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July 2019

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

Fri 26th **Casual Clothes Day**

August 2019

Fri 9th **Y5/6** – Sunbury Downs Transition Performance

Mon 12th – Fri 16th **SCIENCE WEEK**

Mon 19th – Mon 26th **Whole School** – Life Education Program

Mon 19th – Fri 23rd **Whole School** – Book Week

Tues 20th **Foundation** - Library Incursion
School Council Meeting

Wed 21st **Y5/6** – Author Visit

Thur 29th **Fathers Day Stall and Breakfast**

Fri 30th **Whole School** - Casual Clothes Day

September 2019

Thurs 5th **Y1/2** – Jump Rope

Fri 6th **Y5/6** – Summer Sports

Tues 10th **Woodlands Athletics** Selected Students

Fri 13th **Y6** – Space Centre Excursion
Foundation – Pet Ownership Incursion

Mon 16th **Y1/2** – Pet Ownership Incursion

Tues 17th **School Council Meeting**

Thurs 19th **Y5** – Space Centre Excursion
Y1/2 – Werribee Mansion Excursion
Y3/4 – Scienceworks Excursion

Fri 20th **WHOLE SCHOOL** - Casual Clothes Day
END OF TERM - Early Dismissal



25th – 31st July

Summer, Shelby, Aiden W, Louise S, John K, Elizabeth B, Eric M, Hunter,



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



Where everyone counts everyday

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 3 – Week 2 – 25/07/19

Duet Song Room

Today I received two awards for Mel Brand and Tracy Dixon.

The DUET Program is designed to build the capacity of classroom teacher's confidence, capability and capacity to deliver music education. The students who participated in our classroom programs certainly enjoyed them, but are now learning more of the components of the Music and Performing Arts Curriculum.



Pyjama Day TOMORROW!

Year 1/2M were talking about Pyjama Day tomorrow. Please support the day.



Supporting the pyjama foundation

The class explained to me that the out of uniform day supports The Pyjama Foundation. Funds raised are used to support children in Foster Care. They provide new pyjamas and a Teddy for these kids. I'm sure in our own life experiences we have come across children who need to go into care for a time or know the great work that foster families do. While it is only a gold coin donation, if any families feel they would like to donate more, we will be taking cash or card donations via the office.

Local Schools Community Fund

It was very pleasing to read Rob Mitchell Federal Member for McEwen's latest letter to me. Rob has advised that we can apply for a grant for a project up to \$20,000.

The projects that are eligible but are not limited to; Master planning, small scale refurbishments, installation of ICT facilities/equipment software, playground and sporting equipment, shade structures, landscaping, procurement of musical facilities, furniture, computer equipment, digital whiteboards, library resources and air conditioning.

If any of our families have other ideas we would love to hear them.

No Smoking

Please can we remind families that....
SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED
within four metres of an entrance to any primary and secondary school in Victoria, and within the school grounds.



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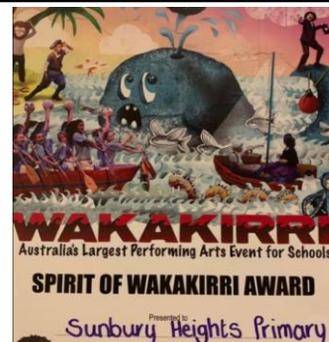
WAKAKIRRI

Australia's Largest Performing Arts Event for Schools

This year the Victorian Government through the Department of Education and Training, signalled its belief in the importance of Arts Learning in primary education. This week Sunbury Heights has been commended twice for their commitment to the Arts.

