

# SUNBURY WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Welcome back to another new school year. The excitement was evident as children gathered for school this morning as we welcomed our new prep groups.

Most children should be comfortable with their new surroundings due to the preliminary work completed last year, children spent some time in their new rooms, met their teachers and new class mates and were also shown where to assemble on day one.

New students are generally given a guided tour of the school before they begin and our new Prep children experience three "morning visits" to help them settle quickly. The preliminary work is carefully planned each year and really does assist most children to begin school comfortably.

### New Families

A special welcome to the new families who have joined our community. Your children will be overwhelmed with new friendships, routines and expectations. They may experience high excitement and some disappointment on a daily basis while they make sense of their new environment. This is to be expected and is a normal reaction for many.

### School Assembly

Our first assembly will be conducted next Monday morning at 9.15am in the gymnasium. All parents are welcome to attend.

### Allergies

We have 10 children currently enrolled who have life threatening allergic reactions should they contact nuts or even make contact with people who have handled products containing nuts. We have minimised the risks in our canteen by not selling peanut butter sandwiches or nut contaminated products. Teachers speak to their children about allergies in general and relate that conversation to specifics within the room where appropriate.

Other parents can help by supporting our nut free environment. This means avoiding or minimising lunch fillings or snacks which contain nuts or nut residue and also ensuring Art room donations aren't boxes or packaging for similar products.

**Stephen Taylor**  
PRINCIPAL

## INFORMATION FOR NEW PREP STUDENTS 2008

The Primary School Nursing Program offers a health assessment to children in their first year of school. In every prep child's Back to School bag this year there is a questionnaire. If your child is in Prep, they will bring a bag home with the questionnaire. It is for you to fill in about your child, if they are attending prep for the first time. The questionnaire covers information about their health, including dental health, speech and language, hearing, vision, general development and behaviour and emotional well being. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to the school. A school nurse will be in touch with you when she sees your child. You will be notified when the nurse arranges her main school visit. If you have any further questions you can contact the Primary School Nursing Program in your region which is listed in the back of the School Entrant Health Questionnaire.

## TIMELINE TERM ONE

### FEBRUARY

4TH—8TH

YR 5/6 Swimming

### MARCH

12TH  
20th

School Photos  
Term One Ends

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FLASHDANCE PERFORMING ARTS

Specialising in Funk, Hip Hop, Cheerleading, Acrobatics, Musical Theatre, Classical, Ballet, Tap, Troupe Work & Private lessons in Singing and Dance.

From ages 3 and up.

Studios are located at 1/75 Vineyard Road Sunbury.

**Phone 9744 2162**

### AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

Australian Girls Choir & Aust Girls Dance.

For further information please call  
**9859 6499**

### Children's Performing Company of Australia

Phone: 9384 1644 Fax: 9384 1533

Email: [admin@cpc.com.au](mailto:admin@cpc.com.au)

Web: [www.cpc.com.au](http://www.cpc.com.au)

### SUNBURY UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Boys and girls from 5 to 18. All welcome.

Registration Day:

Sunday the 17th of February

Soccer Club Rooms, Langama Park, Mitchells Lane from 10.00 a.m.

All Inquiries call Martyn on 0409 799 395

**UNIFORM SHOP 8.45am—9.45am**

**Tuesday 5th February**

When ordering please choose sizes carefully as we are unable to refund money or exchange. Please allow 3 - 4 weeks for delivery.

Thanks Marie Warchulski



## MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to Music 2008 everybody and what an exciting year it will be!

We do have some places left in the Instrumental Program 2008, if you are interested. Places available are:

**Trumpet:** Grade 3—6 \$330 per year

**Clarinet:** Grade 3—6 \$330 per year

**Flute:** Grade 3—6 \$330 per year

**Violin:** Grade 2—6 \$330 per year

**(If you have your own instrument, which must be in good condition, the fee is \$140 per year.)**

**Keyboard:** Grade 2-6 \$100 per term

**Guitar:** Grade 3-6 \$100 per term

**Drums:** Grade 3-6 \$100 per term

Write a note or contact Mrs Cavigan if you are interested, as soon as possible, as places are going fast.

At the end of the year, we have two huge Instrumental Concerts. The December 2007 was absolutely fantastic.

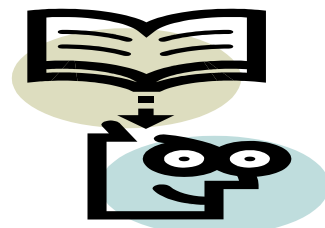
Children who learn an instrument have an opportunity to be selected for the "Sunbury West Band".

Mrs Cavigan.

## Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge is on again. Permission forms will be going home this week, Please return them signed if you want your child to participate.

For further information contact Erin in the library or visit:



[www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/)

## SPORT NEWS

Grade 5/6 Swimming Program will commence Monday the 4th February. Please have all money and notices in by Monday 4th.

### Every child has a right to be safe in water.

Every child will at sometime be exposed to water therefore it is essential to provide comprehensive school aquatic education for students to develop the skills knowledge and attitudes to assist them to be safe. Aquatic education at school may be the only place where some children have the opportunity to learn essential basic swimming and water safety skills.

