



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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19th November 2015

November		December	
Thursday 19 th	Grade 3/4 Song Room Excursion	Friday 4 th	Prep – 2 Athletics – more details to follow
Thursday 19 th	Rugby State Finals – Girls Tackle Team	Tuesday 8 th	Whole School Transition
Tuesday 24 th	2016 Prep Transition Afternoon	Thursday 10 th	Book Sales (8am – 4pm)
Thursday 26 th	Prep Aquarium Excursion	Monday 14 th	Prep – 2 Concert – more details to follow
Tuesday 17 th	2016 Prep Transition Afternoon	Tuesday 15 th	Grade 6 Graduation – more details to follow
		Friday 18 th	Last Day Term 4 – 1.30pm Dismissal

2016 Hume Education Scholarship - Chelsea Hendahewa

Congratulations Chelsea on being chosen for the Hume Education Scholarship. Chelsea is an intelligent young woman who is well deserving of the award. She also displays the other qualities that the recipient needs to display. The scholarship aims to recognise the significant contribution to educational excellence and qualities of good citizenship both at school and in the wider community. This year Chelsea has capably undertaken the role of Junior School Council President.

A cheque for \$1000 will be forwarded to Sunbury Downs College, the school Chelsea will attend in 2016. The grant will assist in meeting expenses such as books, school uniforms and excursions. On Tuesday evening Chelsea, her family, Mr O'Keefe and myself will attend the scholarship presentation where Chelsea will receive her award from the Mayor of Hume City Council.

Accounts

This week Karen Cocks will be sending home statements regarding outstanding invoices for 2015. All 2015 accounts need to be finalised by 30th November and if you have a payment plan for 2015 this also needs to be finalised by 30/11/2015.

New payment plans for the 2016 school year can be organised by calling into the office and signing a partnership agreement.

Student Wellbeing: Adult Behaviour around the School

In the interests of all students we ask that adults be mindful of their behaviour in and around the school during drop off and pick up times. As role models we need to always demonstrate courtesy and respect for one another in our interactions with others. We also ask community members to be mindful of their language and tone of voice as children can become anxious when adults show or voice aggression.

The welfare of our students is of paramount importance to us all and we therefore ask that parents and other members of the school community refrain from approaching other children or adults regarding any personal matters which are of concern.

Where issues arise at school, please contact Kaye Mills, so that the matter can be dealt with appropriately and in accordance with DEECD procedures.

Transition News

Prep 2016

In 2016 due to increased enrolments there will be three prep classes at Sunbury Heights. Two of the prep classes will be taught by Suzy Black and Angelique Kelly. At this stage there has been no firm decision made about who will teach the third class as we are still in the process of employing new staff. The prep students who are attending in 2016 had their first opportunity to experience life in a classroom last Tuesday. They settled easily, were attentive and worked well. This gave the teachers an opportunity to observe them in a classroom environment and assess the individual needs of each child.

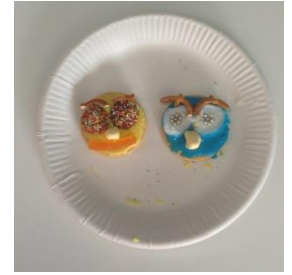
There is another session next Tuesday. Parents will have the opportunity to sign up the students for school banking and ask the staff any other questions or offer us insights into their child's needs.

Year Seven 2016

This term Mr O'Keefe and Mrs Langmaid have given our exiting students many opportunities to experience what life will be like in their secondary college. The students have their lockers outside the classroom and have to follow a timetable to have the right books for the next two sessions. They have to follow a timetable and find the rooms where their teaching sessions will be held. The wider staff have become involved and volunteered to take classes in a variety of subjects so that the students get used to working with different adults who have different expectations. They are even getting a chance with Mrs Payton to do Food Tech! Thank you to Mr O'Keefe and Mrs Langmaid for the organisation that has gone into this program and thank you to all the staff who have supported the transition process. The students are certainly enjoying it and getting a great deal out of it



Prize winning biscuits decorated in Food Tech with Mrs Payton. Judged by Mrs Mills, Mr Millar & Mrs Cocks
**Congratulations
Jak & Caleb**



Graduation News

While it only seems like yesterday that our grade six students were beginning primary school, within the next few weeks their seven years of primary school education will be drawing to a close. As in all other schools in Sunbury, we offer a farewell or graduation event for the students, their teachers and their parents. The aim of this evening is varied and involves three aspects - a meal, disco and a formal presentation.

This provides:

- The students with an opportunity to farewell their friends who may be going to different Secondary Colleges.
- An opportunity for the staff and students to reminisce about their primary school days.
- Time for formal presentations to be made to the students on behalf of the school and scholarships on behalf of the wider community.

Graduation gives the students a sense of closure and allows them to leave primary school in a meaningful way, before taking the next big step in their education.

This evening which will be celebrated on Tuesday 15th December is one of the highlights of the grade six graduates' year. As a staff we look forward to meeting families on this evening to help celebrate the conclusion of your child's primary school education.

