



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

CERT 3 EDUCATION SUPPORT

Certificate 3 in Education Support will be running in the Community Hub again next year.

Kelly Butler is an enthusiastic and passionate trainer that will be facilitating the course.

There is government funding available for those recipients that are eligible.

Dates and times to be advised.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact Sharon Ramunno on 9744-3377



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
PREP KELLY	Zander Campbell	For putting great effort into his shark report.
PREP BLACK	Summer Fahey	For being responsible and helpful in the classroom.
1/2P	Hannah Inglis	For working hard on her reading.
1/2H	Rani Prajapati	For a confident start to learning at S.H.P.S.
3/4K	Corey Byron	For passing PM Level 30.
3/4Y	Lilly Rowbottom	For creating some great 3D shapes.
3/4d	Levi Sanonu	For getting out of his comfort zone and using his voice.
Science	Chloe Turk	For always being a delight to teach.
ART	Ryan Hazelman	For being a caring class member.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY till 8 th November					
	Hayden DeYoung	Isabella Hall	Dakota Bethune	Karlee Semmens	Caleb Bertram
	Rebecca Marcuse	Tegan Newell	Sky Price		

Baby News x 2

Leanne Ratkowski and Adam are proud to announce the early but safe arrival of twin boys, Owen Hudson Kite and Logan Archer Kite. Born at 8.12am and 8.14am, 3rd November 2015. All are doing very well.

I know you join with me and the staff in congratulating Leanne and Adam on the safe arrival of their sons and I will send the new family, the school community's best wishes.

For the remainder of 2015 Lauren Howard will replace Leanne as PE teacher. From the beginning of 2016 a new PE Specialist will be appointed to replace Leanne whilst she is on family leave from the department.

Vale Rod Quarrell –A Founding Father

Our sympathies are extended to Jan, Amanda, Stephen, David and their families on the death of their loved husband, father and grandfather. Rod was instrumental in the establishment of Sunbury Heights Primary School and in 2009 wrote:

A little history about Sunbury Heights Primary School

Prior to 1977 there were three primary schools in Sunbury. Sunbury Primary, Sunbury West and the recently built Kismet Park. All of these schools were situated on the north side of Gap Road. New housing estates were being built on the South side but there were no school facilities to support the growing number of families. The need for a school was well founded. The school was completed and opened at the beginning of term 3 in 1981. To raise further money for the school; Sunbury Heights Primary School Co-Operative Limited was formed, and included two parents who worked in a bank. With other interested parents they set about obtaining a loan. The co-op asked parents to pay fifty dollars a family to become shareholders, stating they could get their money back when the loan was paid off. This was well accepted and only three people ever asked for their money back. To establish SHPS the community had to stick up for what they believed was the due to the families to the North of Gap Road. They worked tirelessly, making new friends along the way to make the school what it still is today. A school that will work together like a family to make sure that no child regardless of background or location will miss out on the opportunity of an excellent state school education.

Rod Quarrell Founding Parent January 2009

Rod has maintained ongoing links with the Sunbury Heights Community. In 2011 Rod donated an Honour Board so that the students who have been Junior School Council Presidents could be permanently recognised. Chelsie Hendaheva (the 2015 JSC President) is photographed standing next to the board where in the future her name will be proudly displayed .

Carmel Ross and I will represent the school community at Rod's funeral this Friday.



Abbey McDonald - Sports Champ

After successes at Northern Region, Abbey headed off to the State Primary School Athletic Carnival last week. Abbey competed in the under 11, 800 metre event. Out of the 16 competitors, Abbey came in tenth. Abbey was really pleased with her personal effort and not at all disappointed. She said she knew a lot of the other competitors from Little Athletics Competitions and knew that there would be stiff competition. I congratulate Abbey on getting as far as she did and for the mature and sportsmanlike attitude she shows towards her competitors and her placing. Well done Abbey.

Holiday Helper Initiative

It always gives me great joy when members of the school community have ideas about how they can help support our families. Last week Krystal Twyman and Tracy Mitchell from the Parents and Friends Committee came to me with an idea. They realise that feeding children and keeping them entertained over the long Summer Vacation can put added pressure on families once the Christmas Festive season is over. They thought putting together "Holiday Helper Hampers" would be a good way to provide some of our families with some holiday goodies. They are currently seeking donations from local businesses and will shortly put a basket outside the office for our community to place donations in.

