



30<sup>th</sup> March 2017



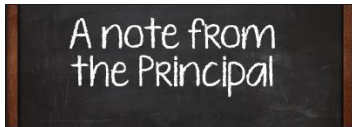
March

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> **Whole School** – Casual Clothes Day – Pink Stumps Day  
**Whole School** – End of Term (**Early Dismissal 2.30pm**)



April

Tues 18<sup>th</sup> **Whole School** – Start of Term 2  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> **G3-6** – Cross Country  
**Whole School** – Anzac Service  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> **Whole School** – Curriculum Day  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Sunbury Anzac Service  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> **Whole School** – Student First Aid Training



At Monday's school council meeting it was timely to reflect on the term that was, where the school is heading and programs we need to put in place to ensure we continue to be a great school in a great school system. I suppose one of the most exciting highlights for me and the thing that stood out to me when reporting to council was the growth, in terms of students at our school.

At the end of Term1 we have 332 students enrolled and four more students beginning at the start of Term 2. This is a number of more students than we had at the end of 2016. Added to this we have already had many phone calls from 2018 prospective prep families asking when enrolments can be taken. Our motto of "Where Everyone Counts Every Day," is definitely out there in the wider community. People who contact the school or take a tour of the school, speak favourably about our positive school learning climate, our health and wellbeing programs, our support of the most vulnerable students and families and the relationships we build with the wider community. I hope you feel the same amount of pride as I do about the esteem in which our school is held and that you continue to feel confident to recommend Sunbury Heights as a school of choice when parents are making that very hard decision about which is the best school for my child.

**Staff changes**

I have just received notice that Ms Cathie Morcom has been appointed on a permanent basis at Gladstone Views Primary School. As I explained to school council on Tuesday night, with Cathie's appointment there is a need across the school to keep Carmel Ross in the Assistant Principal role. Carmel will continue in this role for the remainder of the year. In Term 2 Jane Xuereb will continue in the grade 2 class until a classroom teacher has been appointed. Damian O'Keefe will return to Sunbury Heights in Term 2 and will fill the role of Student Engagement Wellbeing Coordinator when Penny Wilson takes family leave to await the birth of her new baby.

On Wednesday evening the staff worked in their teaching teams planning their teaching programs and special events for next term. Once again it looks like it will be a busy but rewarding term. Education Week will be a May highlight and one where our families will be able to join with us to celebrate education at Sunbury Heights. Have a safe and well deserved break from the routine of school

REMINDER!

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March



2.30pm

Please be mindful that staff will also be leaving to start their holidays at this time, therefore, prompt collection of your child/ren is appreciated.

**The Fathering Project**

I would like to say a big thank you to the Father's and males carers that attending our meeting on Monday night. It was an exceptional turn out and everyone was very enthusiastic about the project, which will evolve in term 2.



Below are some tips from 'the fathering project':

**Be there**

- **Let your children know you will always be there for them, for the long haul, no matter what.**
- **Make a special effort to be there during their tough and emotionally difficult times.**
- **Teenagers especially need you to know you are there for them, despite the separation.**



30<sup>th</sup> March – 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Matty, Chelsea, Shaylee, Jessie T-L, Parris & Chanelle, Dexter, Aylsha, Aaron S, Ashton, Ruby D, Eddy**

**Great news this week.....**

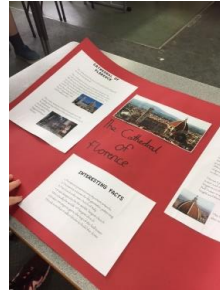
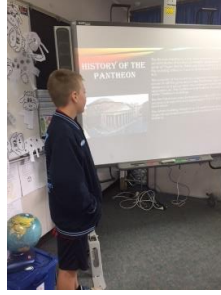
We are very lucky to have been selected as part of the Hume 'Talking Matters' Program which offers free speech pathology drop-in clinics for children under school age.

Our first clinic is planned for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 1.00 – 4.00pm. More details will follow in Term 2.



## Term 1 LOTE (Italian)

It has been an absolute joy teaching Italian to the Preps and Grade 6's this term. Last week the students in grade 6 presented their Culture Projects. There were some very impressive PowerPoint presentations, 3D constructions and posters on famous Italian landmarks and cities. Here are some photos for you to enjoy. **'Buona Pasqua a Tutti'** Delia.



## School Council

This week our newly elected School Council met for the first time and office bearers were elected. We welcomed our new members and our school council office bearers for 2017 are Leanne Fisher (grandmother of Jaxon Z-F) as President, Kylie Stephenson (mother of Marcus S-I) as Vice-President, Carmel Ross as Treasurer and Jo Atkinson as Secretary. Our next school council meeting is on Monday 15 May. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and the 2016 Annual Report will be presented to the community. Everyone in the school community is welcome to attend.

## Lost Property



All lost property will be discarded on Friday 31st March.

## News from the artroom

A number of students have been carefully and diligently working on our Easter poster, soon to be displayed at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre. Students in grades one and two created the eggs and chicks for the poster.

Across the school earlier this term, we focussed on ants in art. We reflected on how they all have jobs to do, and on how well they work together. Another group of students also gave up time during breaks to design and create a giANT. Both of these projects required collaboration, co-operation and problem solving skills, which they demonstrated. Aren't our artists 'fANTastic'!

On another note, if anyone has any shoeboxes or icecream containers to spare we could put them to good use in the art room.

With thanks Jenny Caddaye



## Cyber Safety Tips



Always remember to relax and keep things in perspective.

There's too much information online to

take it all in! Focus on each moment, and enjoy.

<https://www.esmart.org.au/news-events/national-esmart-weeks-top-10-cyber-safety-tips/>

## PMI

**PMI PRIMARY MUSIC INSTITUTE** Keyboard & Guitar lessons On School Campus!

**Small Group & Private Lessons**

- Please CHECK IN 15MIN before your PMI scheduled OIA appointment times available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus - typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2.5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons are available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via 'PMI Stars' program - structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for Keyboard lessons (Students bring their own guitars)
- Test messages per day of progress of lessons all forms is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results - including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available - so please enquire ASAP!

P: 1300 362 624 E: admin@primarymusicinstitute.com.au www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au

## Pink Stumps Day

Tomorrow we will hold our annual Pink Stumps Day to raise money for the McGrath Foundation.

They day will consist of.....

### Casual Clothes

(pink theme but not essential)

Gold Coin Donation

Variety of Canteen Pink counter sales (inc. fairy floss, pink milk, donuts, jelly...)

(recess and lunch)

Variety of items from 50c - \$2

### Nail and Face Painting

(recess) 50c each

### Cricket Matches and Fun on the Oval

The Cricket Victoria Mascot will visit the school for lunchtime fun on the oval and giveaways.

### Pink Easter Hamper Raffle

3 great prizes. Tickets 50c each.

The raffle will be drawn at lunchtime.

Our 2016 Pink Stumps Day was so much fun and such a huge success, we are having another one.....

Friday 31st March 2017

Pink dress-up (gold coin donation)

Grade 3-6 cricket carnival, special canteen 'PINK' counter sales Sledge the mascot, giveaways, music and competitions on the oval.



**Sunbury Downs College**  
**Discovery Night**

2nd May  
6.30pm  
Phone: 9744 0500