



SUNSET STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”



August 11, 2016

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK:

This week the following students were recognised as the Students of the Week in either behaviour or academic excellence for their class:

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| Prep A | Solomon Peter – Behaviour Declan Wilkinson – Academic | Prep B | Benji King – Behaviour Ezekiel Callaghan-Toby – Academic |
| 1A | Justin Belia – Behaviour Rhett Thomson – Academic | 1B | Lateisha Gregory – Behaviour Jared Bernard – Academic |
| 2A | Taquarhn Neade – Behaviour Reece Abdy – Academic | 2B | Brendon Clark – Behaviour Shia Dempsey – Academic |
| 3/4C | Kia Mearns – Behaviour Kaitlyn Payne – Academic | 3B | Don Paiyala – Behaviour Rashae Strahan – Academic |
| 4A | Chellazay Orcher – Behaviour Krissy Dempsey- Academic | 5B | Ewan Morris – Behaviour Cianna Ah-Wing – Academic |
| 5A | Brooklyn Riley – Behaviour Kayleb Craigie – Academic | 6B | Marcus Dunn - Behaviour Eva Lita – Academic |
| 6A | | 3B | |
| HPE Class of the Week | | 4A | |
| The Arts Class of the Week | | | |



SUNSET will be holding a Science Themed **FAMILY FUN NIGHT** on **TUESDAY 16 AUGUST** from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm!

We are inviting all our families to celebrate National Science Week with a fun night of food and activities – so mark your calendar and don't miss out!

CAKE STALL

Sunset State School P & C Association will be holding a **CAKE STALL** at the **Family Fun Night, Tuesday 16 August**.



We are asking any parents who are talented in the kitchen to donate an item for the stall. All items can be left at the Tuckshop on Tuesday ready for sale on the night. We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to seeing all our parents from 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm!

PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY AUGUST 12!

NEW TREASURER REQUIRED

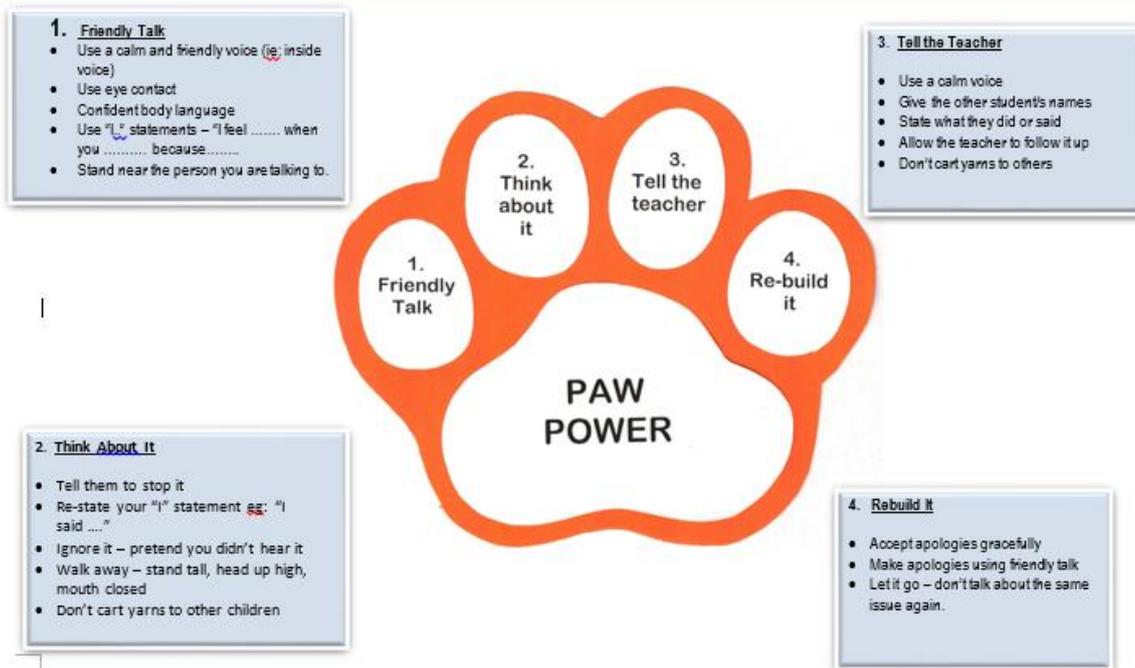
The Sunset State School P & C Association are seeking a person to fill the position of Treasurer. Anyone interested in the position should contact the office for further information. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris Barrett our newly elected Treasurer who is no longer able to hold the position due to personal circumstances. This is a very important role in the P & C so we are asking parents to consider carefully about taking it on.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are now well into term 3 and our teachers and students have been working very hard. It is great to see many of our students getting to school on time and attending school every day. This allows them to benefit from every learning opportunity that is provided.

As the weather begins to warm up we sometimes see a slight decrease in student's resilience to conflict. I would just like to remind parents of Sunset's social skills strategy, "Paw Power" so you are able to support your child should they encounter any conflict with another student at school. I encourage all students to report any concerns they have to the teachers so we can support them in dealing with the incident.

PAW POWER (SOCIAL SKILL)



Throughout this term we have had a number of sporting and school events. Mr Burke, Mr Crow and Mr Dede have just returned with the AFL team from their competition in Townsville where they gave a great effort. The Sunset Tiggers netball team also had the opportunity earlier in the term to compete in the carnival in Cairns. Well done to all those students who participated and represented our school so well. A big thank you to the teachers for giving up their time and effort to support our students in their sports. Rodeo week is upon us and tomorrow, Friday 12 August, is a **pupil free day**. While the students get to stay home for the day the teachers across all the state schools in Mount Isa will be meeting in their grade levels to discuss and align the next English unit they will be teaching. Next term, teachers will meet again to moderate the students work.

