

NEWSLETTER

“Co-operation and Commitment”

May 4, 2017

Calendar of Events – Term 2

May 8		May 9	NAPLAN	May 10	NAPLAN	May 11	NAPLAN	May 12	Mother's Day Morning Tea Prep
May 15		May 16		May 17		May 18		May 19	
May 22	Yr 4 Camp	May 23	Yr 4 Camp	May 24	Yr 4 Camp National Simultaneous Story Telling	May 25	Yr 4 Camp	May 26	Yr 4 Camp UNDER 8'S DAY
May 29		May 30		May 31		June 1		June 2	
June 5		June 6		June 7		June 8		June 9	Books in Homes Parade
June 12		June 13		June 14	NAIDOC	June 15		June 16	
June 19		June 20		June 21		June 22		June 23	Show Holiday

Principal's Pen:

Thursday, May 4, 2017.

Around our School:

A very good afternoon to all our Sunset families and friends. Our attendance rates at school are the best they have ever been and I have included a table for parents to see how well all our grades are going.

Below is a summary of our current school attendance rates

Prep:	92%
Year 1:	84%
Year 2:	86%
Year 3:	87%
Year 4:	87%
Year 5:	89%
Year 6:	85%
School:	87%

Having the opportunity to attend a great school like Sunset is a real privilege and great opportunity to give kids a great start in life. Job markets are rapidly changing and the children who are getting left behind in the job market as young adults are those who did not get to school often enough.



School is like a driver's licence: you can't go anywhere without a decent schooling, preferably to year 12 and this means attending school every day, not just being enrolled in a school.

I have said it many times over the years and I continue to say it:

I do not understand why a parent or carer would deliberately disadvantage their own child by not sending them to school.

It is worth noting that our school requires a minimum attendance rate of at least 90% and as well as camps and all sorts of other support to help with learning, poor attending children will also not attend swimming again in Term 4.

Very soon parents will start receiving information about camps from the various classroom teachers involved but camps have some rules as do all other school activities. The various camps are as follows

Year 4: Sunshine Coast

Year 5: Paluma Environmental centre, Townsville

Year 6: Apex Camp, Magnetic Island.

Camps are only available to those students who

- Maintain a minimum attendance rate at school of 90%: This does not include 89.99%
- Have no more than 1 major behaviour referral for the whole year prior to leaving for camp
- Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100 before or on the day, 2 full weeks prior to the camps departure. These deposits must be paid to and receipted by Deb Woods in the school office.

Children who do not maintain an overall attendance rate at school of a minimum 90% will not be invited to camp.

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.

Food and Nutrition:

The GREEN Category

Our school enthusiastically promotes types of foods that may help our students lead longer and healthier lives and 2017 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:

Just a reminder to families: our school buses run from 8am to 8.45am each morning and we will pick up any children in our catchment on any of our designated bus runs. We do not visit individual homes unless specifically arranged with the Principal.

IN THE AFTERNOONS OUR SUNSET SCHOOL BUSES WILL ONLY TAKE HOME STUDENTS FROM KINDY, PREP AND YEAR 1.

Quality Teaching and Learning: We believe that

- Reading is fundamental to learning in all subjects
- Relevant feedback about learning for all is essential
- Our school environment is positive, safe, tolerant and respectful
- Every child can learn and they are valued
- Data gathered is meaningful and informs teaching
- We target our resources where they are needed: no child slips through
- We have very high expectations
- Good first teaching is essential to engaging students

Attendance at school and life's chances:

Everyone in our community knows that I do not understand why some parents don't send their children to school on time every school day. There can be no excuses for disadvantaging children. Our school offers the most incredible services to help families get their children to school including transport, clothing, food, health services and connections with other service providers but still some parents don't send their children to school.

Even with an attendance rate at school of 90%: that's 9 days out of 10 every fort -night, your child reaches Year 12 at a Year 10 level. They have no chance of competing and possibly spend the rest of their lives with very little or no chance of a decent job or even a decent lifestyle.

Regards,
Bryon.

Science in 2HM

In Science this term we are learning about movement and forces. We are learning how toys can be pushed, pulled and spun. We need your help to gather materials so our scientists can build their own push or pull toy. We are currently seeking recycled plastic bottle lids and card board food packaging.

Yours in education, Taylor McManus Michelle Hill

Dropping off lunches after 8.30am: POLICY

ALL VISITORS must come to the office.

If you are unable to provide lunch for your child when they leave for school, please drop the lunch in at the office and advise your child before they leave home to come and collect it at lunch time from the office.

We take teaching and learning very seriously at Sunset and know you do to – so thank you for taking note of our request for minimal disruption.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop shutters will be closed at 9.30. Late orders will not be accepted and students will have to buy off the counter at lunch times. We do not have the staff or volunteers to complete the lunch orders in time if orders are received after 9.30 am.

Children's accounts are available if parents/guardians would like to put money down for their tuckshop orders. Come and see Lisa to organise an account.



We are still looking for anyone interested in volunteering a couple of hours a week to help in the tuckshop. This could lead to a paid casual position. If you have some spare time, pop up to the tuckshop!



New prices – Cheese Pizzas are now \$2.00 and Fruit Kebabs are 30c.

Flashing lights now active at SUNSET

Flashing light school zone signs have been installed on Abel Smith Parade.

Sunset was nominated to receive these new signs as part of a Queensland Government commitment to improve school road safety.

You will notice that the new signs look similar to standard school zone signs with the addition of a red flashing ring around the speed limit as well as two flashing yellow lights at the top of the sign. The installation of flashing light school zone signs is proven to improve visibility of school zones, serving as an active reminder for motorists to slow down. So next time you're dropping off or picking up your child, keep an eye out for the new signs and make sure you stick to the signed speed limit.



P & C AGM to be held tonight in the Library at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend.



11th & 12th May

Mother's Day Gifts for Sale!

The Sunset P & C are having a fundraiser by selling beautiful Mother's Day Gifts. The gift table will be set up on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th May at Second Break. The table will be set up in the Parade area. Please support our P & C by spoiling our wonderful Mum's, Nan's and Grandmas!!

Nothing over
\$10!

Beautiful gifts
for Mum, Nana
and Grandma!

Gifts start from
\$2

Mother's Day
Cards available

Huge range of
gifts for
selection

**Sunset P&C would
like to thank you
for your support!**

Check out some of the gifts
we will have for sale be
checking out the website
www.bearandmoon.com.au

NGUKUTHATI FAMILY FUN DAY

When: 5th May

Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Sausage Sizzle

Elders Lunch

Sun Down Dancers

Lots of fun activities for the family.

Face Painting

Jumping Castle

Great prizes to be won!

