



SUNSET STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”



February 25, 2016

2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Upcoming Events

Week 6 (March)	29 8:40 am Parade (1A presenting)	1	2	3 World Book Day	4 School's Clean Up Day
Week 7	7 8:40 am Parade (4A presenting)	8	9 SCHOOL PHOTOS	10 Monster Book Fair	11 Funky Hair Day
Week 8	14 8:40 am Parade (5A presenting)	15	16 Soccer Gala Day (Yrs 4-6) Cricket Gala Day (Yrs 4-6)	17	18 National Day of Action Against Bullying
Week 9	21 Harmony Day 8:40 am Parade (6B presenting)	22	23 Soccer Gala Day (Yrs 4-6) Cricket Gala Day (Yrs 4-6)	24 10am Easter Bonnet Parade (Prep to Yr 2 only)	25 GOOD FRIDAY

From the Deputy's Desk

Students of the Week:

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



1A - Tuqiri Chong	1B - Lateisha Gregory
2A - Lazarick Sturt	2B - Tharrawa Owens
3A - Violet King	3B - Don Paiyala
4A - Tai Gains	
5A - Shirley Tabo	5B - Sydney Punjaub
6A - Jaxson Mulholland	6B - Troyce King
'The Arts' Class of the Week - 5A	
HPE Class of the Week - 6B	

Quality Teaching and Learning of Early Reading

Miss Halliwell and I attended a professional development day in Townsville 2 weeks ago working with regional specialists and education consultant, Lyn Sharratt. The objective of the day was to focus on improving student outcomes in reading. This has aligned with our visit from Barbara Brann during weeks 3 and 4 focusing on the Building Blocks to Literacy framework that looks at the 200 core skills students need to engage successfully with the curriculum.

Last week our principal, Mr Burke, had the opportunity to travel to Townsville as well and participate in a Learning Fair with principals across our North Queensland region. It is great to see and hear about the great gains in student learning that have been happening in our schools. At Sunset we are keen to see our students succeed in reading and are continuing to work on creative ways to ensure this can happen for all our students. As a teaching team at Sunset State School we strongly believe that all students can learn.

This coming Monday, Mrs Perkins, myself and a few of our teachers will have an opportunity to meet with staff from other schools in Mount Isa to discuss quality teaching and learning of early reading. This day of collaborative professional learning will be led by staff from the Curriculum and Pedagogy Support Team in Townsville.

These opportunities to engage with other schools and professionals are a great opportunity for our staff to enhance their skills in teaching your children to read and be successful at school.

Mr Burke will be away from school from today (Thursday 25 February) until Monday (29 February) as he travels to the Sunshine Coast to attend a family wedding. Should you have any questions or concerns in his absence, please feel free to come and see me.

Kind regards

Jane Sexton



Sign On

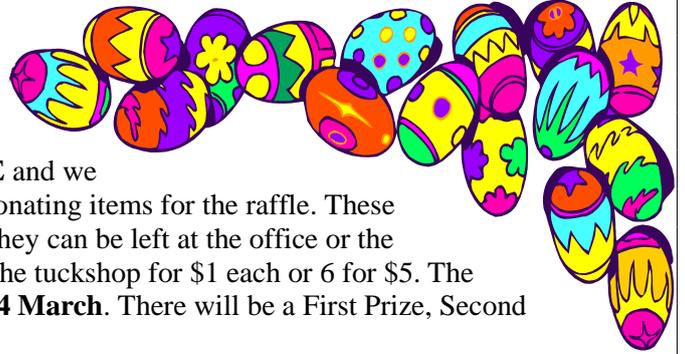
The sign on for the Sunset Tigers Football teams will be held on Saturday 5 March from 10am -12pm in the parade area here at school. The teams for 2016 are:

- Mini Minors
- Under 9s
- Under 7s
- Under 11s

P & C NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE

The P & C Association will be 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 they can be left at the office or the tuckshop. Tickets are on sale for the raffle 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 Prize, Second Prize 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!

POSITIONS VACANT AT THE AGM

Shortly the P & C will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM). At this meeting all executive positions will be declared vacant. We are asking parents to take the time to consider taking on one of these positions. Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable.

Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community. You can learn new skills, and gain a clear understanding of how the school operates. This is a great opportunity to share in the school's decision-making process and shape the future.

As part of the executive team your responsibilities would be as follows:

It is the **President's** responsibility:

- to ensure that members are aware of the contents of the Minutes of the previous meeting.
- to obtain confirmation of the Minutes and to sign the Minutes book.
- to announce business in accordance with the agenda.
- to give firm rulings and guidance to the meeting.
- to assist the discussion by guiding debate along relevant lines.
- to give all members the opportunity to speak but also to confine speakers to the matters under discussion.
- to put to the vote motions and amendments and to announce the result to determine points of order.
- to provide explanations to those in doubt about procedure or the subject matter under discussion.
- to introduce guest speakers and to arrange for movers of votes of thanks.
- to ensure that priority items on the agenda are dealt with accordingly.
- to establish the next meeting date and time and to close the meeting.

The **Secretary** should:

- maintain attendance records and a register of members including life members
- assist the president in preparing an agenda for each meeting
- collate agenda papers for each meeting (including subcommittee reports)
- prepare and present minutes of P&C and officers' meetings at each general meeting
- record and deal with correspondence in/out as directed by the P&C
- generally organise, record and maintain information pertaining to the activities of the P&C
- maintain custody of P&C Association documents on the school site where possible.

The **Vice-President** should:

- consider this position as the president's understudy
- provide support and assistance to the president
- become familiar with P&C operations, rules and meeting procedures.

Treasurers must:

- comply with the Accounting Manual for P&C Associations
- prepare an annual budget for the P&C
- supply a financial statement at each meeting
- make all cheque books, deposit books and receipt books together with books of account, available to the auditor
- prepare annual statements, which must be audited and a copy forwarded to your DETE Regional Office.

If you do not wish to take on an executive role in the P & C but would like to be part of a Fundraising Committee, your role is just as important and we look forward to your participation.



Year 3 have a terrific display in the foyer of **“LIVING AND NON-LIVING THINGS”**. Please take the time to pop in and have a look at their great work!

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



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.