



SUNBURY HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Important Dates

MARCH		APRIL	
Fri 21 st March	Grade 3-6 X Country at school	Fri 4 th April	Term 1 ends. DISMISSAL 2.30pm
Mon 24 th - Wed 26 th March	Grade 4 Doxa Camp	Tues 22 nd April	Term 2 commences
Wed 26 th - Fri 28 th March	Grade 5 Doxa Camp	Thurs 24 th April	X Country Fun Run
Fri 28 th March	Casual Clothes Day – Good Friday Appeal Gold Coin Donation	Fri 25 th April	ANZAC DAY – NO SCHOOL
			MAY
		Mon 5 th May	District X Country – selected students
		Wed 21 st May	Prep - 4 Rugby Clinic
		Wed 28 th May	Prep – 4 Rugby Clinic

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NEWS AND INFORMATION

Curriculum Day

Today the staff was engaged in professional development that will improve the learning for your child in Mathematics. As generalist teachers, a primary school teacher has to know how to teach things from woe to go. Today the staff looked at the teaching of addition from grade prep to grade six and beyond.

In the morning each teaching team held their own expo so that staff from each area of the school could see how staff in other teaching teams of the school approached addition. Topics the staff looked at included:

- The addition concept
- Renaming the basic addition facts
- Developing the addition concept
- Addition with two or more digit numbers

Mrs Rosie Tyers who was a Mathematics Leader at the school for many years joined us and was positive in her comments. She feels the whole school focus we have placed on Maths has ensured the school has a common understanding and good knowledge about the best practice for teaching maths

Doxa Camp for Grade 4 and 5

Beginning next week the Grade 4 and 5 students will head off to Doxa Camp at Malmsbury, for a fun filled and exciting week. The camp is an integral part of our school program. The focus is on team building and the school values.

The Grade 4 students will travel by train, leave on Monday and return on Wednesday. The Grade 5 students will travel up by train on Wednesday and return on Friday. On arriving the Grade 5 students will spend some time with the Grade 4 students familiarising them with the environment.

It is testament to staff dedication and care for students that they provide these opportunities for our students.

On your behalf, I would like to acknowledge the school staff: Leanne Ratkowski, Rebecca Danaher, Andrew Knight, Penny Wilson, Bev McIntyre, Erica Andersen, Kym Pianura and Kerry Dexter and parent Glen Hazelman, who are attending and thank them in advance. These people are on duty twenty four hours a day when on camp and leave their own families and their own personal lives to give the students a valuable experience.

Camp Staffing Change

In Miss Danaher's absence Mrs Hill will take responsibility for ensuring Prep D's program is uninterrupted. Liz is a very experienced Early Years teacher and has formed relationships with the Prep students when teaching Prep Science. If you have any issues about your child during Rebecca's absence please feel free to approach Liz.

Interschool Athletics Sports

The Interschool Athletic Sports were held in glorious conditions last Friday. Our students represented the school with pride, showed good sportsmanship and competed eagerly to come in in third place in the small school's Division.

A big thank you to Leanne Ratkowski and Nicole Langmaid for their organisation of the day and to parents who came and supported on the day.

Junior School Western Water Wise

The Grade 1/2 pupils enjoyed an interactive fun filled session with the educator from Western Water this week. The session was focussed on water and how healthy it is for you to drink it. The students were amazed at how much sugar (10 teaspoons) was in a can of Coke. It is a timely reminder of the fact that students should have plenty of water to drink during the day; a bottle of water is the only fluid that is allowed on a student's desk.

Transition from Primary School to Secondary School

On **Tuesday 22nd of April** each Year 6 student will bring home a Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Pack. The pack contains a letter explaining the process, a frequently asked question sheet, an enrolment form and a list of school in the Northern Metropolitan Region. The enrolment form must be returned to the primary school prior to **23rd May** so that we can submit the initial placement requests to the high school of your choice. In Sunbury there is no residential zoning. I urge you to visit both secondary colleges so that you are in a position to make an informed decision about choosing the appropriate school for your child.

