



# SUNSET STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”



February 4, 2016

### 2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Upcoming Events

9 February – School Leaders Induction Ceremony at 8:45 am	8-11 March - Monster Book Fair
4 March – School’s Clean Up Day	18 March – National Day of Action Against Bullying
9 March – School Photos	21 March – Harmony Day
11 March – Funky Hair Day	24 March – Easter Bonnet Parade at 10:00 am (Prep to Year 2 only)

### From the Deputy's Desk



This year at Sunset we are continuing our focus on **reading improvement** across all our year levels and all students in year 1 to 6 will be setting individual reading targets with their teachers over the next couple of weeks. During week 3 and 4 we will have Barbara Brann visiting our school again. Barbara has developed the framework “**The Magic Caterpillar’s Building Blocks to Literacy**” that we use at Sunset State School. Children need to develop a vast array and number of skills and understandings that will prepare them for the world of school and for the demands of literacy and numeracy. These [building blocks for literacy](#) involve five interdependent and interconnected domains of learning. [The Magic Caterpillar’s Building Blocks to Literacy](#) framework of foundation skills includes around 400 foundation skills identified as crucial to literacy acquisition. The first 200 are essential to prepare children to survive and thrive at school.

Barbara will be spending her time training our teachers and staff on the understanding behind the program as well as how to get the best out of our students when using this program.

### BIG BREAKFAST AT SUNSET!

It was great to see so many parents, carers and family members at our ‘Meet the Teacher Breakfast’ this year. This is a great time at the beginning of each year for families to come together and to meet all our staff at Sunset while they prepare and serve a yummy hot breakfast to everyone. It is also great for families to have the opportunity to hear what is happening in the upcoming weeks and to enjoy some great food together. A big ‘thank you’ to all our wonderful staff who helped to prepare and serve the breakfast this morning.

### Curriculum @ Sunset

Welcome back to another fantastic year of teaching and learning at Sunset. 2016 has had a number of changes to the Curriculum and we have embraced these with vigour.

#### Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum is always fine tuning the content to be taught to our students across Foundation to Year 10. This year **English, Maths** and **Science** have progressed to a new version, which our teachers are currently delivering to our students.

Along with these Key Learning Areas (KLAs), are the subjects **History** and **Geography**, which will continue to be implemented in our classrooms across each semester.

The introduction of a new **Technologies** and **The Arts** Curriculum is gradually being rolled out and with the employment of a specialist teacher in both of these areas as well as **Health and Physical Education**, Sunset students will have access to quality resources and learning experiences.

#### IMPACT Booster Projects – Numeracy, Writing and Reading

These projects are delivered online by Sunset State School in partnership with Brisbane School of Distance Education’s IMPACT Projects Team. Brisbane School of Distance Education (BSDE) offers a range of online extension opportunities and our school has joined with them to offer the **Boosters – Numeracy, Writing and Reading Projects in 2016**.

The Booster Programs are extension programs offered to students in Years 4 & 5 performing above level in numeracy, writing and reading. It aims to help them go “from good to great” and should develop a greater sense of confidence and achievement in these areas.

The Booster Project also provides opportunities for these students to experience online learning. It includes the chance to connect and collaborate with students from other state schools in Queensland.

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




The projects offered are delivered over 12 school weeks and there is no cost to parents. Students attend a web conference each week on either a Tuesday or Thursday during the middle session with 14 other Year 4 or 5 students. Each web conference goes for approximately 60-70 minutes and is delivered by an online teacher, from BSDE, with support from our Technologies teacher Mrs Tammie Ward-Hawkins.

For students involved in the program, a note explaining further details will be sent home sometime this week.

### Spelling at Sunset

This year, we have introduced the Whole School Phonics and Spelling Program '*Sound Waves*'.

Sound Waves is based on the phonemic approach, which is recognised as one of the most effective ways to teach spelling and reading skills.

The consistency of the Sound Waves program allows students to build success in spelling from Foundation to Year 6. It caters for different abilities as well as different learning styles.

Throughout the year, each student's comprehension of language and spelling concepts can be identified and tracked and the content matches all state and national curriculum documents.

Please see your child's teacher if you require more information regarding this program.

Yours in education,

Vanessa Perkins

Head of Curriculum



### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

This year in sport each year level has been learning something new and exciting.

Preps – Running, jumping and balancing activities

1 – Throwing and catching games

2 – Yoga moves

3 – Relay games

4 – Trick Skipping

5 – Fancy football skills

6 – Parkour tricks, skills and techniques

#### **Some keys dates for this terms sport:**

Week 3 Cross Country nominations

Week 4 NQC Clinic

Week 8 and 9 Interschool Sport for Soccer.

Kind regards,

Joel Crow

Sport Coordinator

Secretary Sunset Tigers RLC

Sunset State School

We are currently enrolling students for the **2016 Instrumental Music Program**. If you are interested in your child being a part of the school music program please return the Instrument Selection Form given to students to the school office by Friday 19 February.



### **Mount Isa Hockey Association**

Would like to invite **you** to play hockey in 2016!!!

We are holding a mixed competition for Boys & Girls in these age groups:

Ages: Under 8 (turning 5-7 this year)

Under 11 (turning 8-10 this year)

Under 15 (turning 11-15 this year)

Players 15 years or over are very welcome to join a Men's/ Ladies Team

Season Fees:

Under 8 & Under 11 are **ONLY \$50**

Under 15 are **ONLY \$70**

Under 15 playing in Senior comp are **Only \$130**

Seniors are **Only \$330**

This fee includes registration with Hockey Queensland, payment options available at sign-on. Loan Hockey Sticks are available.

**SIGN ON:** Saturday 13th February 2016 10.30am till 12.30pm – Includes Sausage Sizzle

**WHERE:** Mount Isa Hockey Fields Sports Parade

For further information please contact  
Mt Isa Hockey Association Secretary

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**Come join one of our 4 clubs and Hook into Hockey.**



**Student of the Week Recipients for Week 2**

