



SUNSET STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”



February 18 2016

2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Upcoming Events

4 March – School’s Clean Up Day	8-11 March - Monster Book Fair
9 March – School Photos	18 March – National Day of Action Against Bullying
11 March – Funky Hair Day	21 March – Harmony Day
	24 March – Easter Bonnet Parade at 10:00 am (Prep to Year 2 only)

PREP NEWS



Preppies have really enjoyed making new friends and are getting really good at following school routines. Our school foyer display has been a real hit! In English, we have been very busy developing our fine motor skills and learning to talk about our favourite stories. In Mathematics, we have been talking about how objects are similar or different and how to sort objects using different rules. In Science we have been learning



about our 5 senses and the needs of living things. We are really excited about our upcoming Science project, which will see our Preppies learning about and caring for a bush tucker garden. Hopefully, in the weeks to come we can all enjoy eating our very own fresh and healthy produce.



Curriculum @ Sunset

NAPLAN

Information for parents

NAPLAN tests are held in May each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Parents or carers of students who sit for the NAPLAN tests will receive a written report of their child's achievement in August.

2016 NAPLAN tests will be conducted 10 - 12 May

NAPLAN student report

The NAPLAN student report will show your child's results in the key areas of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show the national average, the range of results for the middle 60% of students nationally and your school's average for each test. This means you will be able to compare the performance of your child against other students in the same year of schooling.

The additional student report will list all the questions in each test, along with a brief description of each question. This report will show you which questions your child answered correctly.

A common assessment scale is used on each NAPLAN report so that you can track your child's progress through the years.

READING

Many different research projects have proven that a major component in learning to read is the desire to read for pleasure. As parents know, children learn many things by example and reading is no different. Watching parents read for enjoyment inspires children to want to read too. The more children read, the better they become. The better they become, the more they want to read! Be the inspiration your child needs and let them see you reading!



Yours in education,

Vanessa Perkins

Head of Curriculum

TECHNOLOGIES THIS WEEK

In technologies this week we have begun to look at some coding for the upper school. The students are very excited about being able to make objects on the screen move when they write some code.

We have also been exploring the learning place and their very own wiki places. Students will use these online spaces to work together to build their game and complete assessment work. Students are able to access this site at home if they want to. The learning place has a lot of valuable information and tools to assist students with their learning. Ask your child to show you around.

In the lower years we have been practicing our two hand typing, keyboarding skills and using some tools in Microsoft word. It is important that students practice their typing skills. This will help them not only know their way around the keyboard but also assist them with recognising letters and numbers.

App of the week is EPIC! Books.- ALL-YOU-CAN-READ

Read as many books as you want, whenever you want

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Read online or offline — sign up once and access Epic! on any iOS or Android device, laptops and desktops

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P & C MEETING

The first P & C Meeting for this year will be held this afternoon in the Library. Please consider attending these meeting to keep informed of school happenings. Parent input is crucial to a positive school environment and we welcome all new faces and returning members to our meetings this year.

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.

NUT FREE ZONE

Sunset State School is a nut free zone as we have a child who has a peanut allergy.

Any product that contains nuts can result in a severe reaction. Some common lunchbox items that contain nuts include:

- Biscuits
- Museli Bars
- Peanut Butter
- Nutella

Thank you for assisting us in keeping Sunset a "Nut Free Zone".



**SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN
ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 9!
PLEASE RETURN YOUR
ENVELOPE WITH CORRECT
MONEY TO THE OFFICE BY
FRIDAY MARCH 4!**



INTERSCHOOL SOCCER

Congratulations to the following students on making the Sunset Interschool sport team for Soccer: Eva, Shadiamond, Kyeisha, Lisa, Kryshel, Meeka, Gerald, Luke, Yucheng, Trivarn, Tremayne, Sella, Gelial, Edward and Tuqiri. Training will be held every Thursday at second break and the Gala Days will be held on the 16th and 23rd March. Please bring permission slips back as soon as possible.

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to get a visit from a Cowboys rising star Patrick Kaufusi. He was able to talk to all our students about making healthy choices and had some time afterwards to sign autographs and have a chat to the students.

*Yours in sport
Mr Joel Crow*

THE HEALTHY SKIN PROGRAM

Are your children keeping you awake at night?

Are they scratching themselves a lot?

They might have scabies, skin sores or head lice.

The health workers can help you look after your kids' hair and skin. We aim to be at Sunset Primary School on Tuesday mornings from 11 am to 12.30 pm. You are welcome to join "The Healthy Skin Team" for a yarn as we provide education, screening and treatment for children.





***Does your child flip, roll or spend most of their time upside down?
Then gymnastics is the sport for them.***

Leichhardt Gymnastics Club offers a range of classes to boys and girls from pre-walking to adults in recreational and competitive gymnastics.

Have some fun indoors in our large air-conditioned facility, get fit, make new friends, and learn new skills.

Strong team of qualified coaching staff.

No waiting lists.

Visit our clubhouse on Wellington Rd to have a look around.

For more information call Trudy on 0415179669 or 47433788.