What a very exciting week it has been for Sunbury Heights!

On Monday I received a letter from the Victorian Government Minister James Merlino advising me of the Andrew’s Government’s continuing commitment to improve the standard of government infrastructure across Victoria. Sunbury Heights will receive $155,000 in maintenance funding under the planned maintenance program. The aim of this funding is to raise buildings in poor condition to an appropriate standard. This year we began improvements to the core building with funds that were allocated last year by the government. Our next step is to work with the department to develop a plan of what we need to include in the next stage of our maintenance project.

Congratulations to Natasha Bunting and Lachlan Ruff

Natasha and Lachlan both attended Sunbury Heights Primary School and will be in year 12 at Sunbury Downs Secondary College next year. The staff and I were thrilled to receive news from Maria Oddo, Sunbury Downs Secondary College Principal that Natasha has been named female college captain and Lachlan has been appointed male vice captain for 2017.

At Sunbury Heights Primary School, we will be commemorating Remembrance Day. On Friday 11th November our School Captains Jack Price, Sasha Wanyama, Priasha Govender and Bridey Carew will travel with me to a local commemorative service and they will lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

Hume City Council Education Scholarship

Congratulations Bridey Carew on being awarded the Hume City Council Education Scholarship for 2016.

A cheque for $1000.00 will be forwarded to Sunbury Downs Secondary College the college that Bridey will be attending in 2017. The grant will assist in meeting expenses such as books, excursions and school uniform. The Education Scholarship will be presented to Bridey on Tuesday 22 November.

Thank you to all the parents who have already returned these.
**Arriving Too Early For School**
Since the beginning of term, I have become aware of the number of students who are arriving prior to, or just after eight o’clock. This is far too early for students to be at school and the yard is unsupervised until 8.40am.

If there is a need to have your child supervised prior to school may I remind you of the before school program that operates at our school. Please contact Complete Kids if you need care for your child because they are left unsupervised at home.

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**Last Dates For Programs**
- **Computer Class** - Wednesday 9th November
- **Homework Club** - Monday 28th November
- **Tuesday’s B/fast Club** – Tuesday 6th December
- **Thursday’s B/fast Club** - Thursday 15th December
- **On The Rise Playgroup** - Break-up Monday 12th December
- **The 0-5 in the Beehive Playgroup** – Break-up Friday 9th December
- **The 0-5 in the Beehive Playgroup** - Bunnings Friday 16th December

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**Out of School Hours Care**
This week our focus at OSHC has been on building resilience (facing challenges, goal setting and showing persistence) through a variety of games and activities in a fun and exciting way.

We played Minute to Win it Games such as throwing pennies in the pond, stacking challenges, ping pong hop competitions, and keep the balloon afloat!

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**Grade Placement 2017**

Please remember Friday is the last day for requests regarding grade placements.

In the very near future we will begin organising our classroom structure for 2017. Our final structure will depend on our student enrolment numbers, available classrooms, teacher schedules and possible changes to government policy that may impact on our decision-making. Regardless of these factors there is always some very relevant information that parents convey to us that we take into consideration when arranging student groupings. Some examples of parent requests we consider have included:

- Siblings may be in consecutive year levels e.g: a year 5 and a year 6 and the parent wishes that they are not placed in the same class. Eg The separation of twins or alternatively parents may prefer the twins to be placed in the same class.

Each year, we ask parents to inform us in writing of relevant information. Please note that this is not a teacher selection opportunity but one which may influence the children’s social and academic grouping to ensure all students’ needs are met. Whilst we cannot guarantee your requests will be met, we assure you that the information you present will be carefully considered.

Requests must be made in writing and should be addressed to myself as follows - ‘Confidential – 2017 Grade Placement’. Requests for grade placement should be lodged at the office no later than Friday 28 October 2016 Any parent, who has lodged a request in a previous year, should resubmit their request in writing, even if their circumstances remain unchanged.

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**Taking our learning program into the outdoors…**

Spring finally seems to be here, so 4d thought it would be fun to take their learning program outdoors…

With Grade 2H, they helped weed the veggie patch & planted parsley, zucchini and lobelia.

Also, as part of their data and graphs topic, they ventured out into the staff car park to count car makes and models which they transformed into graphs and discussed what they mean.

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**Spring Sausage Sizzle – New Fridge Appeal!**

Thank you to all those who supported the Sausage Sizzle and more importantly, those who made it happen.

Jo in the canteen and her team of volunteers (Chris, Robyn, Kelly, Braydon & Olivia) did a wonderful job to make sure all children got fed within a short space of time. Over 400 snags later … the new fridge is now bought and paid for.
It will not be long until we say a teary farewell to our Grade 6 students and wish them well in the next stage of their life.

We are still finalising some details for the G6 graduation night. In the meantime, some brief details about the evening……

**Date:** Thursday 15th December  
**Venue:** Sunbury Bowling Club  
**Time:** Approx. 5.45pm (teacher & students), 8pm (parents are invited to join us for the formal presentations)

This is an evening where our grade 6 students can relax and reflect on their primary school years therefore, we ask that they dress **Smart Casual** as we want them to be comfortable and enjoy the evening.

**More details to follow next week.**

**Fire Ready**

We have certainly experienced a wet few months. And as we all know, this can also mean that we are set for a very hot, dry summer. We ask that our families prepare for this and be Fire Ready. As part of the DET regulations, all schools, including Sunbury Heights, have a fire ready plan in place.

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### Pupil of the Week

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<td>For an excellent start to his cherry blossom artwork</td>
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**Rugby Gala Day**

I had the pleasure of attending the rugby gala day on Wednesday, even if it was a brief visit. All students from all teams performed amazingly well. Thanks also to the parents who came down and offered support. Congratulations to the Grade 6 girls, who won the Rugby Gala Day!
World Teachers Day 2016

World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Australia celebrates on the last Friday of October each year and is therefore celebrated on Friday 28th October this year.

We hope you will join us in thanking our teachers for everything they do. We have an outstanding team and Sunbury Heights wouldn’t be the school it is without them.

Today we welcomed 20 Japanese teachers to our school to show them how an Australian Primary school functions and the programs we have in place.

We welcomed them with a morning tea and song from our singing group. This was followed by a tour of the school and different grades.

Our students did a wonderful job welcoming our visitors and did the school proud.