

# 'Around the Grounds' SPS Newsletter

## Our School Vision

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

Friday 28 February 2020



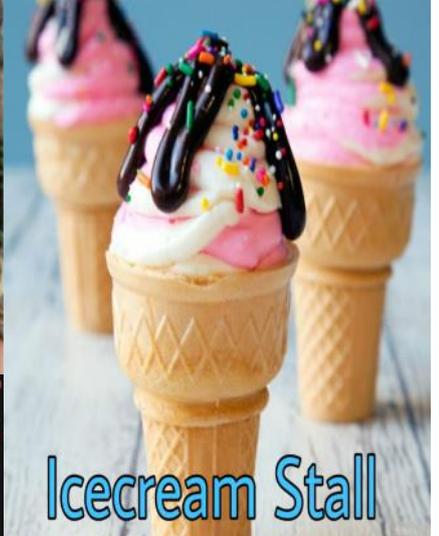
Fresh Produce Stall



Face Painting

\$5

TWILIGHT HARVEST PICNIC



Icecream Stall



Scones with Jam & Cream  
featuring  
The Patch's Famous  
Strawberry & Rhubarb Jam

\$4

This  
*Saturday*  
The  
Twilight Harvest Picnic  
4PM - 8PM  
29/02/20



SATURDAY

FEB 29  
4-8PM

Strawberry & Rhubarb Jam  
\$4



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

\$4

LEMON BUTTER

The Twilight  
Harvest Picnic

Kids Disco  
With DJ Hannah

6pm till 8pm

Saturday 29  
February



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

# *Ms. Bus' Bulletin*

## **Student Leadership**

The process for the selection of School Captains, House Captains and JSC Representatives is well underway. School Captains have been announced - Congratulations to:

Katarina Perkovic, Jake Vasilevski, Heath Butcher and Mikayla Hallett.

Special thanks to Tomas O'Brien, Klara Dadds, Evie Allen and Jack Seyers who were our Yr. 5 student representatives on the selection panel – their input throughout the process was highly valued. Shana and I will be working with our School Captains and our JSC Representatives throughout the year, alongside Stacy Young who has taken on the role of leading the Junior School Council.

I'm also pleased to announce that our House Captains have been selected by their Year 3-6 peers this week.

Congratulations to:

**Macedon** - Jack Johnson & Bailey Snioch

**O'Shanassy** - Marley Phelan & Angus Sharpe

**Barkly** - Sarah Magrath & Amy Oakley

**Brook** - Lincon Scott & Izzy Lathinen

All Student Leadership badges will be presented at assembly on **Friday 20 March 2020 beginning at 2:50pm.**

## **Student Attendance (Late Arrivals and Early Dismissal)**

Attendance at school is critical to your child's success at school. Students are required to be ready for learning at 9am. Our school grounds and classrooms are supervised from 8:50am, providing ample time for students to get prepared for learning, ready to begin at 9am. Students who arrive after the bell must come via the school office to be signed in by a parent/guardian and to collect a late pass so that their arrival can be documented - classroom teachers have been asked to send students back to the office if they do not present to class with a late pass, when arriving after the bell. Parents/Guardians wishing to collect their child early from school must also come via the office so that early dismissal is recorded - you will receive an early dismissal pass which must be presented to the classroom teacher.

## **Twilight Swimming**

On Thursday 20 February, 24 students in Years 3-6 represented Sunbury Primary School at the Sunbury Schools Swimming Twilight Carnival. It was a fabulous evening filled with excitement, encouragement and persistence as our students challenged their personal best in the pool. A special mention to Sonechka Javier, Will Pryor, Lincon Scott, Laura Purcell and Taylor Collins who have all qualified to progress to the next level. Thank you to our families who all joined in to cheer our students on as they competed, and to our staff who attended the event to support the students. Very special thanks to Greg Purcell in his organisation of the event, I'm sure you all agree, he has absolutely thrived in his new role as Physical Education teacher.

