



SUNSET STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”



March 10, 2016

2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Upcoming Events

Week 7	8:40 am Parade (4A presenting)	7	8	SCHOOL PHOTOS	9	10	Funky Hair Day	11
				Monster Book Fair				
Week 8	8:40 am Parade (5A presenting)	14	15	Soccer Gala Day (Yrs 4-6) Cricket Gala Day (Yrs 4-6)	16	17	National Day of Action Against Bullying	18
Week 9	Harmony Day 21 8:40 am Parade (6B presenting)		22	Soccer Gala Day (Yrs 4-6) Cricket Gala Day (Yrs 4-6)	23	24	GOOD FRIDAY	25
						10am Easter Bonnet Parade (Prep to Yr 2 only)		

Students of the Week:

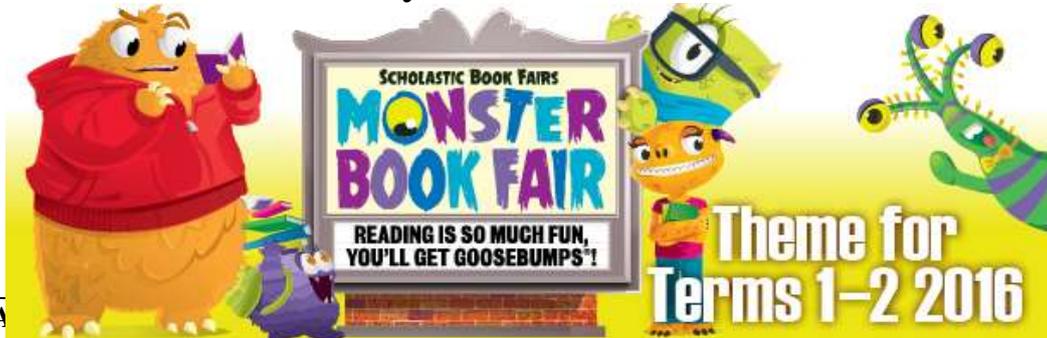
This week the following students were recognised as the Students of the Week for their class:

Week 7

1A - Lewis Richters	1B - Dylan Parkes
2A - Taquarhn Neade	2B - Zykeal Bonner
3A - Rashae Strahan	3B - Jo-Lee Nichols
4A - Koby McLeod	
5A - Zeakail Wilson	5B - Tyrelle Dunne
6A - Kaymarie Bundy	6B - Kasmira King
'The Arts' Class of the Week	3B
HPE Class of the Week	5A

MONSTER BOOK FAIR

Tomorrow is the last day for sales at our Monster Book Fair!



EASTER RAFFLE

The P & C Association are holding an **EASTER RAFFLE** and we are asking parents to support us in our fundraising efforts by donating items for the raffle. These items could be anything from Easter Toys to Easter Eggs and can be left at the office or the tuckshop. Tickets are on sale at the office and at the tuckshop for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The raffle will be drawn at the **Easter Hat Parade** on **Thursday 24 March**. There will be a First, Second and Third Prize so rush in now and grab your tickets.



COLOURING IN COMPETITION

The P & C is also holding a Colouring In Competition for Easter. Look on the back of the notice sent home regarding the Raffle! Students from Prep to Year 6 are invited to enter. Entry is free and a prize will be given to the best entry at the Easter Hat Parade! Drop your entries into the office for a chance to win! Make sure you have your name and grade on your entry!

TIGGERS REPORT

The Tigger's have now completed two weeks of grading. As of next week we will be beginning our season. This means that uniforms will have to be correct. Players **MUST** attend training and the Wednesday night games to avoid risk of not being on the team. It is important players are there half an hour before games to ensure they are correctly dressed, nails are trimmed and to check their jewellery.

Thank you

Miss McManus - Tigger's Coach

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FUNKY HAIR DAY

Friday 11th March

Sunset State School will once again be involved in Funky Hair Day to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Students will be asked to bring a \$2 donation to be involved in the day.

