

# SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## July 2019

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> **WAKAKIRRI** (Clock Tower Moonee Ponds)

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> **Y5/6 Leadership** – House Spirit Workshop

## August 2019

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> **SCIENCE WEEK**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Mon 26<sup>th</sup> **Whole School** – Life Education Program

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> **Y5/6 Author Visit**

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> **School Council Meeting**

## September 2019

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> **Y1/2** – Jump Rope

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> **Y5/6** – Summer Sports

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> **Woodlands Athletics** Selected Students

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> **Y6** – Space Centre Excursion  
**Foundation** – Pet Ownership Incursion

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> **Y1/2** – Pet Ownership Incursion

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> **School Council Meeting**

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> **Y5** – Space Centre Excursion  
**Y1/2** – Werribee Mansion Excursion

**NO ASSEMBLY**  
**FRIDAY 19 JULY 2019**

**Happy Birthday!**  
17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July

**Nevaeh, Jayden B, Noah W, Adam,  
Seth, Nate, Kalina, Charlee**



Sunbury Heights Primary School  
'Our Commitment to Child Safety'

Sunbury Heights Primary School is committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. 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)



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## Student of the Week

Will return next week and  
will be presented at Assembly on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL Term 3 – Week 1 – 18/07/19

Welcome back to Term 3. People say Term Three is the quiet one but for us it doesn't seem to be so.

## WAKAKIRRI

Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools

Our Wakakirri students are in the final throes of rehearsals for their big night at The Clock Tower in Essendon next Tuesday. Thank you to all the families who attended the final dress rehearsal and information session on Tuesday. It was great that so many of you could make it and get the information from our organisers first hand. The day will start with a Wakakirri Breakfast, rehearsal at school before the students and staff head off on the bus for their dress rehearsal and lunch at the actual Clock Tower. The students and staff will share a meal together before their performance.

Thank you to Mel Brand, Ashlea Barnes and Jo Harding for putting the whole extravaganza together. Thank you to Erica Andersen and Amanda Beggs for the offer of help on the performance day, and to School Council for ensuring all students have the opportunity to participate.

### StartSmart

I wish that when my children were in Primary School they had a program that taught them the value of money and the difference between needs and wants! This week our Junior School are having their StartSmart Program where Captain Cash set the children missions to complete that taught them about spending their money wisely.



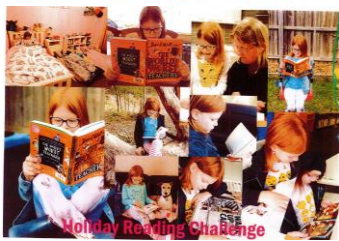
### 2019 Great Sunbury Gnome Hunt



Thank you to everyone who supported the event this year. It was lots of fun as always. Also a huge thank you to Goonawarra P&F and our very own Kelly McDonald for organising the event. Completed forms must be returned by Lunchtime on Friday 19 July to go into the draw.

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## Miss Haack and Mac's Reading Attack!



Congratulations to Alexis for reading over the holidays. Mrs Mac and Miss Haack are very proud and you will receive your award at next week's assembly.

JUST ONE THING



### Keeping winter germs to a minimum....

Even though the days are getting longer, the days are still very cold. And what comes with cold days...is runny noses! We are therefore asking families if they could donate a box of tissues to their child's grade.



## Uniforms

It has been noted that some students are not wearing correct uniform in the Winter months. If your child needs to wear a long sleeved top under their school uniform it must be in school colours and not have surfing brand logos etc. on the hood or sleeves. If you are looking for options Big W, Best and Less and Target have plain navy, pale blue or red tops available. The second hand uniform cupboards at the Hub may have something to help you out or talk to Damian O'Keefe if you would like to access State School Relief.

The local retail stores also offer a waterproof option. As you can see, they look extremely smart and, at \$15 each, are very cost effective.



## Winter uniform support for Foundation Students

A great initiative of the Government is the provision of a winter uniform for students in Foundation who receive CSEF Funding. If you haven't already given us your details please do so. This will enable us to apply for uniforms for your eligible Foundation student prior to the September 20<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The 2019 Foundation uniform package includes:

- 1 x rugby top, hoodie, windcheater, jacket (bomber or polar fleece), or long sleeve polo
- 1 x tracksuit pants, trousers or pants.
- 1 x pair of shoes (lace up, T-bar, runners or sneakers).

State Schools' Relief will send uniform packages or vouchers directly to the school for distribution.



## Responding to the cold and flu season

Influenza is increasing throughout Victoria and schools are reporting higher rates of students affected by influenza.

Schools have been advised to follow these important steps and we would encourage our families to do so. Also:

1. Encourage students with symptoms such as high fever, a cough, a runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired, to seek medical advice.
2. Any students with symptoms should limit contact with others and stay at home.
3. If a student becomes ill at school with these symptoms, contact the family and arrange to pick up the student.
4. Ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.
5. Good general hygiene is the best defence against infection. Encourage students to wash their hands regularly 'Be a SOAPY HERO!'.



## Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22 July to 11 August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjabi.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. Last year we used the survey results to plan for school wide programs and improvements that our parents felt would be valuable. Please Kaye to me if you would like further information.