Our school's Wakakirri Team had the audience in raptures with their performance. In Hannah McSween's words the message of the piece, "Together we can make a rainbow," was how the students worked together to put compose their story through dance. The judges must have recognised the spirit of our performers because Sunbury Heights won the **Spirit of Wakakirri Award**. To win this award, the students had to show team work, have fun, be encouraging of their own school and others, show respect for the mentor teachers and organisers, and have confidence. Hannah, Shaun and Charlotte certainly displayed confidence as the spokespeople for the school. They had to talk about the theme, how our production was sustainable, and of course the people who needed to be thanked. This was Shaun's job, and he made sure to thank Mel Brand in particular. He also said the event wouldn't have run as smoothly without the support of Ashlea Barnes, Jo Harding, Amanda Beggs and Martin Waslander. Miss Brand said "I couldn't have asked for anymore from the students. The day was so much fun and the kids poured their little hearts out on stage. Wonderful day, excellent behaviour and outstanding results. For all involved, I thank you. It takes many hands to help with a production like this, and every little bit was appreciated."

Thank you to all the families and friends who came to support the students. I think there was a tear or two in some mums and dads eyes when they realised how their children could shine on stage. Wakakirri 2019 draws to a close. I wonder what 2020 brings MEL BRAND! Well done WAKKAS!



Years 1/2 Inquiry

Mandy Mark's grade was very excited when I visited today and they showed me some of the toys that have been brought in to support their investigation unit Old and New. All the generations of Mandy's family are represented. Ryan is holding Mandy's dad's old board game set, Amber is holding Mandy's own Barbie Horse, Kayla is holding Mandy's Nanna's doll. Alex brought in his brother's little pull along toy and the kids were all wondering why we don't have telephones like that anymore!



Viscosity in Art

Mrs Mills absolutely loved the tiles that are on display in the atrium. Sam White's artwork, took Mrs Payton and Mrs Mills' eye. The students are learning about viscosity. They diluted paint to make drip paintings. The artist studied was Pollock who painted the famous and expensive blue poles.



Premiers' Reading Challenge House Spirit Tally

Fraser	44
Laver	36
Bradman	35
Elliott	32

SCHOLASTIC

Last day for Scholastic Book Club order is Thursday 1st August.



School Uniform

Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride, creates an identity for a school and is an important part of being a school student.



"Uniforms show that you are part of an organisation. ...

A school uniform teaches students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance.

It has been noted that some students are not wearing the correct school uniform. It **must** be in school colours and not having any brands or logos. If you need assistance, please remember that our second hand uniform cupboards at the Hub, may have something to help you out or you can talk to Damian O'Keefe if you would like to access State School Relief.

August –
October



2019

LITTLE BIG TALK

**Free Speech Pathology Drop-in
for residents of Hume**
- for children under school age

- Bring your child to the session if you have questions or concerns about your child's communication skills.
- For children aged birth to school entry.
- No appointment or referral is required; however, you may be required to wait, or asked to attend another date if the session is full.
- This session is intended for families who are not already engaged with, or on a waiting list for a speech pathologist or early intervention.
- If deemed appropriate, a Speech Pathologist will talk to you about ways to help your child's communication, and may refer you to another service.

When	Where (Drop-In Clinic)	Time
Tues 13 August	Sunbury Heights Primary School	9.00am - 11.30am
Tues 15 October	Dallas Brooks Community Primary School	9.00am - 11.30am



Education and Training



DPV Health



Sunbury COMMUNITY HEALTH



HUME CITY



Y5-6 STUDENTS



Y5/6 CAMP

Payment Reminder

Payments can be made by
Cash or Card at the school office,
or by Card over the phone.

Please note CSEF will not cover the whole cost,
therefore Cash / CentrePay (by agreement) payments
will also be required.

Student of the Week

Presented at Assembly on Friday 2nd August

FA	Alli	for showing kindness to other peers
FH	Tyson	for always being a kind and caring friend
FB	Blade	for proudly sharing your 'Family in a Box'
FD	Trey	for trying hard with his writing
1/2M	James	for working hard to improve his writing
1/2H	Miley	for always trying her best
1/2D	Jack R	for being a kind friend and enthusiastic learner
1/2LF	Jordan E	for his fantastic effort using a number line for addition
1/2K	Rachael	for always trying her best and for her improvement in her writing
3/4D	Marlee	for working hard at multiplication
3/4B	Marley	for his excellent visualisation image of the Gruffalo in Reading
3/4C	Koby	for his excellent visualisation image of the seashore
3/4H	Declan R	for his fantastic effort towards improving in Mathematics
3/4M	Van	for being a respectful and responsible student
5A	Brooklyn	for working hard during Maths to read large numbers
5U	Chloe	for showing great confidence in her Class Captain speech
6KW	Alejo	for showing maturity and respect at school
6A	Kale	for a more consistent approach to his learning
Art	Koby C	for his great painting of a clock in Art
PE	Deva	for always trying her best
S.T.E.A.M	6A	for an outstanding session in STEAM, showing all our school values