Sunbury Secondary College Open Night

Tuesday 29th April

7.00 pm

Sunbury Down's Secondary College

Tuesday 6th May

6.30 pm

Student Voice

Last week the students in Grades 3-6 participated in a survey that was divided into six sections:

- **Feelings about school**
- **Behaviour**
- **Ability attitude and effort**
- **My Teacher**
- **Your future**
- **Your chance to Tell us about anything**

The school completes this survey after the students have settled into the new classroom. Each staff member looks at the surveys and uses the results that each child has written to form some opinions about how each student has settled in academically, socially and emotionally to the classroom. The grade 3-6 teachers then meet as a group and look for common elements. Most students enjoy being at school and are happy to attend. They like being with their friends and love buddies, art PE and Science. There were some issues and concerns that can be easily addressed eg: line marking on the oval or a teacher spending more time with me. It also highlighted some issues that are concerns for students that are better addressed on a one to one basis. The classroom teacher over the upcoming weeks will catch up with these students to try to find possible solutions.

This initial survey leads into the DEECD's Student Attitude to School Survey

The Attitudes to School survey is an annual student survey for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. This is the eleventh year that the survey has been offered. Students from Year 5 and 6 at our school will participate in the survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school during April and May.

The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. The results will be communicated to parents through our newsletter and the annual reporting process. The information gained from the survey helps us to plan initiatives to ensure our students remained engaged in their learning. It also helped us ascertain an insight into how students felt when they were transitioning to the next grade level as well as the level of safety they feel when at school.

Try the White Chocolate Hot Cross Buns!

The White Chocolate Hot Cross Buns are delicious. Karen Cocks and myself tried some courtesy of Riddell's Creek Bakery earlier this week and we didn't wait to even butter them or heat them up. Other flavours offered include spiced (without fruit), traditional and milk chocolate. Please help us with our *HOT CROSS BUN* fundraiser and make some money for our school. For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order, The Old Firestone Bakery will give \$2 to the school. Order forms will accompany this newsletter **\$6.50 per 6 pack of Traditional, Milk Chocolate or White Chocolate buns ONLY \$6.00 per pack of Spiced Buns**. Last orders being taken now!

Jeannette McLeod Volunteering For Literacy Learning

Jeannette McLeod was one of our valued staff members for many years and since retiring has continued to come to school on a voluntary basis to support students and their families with their literacy learning.

Earlier this term Jeannette along with Rebecca Danaher ran information sessions for our new Prep parents. The sessions explained the home reading and home word folders that are in use in both classrooms and how parents can support their children in the early stages of learning to read. Jeannette and Rebecca also explained to the parents how the teachers teach reading and writing within the classroom environment.

Jeannette who also taught reading recovery at our school for many years is now volunteering on five mornings a week in grade 1/2. As a school we are very lucky to have Jeannette keep sharing her expertise with us and helping to make a difference for our students.

Regards
Kaye Mills
Principal

Sunbury Heights' Cookbook

We are seeking family favourite recipes for our Sunbury Heights' cookbook. Recipes can be uploaded at www.PublishedAuthors.com.au If you are unable to enter your recipe online you can fill in and return to school, the recipe card attachment, which was sent home with students a few weeks ago. Extra copies are available at the office. **Students of families who submit recipes will be given the opportunity to attend a special lunchtime cooking class with Mrs Caddaye. We'll be making Easter biscuits! These lunchtime cooking classes will start happening NEXT week, so please get your recipes uploaded or sent to school as soon as possible.**



Sunbury Heights' scarecrow at the Diggers Rest Fair!