Students are encouraged to either come to school with a crazy hair do or see one of our wonderful teachers in the parade area before school and at 1st break to get their hair sprayed. **Prizes** will be presented to one student from each class with the funkiest hair.

Ideas for girls:

- wear a wig
- wear a wacky hair style for the day
- go crazy with hair clips, scrunchies and even pipe cleaners

Ideas for boys:

- spike your hair in wacky and wonderful ways
- use coloured hair spray to create a funky pattern



PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Around our School

Recently Sunset State School completed our 4 year review with the Education Queensland Review team and we were very happy with the results. I am including in this letter a summary of the review and a full report will be soon available on our school website. The review team found

- The school has a clear and sharp improvement agenda.
- School leaders view reliable data as essential to effective educational leadership at school and classroom level.
- The school is developing systematic approaches to staff development and capability.
- The school allocates its resources to support student learning and wellbeing.
- The school utilises wide ranging and innovative community engagement strategies to assist in student wellbeing and achievement.
- Staff believe that all students can achieve at Sunset State School.
- The school has a detailed whole-school curriculum plan.

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

WHAT YOU WILL SEE OR HEAR IN OUR CLASSROOMS

- Neat, organised workbooks for English, Maths and Science, well cared for and stored properly in our rooms
- That every work page has a ruled margin and a date
- The explicit teaching of handwriting
- Teacher modelled reading
- The explicit teaching of Spelling from C2C lists

The six steps to better literacy

1. Dictionary word searches
2. Short sentence writing

3. Explicit teaching of grammar
4. Complex sentence writing
5. Story telling
6. Writing from stimuli

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.

Emergency Lunch Program

I am just letting everyone know that from Friday, March 11, the FREE breakfast/emergency lunch program operating through our tuckshop will cease. Parents have a number of options if they wish to use this service and I am happy to continue this program under the following terms

Parents can

- Have an amount of \$25 per week per child deducted via direct debit into the tuckshop account. This will ensure that breakfast, morning tea and lunch is provided for you child at a very reasonable cost
- Pay into a CREDIT account held at the tuckshop. Parents may choose to operate a credit account through the tuckshop by placing cash in an account with Miss Lisa at the tuckshop. So long as the account stays in credit, the school will provide the meals at school.

Children who attend school from Monday March 14 onwards without lunch, or who have not paid for lunch via the means above will be returned home to their parents.

By term 2 our school tuckshop will serve foods mainly from the green category listed below.

The GREEN Category

Our school enthusiastically promotes types of foods that may help our students lead longer and healthier lives and 2016 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 are:

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

I am also writing to let families know that the afternoon bus run for most students will cease at the end of this term. Current arrangements will remain until the start of term 2, when the after school bus runs will cease for all students except our Kindy kids and our Preppies.

Children in Kindy and Prep currently in our school and included on our bus runs will be able to access this service. During the cooler months, heat is not such a factor and families within close proximity of the school will be able to pick their children up, in most cases, in the afternoons.

The morning bus pick-ups will operate as normal exactly as they do now.

The Mighty Tigers

It is NOT too late to join the Tigers.

Even though sign on was last Saturday, the season itself does not start until next term. If you want your child registered with the mighty Tigers but you missed last Saturday, please come to the school and see Mr Crow, Miss Ramsay or me and we will get your child signed up.

Regards
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Curriculum @ Sunset

World Book Day

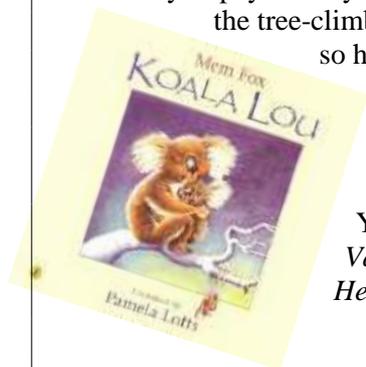
Wednesday 3rd March was **World Book Day**. To celebrate the appreciation of literature and the wonderful learning opportunities that involve books, I held a book reading session in the library at second break for all students. I read one of my all-time favourite books "Koala Lou" by Mem Fox.

