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May	
Fri 27 th	G5/6 Winter Sports – Weather Permitting
Mon 30 th	School Dental – Phase 2 Commencing – Dates TBC
June	
Wed 1 st	Division Cross Country LAST DAY for Scholastic orders
Wed 15 th	Region Cross Country
Thurs 16 th	Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tues 21 st	Parent Teacher Conferences – more details to follow 1.30pm Dismissal for Students
Wed 22 nd	G5/6 Excursion – Song Room @ The Arts Centre
Fri 24 th	CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – School Orchard
	Last Day of Term – Early Dismissal



**PLEASE ENSURE THAT
YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED APPROPRIATELY
DURING THE COOLER, WETTER MONTHS**

NEWS AND INFORMATION

National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

National Sorry Day is held on the 26 May and acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture. In our entrance we display a copy of the framed 'Apology to Australia's Indigenous People' made in 2008 by the then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd. Our school prides itself on celebrating and building on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.



Mr Knight's grade and Mrs Pianura's grade have put together a Harmony Day movie. Mr Knight is putting the link on our FaceBook Page for all of our community to reflect on how important HARMONY is for people all over the world.



NAIDOC Week

In week one of term two the school will celebrate NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week will start with a 9.15am assembly where we will be entertained by John Secombe who will play the didgeridoo and perform a cultural dance. Other activities based around the NAIDOC Week Teaching Unit "Bush Tucker" will occur in classrooms during the week.

ACE Students

Congratulations to Jack Price, Isa Eades, Bridey Carew, Priyasha Govender, Jamie Pender and Violet Bastos who have got through the first round of their quest to be part of the Sunbury Downs ACE Program. The school was so impressed with their applications and teacher assessments that they have been invited to sit for the ACE Program's Entry Testing today. We know they are a little nervous but we wish them all the best and congratulate them for getting this far.

Well Done Jack



It was a pleasure for Mrs Payton, Mrs Adams and I to accompany Jack his mum Leah, dad Hayden, sister Charlotte and Nanna Wendy to the Rotary Spelling Bee on Tuesday night. We enjoyed a meal together and then the competition began in earnest. Jack seemed cool, calm and collected as he spelt his way towards his last of ten wordsPROPHET!

Jack did Sunbury Heights proud and will be presented with his certificate, \$100 prize money and Spelling Bee polo shirt at an assembly in the near future.

Sunbury Library Visit

Our Year One classes were very excited on Wednesday to have a special visit by Kat from the Sunbury Library.

Through the assistance of Sunbury Library over several years, Sunbury Heights has been fortunate to participate in National Simultaneous Story Time. On this day the same book is read all over Australia at the same time. This year's book is '*I Got This Hat*'.



After listening to the story, the students made and decorated hats made from newspaper.

If you haven't done this with your child, not only is it a fun activity to do, it is loaded with maths concepts - triangles, rectangles, halves, middle. In a world filled with whizz bang technology, some of the "old" ideas are still loaded with as much excitement and learning as the newer things!

Look for this book in our library or visit the Sunbury Library soon! Thank you so much to Kat and her team at Sunbury Library for their ongoing support of our school. Now where's my hat?

Student Achievement and Learning Conferences

To give parents the opportunity to book school interviews for times that suited them, we have an online booking process. For new parents or parents without computer access a booking hub will be set up in the library. Flyers explaining the process will go out next week with the newsletter.

BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 20th JUNE 2016 AT 4PM

Students at all year levels are expected to attend this conference.

Be Nice

This week one of our parents commented to me about a bigger brother making a cruel comment to a younger sister. Even though we would hope this never happens, unfortunately it does happen. Spend some time in any schoolyard or listen in to some sibling conversations and you'll soon realize that children can be very cruel to each other. They can say the most cutting things. I think this week Michael Grose article is very apt.



One of the jobs of parents is to help kids tap into their capacity to be kind, to be helpful and to be generous to others.

The capacity to be nice is there. It just needs to be developed, encouraged and nurtured. Some children need more reminding than others, so you may need to persevere and keep reminding kids to do the right thing by others. Thriving parenting is about developing real character in kids.

Tips for helping your kids tap into their capacity to be nice:

- 1. Develop a 'No put-down' policy:** Help kids understand the potential destructiveness of putting kids down because of their weight, looks, intelligence or other personal attributes. If you're told often enough that you're dumb then it can have a way of sticking. As a parent become intolerant of personal put-downs from your kids.
- 2. Help children identify friendly behaviours:** Help kids understand how good friends act. Being a good friend means many things such as being loyal, keeping confidences, accepting mistakes and a whole lot more. Help kids understand these friendly behaviours and refer back to them when they are being..... unfriendly.
- 3. Hypnotise your kids:** My dad used to say, 'If you haven't anything nice to say about someone, don't say anything at all.' Like many parents he passed on his wisdom using memorable phrases, slogans and platitudes. Some of these may have been passed on to him. Importantly, he tried to live by the values they conveyed, so they carried significant weight. (I still open up my mouth sometimes and my dad jumps out!) Find a way to package up your personal wisdom around 'niceness' and start hypnotising your kids....just like your parents hypnotised you!



