



SUNSET STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”



March 3, 2016

2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Upcoming Events

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

Students of the Week:

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

Week 5

1A - Leilani Strahan	1B - Zara Daley
2A - Will Morris	2B - Kaycee Horwood
3A - Chanelle Ah Wing	3B - Channeil Dunne
4A - Adriano Chong	
5A - Miguel Caulton	5B - Cieanna Ah Wing
6A - Gara Ghee	6B - Felixia Hepi-Bernard
'The Arts' Class of the Week	- 5A
HPE Class of the Week	- 2B

Week 6

1A - Shontae Alchin	1B - Jarred Bernard
2A - Jacob Parsons	2B - Phoenix Pestano
3A - Keal Spooif	3B - Lachlan Wilkinson
4A - Sharleigh Doyle	
5A - Shakara Cocciolone	5B - Matt Dunn
6A - Tiari Shield	6B - Kathleen Kum-Sing
'The Arts' Class of the Week	6B
HPE Class of the Week	1A

MONSTER BOOK FAIR

March 7 to March 11

Students will be viewing books on Monday and Tuesday. Books will be on **SALE** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Library before school and at second break!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS
MONSTER BOOK FAIR
READING IS SO MUCH FUN, YOU'LL GET GOOSEBUMPS!

Theme for Terms 1-2 2016

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PRINCIPAL'S PEN

Around our School

Recently, I completed one of our documents that schools complete each year that details how we will spend some of our money as a school during 2016.

This year this document is called "Investing for Success" and we will be spending some money on a number of new initiatives including

Reading Specialist Teacher

Technologies Specialist Teacher

Impact Enrichment : Program of Challenge for extremely high performing students

Building Blocks Artefacts: resources and equipment for improving reading for all students

Professional Development: Building Blocks: upskilling our teachers and parents to produce better readers

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.

Emergency Lunch Program

I am just letting everyone know that from Friday, March 11, the FREE breakfast/emergency lunch program operating through our tuckshop will cease. Parents have a number of options if they wish to use this service and I am happy to continue this program under the following terms

Parents can

- Have an amount of \$25 per week per child deducted via direct debit into the tuckshop account. This will ensure that breakfast, morning tea and lunch is provided for you child at a very reasonable cost
- Pay into a CREDIT account held at the tuckshop. Parents may choose to operate a credit account through the tuckshop by placing cash in an account with Miss Lisa at the tuckshop. So long as the account stays in credit, the school will provide the meals at school.

By term 2 our school tuckshop will serve foods mainly from the green category listed below.

The GREEN Category

Our school enthusiastically promotes types of foods that may help our students lead longer and healthier lives and 2016 will be no exception. We follow the recommended foods guide for schools. Our school tuckshop operates under this guide and we do our best to promote healthy eating and lifestyles to all our families. Below, I am including again, some suggested foods that families might consider from the green section of the guide. Not all foods suit all people with many allergies around but generally there are some foods that promote healthy living better than others. We do not tell parents how to feed their kids just try to make helpful suggestions that we ourselves try to follow.

Possible Food type Examples

Breads: White, multigrain, wholemeal, rye, hi-fibre breads or rolls including: burritos, English muffins, focaccia, lavash, Lebanese, pita, raisin/fruit, tortillas and Turkish. Some corn crispbreads and rice cakes also fit into GREEN.

Cereal foods: Rice, pasta, noodles

Breakfast cereals: Wholegrain breakfast cereals that are high in fibre and lower in salt and sugar.

Vegetables: Fresh and frozen vegetables used in a variety of different ways.

Fruit: Washed fresh fruits, frozen, canned and dried fruits.

Legumes: All forms of prepared beans and peas – baked beans, red kidney beans, soy beans

Reduced-fat dairy products: Reduced-fat milk (plain and flavoured), yoghurt, cheese and custard.

Lean meat, fish, poultry and alternatives

Lean chicken, beef, lamb, pork, canned tuna and salmon, and eggs.

Drinks: Water is the best drink and a great thirst quencher!

Reduced fat milk and soy drinks also fit into the GREEN category.

School Bus Runs

I am also writing to let families know that the afternoon bus run for most students will cease at the end of this term. Current arrangements will remain until the start of term 2, when the after school bus runs will cease for all students except our Kindy kids and our Preppies.

Children in Kindy and Prep currently in our school and included on our bus runs will be able to access this service.

During the cooler months, heat is not such a factor and families within close proximity of the school will be able to pick their children up, in most cases, in the afternoons.

The morning bus pick-ups will operate as normal exactly as they do now.

The Mighty Tigers

Sign on this Saturday, 10am to Midday at the school. Everyone is welcome.

Regards

Bryon

Curriculum @ Sunset

Every day counts

School absenteeism and truancy can impact significantly on students' learning and wellbeing.

