



SUNSET STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”



August 18, 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:

Prep	Kulaia Surha –Behaviour	Prep	Rose-Mary Daly – Behaviour
A	Faith Abdy – Academic	B	Shauraye Jack – Academic
1A	Salote Naituku – Behaviour	1B	Daniel Mahoney – Behaviour
	Gracie Nichols – Academic		Jhaqkeem Dempsey - Academic
2A	Winston Gemmell – Behaviour	2B	
	Rueben Escott – Academic	3B	Lachlan Wilkinson- Behaviour
3/4C	Doratio Major – Academic		Jack Mc Collum – Academic
4A	Adam Johnny – Behaviour		
	William White – Behaviour	5B	Matt Dunn – Behaviour
	Ashley Woodhouse –Academic		Trivarn Johnston – Academic
5A	Csahnavae Wolland-Ropiha – Behaviour	6B	Leesa Simmons – Behaviour
	Sirtomi Daly – Academic		Holly Longdon –Academic
6A		6A	
	HPE Class of the Week	1A	
	The Arts Class of the Week		

Curriculum @ Sunset

IMPACT

The next round of IMPACT Booster lessons – Mind Reader (Reading) and Solve it (Numeracy) will commence next week. The following students from Year 4 and 5 have been selected to participate in these programs:



Year 4 – Solve it

Koby McLeod	Zahnayah Rudken-Doyle
Krissy Dempsey	Kimiora Rangihaeata
Jias Johnston	Sharleigh Doyle
Chellezhae Orcher	Tai Gains
Ashley Woodhouse	Scout Pierce
Shane Simmons	William White

Year 5 – Mind Reader

Trivarn Johnston	Shadiamond Nemo
Bill Woodward	Shakara Cocciolone
Tileah Mearns	Myles Armstrong
Ceara Doomadgee	Caden McNally
Noah Bridgeman	Cieanna Ah Wing
Tyrelle Dunne	Ewan Morris
Csahnavae Wolland-Ropiha	
Shirley Tabo	



These students attend a weekly one hour online reading or numeracy lesson with a teacher from BSDE (Brisbane School of Distance Education), where they develop their higher-order comprehension or problems solving skills. Parent information letters will be sent home with students later in the week.

2016 NAPLAN Results

Last week, we received the 2016 NAPLAN testing results. We are very pleased with the results across the board.

Student’s individual reports were sent home last week. As per the front of the report booklet, these results are not to be taken as the sole measure of his/her performance. They are one assessment tool amongst many that schools use to measure student performance. Collected and analysed NAPLAN data provides teachers with valuable information about student performance, teaching and learning.

Children who are at or below benchmark will be carefully monitored for the remainder of 2016 and throughout 2017. Where required, they will receive further support.

If you wish to discuss your child’s results, please contact their classroom teacher to arrange an appropriate time.

Yours in education,

Vanessa Perkins - Head of Curriculum

Principal’s Pen:

Thursday, August 18, 2016.

Around our School:

The Mighty Tigers:

Recently our highly successful AFL team attended the Northern Region semi-finals in Townsville. My thanks go out to Mr D and Mr Crow who trained our boys into the Northern Region Semi-finals where they competed very successfully and did our school and community very proud. I am very pleased with the fact that we have one of the best AFL teams in the state so congratulations to all involved, including the parents who made the trip with us.

Also recently, our Tiggers netball team travelled to Cairns to compete in the Sharon Finnan development cup at which they also competed very well winning several games in very strong competition. Thanks to Miss Taylor McManus and Miss April Bryan who coached this team to such success and put so much of their own time into our girls. I was very proud of everyone involved.

Time to take the effort to thank and praise all of our Sunset staff, parents and others who promote our children and give them the opportunities they deserve: staff do not have to do these things and I certainly don't require it. Our people give so willingly of their own time for the benefit of the Sunset kids. It's one of the reasons we are so successful.

Last Friday our school marched in the Mount Isa Mardi Gras and we again won our section: Non- motorised float. This is such a good thing as the preparation involved so many of our Sunset people: teachers, teacher aides, community members, some of our elders and of course our Sunset kids. We were so spectacular on parade and sincere thanks must go to Mrs Annette Gordon, our terrific Sunset teacher aide who planned, coordinated, organised and with help from the Sunset team presented such a beautiful spectacle to our community. Thanks Miss Annette!

I am seeking nominations from interested parents or members of our community who would be interested in taking on either a coach's job or a manager's job in 2017 for any of a various Tigers Rugby League teams.

There is a possibility that we will field the following teams

Rugby League

- Mini Minors
- U7's
- U9's

Each team will need a coach and a manager that will either be a school parent, member of our community or other interested parties. These positions will not be filled in 2017 by members of the Sunset staff.

Please come and see me at the school if you are interested.

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.

