6th December 2016

Principal’s Message

We are all looking forward to our Gala night at the Brolga on Wednesday 7th December, and the year 6 Graduation night on Thursday 8th December. The Celebration of Learning end of year class parties are also being held during the day of Thursday December 8th. These special events are certainly a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the school year. I would like to say a big thank you to the Sunbury State School community for their ongoing commitment to our school and I wish all of our year 6 students every success for high school.

Semester 2 report cards will be distributed this Thursday December 8th. I would like to congratulate the efforts of all students with regards to academic and behavioural improvements for the 2016 school year. Our students have developed life-long skills particularly in the areas of English and maths which they can now apply to real life situations. All class teachers and specialist teachers are very proud of the students’ progress and look forward to continuing our whole school Reading and Numeracy focus for 2017.

At this stage Sunbury’s enrollment numbers continue to fluctuate on a weekly basis. It is planned to begin the 2017 school year with class teachers being allocated to the following year levels.

Prep: Mr Todd
Prep/One: Mrs Ramm
Year 1: Mrs Kropp
Year 2: Mrs Mason
Year 3: Mrs Andrews
Year 4: Ms Cooper
Year 5: Mrs Frohloff
Year 6: Mr McLauchlan

Prep is compulsory in 2017 so please continue to encourage all future Prep students to enrol here at Sunbury as soon as possible. Please contact the school office on 4120 0777 or drop into our office for an enrolment package.

We wish Mrs Van Gerrisheim all the best in her new position at Maryborough State High School, and Mrs Whitby all the best with her long service leave for 2017. Miss Lee has also accepted a position at Aldridge State High School for 2017 and sends her best wishes to you all. All three of these lovely ladies have shown dedication and care to all our Sunbury students and will be sorely missed.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish students, parents, and all school staff a safe, happy and restful vacation. Please take care on the roads over the break and remind your children of the need for safety over the holidays.

Please remember that school resumes on Monday 23rd January 2017.

Kind regards,
Mrs Karen Dyball

Brolga Reminders
Wednesday 7th December

Sunbury’s end of year Gala night is historically a wonderful evening. Please remember to bring along a gold coin donation per person upon entry to the Brolga. These funds help contribute towards the $900 hire of the Brolga for the evening.

All students are asked to assemble with their class teacher in the foyer by 5:45pm sharp for a 6pm start.

Furthermore can all parents please adhere to the Brolga’s expectations and refrain from taking photos or video footage inside the theatre. This is your children’s night so we ask that there be no cat calls, whistling, and talking during performances. Our preference is that all parents and students stay for the duration of the evening and that older or younger non-Sunbury children are to sit with parents.

The P&C will be selling raffle tickets on the night of the Gala, so please spare a few dollars to help with fundraising for the school.

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Office Opening Times 2017
The office is closed on Friday 9th December at 3.00pm and re-opens on Monday 16th January, 2017 between 9am and 3pm for enrolments, payments or any other general enquiries. Please be aware that classes commence on Monday 23rd January, 2017.

Lost Property
Please check the lost property area for any items of clothing your child may be missing. Any items still there at the end of the school year will be donated to a local charity.

Student Resource Scheme
Notes regarding the 2017 Student Resource Scheme have been sent home. If you have not already returned your form, please do so this week.

Instrumental Music Uniforms
Can all instrumental music uniforms be returned to the school as soon as possible.

School Watch
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

Air-conditioning Update
At present we are experiencing a delay with the proposed installation of air-conditioning due to challenges associated with the current electrical capacity of the school. Building Asset Services (BAS) and Education Queensland facilities staff are in ongoing discussions with the school to identify affordable electrical capacity solutions. Mrs Dyball is continuing to liaise with all involved and is awaiting further information about Sunbury’s electrical capacity to determine which areas of the school can be air-conditioned with limited additional costs to the school.

END OF YEAR
CLASS MESSAGES

PREP T
To all the children, families and carers of Prep T, I would like to give a heartfelt thanks for a great year. It truly was a team effort. Your consistency and commitment to your child at home made a big impact to the learning that was able to take place in the classroom. Our prep students have commenced an amazing learning journey that will continue throughout their lives. It has been a year with so many happy memories and highlights.

We have saved the best to last with a week of exciting events, highlighted by the Gala night taking place on Wednesday night at the Brolga Theatre.

Finally, Mrs Laffey and I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to hearing the many exciting stories as children take the next step in their education journey. From Mr Todd.

