



# 'Around the Grounds' SPS Newsletter

## Our School Vision

*For all students to become successful learners; confident, creative and curious individuals who are active*

Thursday 12 December 2019



## DATES to remember

### December

- ◆ Year 6 Graduation  
Monday 16 December
- ◆ Last day of Term 4  
Friday 20 December

### Future Dates 2020

- ◆ First day of Term 1  
29 January 2020
- ◆ Student Individual Photo  
Day - Wednesday  
15 April 2020

Thank you to all the amazing families who attended the Sunbury Primary School's Christmas Soiree, it was a fantastic evening and all the students did an awesome job with their Christmas songs.



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# Ms. Bus's Bulletin

## **Retirement Announcements**

Lee-Anne Watson and Julie Kostas have both announced their retirement from education after 30+ years. Lee-Anne and Julie (currently on personal leave) will be invited to attend our final assembly for the year so that our students and families can say goodbye. Lee-Anne and Julie's contribution to education is one that many students and families will reflect on with warm memories and their legacies at Sunbury Primary School will always be remembered with great fondness. On behalf of our staff, students and community, we wish both Julie and Lee-Anne well in their next chapters in life.

## **Staffing Update**

Alexandra Massaro – Alexandra Massaro has been successful in securing a contract position at Sunbury Heights Primary School and therefore will not be returning to Sunbury PS. We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Alex's contributions to the teaching and learning at our school in 2019. On behalf of the students, staff and our families, I would like to wish Alex every success in her new school setting.

## **The Fathering Project**

Our recent Fathering Project event held at Woodland Historic Park on Sunday 24 November 2019 was once again a wonderful activity coordinated by our 'champion dads'. We had over 30 participants involved in the Outdoor Adventure Day - fun for young and old (or not so old)! Barefoot Bowling, our next Fathering Project event (father figures only) is scheduled for Friday 13 December at Sunbury Social Club at 6:30pm. A special thanks to our SPS Champion Dads for putting together, what we are certain will be, another incredible event!

## **Semester Two Student Reports**

Teachers are currently in the process of finalising Semester Two student reports. A great deal of time is spent writing student end of year reports to ensure parents have an accurate picture of their child's progress against expected state-wide standards. Reports will be available on Compass from Wednesday 18 December 2019. Thank you to all teaching staff for the time and effort they have put into writing comprehensive reports for each student.

## **Prep Breakfast**

On Wednesday 13 November 2019, our Prep students enjoyed an early morning at school in their pyjamas and bellies empty, ready for a breakfast feast. Thank you to our Prep/1 team for organising this activity for our students.

## **Year 1 Stay Late/BBQ**

The Yr. 1 Stay Late and BBQ evening took place on Thursday 28 November 2019. We had 100% attendance in this Outdoor Education program for our Yr. 1 students. A range of activities and experiences were planned and facilitated by our Yr. Prep/1/2 team – an engaging and fun evening was had by all!

## **Year 3 Queenscliff Camp**

On Monday 2 December our Year 3 students headed off on their camping adventure to Queenscliff. Kim Sharpe, Bernice O'Sullivan and Nadine Kelenc-Gasior attended the three day camp. Special thanks goes to our parent helpers, Brian Long, Tasman Cross, Caitlin Manzie and Tsa tsa Tsog also supported our Year 3 campers. Our students had a wonderful time experiencing all of the activities offered as part of the camping program.

## **Students Exiting the School**

Over the past couple of weeks we have had a few families notify the school office of their intentions of enrolling their child from another school for 2020. If you are considering a move to another school, could you please notify the school office as soon as possible, so that our planning for 2020 can reflect the most accurate student enrolment numbers.

## **Buildings, Grounds and Facilities Update**

A comprehensive Buildings and Facilities update will be communicated to families shortly. This update will outline the next stages of the Capital Works project and answer questions regarding the delay to the works and the expected start time for the new buildings.

## **2020 Prep Transition Program**

The 2020 Prep Transition Program has commenced and the final session is planned for Tuesday 10 December 2019 at 9:15am to 1:00pm. We have received great feedback from families regarding the transition process, particularly the extended orientation sessions and the Prep Interviews with each of our 44 enrolled students.