## **Student Safety**

Following the recent incident after-school involving a minor collision between a car and a student, the school along with a number of families have been in contact with Hume City Council regarding traffic safety in the streets surrounding our school. A number of traffic and pedestrian counts have been conducted in the past 18 months, which indicate that we do not have sufficient foot traffic to warrant a school crossing. We have been advised that a count has been scheduled in the coming days. In my last conversation with the Council they did acknowledge that the width of the road is a concern for crossing pedestrians, and are therefore exploring other options, such as an island to assist with crossing the road safely. I will contact Josh Bull regarding this matter also.

## **Where's Amanda?**

My calendar is looking very busy for the remainder of this term, which means I will be in and out of the school quite frequently. As we approach the final approval stage of the Capital Works Project, I am required to meet regularly with the VSBA, the architects and the QA consultants before we go to tender. I've also been invited to participate in Gisborne Primary School's review process as a challenge partner to support them in developing their next 4-year Strategic Plan. As a PLC Link School, both myself and Kim Sharpe will be facilitating a number of professional learning workshops within the Hume/Moreland Network over the next few months, and we are also continuing our work within the Sunbury and Diggers Rest Network supporting the implementation of PLCs in our neighborhood schools.

# *Ms. Bus' Bulletin*

## **Smile Squad - Free Dental Service in Schools**

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's school dental program which will provide free dental care to all Victorian primary and secondary government school students. This initiative is being led by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Dental Health Service Victoria (DHSV), with input from the Department of Education and Training (DET) to design and implement this important initiative in the school environment. Schools in Sunbury will have the Smile Squad onsite in Term 2/Term 3 2020. Additional information will be communicated via the Compass Portal.

## **Term 1 Fundraising/Community Events**

### Harvest Picnic

The second annual SPS Harvest Picnic will be held on Saturday 29 February beginning at 4pm! We have no doubt that this year's event will be just as wonderful as last year's event. We have an overwhelming number of families who have communicated that they will be coming along to this event and enjoying the many activities and entertainment that is planned. Our school grounds will be transformed, thanks to our many volunteers who are graciously giving up their time and energy into making this an unforgettable experience for our community. Special thanks goes to Dee, Colin and Laura whose vision and passion has made this another one of the many wonderful ways in which our community comes together for our students.

### Easter Egg Raffle

Families have been notified of the upcoming Easter Egg Raffle Fundraising event planned for the last week of Term 1, 2020. In the past, our community has been so generous with their donations and I imagine this year won't be any different. As communicated previously, all school-raised funds will go towards the installation of air-conditioning units in the new buildings.

### Colour Run Stampede

The Colour Run Stampede is certainly generating some excitement!!! Mix some water and coloured cornstarch, and throw in a bunch of teachers at the end of a very busy term and finally let the kids run wild and see what happens!!! The Stampede is an event in your diary that you don't want to miss out on... and once the kids have completed the circuit it's the adults turn to have some fun! Hoping to see a great turn out on Friday 27 March 2020 (last day of term).

### The Fathering Project - Spooky Campout

We have yet again received an overwhelming response from fathers and father figures who have indicated that they will be attending the 3rd Annual Fathering Project Campout on Friday 13 March 2020. Just a reminder to all fathers/father figures intending to sleepover, that a copy of your current Working With Children Check is required as part of our Child Safety requirements for this event. It is not too late to RSVP, so contact the school office or download a form from Compass - we look forward to seeing as many families there as possible.

## **Buildings and Grounds Update**

Below is a detailed update of the various buildings and grounds works occurring at the moment:

### Lead-Containing Paint

The removal of the lead-containing paint continues on schedule, and is expected to be completed by October 2020. Our painters are working on the weatherboard on the west-side of the school site currently.

### The Arts Building – Reinstatement Works

The repairs to our Arts Building are well underway. Due to the flooding in January, the vinyl flooring has been removed and the sub-floor is currently being dried. It is hoped that new flooring will be laid in the coming weeks for The Arts program to return to the building by the beginning of Term 2, 2020.

### Capital Works Project

I have requested an official update from the VSBA questioning the delay with the Capital Works project. We have been provided a tentative start date, with an expected building time of nine months. An application to Heritage Victoria (which is required for a Building Permit) is still pending and may hold up the building works a little longer. We will continue to keep you updated.