Our students have been busy creating a scarecrow for the Diggers Rest Fair. The fair will be on this Sunday the 23rd of March from 11am-6pm at the Animal Land Children's Farm, 190 Duncan's Lane, Diggers Rest. We encourage you to visit the fair and **vote for our scarecrow** (which will literally look like a scary crow). The prize for the winner is a trip to Diggers Rest Animal farm for 80 students!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To the following students, until the 23rd March, 2014

Brayden Varapodio, Aidan Thomas, Tyler Kelly, Samantha Mogridge, Ryan Grose

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Grade	Student	Reason
3/4W	Georgia Sciberras	For reaching PM Level 30.
3/4d	Ally Quigley	For taking her school work home to fix up her mistakes. WOW
5P	Raven Cheriyparambil	For always showing a positive attitude and being a friendly classmate.
5A	Antwone Patterson	For making every day count.
PE Miss Ratkowski	Kim Deeble	For demonstrating excellent knowledge of game rules.
ART Mrs Caddaye	Sebastian Barnden	For a great effort and a positive attitude in Art.
Mrs Williams	Ashleigh Down	For great enthusiasm and dedication in her work.

Sunbury Heights Easter Raffle

Eggs, Bilbies, Chocolates = Easter Raffle= Books for our Library

Not a normal maths equation we know but it's the result we are aiming for in this year's Easter Raffle.

This year, our staff are organizing the Easter Raffle with all the proceeds going to purchase books for our school library.

We need your support in two ways. We are looking for donations of Easter eggs, chocolate rabbits and bilbies. The more donations, the more prize packs we can have.

We will not be able to accept donations of stuffed or cuddly toys.

Raffle tickets will be sold at school at 50c or 3 for \$1. Tickets will be organized through the classroom teachers. Mrs Cocks will be very busy caring for all the bunnies and bilbies and will not be able to take money for tickets.

We hope to raise lots of dollars and keep Mrs Mac very busy processing lots of new books for our library.

Thank you from all of our staff.



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School Banking for 2014.

TUESDAY is our Banking Day.

Please ensure all yellow wallets are handed into your child's teacher first thing in the morning to ensure their deposit is processed.

All money should be securely enclosed in the Velcro pocket and deposit slips **MUST** be completed.

Save from as little as 5c per week.

Each deposit earns a **SILVER TOKEN** this should be kept safe at home.....when they collect 10 tokens they can redeem for exciting rewards!

If your child would like to join the program please visit your local Commonwealth Bank with photo ID for yourself and your child's birth certificate – too easy!



2014 reward items include a:

- Handball
- Scented Pencils
- Penguin and Dolphin Keyrings
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Tin Moneybox
- Swimming Bag
- Projector Cup
- Sea Streamers

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives \$5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Mobile Phone Collection

This term, the Junior School Council is collecting old mobile phones.

We are collecting the phones to help save the gorillas.

Mobile phones contain Coltan. Coltan is found in the ground and to get the Coltan out, workers have to cut down trees. These trees are the gorilla's homes.

If you bring along your old mobile phones, we will send them away to have the Coltan taken out and reused in another phone. This will mean that the forests the gorillas live in do not have to cut down.

There will be a box in the atrium for you to put your old phones in.

Please ask all your family and friends to find their old phones and bring them to school. There is a box in the atrium for all your old phones.

You can also help save the gorillas by thinking about whether you really, really, really **NEED** a new phone when the contract on your phone expires. Often the phone you have will do the job.

Please help us save the gorillas.



~~~~Hand Crafted Card Fundraiser~~~~

\$27 a box equates to .90c per card! Most Hallmark cards sell for \$4.99 and even cards at the Reject Shop can be anywhere up to \$3.

Now you won't have to rush up the street at the last minute because you forgot to buy a card again.

This is the first time our school has had this fundraiser and we are hoping it will be popular and who doesn't need cards throughout the year?

**Order forms and money due back to school no later than Friday 21st of March.
(Payment can be made by cash, cheque or EFTPOS)**



Bernie – The Gardener

Bernie emailed the school a couple of pictures of the before and after photos of the new garden that she has created. Bernie would like to thank Lisa and Ray for their help, it was much appreciated.

Bernie has a little more to do this coming Monday and then it's the end of her time at Sunbury Heights.

Bernie is looking for a parent volunteer takeover her Monday morning ritual of watering the garden. As Bernie says it's a nice peaceful task and she does her best thinking while watering the plants. Please come and see Bernie on Monday if you can help.