



# HEIGHTS HEADLINES

Term 4 | Week 4 | 2024

## NEWS

### Attendance

At Sunbury Heights, ensuring that all students attend school regularly is a priority, as regular attendance plays a crucial role in your child's learning, social development, and overall academic success. It is important for families to keep us informed when their child is absent. This helps us maintain accurate attendance records and ensures your child's time away from school is appropriately documented.

How to report your child's absence  
We kindly ask that all families log student absences through Compass, which is our main platform for recording attendance. Parents can enter the reason for the absence and the duration, ensuring it is recorded promptly in the school system.

Please avoid using Class Dojo for absence notifications. While Class Dojo is a fantastic tool for classroom updates and communication with your child's teacher, teachers may not always have time to check messages in a timely manner, especially if they are absent or teaching throughout the day.

You can also contact the school by calling 9744 3377, if Compass is not accessible. You can leave a message on the attendance line or speak with our friendly Admin Team who will ensure the information is passed on. If your child is absent due to a medical appointment, we kindly ask that you provide the school with a medical certificate. This certificate can be attached to your child's attendance record, which helps in maintaining clear documentation, especially in the event of multiple absences.



## NEWS

### Smile Squad

The Sunbury Smile Squad team will be returning to our school to complete the six-monthly fluoride varnish applications for students who have provided consent.

Fluoride varnish is an important preventative treatment that helps protect teeth from decay, giving students the best chance to maintain a healthy smile. Regular fluoride applications can significantly reduce the risk of cavities and other dental issues.

Just a Reminder: Consent for the fluoride varnish application was provided when the initial Smile Squad consent forms were submitted earlier this year. If you no longer wish for your child to receive the fluoride treatment, please contact the Smile Squad team directly as soon as possible to update your preferences.

You can reach the Smile Squad on 9744 4455 or by emailing [admin@scchc.org.au](mailto:admin@scchc.org.au).

We look forward to another successful visit from the Smile Squad, helping our students maintain bright and healthy smiles!

## REMINDERS

### Curriculum Day & Melbourne Cup

This is a friendly reminder that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November is a Curriculum Day, as our teachers will be busy working on report writing and class planning for 2025. There still is a small window for families to provide their input on their child's class placement for next year. Please email the school at [sunbury.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:sunbury.heights.ps@education.vic.gov.au) Additionally, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November is a Public Holiday for the Melbourne Cup. We hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and we look forward to seeing all students back on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

With just six weeks left in the school year after the long weekend, it's hard to believe how fast the year has gone! If you are planning to move on from Sunbury Heights next year, we kindly ask that you inform our School Office as soon as possible. This helps us with planning for the upcoming year. Thank you for your cooperation, and we hope you enjoy your extended weekend!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### NOVEMBER

- ❖ 4 - Curriculum Day – **No School**
- ❖ 5 - Melbourne Cup – **No School**
- ❖ 8 - Literacy Buddies Excursion
- ❖ 11 - Remembrance Day
- ❖ 11 - 15 Smile Squad
- ❖ 15 - Robotics
- ❖ 18 - 22 - Foundation Swimming
- ❖ 26 - Yr 6 Build a Business
- ❖ 27 - Italian Day
- ❖ 29 - Rugby Gala Day

### Bell Times

**8:50am Start of School**  
 10:30am Recess  
 12:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> Break  
 1:55pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Break  
**3:15pm End of School**

### Term Dates

T4- 2 October to 20 Dec  
**2025**  
 Years 1 to 6 - 30/01/2025  
 Foundation - 6/02/2025

# STUDENT OF

# THE WEEK

**TERM 4**

**WEEK 4**

<b>THE ARTS</b>	Leah P FB	For making a very creative warm-coloured sun from different types of paper.
<b>ITALIAN</b>	Jaxson S	For his positive participation in Italian this week. Signora Cappelletti and Mrs Walters are very proud of you. Bravo!
<b>PE</b>	Zariya U & Dartai E	For their fantastic listening skills when learning about a 2 handed strike and hitting the ball off the tee.
<b>Heights Star of the Week</b>	Lydia N 1/2D	For consistently demonstrating our School Values.
<b>Indigenous Deadly Award</b>	Chelsea P 5/6A	For being inclusive and looking after our school environment.

## Sunbury Heights Christmas Raffle Donation Drive

It's that wonderful time of year again!

We're excited to announce our Christmas Raffle, and this year we'll be creating 19 amazing prize baskets, one from each classroom.

To make this raffle extra special, we need your help!

Each classroom will be putting together a themed basket, and we'd love for your child to get involved in helping with donations.

Please encourage them to be creative and think of fun items to