Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

**Welcome Back**
Welcome back to the 2016 school year. We extend a warm welcome to new families who have joined our community. We hope that your transition to Sunbury West is positive as you settle into school routines and begin to develop new relationships with staff, students and parents. Please contact your classroom teacher or the office if there is anything that the school can do to further support your family.

2016 is set to be another busy year with lots of events, activities and initiatives ready to go. We will see the commencement of our BYOD iPad program in the upper school with a focus on 21st Century Learning. Planning for the fitness circuit will also start this term in consultation with School Council and our JSC reps. In Term 2 about 30 students from grades 3 – 6 will participate in the Wakakirri Artist In Residence Program, culminating in a performance at the Clocktower Centre in Moonee Ponds.

Scheduled planned maintenance works will commence shortly to repair, restore and upgrade facilities and our Environment Committee will continue to focus on their school improvement goals.

We have a busy term ahead, starting with the Grade 5 /6 Swimming Program on Monday 8th February. This will be followed by the House Swimming Sports on the 12th February and the Twilight Swimming Carnival on the 18th February. Information regarding these events will be sent home to relevant grade levels. School Photos will also be conducted on Wednesday 25th February.

**Preps**
A special welcome to all of our new Preps who started school with big smiles on Monday. We look forward to watching you learn and grow over the next seven years.

**Disruption to Power**
Thankyou to all our families for their patience and consideration in relation to our power being cut. We have endeavoured to communicate with families via Tiqbiz but appreciate that not all families access this app.

Unfortunately vandals caused extensive damage to our power supply in the theft of copper wire. The matter has been reported to the police and department contractors have been extremely diligent in rectifying the problem. Whilst we do have power and some internet connection, we cannot yet access wi-fi.

**Parent Payments**
Please see the office staff if you would like to discuss payment options regarding excursions, camps and other activities. There are a number of options available to parents including periodical payments.

QKR! is our preferred method of payment so that parents can make online payments from smartphones, etc. Qkr is a free app. Please contact the office for more information about this option.

**Building Maintenance Fund**
Thankyou to parents who have already paid the contribution to the Building Maintenance Fund. (BMF) Last year, we initiated many school improvement works via our Environment sub-committee and Student Engagement team. These achievements were made possible because of the support of our parent community in paying the BMF contribution.

**Staffing**
Mrs. Elissa Campbell is our newly appointed Assistant Principal. Her main areas of responsibility will include Educational Leadership and Student Welfare.

Welcome to Allison Crozier who is our new canteen manager. During the holiday period, Allison has been busily preparing a new menu which is available now. Please keep an eye out for information regarding the new menu and special days in the newsletter. As per last year, the canteen will be open on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Allergies**
We have a few children currently enrolled who have life threatening allergic reactions should they come in contact with 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 classes about allergies in general and relate that conversation to specifics within the room where appropriate. Notes are also sent home to students in the grades of children with allergies.

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.

**School Council Elections**
We will be calling for nominations for School Council in the near future. If you’ve previously considered becoming involved in School Council but the opportunity has always passed you by, consider this early notice. The nomination process will be announced next week.

Inga Wilson
Principal
Qkr! is our preferred method of payment for excursions, camps, activities and lunch orders. Qkr! is a free app you can download for both iPhone and Android devices. Your payments are secured through Mastercard. If you have been using the app last year, don’t forget to go in and update your child/rens classes. You can do this through “Manage Children” at the bottom of your menu screen.

A new and exciting canteen menu is coming home today. Please check all prices as some may have changed. There are also some new additions to the menu with some daily specials!

Don’t forget if you can spare an hour or two, particularly on a Friday, Allison would love some parent helpers! Please contact the school on 9740 8666 if you would like to volunteer your time.

Karate Classes at Sunbury West
Karate classes are now available at Sunbury West Primary.
Wellbeing Martial Arts is offering karate classes in our Gym commencing Tuesday 2nd February. Trial lessons are available.

Class times and types
Tuesdays 5.30pm to 6.30pm for Primary School Students only. This class is well suited to students at Sunbury West.
Wednesdays 6.30pm to 7.30pm for all junior students (under 18)
Wednesdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm for Adults (over 18) – great for Parents wanting to improve their fitness and general well-being!

Call Geoff at Wellbeing Martial Arts on 0419 599 206 or email: wellbeingma@bigpond.com
Website: www.wellbeingmartialarts.com.au
facebook: https://www.facebook.com/wellbeingmartialarts/

TIQBIZ
Don’t forget to update your child/rens class on Tiqbiz if you are currently using this app! This way you are getting the most relevant information. Please be aware that Tiqbiz is our main communication tool if we are having telecommunication or power issues.
CSEF Applications have been sent home today. If you are eligible, please complete the application form and return to the office with a copy of your current Health Care Card by Friday 25th February.
Dear Parents

At the beginning of every year we have a 10 minute interview to enable parents and teachers the opportunity to meet and share important information concerning your child.

Parent/Teacher interviews this term will be conducted on the following days:

- **Monday** 22nd February 3:50pm - 5:00pm
- **Tuesday** 23rd February 3:50pm - 5:00pm
- **Wednesday** 24th February 3:50pm - 7:00pm

You can now book school interviews for the times that suit **YOU**.


**Bookings open 9am Monday 8th Feb and close 4pm on Friday 19th Feb**

For parents that don’t have internet access please contact the school office on 9740 8666.

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Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code) and enter our school code – **Y4Z86**

Then follow the 3 simple steps.

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**FOSW NEWS**

Our first FOSW (Friends of Sunbury West) meeting for 2016 will be held on Monday 8th February following Assembly.

The meeting will be held in Room 10. FOSW meetings are open to all families. Hope to see you there.

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Sunbury Market has an eclectic mix of goods on offer on Sat Feb 6th at the Community Centre, Elizabeth Dr, Sunbury. Mel ref 382 A4 9am-2pm.

Fabulous Valentine’s Day gifts from craft stalls, plants, picture framing and, for the children, face painting.

Car boot and sewing machine repairs also 0400 907 793.

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