1K – THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Students –
for working together to create a caring classroom space where ‘Learning for Life’ takes place.

Parents –
for helping your children daily by checking homework, listening to reading, packing lunches and ensuring they are at school on time ready to start the day.

Staff and Volunteer Helpers –
for the care and concern you have shown when assisting students to consolidate new knowledge and skills in Music, Art, PE, History/Geography, Technology, English Rotations, Maths Activity Groups, Science Investigations, Homework Help and Learning Intervention Programs.

May your holidays be filled with happiness, peace and good cheer! I look forward to seeing many of you again at Sunbury next year!
Throughout the year P/1/2 have been working hard on their letters, sounds, and sight words. Reading has been a HUGE focus and all students have progressed nicely through their reading levels. Our wonderful parents have been an amazing support to our class in our daily rotations. A big thank you to Miss Maree who always works hard helping our students in Learning for Life. Have a lovely holiday break.

2M
The last few weeks have seen 2M working hard on their Gala performance: perfecting it for Wednesday night. We are all very excited to perform for you all. Students need to remember to meet Miss Whittaker in the foyer by 5:45pm to commence at 6:00pm.

Class work and some books have been sent home already. The rest will be sent home by Wednesday ready for celebration of learning and movie day. Friday we will be cleaning our tidy trays and chairs, so please bring a change of clothes.

3W
This has been a year of changes for our class. We have had many different teachers helping us with our reading, Geography and History. Thanks Mrs Collins, Mrs Rossiter, Miss Tomassen and Mrs Whittaker for leading the way and sparking our interest in these subjects. There have also been many teacher-aides who have been involved in our learning – perhaps every aide working at Sunbury (except Mrs Laffey and Mrs Thamm who have been with the prep classes). Some of us got to work with Mrs Ward and Mrs Green and Mrs Dyball.

Thank you everybody. Next year we will return to Sunbury as year 4s but we will only see Mrs Whitby if she pops in during her leave. Happy holidays everyone!

(Last Friday a note was sent home outlining the events of this week as concerns 3W. If you have not seen it, please ask your child.)

4C
As the year comes to an end, we are reflecting on the growth and development that we have all been through over the last 12 months. Everyone has made improvements academically but also very important social and emotional development that has led to better relationships within the class.

Not to mention our dedicated and dazzling dancers - you guys rock! Have a great holiday. Brenda Cooper

4/5/6
The 4/5/6 class has had a very exciting and rewarding end to the year. The class managed to win the attendance trophy for the last parade of 2016. Each week the class has been tallying attendance statistics for the class and having the class attendance above the school target of 95% is a massive achievement. The class has also enjoyed working on the English and Visual Arts assessments. For Visual Arts the class has been working on sculptures which are currently being painted. The picture books for English are in the final drafts, images for each page have been carefully drawn and coloured and now each page will be scanned on the computer and text added ready to be published.

The class is also looking forward to showing off their performance skills during the Sunbury end of year Gala Night. Not only will the 4/5/6 class perform a musical number, the year 6 students will also be delivering speeches during the night recapping the year that was 2016. We hope to see all our parents there on the night.

5F
A year of events - Leadership Camp, 125th Celebrations, Gold Mining, Leadership Beach Day, Gala, regular cooking days from many countries from around the world and buddy responsibility for our PT and 2M students. The rest of this week will be eventful too. Hopefully I’ve instilled my love of reading to all my Year 5s. Continue reading and continue learning.😊

Wednesday night: Gala Night - meet Mrs F. in the Brolga foyer by 5.45pm
Thursday: Celebration of Learning Day (aka Party Day) BYO Plate to share
Friday: Clean-up & Water Bomb fight
Thanks 5F for being a great team. Happy Holidays.

6V
The final two weeks of school, and what is the final two weeks of Primary School for our year 6s, has been very busy and full of lasts and fun. Last week, students had orientation/transition days for high school at ASHS and MSHS where they participated in activities to get them ready for high school, met their fellow classmates for 2017 and some of the teachers they will be having also. This week we are preparing for graduation and gala, cleaning and packing up classrooms and participating in some group challenges such as, in teams, making the longest paper chains possible, creating scavenger hunts and we’ll be attempting to create some Rube Goldberg Machines.

I would like to wish all our year 6s all the best for 2017 and with the high school and future careers. And as a class we would like to thank all the teachers, staff, students and families for the caring and support throughout 2016 and their time at Sunbury.