

# NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”

June 15, 2017

## Calendar of Events – Term 2

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| June 19 | NAIDOC | June 20 | June 21 | June 22 | June 23 | Show Holiday |
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Principal's Pen: Thursday, June 15, 2017.

### **Report Cards**

Student Report Cards will be issued for Semester 1 on Thursday, 22 June. Report Cards will be sent home with the children on that day which is the last day of term.



### **Year 5 Camp**

Year 5 Camp has been cancelled due to the fact that we got insufficient replies to make up our camp numbers. These Year 5 students will now be invited to the Year 6 Camp on Magnetic Island later in the year.

### **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 Year 4.

### **Around our School:**

#### **Hats**

Queensland has one of the highest skin cancer rates in the world and melanoma (skin cancer) is a major killer of Queenslanders regardless of age or background. It is one of those diseases that you rarely know about until it's too late.

Sun Safety is very important, especially in children and a key component of protection against skin disease is to

#### **WEAR A SUN SAFE HAT.**

Sunset School adheres to a very strict Sun Safe policy

- Broad brimmed hats must be worn at play: No hat, No Play
- Baseball style caps are not allowed.

Children without hats are not permitted to play or take part in any outside activity: they are required to sit out from all lessons and play if they do not have a hat.

#### **SUNSET SCHOOL HATS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$10 AND ARE A REALLY GREAT LOOKING HAT AS WELL AS BEING VERY SUNSAFE TO WEAR.**

Always make sure that all items belonging to your child are clearly marked with their names and class.

### **School Attendance**

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

|         |     |
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| Prep:   | 91% |
| Year 1: | 87% |
| Year 2: | 86% |
| Year 3: | 87% |
| Year 4: | 87% |
| Year 5: | 89% |
| Year 6: | 84% |
| 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.

It is worth remembering as a parent that if your child's attendance at school falls below 90% then they are probably wasting a year's learning and being disadvantaged in the future opportunities.

#### School Camps:

Camps are only available to those students who

- Maintain a minimum attendance rate at school of 90%
- 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.**

#### 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.**

Regards,  
Bryon.

#### **ATHLETICS CARNIVALS**



What an exhausting 2 days we have had this week.

The little ones showed their natural athleticism with everybody trying their hardest to impress the crowds. The competition was fierce. Even despite the wind everyone had smiles all round.

Mums and dads, uncles and aunties, grandparents and all others were there cheering the competitors on.



It was fantastic to see the community spirit alive and kicking at Sunset State School.

The upper grade students were all outstanding with not one giving up through the challenges.

The student leaders led the chants right from the basketball courts even before the carnival got going in earnest. Those of us that were on the oval were in awe of the sights and sounds of the students coming down from the school.

There were hotly contested events and some standout performances from some of those students that had worked extra hard to improve their performances for the day.



A huge thankyou to all the families, staff and supporters from all over the community that all pitched in to make these two days a huge success for our

Sunset State students.

I would like to especially thank all the staff for their support in helping me through my initiation into Sunset. I could not have done it without all the advice and help in getting these events organised. We have some happy snaps of some of the hotly contested attached to this column and will I'm sure, have many more posted on notice boards around the school office. Thanks again to everyone for a couple of memorable days,

A big thank you must also go to Dave from the Mt Isa Athletics club who had taken this whole week off to support the students and schools from all over the wider district to hold their events on their grounds.

I saw Dave hard at work, on Monday, preparing all the painted lines and ensuring all the equipment was at our



disposal. I would hope that anyone who is interested pops down on a Saturday afternoon to see the spectacle and expert coaching that Dave and Ken give up their time to provide. There are avenues to help families with children to start up an athletic participation for those keen to do so.

*Many thanks again  
Mr S.*



### 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 selling tickets in a State of Origin Raffle. Tickets can be purchased from Maria Ropiha or from the Tuckshop.

The next P & C meeting will be held at 5.30 pm on Tuesday June 20 in the Library. All are welcome.

On Wednesday 21 June the P & C will be holding a sausage sizzle at second break. Sausages on bread will be \$1. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> will also be a Free Dress Day with a Gold Coin Donation!



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

Theme : "Languages Matter"

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

### SPRING ROLL & NOODLE DAY

"A Taste of the Philippines"

**20 June 2017**

Spring Rolls \$2 each

Noodles \$5 for a container



*Spring Rolls crunchy on the outside with a delicious meat and vegetable filling.*

*Noodles packed full of healthy goodness you'll be coming back for more.*

**TAKING PRE-ORDERS NOW AT THE TUCKSHOP!**



QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL AND MOUNT ISA CITY COUNCIL PRESENT

# SONGS THAT MADE ME



TUE 11 JULY 7.30PM  
MOUNT ISA CIVIC CENTRE

PERFORMANCES BY  
DEBORAH CONWAY  
CLARE BOWDITCH  
HANNAH MACKLIN  
MEGAN SARMARDIN

QUEENSLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Queensland Music Festival is an initiative of the Queensland Government through the Queensland Government Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Government  
This project has been funded by the Australian Government through the Australia Council, its own funding and industry body. This project has received additional support from Queensland Government through Arts Queensland's Rising Queensland Fund.

## Sunset State School P&C State Of Origin Raffle

Drawn Wednesday 21st June 2017

**\$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets**



**1st Prize: Queensland 2017 Training Jersey**



**2nd Prize: Youth QLD Maroons Hoodie**



**3rd Prize: Youth NSW Blues Hoodie**



**4th Prize: QLD Maroons Beanie and Scarf**



**5th Prize: NSW Blues Beanie and Scarf**

**Thank you for all your support!**

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Wednesday 21 June at Second Break!  
Sausage on Bread - \$1

**FREE DRESS DAY – June 21!**

Gold coin donation!

Dress to support your favourite State Of Origin Team....