### Benefits of Aquatic Education

- Achieve personal growth and an increase in confidence and self esteem through the development of new skills and by meeting challenges.
- Acquire survival, rescue and life saving skills which may save their own or someone else's life in the future.
- Have an opportunity to interact socially with peers and students from other classes or schools.
- Can participate in a non contact, non weight bearing physical activity regardless of ability.

## GYM NEWS

If your child wears black soled school shoes, could you please ensure that your child brings along a pair of runners to wear in the new gymnasium on their allocated sport day.

Thank you  
Tim Field

## SCHOOL BANKING EVERY TUESDAY

School Banking will commence on 4th February.

If you would like to open an account please collect an information pack from the office.

Please feel free to send along older or younger siblings bankbooks.

**DO YOU DRIVE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL?  
DO YOU LIVE MORE THAN 4.8KM FROM YOUR  
NEAREST SCHOOL OR BUS STOP?  
IF SO, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM FOR  
A CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE?**

To be eligible to receive a conveyance allowance, a student must:

- be aged between 5 years by the 30th April and 21 years
- live more than 4.8 km by the shortest route from the nearest school.
- Be enrolled at the **nearest** government primary or secondary school.

Application forms are available at the office. Please contact

Gilliam Collins for further information on 9740 8666.

# LUNCH BOX NEWS



Thank you to our volunteers for next week.  
The roster is as follows:

FEBRUARY		10.00-12.00	12.00 - 2.00
Monday	4th	V. Freeman	C. Gipp
Tuesday	5th	C. Waghorne	A. Dimery
Wednesday	6th	L. Othmer	G. O'Donovan
Thursday	7th	M. Whitehorn	W. Stewart
Friday	8th	K. Daly J. Knott	M. Murphy P. Campbell

## SCHOOL VISION

As we commence the school year, it is an appropriate time to reflect upon our school mission and set individual and collective goals. Our school vision and school motto provide the school with a strong sense of purpose. They are as follows:

### School Vision

In the safe, caring and stimulating environment of Sunbury West Primary School, each child is given the opportunity and encouragement to strive towards his/her maximum potential as a confident individual and a responsible member of society.

### SCHOOL MOTTO

*Together we learn.*

*Together we grow.*

### SCHOOL PROMISE

Our school promise provides direction for all members of our school community – students, staff and parents. It is recited every assembly. It is as follows:

*I promise to try my best and help others do  
the same*

*Be honest, fair and respect the rights and  
feelings of everyone*

*Strive to make our school, Australia  
and the world a better place*

*Together we learn.*

*Together we grow.*

## STUDENT OF THE SIX TERM 1

<b>PREP DA</b>	Jacob Puke Stephanie Allsop	For a great start at your new school. For being a happy, helpful class member.
<b>PREP CD</b>	Kelsey Drill Mark Miller	For their continued fantastic efforts.
<b>PREP RH</b>		
<b>1RS</b>	Hayley Martine	For her fantastic work in class.
<b>1JC</b>	Mackenzie Isherwood	For trying hard with his handwriting.
<b>1EM</b>	Jackson Pranauskas Jessie Woodhouse- Wardle	For always doing their very best.
<b>2WT</b>	Nathan Doyle	For terrific attitude to work.
<b>2TH</b>	Harrison Knott Emma Sheridan	For always being in task and having a great attitude to new challenges.
<b>2LM</b>	Natasha Luz	For her great work and enthusiasm in all that she does.
<b>3/4SM</b>	Isabel Quinlan Aaron Williamson	For completing the Premiers Reading Challenge.
<b>3NS</b>	Jake Hiam Brayden Daly	For trying hard to focus and improve their writing.
<b>3DE</b>	Whole Class	Tree Planting Environmentalists.
<b>4BS</b>	Georgia Strada Taylah Elliot	Congratulations on getting your pen licences
<b>4PL</b>	Abbi Usher	For the hard work she has shown she can do.
<b>5DT</b>		
<b>5RN</b>		
<b>5DB</b>		
<b>6WD</b>	Alex Sandford	For being the first to submit his project.
<b>6BP</b>	Corey Davis	For making fantastic improvements in all areas of the classroom.
<b>6SM</b>	D.J. Williams	Wonderful participation and contributions to class and group activities.
<b>MUSIC</b>	6BP, 6SM, 6WD	For brilliant "Harry Potter" "Creative Music Pieces.
<b>P.E.</b>	3BS	For being a hit with softball.
<b>ART</b>	3DE	For being terrific listeners and co-operative workers.
<b>YARD</b>	Chloe Gill	For her quick thinking and sensible actions shown when helping an injured child on the playground equipment.
<b>PRIN</b>		



# SWEEP

Sunbury West Environmental  
Excellence Program

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP of the WEEK from a keen  
Environmentalist

Monique Scott of Prep CD

**Turn off the lights when you are not  
using them.**



The **CRIQUEY AWARD** for  
**ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Grade 4SM**  
the winning grade for rotation 17.

**AWARDED FOR** being fantastic environmentalists by  
picking up the litter around the old cricket nets and  
taking the newspapers in the staff room to the recy-  
cling bin.

**WELL DONE** Grade 4SM you are truly  
**ENVIRONMENTAL WARRIORS!**