Account Payments / Fees

In the next few weeks School Council will be confirming the 2019 fees and these fees will be added to family accounts in December.



We would ask that families who have not yet completed the payment of their 2018 fees to attempt to do so, or contact the office to discuss payment plans, prior to the new fees being added.

Although we like parents to come in and see us, we know this is not always possible. Therefore, we are now accepting EFTPOS payments over the phone should this be an easier option for you.

Parent Occupation Data Collection

Every school within the state are required to complete a Census in Term 1 and Term 3. This information is collected by the Department of Education to determine what funding we receive. We would therefore ask that you advise us if you have any changes in your domestic status over the past few months – i.e. job change or unemployment, separation or divorce. These factors have a huge impact on the amount of funding we receive, therefore it is essential that we have this information correct. You can advise us of changes by telephoning (03 9744 3377) or emailing (sunbury.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au), the office, sending a note in with your child or coming to see us in person.



Parent Opinion Survey

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey amongst a sample of the school community. Yesterday an email was sent to a randomly selected sample of approximately 30 per cent of families inviting them to participate. The information obtained from these surveys is extremely important to us so we can continually improve our school and offer better outcomes for our students and families. Changes we have recently made, as a result from feedback received from our families, through the Parent Opinion Survey and other surveys conducted are as follows:

- Foundation Parent Teacher Interviews taking place in Term 2, rather than Term 3
- Introduction of House Spirit, School Wide Positive Behaviours and Anti-bullying programs
- Use of Dojo as a means of better communication between teaching staff and families
- Improvement to facilities and grounds – dedicated Science/STEAM Room
- Curriculum aimed at supporting all students needs and interests
- Introduction of LOTE and Music into the curriculum
- Employment of a dedicated Student Engagement and Wellbeing Co-ordinator, Speech Pathologist as well as additional ES staff to offer support in most Junior School classrooms
- Improved transition processes at Foundation level
- Increasing family engagement through Art Show, Open Nights and improved forms of communication such as Compass
- Offering CentrePay as a payment option, ensuring school fees do not have a financial burden on families

PARENT SURVEY



22 July
to
11 August

School Review

We are currently undergoing a school review. Last Friday the review panel met with our School Council President Nicole Cameron, our senior staff Sharon Ramunno and Mrs Mills, to start to gather information around how the school's strategic plan for the next four years should develop.

The panel would love to get the input of a focus group of parents. The panel members will be at Breakfast Club next Tuesday saying hello to the wider community. Hopefully after this they would be able to talk to parents about how they feel their child is progressing academically, what their children enjoy doing at school and whether their children feel connected to school and valued in the school environment. Please come along and share your thoughts that will help us move forward as a community.

Mondays in our Community Hub

tiny tots



play group

Tiny Tots Playgroup 9:00am - 10:30am Cost \$2

A social environment for little ones and their parents.

Aimed at babies and toddlers before advancing to 0-5 Beehive or On the Rise Playgroup.



On The Rise Playgroup 1:00pm - 3:00pm Cost - \$5

A playgroup aimed at providing a structured environment with a focus on oral language.

While you don't need to stay, a parent helper is required each week.



Learn Hindi the Fun Way 3:30pm - 4:15pm Gold Coin Donation

Fun learning for kids to help them take the first steps to reading and writing Hindi, which includes Bollywood dance, singing songs, Hindi rhymes.

Interested in participating - please contact Sharon Ramunno on 03 9744 3377
or email your enquiry through to sunbury.heights.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au