Parent/Guardian Information Session- *The Pizzicato Effect*

Wednesday 25 November, 4:00- 4:45pm

Meadows Primary School, 41 Gerbert Street, Broadmeadows

The Pizzicato Effect is the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra's flagship community music program providing free instrumental tuition to children living in the City of Hume. We are currently accepting registrations for the 2016 program. To register your child, or for more information, visit our website: www.mso.com.au/pizzicato

This Parent/Guardian Information Session is the perfect opportunity for parents/guardians who have registered their children to ask practical and logistical questions of our MSO staff. It is also a chance for parents/guardians who are considering registering their child to learn about the key elements and aims of *The Pizzicato Effect*. For those who are interested and able to stay, there will also be an opportunity to see The Pizzicato Effect Ensemble rehearsing from 4:45-5:00pm.

Everyone is welcome, no matter what their interest in the program, and translators will be available if required. To assist us, please indicate your translation requirements when you confirm your attendance via RSVP (below).

Date: Wednesday 25th November

Time: 4:00-4:45pm, with an opportunity to see *The Pizzicato Effect Ensemble* rehearsing from 4:45-5:00pm for those who wish to stay

Location: Meadows Primary School, 41 Gerbert Street, Broadmeadows

Cost: FREE

RSVP: If you would like to attend the information session, please contact Lucy Rash on rashl@mso.com.au or 9626 1216, indicating if you need a translator and which language.

Still Arriving Too Early For School

Last week I advised that a number of students were arriving at school prior to just after 8am. Thank you to the families who have noted that and are ensuring their children are leaving home later. There are still a number of students who are still arriving early and may I remind parents again the yard is unsupervised until 8.40am. The only exception is on a Thursday morning when Breakfast in the Hub is held.

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.

Holiday Hampers –Thanks and keep the Donations coming

The idea of the Holiday Helper Hampers have been well received. People I have spoken to thinks it would be a good way to provide some of our families with some holiday goodies. Donations have already begun to dribble in and we thank those who have already donated. The Hubbard, Coad family taking out the honour of being the first donators!

School council agreed that everyone can do with a little holiday help so closer to the draw you can put your own name or someone you think would benefit from a hamper in a nomination box that will be outside the office area.

News from the artroom

Students from grades 3 and 4 have been busy making Christmas decorations to display on a Christmas tree at Sunbury Square Shopping Centre. Any students who would like to help decorate the tree are welcome to meet Mrs Caddaye at the shopping centre this coming Monday (23rd of November) at 4pm. Students need to be supervised by a parent/carer during this time.



Grade 6 Jackets

Over the past years, we have offered Grade 6 students the opportunity to purchase a Grade 6 Jacket.

The garments are navy blue with the school logo on the front and the names of the students and Grade 6 teachers on the back.

Students have already tried on sample sizes, so the correct size will be ordered for them.

Delivery of the order will be in Term 1, 2016.

TO ENSURE THIS EARLY DELIVERY, IT IS IMPERATIVE ORDERS BE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A \$20 DEPOSIT WILL BE REQUIRED AS CONFIRMATION OF YOUR ORDER. THIS MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN MONDAY 14th of DECEMBER 2015

	HAPPY BIRTHDAY till 22nd November				
	Lizzy Faato	Alex Hazelman	Brodie Manton	Xavier Cias	Enzo Marino
	Anthony Marino				

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
PREP K	Toni Muscat	For putting 100% into all her work.
PREP B	Cooper Howie	For being organised and reading to learn.
1/2R	Brock Tadd-Lennox	For leading a great class discussion about a strong character.
1/2P	Lilly Greenwood-Davis	For trying her best on IXL maths.
1/2H	Hunter Walton	For showing attention to punctuation when writing.
3/4K	Isaac Spyrou	For stepping out of his comfort zone during our Town Hall performance.
3/4Y	Mason Ruff	For showing resilience on the excursion to the Town Hall.
3/4d	Cody Walton	For being thoroughly engaged during writing activities.
5P	Hollie Pickering	For her well written "confused Barber" narrative.
5M	Tahlia Tait	For working hard in all areas of the curriculum.
6L	6L	For being such a wonderful class all year.
6O	Lilly Pace	For a fantastic animation.
PE	1/2H	For your enthusiastic approach to PE.
Science	Phoebe Hall Chloe Spiteri	For taking the initiative to construct a water wheel at home.
ART	Brody Oliver	For a keen approach to his learning and sharing his findings with others.
Mrs Sarbach	Jaiden Manton	For completing the 100 RL program.



COMPLETE KIDS

EARLY LEARNING CENTRES

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE - 7:00AM TO 8:45AM

Complete Kids Early Learning provides both Before and After school Care programs right here at Sunbury Heights Primary. We have a number of students who attend our program and offer activities such as: sport, technology, art, cooking, workshops and more.

The program is a great way to make new friends and assists working parents with those tricky school drop off and pick up hours. We ensure a warm and friendly atmosphere that is educational & FUN!!!

DON'T MISS OUT

Due to the **minimal** numbers we currently have for **Before** School Care in 2016, we are considering **stopping** our Before School Care service. Our After School Care service will continue to operate as normal.

If you require Before School Care in 2016 and have not already expressed your interest in this service, we ask you to please do this as soon as possible.

Please email info@completekids.net or phone Complete Kids on 0428 005 709, or return this slip to the school office.



PARENT NAME: _____

CHILD/RENS NAME _____

CONTACT NUMBER _____

DAYS OF BEFORE SCHOOL REQUIRED

M T W TH FRI (please circle)

DAYS OF AFTER SCHOOL CARE REQUIRED

M T W TH FRI (please circle)

THANK YOU