

NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”

June 1, 2017

Calendar of Events – Term 2

May 29		May 30		May 31		June 1	June 2	
June 5		June 6		June 7		June 8	June 9	Books in Homes Parade
June 12		June 13		June 14	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	June 15	June 16	
June 19	NAIDOC	June 20		June 21		June 22	June 23	Show Holiday



Under 8's Day 2017

Last Friday 26th May, students and families from Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 participated in their annual celebration of Under 8s Day. It was a very fun morning filled with lots of exciting activities.

Everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle, homemade scones, muffins, fresh fruit and some yummy cake to celebrate being under the age of 8. A big thank you to the Queensland Police service for showing the kids their vehicle and letting us meet Rowdy the police dog, Tina and Sonja from Coggan's Party Hire for supplying the awesome dump truck Jumping Castle, Mr John, Mrs Webber, Miss Kaylee, Nanna Joan and Julie Dempsey for preparing and cooking all of the scrumptious food and to all of our Teachers and Teacher Aides for supervising the activities. Thank you also to all the parents and community members who came along and celebrated the morning with the children.

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Principal's Pen

Swimming Lessons: Term 4, 2017

Sunset will again be offering swimming lessons free of charge to all students in our school who maintain an attendance rate at school of at least 90%.

This is a great opportunity for all students to learn a life skill at no cost to parents.

Again, as in term 1, children whose attendance rate at school is below 90% will not be invited to swimming lessons in Term 4.

Around our School:

A very good afternoon to all our Sunset families and friends.

Our attendance rates at school are the best they have ever been and I have included a table for parents to see how well all our grades are going.

Below is a summary of our current school attendance rates

Prep:	92%	Year 4:	88%
Year 1:	85%	Year 5:	89%
Year 2:	87%	Year 6:	83%
Year 3:	87%	School:	87%

Having the opportunity to attend a great school like Sunset is a real privilege and great opportunity to give kids a great start in life. Job markets are rapidly changing and the children who are getting left behind in the job market as young adults are those who did not get to school often enough.

School is like a driver's licence: you can't go anywhere without a decent schooling, preferably to year 12 and this means attending school every day, not just being enrolled in a school.

I have said it many times over the years and I continue to say it:

I do not understand why a parent or carer would deliberately disadvantage their own child by not sending them to school.

Year 4 Camp

Last Week, most of our Year 4 students attended camp at the Currimundi youth camp on the Sunshine Coast.

We travelled to Brisbane by QANTAS plane and onto the Sunshine Coast by Coach and it really was a fabulous week. Activities included Canoeing, Bodyboarding, Rock climbing, Mini Olympics, Swimming, Archery, Tennis and High rope jumping. Fantastic!

Our children were fed 5 times per day and the whole camp was one great success.

Congratulations to the great Sunset kids and special thanks to Mrs Dianne Collishaw and Miss Zoe Ketteringham for another great Sunset Week.

Very soon parents will start receiving information about camps from the various classroom teachers involved but camps have some rules as do all other school activities. The various camps are as follows

Year 5: Paluma Environmental centre, Townsville

Year 6: Apex Camp, Magnetic Island.

Camps are only available to those students who

- Maintain a minimum attendance rate at school of 90%: This does not include 89.99%
- Have no more than 1 major behaviour referral for the whole year prior to leaving for camp
- Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100 before or on the day, 2 full weeks prior to the camps departure. These deposits must be paid to and receipted by Deb Woods in the school office.

Children who do not maintain an overall attendance rate at school of a minimum 90% will not be invited to camp.

School Priority:

We have set ourselves a target this year of having every student in our school achieve a very high standard in Reading. Reading is like having a car licence: you can't drive without a licence and you can't succeed in society if you can't read.

There are no shortcuts to reading success: be taught and learn properly and practise, practise, practise. Encourage your kids to read everything they can lay their hands on (within reason) and provide as much appropriate reading material as you can whenever you can.

READ WITH YOUR KIDS: The best way to improve your child's reading.



Food and Nutrition:

The GREEN Category

Our school enthusiastically promotes types of foods that may help our students lead longer and healthier lives and 2017 will be no exception. We follow the recommended foods guide for schools. Our school tuckshop operates under this guide and we do our best to promote healthy eating and lifestyles to all our families. Below, I am including again, some suggested foods that families might consider from the green section of the guide. Not all foods suit all people with many allergies around but generally there are some foods that promote healthy living better than others. We do not tell parents how to feed their kids just try to make helpful suggestions that we ourselves try to follow.