# HOUSE SPIRIT



In 2020, Sunbury Primary School will be embarking on an exciting new journey—House Spirit. This is a comprehensive student led House program that caters for a range of different interests and categories. All students will be heavily involved in House and can look forward to many activities throughout the year that will be planned by our newly appointed House Captains, with feedback and input from all of our students.

The year ahead has not been specifically planned as yet but the year looks something like outlined below

Below is an outline of what is planned for Term

## Term 1 - 2020

### SLW - HOUSE LEADERSHIP

House leader board  
House leader meet and greet activity

## Term 2 - 2020

### SLW - HOUSE IDENTITY

Student research  
House leader board  
House identity promotion activity  
Prep 'Welcome to House' activity

## Term 3 - 2020

### SLW - STUDENT VOICE

House Activity 1  
House Activity 2  
House Activity 3

## Term 4 - 2020

### SLW - HOUSE REFLECTION & CELEBRATION

House Spirit Day  
Grade 5 Leadership talk  
House Swimming  
House Tabloid Sports

## TERM 1 - LEADERSHIP

In Term 1 our workshop focuses on 'Leadership' and what it means to be a House Leader. We discuss the mindset and leadership tools required to create a successful House system. Together we set goals that this leadership team would like to achieve in their senior year at school. There are 2 House activities created and planned in this workshop.

### HOUSE LEADER BOARD ACTIVITY

A House Leader board provides student connection and recognition for your student leaders. The students will create and complete the leader board during the workshop. It would be great if the students could be given an allocated space around the school to display their boards after the workshop. Each House Leader board (4 in total) are A2 in size. Over the terms we will be adding to these boards to eventually include every House member.

### MEET AND GREET ACTIVITY

The intention of a House Meet and Greet activity is to create connections early in the year between the House leaders and their House members. The student leaders will design a small meet and greet opportunity during the workshop. The students will submit a proposal for their designed activity for approval and scheduling.

We are very excited to see what 2020 holds and look forward to seeing our school community embrace HOUSE SPIRIT

## Important Dates



**29/02 -  
Harvest Picnic**

**11/03 -  
Japanese Day**



**12/03 -  
Years 3-6 House Athletics**

**13/03 -  
Fathering Project  
'Spooky Camp-Out'**



**19/03 -  
Interschool Sports**



**27/03 -  
Last Day of Term 1  
9am Morning Assembly  
Easter Raffle  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Stampede Colour Explosion  
2.30pm Early Finish**



## 2020 CURRICULUM DAYS

**Tuesday 28 January 2020**

Focus: Professional Learning Communities

**Tuesday 9 June 2020**

Focus: Designing Diagnostic Assessments in Writing (including Rubrics)

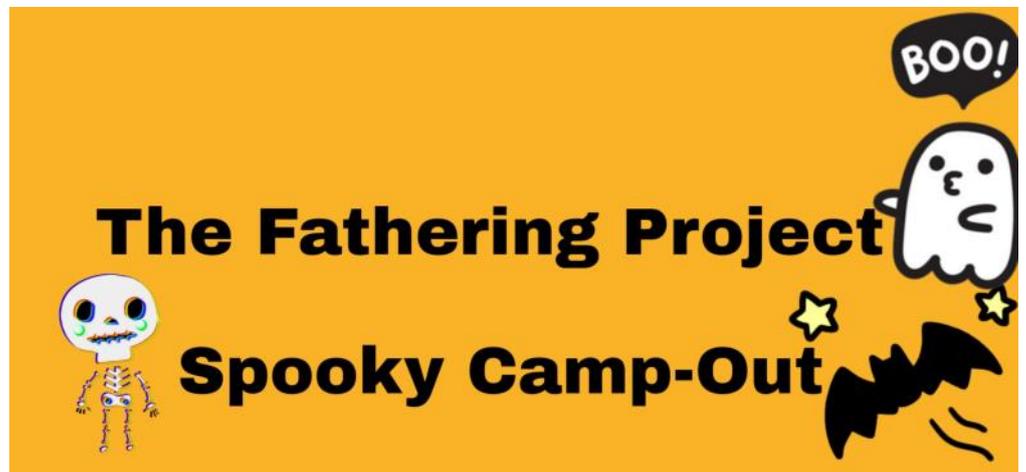
**Monday 3 August, 2020**

Focus: Developing Proficiency Scales for Writing

**Monday 2 November 2020**

Focus: Feedback Practices (Student Voice and Agency)