Friendliness has been identified as a basic skill that will contribute to children's overall success at school and beyond. (Organisation, confidence, persistence and resilience are some of the others.) So helping kids tap into their niceness is not just a nice thing to do; it will assist them to work better with others, be more accepting and be happier to boot. Dear Parents

Pie Drive



It's that time of year where we pull on the winter woollies, wrap ourselves in scarves and beanies and enjoy the warm feeling of comfort food. So please look out for the Pie Drive order form coming home this week from our Parents & Friends Fundraising Committee.

The funds raised will help with the makeover of 'the graveyard' (the playground area between the 2 buildings).

 Birthdays 	Charlotte LYNCH
	Alex GAMBERA
	Ben GILPIN

LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM YOUR 2016 CSEF

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUNDS (CSEF)

CSEF application forms are available at the office.
 Concession card holders are eligible for this allowance.
 They will be subject to concession cards being successfully validated by Centrelink. This annual payment is paid directly to the school and will be used towards camps, sports and/or excursions.

FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 22nd JUNE



GRADE	STUDENT	REASON
Prep K	Brody Smith	For putting 100% into all his learning
Prep C	Kelsey Noakes	Superb efforts in recalling doubles facts
Prep B	Lachlan Green-Neill	For making great choices with his behaviour
1M	Mathew Reimers Cooper Howe	For settling well into SHPS For making excellent progress in reading the 100 most common words
2H	Brodie Miller	For using good writing strategies on his own
2D	Hannah Inglis	For correctly spelling the first 100 most used words
3D	R-Jay Bartlett	For working hard during length activities
3J	Rayah Giblett	For finishing her PMS – congratulations
4H	Crystal-Lea Clark	For her improved attitude towards learning
5P	Georgia Sciberras	For working hard on her reading skills and achieving the highest fiction probe levels
6PA	Jack Price	For his efforts at The Rotary Spelling Bee
6K	Zachary Lynch	For working hard on his persuasive writing essay
PE	Isabella Cotis	For always being a leader in PE class
ART	Eboney Bentley	For a focussed effort on her latest piece of artwork

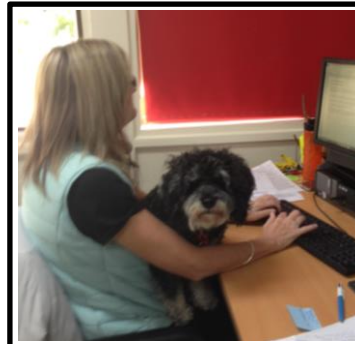
Beautiful sentences by Jaxon Zarkos-Fisher – Grade 1R

"I can see a orange, platypus, swim quickly
by," said Timothy Toad.

"I can see a big, black, crow
squawking," said Timothy Toad.

"I can see a grey, wolf, howling
on top of a hill" said Timothy Toad.

Zac the dog.....



When Zac is not helping Mrs Mac in the library, he likes to help Ms Morcom in the office!



At OSHC this past week, we brought physical play indoors and explored DANCE and music genres. We explored which style of dance suited which style of music!

We had fun with hip hop, classical, rock with the twist, the chicken dance as well as Gangnam style and shuffle man.

We are excited to add to our dance & music repertoire with the bus stop, nutbush and the macarana!

If you would like to join in the FUN please call 9740 2111 to book



Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items. This year's program is themed the **Outback Savers** and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they'll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are **8 new reward items for 2016**

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm



Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.

Lost Property



Our lost property bin, situated outside the GP room, is starting to 'bust at the seams'!

The bin will be emptied at the end of term therefore, if your child has lost any items of clothing recently, please can you check the bin prior to the 24th June.

Any items of value such as wallets, jewellery etc. are handed into the office, so please ask if items of value have gone missing.

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School Photos – Your Opinion Counts

We hope all the families that ordered photos have now received them and are happy with what they have received. Every year we re-assess the company that we use for this service. Part of this process is gaining feedback from our families.

We would therefore be grateful if you could **complete the short survey** below, by ticking the relevant box and returning it to school by **Friday, 3rd June**. This survey is **anonymous** and no names are required.

Once we have received this information, we take it to School Council where it will be addressed before we re-appoint the current supplier or source a new one.

	1 Poor	2 Fair	3 Good	4 Very Good	5 Excellent
Value for Money					
Ordering / Service					
Choice					
Quality					
Comments					