Health TIP: AVOID GIVING YOUR CHILDREN SUGARY DRINKS LIKE SOFT DRINKS!

School Bus runs:

Just a reminder: School bus runs in the afternoons are for Prep and Year 1 students only.

Late Arrivals at school:

It is well known that school starts at 8.25am and every minute after that your child misses is dis-advantaging your child. Our school buses will assist in the mornings if required because it is so important that your child is at school on time.

Just letting everyone know that our school buses will NOT operate after 9am from next Monday morning on so children must be up and ready when the bus arrives.

Our school focus:

Our school has a clear and sharp improvement agenda.

Our school has clearly understood roles and responsibilities for our leaders, staff and students.

Our school leaders view reliable data as essential to effective educational leadership at school and classroom level.

Our school believes in developing systematic approaches to staff development and capability.

Our school allocates its resources to support student learning and wellbeing.

Our school utilises wide ranging and innovative community engagement strategies to assist in student wellbeing and achievement.

Our school believes that all students can achieve.

Our school has a detailed whole-school curriculum plan.

Academic Success:

Recently, our school received its NAPLAN results back from the markers just like every other school in Australia.

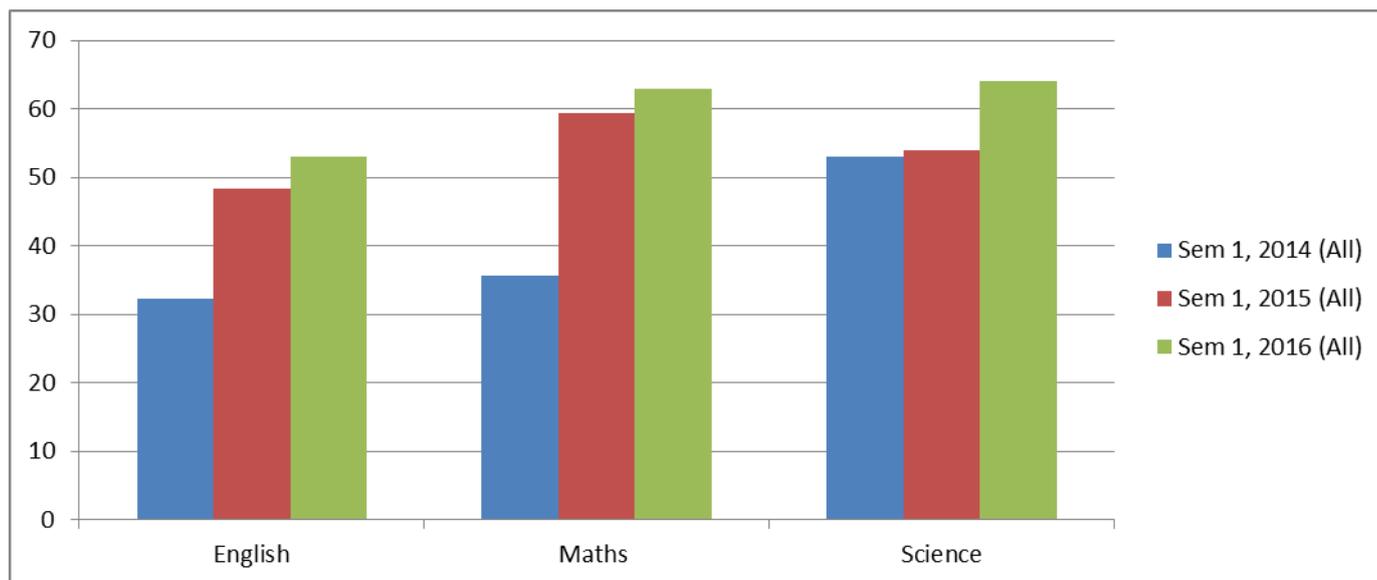
Our school continues to improve and our children continue to demonstrate that not only are we very good at lots of other activities like sport but we are great students and learners. Our improvement journey has continued with many of our test results as good as any in the state.

Congratulations to our Sunset staff and children for another very good year of academic performance.

The graph below demonstrates our great improvement over the last 3 years with our report card subjects.

- Blue column represents the % of all children who achieved at least a "C" on their report cards for English, Maths and Science for Semester 1 in 2014.
- Compare that to the red column in 2015 and then finally the green column in 2016: Note the great improvement in our children over that time.

- In fact, for Semester 2, 2016 we expect that more than 80% of all our children will achieve at least a “C” rating for all 3 subjects on their report cards. What a fabulous achievement.



Of course, the biggest single killer of achievement at school is absenteeism: the lower the attendance rate at school, usually the lower the level of achievement.

I have said it many times over the years and continue to say it now: I will never understand why some parents deliberately CHOOSE FAILURE for their children by not sending them regularly to school. I JUST DON'T GET IT!

