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SCHOOL FOR TERM ONE concludes on  
**THURSDAY MARCH 20th at 2.30pm**  
School resumes on Monday April 7th.

**Dear Parents, Staff and Children,**

**Ride 2 School Day**

Thanks to everyone who was able to support our Ride 2 School day yesterday. A quick count identified 41 bikes yesterday and numerous scooters and other wheeled vehicles. Normally we have less than 10 bikes in the rack each day so we had a marked improvement. Cycling is just another way of encouraging children to be active and we will promote this where possible. We will look at another day later in the year. Thanks to Mr Field for promoting this within our school.

**Parking**

Thanks to the **majority** of parents who are following parking arrangements around the school. Due to your consideration, children are being dropped off smoothly and safely. Please remember that it is illegal to do a U turn in Cornish Street.

**Sunbury Schools Merger:**

As you would no doubt be aware by now, a proposal has been put forward to improve student outcomes, educational choices and retention rates for all Sunbury secondary students by merging the two current secondary colleges to create a new secondary school for Sunbury.

The proposed new school would address a number of issues and challenges that are currently faced by the two existing Secondary schools that disadvantage Sunbury's secondary aged students.

The proposal would address the enrolment imbalance across the two schools. Currently Sunbury Downs Secondary College has an overall enrolment of 529 students and is therefore not able to offer the full range of subject choices for children attending the college. Whilst Sunbury College has more than 1400 students, insufficient technology facilities at this school site also result in a limited subject choice for students particularly in the areas of Vocational Educational Training (VET) and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

By joining forces across the two campuses students would be offered greater subject choices at all year levels and a wider variety of post compulsory school options thus delivering better results for the young people of Sunbury. Research shows that student results improve when students are able to undertake subjects of their choice and that wider choice also leads to improved retention rates with more students staying at school longer.

If this proposal goes ahead, the new school will be the largest and most comprehensive secondary school in the north west of Melbourne and it will be further enhanced as the combined college is also expected to attract federal government funding for a new multi-million dollar technology centre. This would be built on the current Sunbury Downs College site.

Under the proposal the Sunbury Downs College site would become a senior campus (Years 10, 11 & 12) and provide the widest possible range of VCE, VET and VCAL programs and that the Sunbury College site would become a middle years campus in (Years 7, 8 and 9). Sunbury College would provide a comprehensive curriculum across the full range of key learning areas outlined in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) as well as providing programs for high achieving students and those students with additional educational needs.

Both school councils, which are made up of parents, teachers and students, will now consider the proposed merger. Community consultation will follow the school council meetings. The consultation process will include school staff members, parents and students of both schools. Principals and staff of the seven Sunbury primary schools will also be consulted; as will parents of current Grade 6 students.

There are many details that will need to be worked out should it be decided that the merger is to go ahead – everything from uniforms to buses – and these issues along with many others will be considered in such a way as to minimize cost and disruption to existing and new students and families.

The idea of change is often confronting to many people particularly those who could be affected by the change and it is usually accompanied by an immediate emotional response. Many of these student and parent responses were recorded and published by the media last week. Now that the proposal has been tabled for discussion, the important question to be considered by all of the Sunbury community is: what educational structure will provide the best educational program for all the secondary aged students in Sunbury? Regardless of the discussions and decisions to be made by all of those involved and affected by the change, the priority should be to ensure that the best possible outcomes for all of our Secondary students in Sunbury is achieved. I will continue to provide you with information about this proposal as it arises.

**Stephen Taylor**  
**Principal**

### Zone Swimming Sports

Congratulation on our nine Sunbury West students who competed at Werribee Swimming Pool in the Zone Finals.

**They were: Abbey Wright, Romy Bogdanovic, Courtney Justin, Sarah Lampard, Paul Attard, James Glanville, Cameron McRorie, Nathan Marshall and Renee Thomas.**

Our bests result was the boys relay team who finished 3rd.

