FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

WELCOME
We are pleased to announce the appointment of Rachel Withers to our school in the role of Year 3/4B classroom teacher. Due to personal circumstances Adriana Torkar was unable to continue in the role, but we thank her for her time at our school and wish her well in the future.

SUNBURY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE
A couple of links (below) may be useful for families seeking support for various issues:
On the A–Z of Services page on their website there is an index of services:
http://www.sunburychc.org.au/services/

PLANNING WEEK
Next week we are releasing teams of teachers together to plan for our students’ needs in Term 2. The only noticeable change to program will be that classrooms will have all of their Specialist sessions on the one day:
Prep Thursday 19th March
1/2 Tuesday 17th March
3/4 Wednesday 18th March
5/6 Monday 16th March
Specialists Friday 27th March

ATHLETICS
We wish all of our representatives from Years 4/5/6 well for their events at the Sunbury Primary Schools District Athletics Carnival tomorrow at Boardman Athletic track. We know that you will represent Killara with pride and perform to your best. Hopefully we will be able to tell some news at assembly on Monday and add a report to the newsletter next week.

CURRICULUM DAY
Our Curriculum Day on Friday 20th March will focus on further developing our school as a Professional Learning Community.
*A Professional Learning Community is an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Professional learning communities operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators* Learning by Doing: A Handbook for Professional Learning Communities at Work 2010

We will focus on developing NORMS for how we work together, the 3 Big Ideas and 4 Critical Questions.

3 Big Ideas:
1. Focus on Learning
2. Focus on Collaboration
3. Focus on Results.

4 Critical Questions:
1. What do we want the students to learn?
2. How will we know if they have learned?
3. How will we respond if they aren’t learning?
4. How will we respond if they already know it?

Best wishes, Phil, Andrew and Pete

CURRENT NEWS

REGIONAL SWIMMING STUDENTS
Yesterday two Killara swimmers competed at the Regional Swimming Championships. Ben C in the freestyle and backstroke and Coby H in the freestyle. Coby swam extremely fast but did come up against formidable opponents. A great effort to say the least from him and well done on making it this far. Ben C swam with great speed and was successful in making it to the State Swimming Championships in both his events. Great efforts by both boys. Thanks again to the parents for their support.

ZONE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Last Friday Killara was represented by Harrison L and Ethan T at the Zone Tennis Championships at Westmeadows. The boys played in Round Robins through the morning in an effort to reach the Semi Finals. Both played their very best and it was Ethan T that made it through to the Semi Finals but unfortunately could not proceed any further. It really was a great effort by both. Special thanks to the boys’ parents for their support.

PAYMENT REMINDERS
Term 2 Netbook fees: due by end of Term 1
Camp Deposit: Overdue
Sausage Sizzle: due tomorrow 13th March
Easter Raffle: due 19th March
WAYS TO HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A BETTER READER?

Research indicates that children who read with trained parents will far out perform readers who do not receive effective parent help. The DVD provides answers to the most commonly asked questions relating to home reading with children. Using the same strategies taught at school, this resource provides vital information and guidance when reading at home with your child.

The DVD was given the rating "Highly Recommended" by the Department of Education, Training and The Arts. This DVD features:

* Simple yet powerful instruction on supporting children as they read
* Parent friendly language
* Plenty of modelled examples
* Advice that supports the work of your school
* Short, easy to watch segments
* Opportunity to review instructions as often as you like
* Advice for parents of reluctant readers.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UG-FOstjAY

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNFEST

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th March

Sunbury's own community festival run by the community volunteers.

There will be carnival rides, stalls, Battle Of The School Choirs, Grand street parade, Sunbury Rock Festival 1972-75 memorabilia display, SunFest talent shows, Performing Arts Groups, Bethany Fisher, SunFest Celebrates St Patrick's Day, No Vacancy In Concert, Fireworks, Walk or Run For Fun, Ecumenical Service and Pets Blessing, Performance Choirs Hesket Primary School Team Skipping Champions, Sunbury Downs Band, and lots more

SunFest supports the community and young performers, on the stage and with over 500 school age students performing across the weekend, your school will no doubt be represented, come and have fun and support SunFest, and your students SunFest is also after volunteers to run SunFest 2016, children of committee members welcome to join the children committee and run their own event, and be actively involved in SunFest. For more information see our website www.sunfest.org.au

SUNBURY KANGAROOS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

U11 NETBALL PLAYERS WANTED for the 2015 season. For enquiries call Kate 0400066943.

HOOP SMART HOLIDAY CAMP

Basketball school holiday camp Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st March at Sunbury Boardman Stadium Cnr Wilson and Mitchells Lane. All levels, boys and girls aged 6-14. National and International coaches. Registration closes 29th March 2015, $125 for two days. Register at hoopsmart.com.au for more information call 0406488313 or email admin@hoopsmart.com.au