15th March 2016

Dear Parents, Staff and Children,

Divisional Swimming Finals
Congratulations to the seven students who represented our district at the Regional Swimming Finals last Wednesday. Logan Weiler, Bailey Parkinson, Jordan James, Mitchell Lofts, Ethan Jeal, Mathew Aluza and Josh Lee competed in varying individual and team events. These swimmers were pleased with their performance on the day, with some reporting that they achieved personal bests. Although no one succeeded in making it through to the State Finals, we are extremely proud of the students’ accomplishments at this high level of competition.

Better Buddies
Last Friday, our Student Engagement Team launched our Better Buddies Program. All children from P - 6 met in their respective House groupings and were assigned cross age ‘housemates’. Captains for each group then facilitated games and activities for the children to participate in. It was a great way for children to meet people across year levels and form new friendships, enhancing positive peer relationships beyond the classroom. Please see our newsletter next week for more detailed reports from our House Captains.

House Athletics
A reminder that our House Athletics are on Friday 18th March at Boardman Stadium. Children will be required to bring along their lunch and plenty of drinks. Where we encourage children to wear house colours including their new House T-Shirts, we insist that children continue to be Sun Smart. ie no singlets and compulsory wearing of hats. Children are also encouraged to bring along sunscreen. Hopefully good weather will prevail for a great day out.

Family Fun Night
We are looking forward to our Family Fun Night this Friday. This is a great opportunity for our community to come together and we welcome all families to attend. The evening kicks off at 5.30pm.

Inga Wilson
Principal

TIMELINE

Term 1
18th March
3 - 6 House Athletics
Family Fun Night
21st March
Ghana Beat My Drum Performance
24th March
Last Day of Term 1
2.30pm Dismissal

Term 2
11th April
1st Day of Term 2

Easter Raffle
FOSW is once again holding an Easter Raffle.
Any donations, great and small would be greatly appreciated, as every dollar raised benefits our wonderful school.

Please leave any donations at the office.
Thank you to everyone who has donated a prize.
Raffle tickets have been sent home and are due back this Friday, 18th March.
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**Notice for March**

**March 10-12.00**  **12.00-2.00**

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**FOSW Family Fun Night**

ALL Sunbury West families are invited to our **FOSW FAMILY FUN NIGHT**.

Come along and meet other members of our school community and have an enjoyable night

**Friday 18th March 5.30pm – 8.00pm**

DJ – Bill Van Alkemade will be playing between 5.30pm – 8.00pm.

Families are welcome to bring along a picnic tea, Drinks, popcorn, ice-cream and fairy floss can be purchased on the evening.

Showbags can be collected on the night.

**Please Note:**

The **FOSW FAMILY FUN NIGHT** is a community event. While many teachers may be present they will not be responsible for your children. All children are the responsibility of their parents for the whole evening.

So, pull up a chair (BYO) and put on your dancing shoes to join in the fun.

We look forward to your company.

**Recorders 2016**

Grade 5 students will continue learning the recorder from where they left off last year as will Grade 4 students.

Grade 3 students will be learning from scratch. If you haven’t yet purchased your recorder from the school please do so as soon as possible. Recorders are $10.00 each.

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**Lunch Box News**

**Ghana Beat My Drum Performance** $5 due 16th March

**Grade 3-6 House Athletics** $6 due 15th March

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**TERM 1**

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**Step 4.** **Tick On**. Click on the grey tick beside our school box and any other boxes that apply to yo. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.

**Step 5.** Click on the **Inbox icon**. This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

**Casual Clothes Day**

Thursday 24th March

(gold coin donation)

Come dressed in your favourite sports team colours
School Readiness

An informative evening for parents of preschoolers

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13TH 2016 @ 7PM

Sunbury Community Health Centre
Macedon St, Sunbury.

Sally Ward

Sally Ward is an early childhood consultant with Early Life Foundations, joining the team in 2014. She is a preschool teacher with extensive experience in the early childhood field over the past 35 years. Sally has been the Director and teacher in metropolitan and rural community kindergartens, the Coordinator of preschool programs within a large bilingual school, and instrumental in establishing, developing and coordinating the Three Year Group program in the highly regarded Trinity Grammar School Early Learning Centre. Sally's ability to listen, understand and provide practical advice to parents and colleagues has created strong relationships and positive feedback throughout her career. Her understanding of the pressures faced by families as they balance careers, child rearing and family life was strengthened during her time as the manager of her own operator retail business.

Sally's work as a regional Children's Services Adviser with the Department of Human Services brings a broad perspective across all facets of early childhood development and education. This role encompassed advising, monitoring and assessing preschool, childcare, occasional care and school age care programs.

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Dromkeen LITERARY FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2016

A Festival celebrating Children’s Writing and Storytelling for families, teachers, librarians and all children’s book enthusiasts at beautiful Dromkeen Homestead & Gardens.

Come along and meet authors & illustrators; hear them read their stories; have fun with book & story activities; listen to panels discussing writing, literacy, and learning; join in creative workshops - all in picnic settings.

Meet the Authors & Illustrators.
Fun & Activities in the Gardens.
Book Readings and Panel Sessions

For tickets or further information visit