The aim of The Fathering Project is to encourage fathers and father figures to strengthen the ways in which they are engaged with their kids, share the enjoyment in their lives and most importantly, have fun with them.

We realise that strong role models play a critical part in a child's upbringing, and is directly linked to improved child development outcomes.

As fathers and father figures we have a profound impact on kids, thus it is of great importance to create opportunities to interact with our children as effectively as possible and connect with other dads in this journey.

**Our vision is to ensure every child has an effective father or father figure for the benefit of the children.**

The Overnight Camp is an opportunity for the father figure to spend some time with the child at the school, have fun doing something different, meet the child's friends and make mates with other father figures.

Please understand that as per our vision, only father figures should accompany kids on the camp.

**When:** Friday 13 March 2020  
**Time:** 4:30pm Set up. Dinner at 6:30pm  
**Where:** Sunbury PS - 41 The Heights, Sunbury 3429  
**Who:** Dads/Grandads/Uncles/Male Role Models  
**Cost:** \$20 per family  
**RSVP:** Friday 6 March 2020

There will be no school or voluntary supervision of children. The father figure is fully responsible for the child or children that they attend the event with.

Every adult camping overnight **must have a current Working with Children Check** which **MUST BE** presented to the school. If you do not have a current Working with Children Check you can apply online via this link [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

## Easter Raffle



### Sunbury Primary School's Easter Raffle

Sunbury Primary's community engagement liaison Laura will be conducting an Easter Raffle to raise funds for the school grounds. In light of all the exciting developments in & around the school campus, we are hoping to raise funds to help contribute to continued improvements around our wonderful school.

We are asking if each family could donate items such as Easter Eggs, Cuddle Toys or other appropriate items that could be included in the Easter raffle prize packs. Baskets of various shapes and sizes for packing prizes would also be greatly appreciated.

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at assembly on the morning of Friday the 27th of March, We will then be holding a Easter Egg Hunt for the students directly after assembly.





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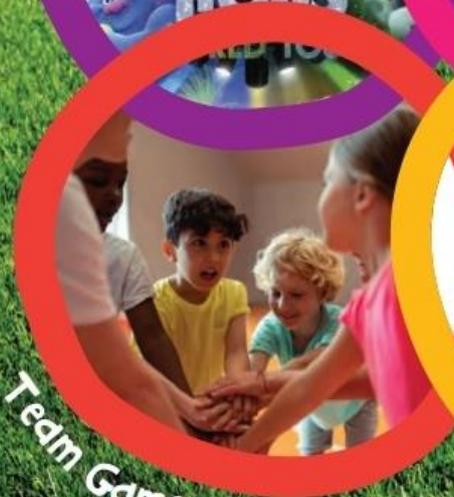
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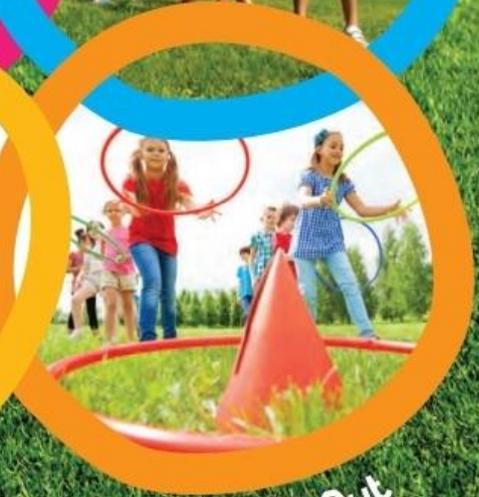
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Sports Jam



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