# TRANSITION PROCESS

*Transition is a process of change that for some students may require substantial preparation, planning, adjustment and support.*

We are currently undergoing transition process between pre-school and Prep as well as Grade 6 and Year 7.

Local secondary schools are conducting visits to our Grade 6s where students have the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions regarding all elements of secondary school life. All Grade 6 students will be involved in a state wide transition day on **Tuesday 10 December** where they visit their selected secondary school for Orientation Day.

Our 2020 Preps have begun their transition program into Sunbury Primary School. These students have each attended a Prep Interview and will spend three dates attending the school for increasing periods of time. This is a wonderful opportunities for our future students and their families to get to know each other.

Current Prep to Grade 5 students who participate in Step Up Day on **Wednesday 18 December** where they will spend time in their new class with their allocated 2019 teacher. Please be assured that many factors are considered when placing students in classes (such as relationships, social/emotional, behavioural and academic needs) and every effort is made to adhere to requests. As in previous years, a Meet and Greet Parent/Teacher Interview time will be available early in 2020.

Transitioning between year levels can be an anxious time. It is Important to allow your child the time to get to know their new teacher and classmates, and adjust to the change in their learning environment.

To help ensure a smooth transition between year levels, student data is shared with the new teacher and any additional needs are discussed through a handover process.

We encourage parents/guardians to introduce themselves to the teacher early in the year and to raise any questions or concerns they may have about their child's transition.

Maintaining open lines of communication and a positive relationship with between home and school is paramount to a successful transition.





# Year 3 Camp Wyuna

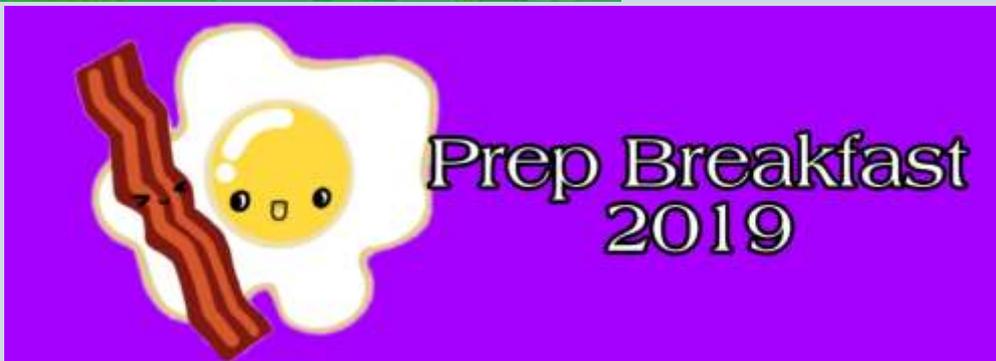




On the 7 of November we joined the global campaign Outdoor Classroom Day. Outdoor learning improves children's health, engages them with learning and leads to a greater connection with nature.

Play not only teaches critical life skills such as resilience, teamwork and creativity, but is central to children's enjoyment of childhood.

With increasing pressures on childhood, children today are too often overprotected, overscheduled, and overly attached to screens, which is why it's more crucial than ever before to help get children outdoors.



Earlier this term our Preps had the opportunity to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and have a special breakfast with all their friends and teachers in the classroom.



# Prep/1's Melbourne Museum Excursion



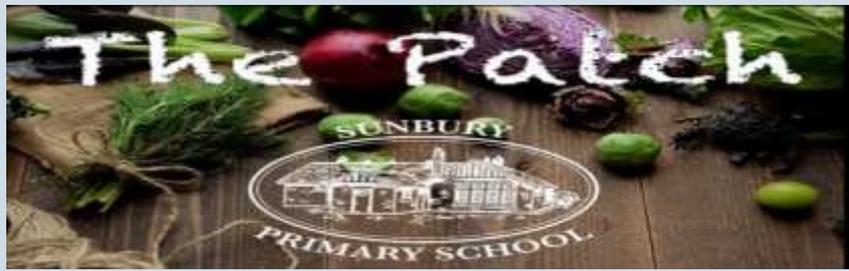
Our Prep/1 students had the great opportunity to go on an excursion to The Melbourne Museum this term as part of their Inquiry 'Change'.