#### Well Done Everyone

Don't forget House Cross Country next Wednesday morning at Clarke Oval for all children grade 3-6.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Rupertswood AFL Auskick—Season 2008

**Registration Day:** Saturday 15th March  
9.00am—11.30am.

Rupertswood Football Club—Salesian College

**Registration Fee:** \$47.00

**First Session:** Saturday 12th April  
9.30am—11.00am

Register online via [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) and be eligible for a 2008 AFL Grand Final Package Draw.  
Coaching Positions Available

For any further details Contact Mark :  
on 0409 329 970 or visit

[www.rupertswoodfc.org.au](http://www.rupertswoodfc.org.au)

#### Sunbury United Junior Soccer Club.

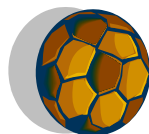
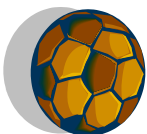
Under 6, 7 & 8's

Registration day is Sunday April 6th  
from 10am till 12pm, at Langama Park.

2008 is going to be an exciting year with the introduction of small sided games. This will be run by John Campelj who has come to us with an impressive background. He is currently the coach of the State under 15 boys team, and one of the coaches at V-Elite programme for U11, U12 & U13 boys & girls run by Football Federation of Victoria.

The fee will be \$140 you will receive as well as a top line coach a training kit consisting of top, shorts and socks.

Any enquiries, call John Kook on 0416 247 076 or check our website on [www.sujsc.com](http://www.sujsc.com).



### Bullying

Sometimes parents confuse a minor scrap at school with Bullying. Bullying is when someone, or a group of people, upset or create a risk to another person's health and safety - either psychologically or physically - or their property, reputation or social acceptance on more than one occasion..

The school has a zero approach to bullying as is aware of the short and long term damages which it can cause both physically and emotionally. At Sunbury West Primary the letters D.O.B stand for "Don't Obey Bullies". If any parent or child ever has a concern about bullies please contact the school on 9740 8666

The Department has a great website on bullying which is: <http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/wellbeing/safeschools/>

### FOSW NEWS EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to all those who have already returned raffle tickets.



**Tickets and money are due back on Friday 14th March.**

Raffle will be drawn at Assembly on the last day of school.



### Bulbs coming!!

Look out for brochures coming home next week.

**UNIFORM SHOP 8.45am—9.45am**

**Tuesday 18th March**

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

**Now Available!!!**

**Winter Pinafores/Skirts (bottle green & red tartan)**

**Sizes 4, 6 & 8 = \$43.00**

**Size 10 = \$48.75**

**Sizes 12 & 14 (Skirt) = \$48.75**

**To assist parents who wish to order a pinafore or skirt ready for term two I will be placing a bulk order on Tuesday 18th March..**

**Anyone wishing to place an order please send along with a \$10.00 deposit, in by Tuesday, 18th March.**

**Please feel free to visit the Uniform Shop on Tuesday mornings, to have a look/discuss sizes.**

**Marie Warchulski.**

**Uniform Co-ordinator**



## Performing Arts ready to GOOOOOO!



Sunbury West Performers Plus will be entertaining the crowds down at the Sunbury Festival this Saturday. The Sunbury West Choir will be singing 6 songs.

Alessio, Travis and Ben Scott will be Break Dancing and we have Singing and Dance Artists and Musicians plus!! Solo artists are Kyra and Jacquie, Isabel, Maddy, Chloe and Olivia. Wow it's going to be GREAT! See if you can make it.

Our times are 10.20am- 10.40 am and an afternoon session at 4.00pm-4.20pm. These children are representing our School and presenting themselves to the Sunbury Community. Good Luck everyone, See You there.

This Friday evening we will be enjoying the Sunbury West Bush Dance and Barbeque night. All grades have learnt "The Gum-Tree Bush Dance" this week ready to perform on Friday night for you. Hope to see you all there. Yippee!!



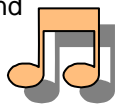
**"MUSIC IS FOR EVERYONE."**

### NEWS FLASH FOR SUNBURY WEST.

Sunbury West Sweeper's Club has been founded as of last week. They are responsible for cleaning the area around the Gym foyer, The Music room entry and the WOSP area and Canteen. It is such a dusty and litter-bug area that the Sweeper Team have decided they want to make a difference to our School Environment. Two different students clean each day of the week for 15minutes of their lunch break. They have been doing an outstanding job so far.