The story is about a young koala, who was soft and round and loved by all who saw her. Koala Lou is the first born in a large family. She feels sad because her mother seems too busy to pay her any attention. So she decides to enter the tree-climbing event at the Bush Olympics,

so her mother might notice her again. Koala Lou begins her training straight away.

The story telling of Koala Lou generated a lot of discussion about personal feelings and emotions. Reading is such a powerful tool and one which we should all be engaging with on a daily basis with our children. I thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day with the students at Sunset.

Yours in education,
Vanessa Perkins
Head of Curriculum



SUNSET ROAR REPORT

On Wednesday 2nd March our Sunset Roar netball team had their first game for grading and they played extremely well. The first half of the game was close with 2PH Bullseye taking the lead. In the second half Sunset Roar came back fighting, with the final score being 14 – 9 our way. We had a great amount of support from Sunset School, with teachers, students and parents watching and cheering on the girls. Sunset Roar demonstrated great sportsmanship and team work throughout the game and both Miss Halliwell and Miss Ketteringham are extremely proud of how the girls handled themselves on and off the court. We hope to see more students and parents at our next game to cheer on our girls!

Miss Halliwell
Sunset Roar Manager

FREE DENTAL SERVICE – REGISTER NOW

If you have a child who is between 4 years of age and completing grade 10 in 2016 they are now eligible to register for a free check-up and treatment with the School Dental Service operating in Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Doomadgee, Mornington Island and Normanton.

YEAR 5 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN LAST FRIDAY'S "CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA" DAY EMU PARADE.

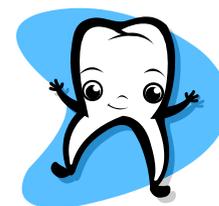


Children who are under the age of 4 or those who have already completed grade 10 are required to hold a Queensland issued Centrelink concession card to be treated under the free dental service.

Registration by Email: Your child/children can be registered with the school dental service by emailing the following details to:

MT_ISA_Dental_Admin@health.qld.gov.au

- Childs full name
- Childs date of birth
- Postal address
- Contact telephone
- Grade



Registration by Phone: Your child/children can be registered by contacting the school dental service directly on (07) 4744 4407 or (07) 4744 4041.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Small Slushies are now sold at 1st Break and 2nd Break for \$2.00. There are no more yoghurt sticks for sale at the tuckshop. Homemade Muffins and Quiches are now being sold for \$2.00ea. Water will now be sold at \$2.50 and \$1.50. We also sell Anzac Biscuits for Thursday and Friday for 50c.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK, SOCCER AWARDS AND GENERAL AWARDS PRESENTED ON PARADE ON MARCH 7!

MOUNT ISA ATHLETICS CLUB

2016 Sign-on Days

Sunday 20th March, 2016 & Saturday 9th April, 2016

Sunset Oval 10.00am – 12.00pm

Birth Certificate will need to be sighted for all new members

Form and Information available at www.mountisaathletics.com.au

Or contact David Scott on 0402 219 039

Ages 4years to 100 years

Assistant Coaches & Volunteers also welcome

First Club Day will be Saturday the 16th April, 2016 commencing at 2.00pm.



SPORT 4 LIFE



**LEARN SPORT
SKILLS FROM:**



Micaela Cocks
Townsville Fire Champion

Andre Moore
Brisbane Bullets Legend

When: Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 April 2016

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am for 7 - 12 year olds (register from 9.00am)
12.30pm - 2.30pm for 13 - 17 year olds (register from 12.00pm)

Where: Mount Isa Basketball Stadium, Sports Parade

Please bring your parent/guardian consent form

This program is FREE and lunch is provided

The program is suitable for all skill levels

For more information contact Alex @ Whitelion (Stride Program)

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