The students were able to learn all about change and were able to participate in programs "Bugs, bugs, Bugs and My Grandfather's Toybox, whilst also being able to explore the museum and all it has to offer. All the student's had a great time.



**This term our students had the amazing opportunity to attend the musical of Charlie and the Chocolate factory. It was a brilliant stage show and the everyone had a fantastic time in the world of pure imagination.**





**Welcome to The Patch  
monthly update!**  
**THE PATCH MARKET STALLS (TERM 4)**  
**Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, 3:30pm - 4:30pm**

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN 2019

Connie Saliba  
Georgia Butt  
Vicki Hallett  
Lea Hess  
Doug & Trish Black  
Emma Dwyer  
Alison Cross  
Alison Cross's Mum & Dad  
Tenika Brown  
Sue Borg  
Julie Hallifax  
Val & Tony Hallifax  
Vlatka Prest  
Christine Vasilevski  
Jemma Court  
Melissa van den Heuvel  
Candice Moser

Sandra Kenely  
Melissa Snioch  
Carole & Sam Houston  
Tracey & Ben Smith  
Fabienne Chevalier  
Lyn Rayner  
Errel Grey  
Christie McIntosh  
Michelle Hughes  
Kareen Waters  
Michelle Treloar  
Heather Bennett  
Chris Elliot  
Matthew Bester  
Reece Pascoe  
Colin & Bernadette Duffy  
Michelle Bracken

Just Planet  
Bunnings  
Sacco Coffee  
Café Circe  
Mystic Pizza & Pasta  
Batman Pizza  
Raw Galore  
Vics  
Hume Seed Library  
Woolworths Rosenthal  
WOW Families  
Garden Warriors  
SPS Staff Team

This month's Garden Warriors activities included preparing the garden beds and planters for our new spring crops. The tribe also prepared the garden bed that runs along the back of the prep building at the school's back entrance so that the Preps could begin their STEM 'Living Things' investigation. The Preps sowed a variety of sunflower seeds and will welcome in the 2020 school year. We hope that the sunflowers will be a cheery backdrop to many 'first day of school' photos. The tribe also prepared The Patch for warmer, dryer weather by applying mulch to all of our new crops.

We have made an effort to collect seed this year from our most successful crops this will save us money and ensure healthier crops. The tribe have so far collected Snow Peas and Rocket for seed saving. This month the Garden Warriors have harvested Strawberries, Potatoes, Onions and Snow Peas and have planted Cucumber, Zucchini, Tomatoes, Capsicum, Eggplant, Celery, Pak Choi, Bok Choi, Spinach and Pumpkin.

## WAR ON WASTE

Since starting data collection in July 2019, our SPS WOW Families have so far diverted 1246kg of food waste away from landfill and we have washed a dried 355 buckets.

**A Sustainability Drop Box** is set up in the school's administration office to collect; soft drink can ring pulls, plastic bottle tops (with a number 2 or 4 recycling number inside), used postage stamps, plastic bread tags, old mobile phones and metal bottle caps. The sign above the box gives you information on what organisations the item/s support, where the item/s end up and what they will be recycled into. Collected items can be dropped off during school hours.

### War on Waste Wednesday Do's & Don'ts



Line your WOW bucket with newspaper. Lining your bucket with newspaper helps to soak up any nasty juices to keep your bucket smelling fresher. It also adds more brown matter into our compost & makes it easier to clean the buckets.



Don't put bread into your WOW bucket, our composting systems are open composting bays and bread attracts vermin.

If you would like to volunteer in The Patch contact our school's Community Engagement liaison Laura, by contacting the office on 9744 9744





## SAVE THE DATE

### Future Events:

- Creepy Campout – Friday 13/03/20
- Brimbank Park Cycle Day – Sunday 3/05/20
  - Father's Day Breakfast – 4/09/20
  - Billy Kart Derby – Sunday 11/10/20

If you would like to become involved in suggesting and organising fun filled events, feel free to contact us via our Facebook Page: - Search for "Sunbury Fathering Project - Sunbury Primary."



**A commitment to have FUN! TheirCare's goal is for your Children to have a blast when they spend time in our Holiday Program.**

**Call 0447003879 to book**