends and greeted them. Jack put the wreath on the table with all the others. The service started with a choir singing, this was followed by a short speech plus speeches from Sunbury Downs students, Natasha and Lachlan.

We marked our respects with a minutes silence and a man played the last post."

Sasha

Chickens Chickens Everywhere...

Grade 4d have certainly had a great opportunity to let their knowledge shine through this week as they have hosted students from many grades who wanted to see the newly hatched chicks.

Everyone has loved being able to pop into Mr d’s room and learn a little bit more about the life cycle of a chick.
Prep Aquarium & Beach Excursion

Last week the preps enjoyed a visit to the Aquarium and Williamstown beach. Thank you to the staff for organising the experience and to Erin, Mel, Ned, Kerri-anne and Kerry, the parents who attended and supported on the day.

“I like the anel fish because they have gills like the shark, and I like turtles.” Paitin

“Oh Thursday we went to the beach and I collected shells and I saw fish. We went to the Aquarium and I saw stingrays. At the beach I saw the boat of Tasmania.” Kelsey

When I went to the Aquarium I saw the penguins and when I blinked at them they would blink back.” Ryu

Come and learn Tai Chi for free at the Sunbury Heights Community Hub in 2017. The gentle flowing movements of Tai Chi offer significant health and well-being benefits to people of all ages. Limited places are available for parents and members of our school. This complimentary community program is being offered by Wellbeing Martial Arts who currently run karate classes at our school on a Friday evening. It is envisaged that Tai Chi sessions will be held one morning a week from around 9.15am to 10.15am. Please contact Sharon on 9744-3377 if you would like more information.

As part of our cyber safety policy, students will now be acknowledged by ‘first name’ only.

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Messenger Dogs Incursion

The whole school enjoyed a free puppet show provided by Victorian State Government as part of the Anzac Centenary program. Each child who was present on the day received a medal which was a copy of the 1919 Children’s Peace Medal.

Andre did some great research about WW1 Dogs.
Pie for Lunch

‘Special Lunch’

Wednesday
30th November
2016

LAST DAY FOR ORDERS
Friday 25th November 2016

LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

COME AND TRY NIGHT

WOMEN’S, U18’S, U15’S and U12’S FOOTBALL

With the new Women’s AFL competition set to start up in 2017 we are providing an opportunity for girls and women of all ages and ability to come along and have a go at AFL Football. Whether you are a seasoned pro or have never picked up a football WE WANT YOU.

When: Tuesday 22 November
Time: 6.30pm (6.45pm start)
Where: Eric Boardman Memorial Reserve
Mitchells Lane
Sunbury

BYO Water bottle and runners

For further information contact Kyra on 0408 507 159 or kludley19@hotmail.com

Sunbury Uniting Church’s 13th Annual
Giant Car Boot Sale
& Craft Market

Saturday 26th November
from 8.30am
Uniting Church Hall & Village Green
Chr Brock & O’Shanassy Streets

Stalls selling:
- jewellery - candles - wall art - confectionery
- suncatchers - hand-painted glass
- Christmas gifts - porcelain dolls
- ... lots more!

Fun and food for kids!
- jumping castle
- Thomas ride for littlies
- sausage sizzle - lucky dips
- face painting - balloon twisting

Live music!

also - our Devonshire Tea/Coffee café inside
and don’t miss - our huge second-hand book stall!

Over 60 cars!!
Handcraft stalls
inside and outside

supporting:
The Leprosy Mission
The ‘4 Winds Cambodia Project’ (inside)

This is a great Christmas shopping opportunity!

Enquiries to Helen on 0407 506 507