Students who are in the Sweeper's Club for Term 1 and two are:

Jordan McGregor, Amber Braden, Molly Hiles, Megan Haxton, Chloe Walker, Rachael Sullivan, Daniel Triffett-Shepherd, Warren Sedgman, Brayden Wing and Daniel Campbell. Bravo!



Margaret Cavigan

# LUNCH BOX NEWS

**Last Day for lunch orders Wednesday 19th March canteen will be closed on Thursday 20th March. With the exception of the pre ordered Easter Special that closed today due to ordering restrictions .**

Please Note: There is a charge of 5c per lunch bag. Items will be deleted from orders where a bag is not provided.

Thank you to our volunteers for next week.

MARCH	10.00-12.00	12.00 -2.00	10.0 -2.00
Mon 17th			M. Richards
Tues 18th	J. Brown-scombe	G. O'Dono-van	
Wed 19th	L. Othmer	S. Miller	
Thur 20th	Easter Special	Canteen	Closed
Fri 21st	Good	Friday	

### STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Government funding is available to parents re-entering the workforce, through the State Government's Parents Returning to Earning (PRTE) program. Grants of up to \$1000 are available for parents that have been looking after children during the last two years. These grants are to be used to pay for training that will assist parents in gaining employment. It can also be used to cover the costs of child care and books.

Call AEIC on 9895 1666 to assess your eligibility and secure a place at one of our free information sessions currently running at Frankston, Ringwood, Footscray and Box Hill. At these sessions the PRTE program will be explained and assistance will be given in applying for the grant.



## BOOKCLUB ISSUE 2

The second Book club for the year closes Friday 14th March.

**No late orders can be accepted.**

Please ensure that your child's order has their name on it, orders should be place in a sealed envelope with your child's name, grade and amount of money enclosed.

Pamela Lardner  
Book club co-ordinator.

## Working Bee Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00-1.00

On Saturday , April 12<sup>th</sup>, the school will be having its first Working Bee for the term. The main purpose of this working bee will be to erect new borders for soft-fall so that the new Prep playground equipment can be installed. On this day the following will also take place:

- Fixing up the borders of existing playground equipment.
- Beautifying all garden areas and tidying up the school's grounds.

Please place this date in your diary.  
Thank you in Anticipation  
Frank Devlin.



# BUSH DANCE

## Friday 14th March



To welcome new families to our school we like to conduct an informal social event. Last year, we had the fete, this year we are inviting ALL Sunbury West families to a BUSH DANCE.

The bush band “The Corner Jack” will be playing between 5.30pm – 8.30pm.

Families are encouraged to bring a picnic tea, your own chairs for comfort and whatever you like to drink. We provide the music and the opportunity to purchase sausages for tea (\$1.50 each).

Come along and enjoy the company of other members of our school community and have an enjoyable night on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March between 5.30pm – 8.30pm.**

**Please Note:** The Bush Dance is a community opportunity. *While many teachers may be present they will not be responsible for your children. All children are the responsibility of their parents for the whole evening.*

### TIMELINE TERM ONE/TWO

<b>MARCH</b>			
14th	Bush Dance	17th	Yr 4 Immigration Museum
15th	Sunbury Festival Village Green	23rd	Preps—Botanic Gardens
19th	House Cross Country	21st—24th	Yr 6 Camp- Kangarooie
20th	Term One Ends-2.30pm.	24th	Yr 3 Immigration Museum
		25th	Anzac Day—No School
		28th—2nd	Yr 1/2 Swimming
<b>APRIL</b>			
	Term Two Starts	May	
16th	Preps—Western Water	19—23rd	Yr 3/4 Swimming



## SWEEP

Sunbury West Environmental Excellence Program  
ENVIRONMENTAL TIP of the WEEK from the keen environmentalist

**Brendan Tschuck of 5RN.**

**When you leave your house in a hot day turn off your fans and air conditioner to save power.**

**A great tip! Thank you Brendan.**

### A Hint for Healthy Living



**Encourage your child to drink 6 glasses of water every day.**

Here are some ways you can encourage your child to drink water:

- \*Keep a jug of water in the fridge or allow your child to put ice in their glass - kids love munching on ice.
- \*Place a slice of orange or lemon in their glass - this adds a nice flavour.
- \*Buy your child a drink bottle & help them decorate it and encourage them to carry it everywhere they go.