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

Under the law, you must make sure your child is enrolled and attends school on all school days unless there is a reasonable excuse. Schools must monitor attendance of students and follow up with parents and caregivers any unexplained absences.

If your child does not want to go to school, or is missing school without you knowing, contact your school immediately for assistance and support.

Schools will:

- monitor student attendance
- let you know if your child is not at school
- follow-up any unexplained absences as soon as practicable, but within three days of any unexplained absence
- use effective teaching strategies to engage your child in learning
- help you with strategies to encourage your child to go to school
- provide support for families.

Yours in education

Vanessa Perkins

Head of Curriculum

YEAR 5 BUG CATCHING

Last Thursday Louka and Mr McLachlan from Paluma came to Sunset to catch bugs with the Year 5's. We caught some grasshoppers, spiders, stink bugs and worms. We used special nets and other equipment to catch bugs. We learnt about camouflage and how bugs can blend into our environment.

"It was fun learning about bugs and what they do in their environment." Noah Bridgeman

"It was fun when we whacked the trees with the whacking sticks to get the bugs out." Cieanna Ah Wing

"It was fun learning about how other creatures camouflage." Tyrelle Dunne

"It was fun going around learning about the bugs and the environment around them." Ewan Morris

"It was fun using the nets and the whacking sticks. I enjoyed looking at the bugs when they were in the jars."

Trivarn Johnston

"It was very exciting to learn about the animals and how they protect themselves from their predators." Tileah

Mearns



THE ARTS

This Term the year 5's and 6's have been working on their clay artwork for their assessment, which is to create an animal that matches their own personality traits. The students worked hard to find the right animal and even harder to make it. Below are just some of the best and most original designs done by the students.



Leshonda A (5A) *Spider*



Luke H (6A) *Platypus*



Holly L (6B) *Snake*



P & C NEWS

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.

FUNKY HAIR DAY

Friday 11th March

Sunset State School will once again be involved in Funky Hair Day to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Students will be asked to bring a \$2 donation to be involved in the day.

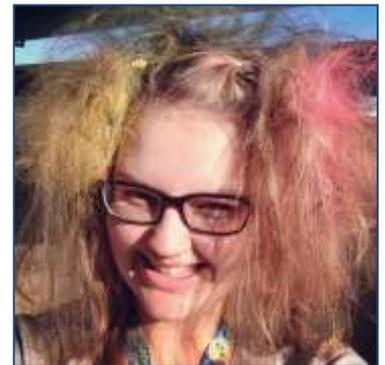
Students are encouraged to either come to school with a crazy hair do or see one of our wonderful teachers in the parade area before school and at 1st break to get their hair sprayed. **Prizes** will be presented to one student from each class with the funkiest hair.

Ideas for girls:

- wear a wig
- wear a wacky hair style for the day
- go crazy with hair clips, scrunchies and even pipe cleaners

Ideas for boys:

- spike your hair in wacky and wonderful ways
- use coloured hair spray to create a funky pattern



Sunset Tigers Rugby League
Sign On
Saturday 5th March
10 am – 12pm
Sunset State School
Undercover Area



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



FREE DENTAL SERVICE – REGISTER NOW

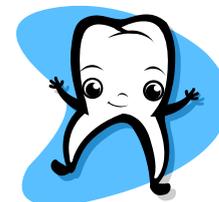
If you have a child who is between 4 years of age and completing grade 10 in 2016 they are now eligible to register for a free check-up and treatment with the School Dental Service operating in Mt Isa, Cloncurry, Julia Creek, Doomadgee, Mornington Island and Normanton.

Children who are under the age of 4 or those who have already completed grade 10 are required to hold a Queensland issued Centrelink concession card to be treated under the free dental service.

Registration by Email: Your child/children can be registered with the school dental service by emailing the following details to:

MT_ISA_Dental_Admin@health.qld.gov.au

- Childs full name
- Childs date of birth
- Postal address
- Contact telephone
- Grade



Registration by Phone: Your child/children can be registered by contacting the school dental service directly on (07) 4744 4407 or (07) 4744 4041.

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.

We would like to extend out special thanks to Kura Barrett, mother of Christopher and Tane-Kaha, for volunteering in the tuckshop. Your help is greatly appreciated. Any mums who would like to spend an hour or two helping during the week are more than welcome!

SPORT 4 LIFE

LEARN SPORT SKILLS FROM:

Micaela Cocks
Townsville Fire Champion

Andre Moore
Brisbane Bullets Legend

When: Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 April 2016

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am for 7 - 12 year olds (register from 9.00am)
12.30pm - 2.30pm for 13 - 17 year olds (register from 12.00pm)

Where: Mount Isa Basketball Stadium, Sports Parade

Please bring your parent/guardian consent form
This program is FREE and lunch is provided
The program is suitable for all skill levels
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