This Friday night is also the annual **Mardi Gras Parade** and Sunset will be participating again. A huge thank you to Annette Gordon for organising our participation in this. Annette, and a number of our staff, have spent many hours with the students preparing the colourful outfits and props for this event. It is looking at being another great opportunity to showcase our school.

The **Regional Athletics Carnival** is being held in Longreach this weekend and we have a few students from Sunset who will be attending. We congratulate these students on their efforts and wish them all the best as they compete.

Our **Year 5 camp to Paluma** is coming up at the end of this term. This is a great opportunity for our students and the teachers are busy making preparations. Just a reminder that all money needs to be in to the office by if your child is attending camp.

The **NAPLAN results** for 2016 have arrived and these were sent home in an envelope with your child earlier this week. As a school we have demonstrated some improvements and the teachers will be analysing this data in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding your child's NAPLAN report, please feel free to talk with our Head of Curriculum, Mrs Vanessa Perkins.

Next Tuesday, 16 August, we will be holding a **Science Family Fun Night** from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. The activities will all take place on the basketball court and parade area. Teachers are busy preparing the activities and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Week 7 is **Book Week** and we will be celebrating by encouraging everyone to dress as their favourite book character on Friday 26 August. There will be a competition and prize for the best dressed in the following categories:

- Prep to Year 2
- Years 3 to 6
- Staff

Sunset State School has been selected as a pilot school for **NAPLAN online trials** in 2016. Mrs Vanessa Perkins has been away to Brisbane and attended a training session on what this will involve for our school. We are excited by the opportunity to be involved in this pilot project as the developers have a chance to work through any issues, and our staff and students have an opportunity to find out what is involved to ensure we are fully prepared once it becomes compulsory.

In 2017 our year 3 and 5 students, and the students from other pilot schools, will sit their NAPLAN tests online. In 2018 the online testing will be offered to other schools who wish to be involved and by 2019 all schools will be involved in NAPLAN online testing.

Our year 3 and 5 students will be involved in a single NAPLAN Online trial test on Thursday 18 August. These are trial tests to work out any issues with the online platform for the test so there will be no results available. Our year 3 students in 3/4C with Mrs Hill will also have an opportunity to sit an additional test for writing. Once again, this test is to trial the platform they are using for the students and no results will be available for schools or students.

These trial tests will also inform us as a school of the necessary ICT skills our students need to be able to access these online tests. This will then enable us to begin teaching these skills to our students so they have sufficient time to develop them.

Any parents who have any questions in relation to NAPLAN Online are encouraged to contact either myself or Mrs Perkins and we will be happy to answer these.

Yours in education

Jane Sexton
Deputy Principal

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Specials at the Tuckshop now include:

Pizza on Wednesday \$2.00

Cabbage Stew on Tuesday \$3.50

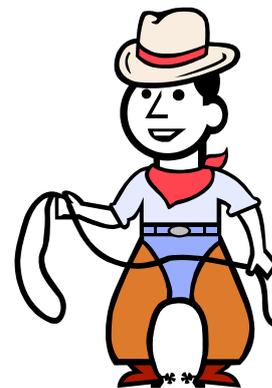
Spaghetti Bolognese everyday \$2.50

We would like to advise that small Ham and Chicken Wraps are \$4.00.

Volunteers are always welcome, just come and see Lisa or Kura between 8.30 am and 1.30 pm.

RODEO MARDI GRAS PARADE

A huge thank you for the overwhelming response to Sunset's participation in the Mardi Gras Parade. A special thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to walk with their children. We are meeting on Simpson Street at 6 pm and as all the floats will be lined up, you will need to walk along until you find us. After the parade please come and collect your children along Simpson Street. No children will be allowed to leave until a responsible adult has collected them.





UNDERGROUND HOSPITAL EXCURSION RECOUNT

On Friday we went to the Underground Hospital. The whole of 3B went on the excursion so we can learn about what Mount Isa looked like in the past.

At the Underground Hospital there were two wonderful ladies named Carole and Kay. They made us feel welcome. There was a Tent House and a museum. Miss Tracy, Mr John and Ms Collishaw were with us. We saw the baby beds and men's ward in the Underground Hospital. The walls were sharp rock. There were artefacts like a bone drill and sharp, big needles. I'm glad the doctors use small needles in the present day.

I was really scared in the tunnels as I thought the ceiling was going to fall in on me! Carole told us the mines checked it for safety so it was perfectly ok.

The Tent House had things that families used in the past. We went in the Tent House bathroom. There was no shower and we found out that it was special to have a bathroom in the house in the past. They were usually outside. People in the past didn't use computers for typing. They weren't made then. We saw an artefact called a typewriter.

Channeil Dunne 3B

Missed out on Rio but keen to share your basketball skills?

The Sport 4 Life program is coming back to Mount Isa on 21-23 September to develop sports skills, teamwork and boost confidence in young people. Pro basketballers Jumpin' Joe Hurst and Sharin Milner will be coming to run another great action packed program. **We have 4 assistant coach volunteer positions available and are looking for people with an interest in basketball and a passion for having a positive impact in young people's lives.** We will provide you with training for the role as well as a certificate, healthy lunch and loads of fun. If this sounds like you, we look forward to hearing from you! Please contact program coordinator Alex Birnberg on 0415 770 319 or email:

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