Possible Food type Examples

Breads:

White, multigrain, wholemeal, rye, hi-fibre breads or rolls including: burritos, English muffins, focaccia, lavash, Lebanese, pita, raisin/fruit, tortillas and Turkish. Some corn crispbreads and rice cakes also fit into GREEN.

Cereal foods: Rice, pasta, noodles

Breakfast cereals: Wholegrain breakfast cereals that are high in fibre and lower in salt and sugar.

Vegetables: Fresh and frozen vegetables used in a variety of different ways.

Fruit: Washed fresh fruits, frozen, canned and dried fruits.

Legumes: All forms of prepared beans and peas – baked beans, red kidney beans, soy beans

Reduced-fat dairy products: Reduced-fat milk (plain and flavoured), yoghurt, cheese and custard.

Lean meat, fish, poultry and alternatives

Lean chicken, beef, lamb, pork, canned tuna and salmon, and eggs.

Drinks: Water is the best drink and a great thirst quencher!

Reduced fat milk and soy drinks also fit into the GREEN category.

School Bus runs:

Just a reminder to families: our school buses run from 8am to 8.45am each morning and we will pick up any children in our catchment on any of our designated bus runs. We do not visit individual homes unless specifically arranged with the Principal.

IN THE AFTERNOONS OUR SUNSET SCHOOL BUSES WILL ONLY TAKE HOME STUDENTS FROM KINDY, PREP AND YEAR 1.

Quality Teaching and Learning: We believe that

- Reading is fundamental to learning in all subjects
- Relevant feedback about learning for all is essential
- Our school environment is positive, safe, tolerant and respectful
- Every child can learn and they are valued
- Data gathered is meaningful and informs teaching
- We target our resources where they are needed: no child slips through
- We have very high expectations
- Good first teaching is essential to engaging students

Attendance at school and life's chances:

Everyone in our community knows that I do not understand why some parents don't send their children to school on time every school day. There can be no excuses for disadvantaging children. Our school offers the most incredible services to help families get their children to school including transport, clothing, food, health services and connections with other service providers but still some parents don't send their children to school.

Even with an attendance rate at school of 90%: that's 9 days out of 10 every fort -night, your child reaches Year 12 at a Year 10 level. They are no chance of competing and possibly spend the rest of their lives with very little or no chance of a decent job or even a decent lifestyle.

Regards,
Bryon

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Lisa wishes to advise that warm milo cups are now selling for \$1 in the morning before class and at lunch times. Dixie Cup Ice Cream is also selling for \$2.20. Please note that no late order will be accepted after 9.30 am. Any parent wishing to open an account for their child can do so at the tuckshop.

P & C News

The P & C are currently holding a State of Origin Raffle to be drawn on June 21. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and are available at the tuckshop. Please support the P & C in their fundraising efforts.

BOOKCLUB

Book Club orders and money are due to the Library by Thursday 8th June.



THE 51ST MOUNT ISA IRISH CLUB EISTEDDFOD

As part of this years' Eisteddfod the committee is pleased to offer workshops with a focus on building performance confidence. This is a free workshop supported by the Mount Isa Eisteddfod Assoc. and The Regional Arts Development Fund - Sunday 4th June from 10am to 12:30pm at Good Shepherd Catholic College.



Also available are instrumental private lessons/masterclasses with Ruth and Antoni Bonetti who are instrumental professionals. More information is available through www.mountisaeisteddfod.com or the Mount Isa Eisteddfod Facebook page.

SUNSET STATE SCHOOL- N.A.I.D.O.C 2017

Theme : "Languages Matter"

Monday 19th of June 2017

All parents and carers and their families are welcome to attend our school NAIDOC cultural day starting at 8am with a big breakfast. This will be followed by an opening ceremony. Activities and games will be conducted all day with our staff and special guests ending our day with a closing ceremony and dance competition.

Please come and join your child or children for a fun day with us. There will be lots of Johnny cakes, scones, billy tea & Cabbage Stew to eat.

Prep to Year 2 – you are reminded to bring a white or light coloured t-shirt for screen printing.

Year 3 to Year 6 – you are to bring in a tin can, like a Quik, milo, soup or milk tin with a lid to make into a Bush Cup called a PANNIKIN.

We will be having a gift shop, open during the lunch breaks selling hand-made jewellery, small bowls and tea towels made by our Sunset students