Have a great week!

Regards,
Bryon.

From the Deputy's Desk



This week we have been celebrating Science Week and it was great to see so many families attend our **Science Family Fun Night** on Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. There were lots of interesting scientific activities for everyone to engage with. A big thank you to all our wonderful staff who made this night happen and to Ms Collishaw for organising this event.

Last Friday night we also celebrated with our community at the annual **Mardi Gras Parade**. It was wonderful to see so many of our students and families involved in the march. Sunset won the best non-motorised float and we are very proud of our school. Once again, a big thank you to Miss Annette Gordon, Ms Di Collishaw, Mrs Jenny Scheimer and Mr John Blackman for all their time and effort in making this happen.

As I mentioned in our newsletter last week, our school has been selected to be part of the NAPLAN Online Pilot Schools. As part of this pilot program next week our year 3 and year 5 students will have the opportunity to participate in the trial of the NAPLAN online platform. Students will not enter their names but will use a generic code such as 'student 29 year 3 sunset'. This means no results will be generated as the purpose of the test is to trial the actual test platform. This is also an opportunity for our staff to observe the students undertaking the online test and gain an awareness of the necessary IT skills required prior to NAPLAN being undertaken in 2017. If anyone has any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to talk with either myself or Mrs Perkins.

Yours in education

Jane Sexton
Deputy Principal

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.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Specials at the Tuckshop now include:

Pizza on Wednesday \$2.00

Cabbage Stew on Tuesday \$3.50

Spaghetti Bolognese every day \$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.

Help us plan for the future...

...AND YOU COULD WIN ONE OF SIX FITBIT SURGE FITNESS WATCHES!

Last chance!
Survey closes
31 August

Tell us what you think about our operations and your community by taking part in the 2016 Glencore Community Attitudes Survey.

You can access our survey by scanning the QR Code or visiting our websites:

For more information contact:

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All feedback received through the survey will be handled by a third party market research company and will remain strictly confidential in line with the Privacy Act



WRITE FOR FUN COMPETITION

Students can see Ms Collishaw in 3B for any help.

The closing date for this competition is 31st August.

Write a poem or write a short story. Type it into the website to enter.

www.write4fun.net.au



Poetry and Short Story Writing Competition 2016 (Open for Entry)



ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! ATTENTION!! The 2016 Poetry and Short Story Writing Competition IS NOW OPEN!! Enter here to win fabulous prizes and have great FUN being creative :-)

ENTER NOW

MORE INFO



RECIPE FOR BOUNCY BALLS

When I first heard that children could make their own bouncy balls, I thought it was too good to be true! The best part is that they're so easy to make. A simple recipe translates to a day of summer fun.

Materials:

For each ball that you make, you'll need:

- 1 T. white glue
- 1/2 tsp. borax powder (can be found in the laundry detergent aisle of most grocery/department stores)
- food coloring
- 3 T. cornstarch
- 4 T. warm water

Instructions

- 1 In one cup, combine the warm water, cornstarch and borax. In another cup or bowl, put the glue.
- 2 Next, add several drops of food coloring to the white glue and stir well.
- 3 Give your water/borax/cornstarch mixture a good stir to combine all the ingredients (the cornstarch has a tendency to settle on the bottom). Then pour the water mixture into the colored glue.
- 4 Stir and you'll see it immediately start to clump together. Stir a bit more until you have one big, slimy glob.
- 5 Take the glob out of the liquid and begin rolling it between the palms of your hands to form a ball. It'll be sticky at first, so keep a paper towel handy to wipe off your hands occasionally. Soon a rubbery ball will form. (We found that just using our palms seemed to work better than using our whole hands and fingers.)
- 6 Once the stickiness is gone and you have a nice smooth ball, that's it! You can bounce away!



SCIENCE FAMILY FUN NIGHT

On Tuesday 16th August, Sunset State School had a Science Family Fun Night. Lots of students and parents came. It was to celebrate Science Week.

There were cupcakes and glow sticks for sale. Lachlan's Mum, Miss Kura and Miss Lisa did a great job. We had sausage on bread. Miss Tracy was the sausage sizzle lady! There were also Einstein Burgers for sale. Einstein was a famous scientist. There were lots of things to do with science. I had a look at the moon with a telescope with Mrs Morris. Ms Collishaw was in charge of showing kids how to make ping pong balls and water move by itself. It was great! Miss Jennings and Mrs Webber made some cool patterns in milk. Mr Crowe did speed ball with us too. Miss Bryon and some students were making a planet, so I joined in. There was a ticket draw for the huge jar of lollies as well.

The family fun night finished and everyone went home. Some of our parents took forever. Instead some of us kids played tiggy on the basketball courts. Finally, Mum came and we could go. After a while I said to Mum, "I wish there could be another Family Fun Night!"
Channeil Dunne 3B