"A note from Krystal and Tracy"

If you would like to help by donating items, Tracy and Krystal have made a suggested list below in order to keep all hampers similar. All items must be non-perishable new and in date please. Helping us could be as simple as adding an extra item to your shopping list over the next few week or even as a once off, every donation, big or small will be appreciated.

- Breakfast Cereals
- Uht milk

- Uht Custard
- Cakes (lamingtons etc.)
- Biscuits (savoury and sweet)
- Chips and Popcorn
- Icy poles e.g. zooper doopers
- Muesli bars
- Juice and Cordial
- Chocolate and Lollies
- Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner)
- DVDs – Family titles
- Stationary e.g. Exercise books, Scrapbooks, pens, pencils, textas, colouring in books)
- Craft items
- Toys and gifts

Alternatively if you would like to donate money or gift cards, to be used in the purchase of the above items that would also be appreciated and can be placed in an envelope with your name and child's name and class and we will provide you with a receipt for your kind donation. A more detailed flyer will accompany next week's newsletter.

Warm Weather Alerts

Even though the weather is still unpredictable it is a timely reminder for these warm weather alerts.

Drink Bottles:

With the warmer weather creeping in we encourage students to stay hydrated and make sure they bring a water bottle to school for use within the classroom. Individual teachers have classroom rules about whether bottles are on tables, on the sink or kept in a bag. We encourage you to send along water for your child to drink from during the day. Students wanting to leave the classroom for a drink interrupt their own and their classmates learning.

Casual Clothes Day

Please remember on Casual Clothes days (Fridays), students must wear closed toe shoes, shirts or t-shirts with sleeves and a broad brimmed hat.

Snakes

As parents and staff it is important to remind our students that snakes are more likely to be encountered on warm, sunny days, especially in grassy areas and along creeks. In classrooms we will be talking about snakes and safe practices. Please remind your child if they see a snake in your garden or house, do not try to catch or kill the snake. Walk away from it slowly and keep an eye on it from a safe distance (several metres away). Keep your pets safely away from it and the snake will usually move on in its own time. Snakes don't want to be near humans any more than humans generally want to be near snakes.

As in other first aid situations, prevention is better than cure. That is why we recommend that students should wear solid shoes and socks even when the weather is warmer.



GIANT CAR BOOT SALE & CRAFT MARKET!

Saturday 21st November from 8.30am - Village Green and Sunbury Uniting Church.

- Over 60 cars and also inside craft stalls - a chance to do some Christmas shopping!!
- Fun the kids!! Includes pony rides and jumping castle! Also fairy floss, show bags, popcorn, snow cones, lucky dips, craft activities!
- Devonshire tea/coffee, sausage sizzle, coffee van.
- Huge second-hand book stall inside - cheap!

**Sunbury Uniting Church's 12th Annual
Giant Car Boot Sale
& Craft Market** 

Saturday 21st November
from 8.30am
Uniting Church Hall & Village Green
Cnr Brook & O'Shanassy Streets

Stalls selling:
jewellery baby gifts confectionery
soy candles hand-painted glass
Christmas gifts artwork
... lots more !

Fun for the kids!
jumping castle pony rides
fairy floss show bags popcorn
Thomas for littlies craft activities
sno-cones sausage sizzle lucky dips

Live music!
also - our Devonshire Tea/Coffee café inside
and don't miss - our huge second-hand book stall !

 **The Leprosy Mission**
The '4 Winds Cambodia Project' (inside)
Sunbury Divas (outside)

This is a great Christmas shopping opportunity!
Enquiries to Helen on 0407 506 507

 

**BEFORE and
AFTER SCHOOL
Program**

Have Fun - Learn - Make Friends
Music, Art, Sport, Relaxation, Cooking,
Technology, Role Play, Games & many more
Fun Activities.

If you would like more information, please call our office on 9740 2111
or Rowena (OSHC Co-ordinator) on 0428 005 709 or email
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