We have an increasing number of students arriving at school before our preferred time of 8.45 am. As the school enrolments have grown, a significant number of students are now entering classrooms before school. Kids being kids do talk, engage each other, sometimes become boisterous, ask questions and tell their teachers what has happened in their lives. This is especially true of the P–2 class and year 3–4 class.

Teachers arrive at school and prepare lessons for the day, complete administrative duties and a raft of other tasks. After consultation with School Council we have decided that students in the P–4 classes arriving at school before 8.45 am are not to enter classrooms. In most schools students are not allowed into classrooms before 9.00 am. Students will be allowed to enter classrooms at 8.45 am if they choose. Should the weather be cold or inclement the library will be opened. This is not generally a problem with the year 5–6 students who are more mature; they will be allowed into their classroom when they arrive at school.

We will review this in a few weeks time to see how it is working.

P – 2 Dakota Harris - For the huge improvement in her reading and writing.

3 – 4 Talarah Kerr - For taking responsibility to complete her homework and return it on time.

We have a Bunnings BBQ scheduled for Sunday 17th May. We will require parents to help on the day setting up, handling money, serving customers and cleaning up at the end of the day. We will have four shifts which would only require parents to stay for two hours.

We still require two helpers for the 8.30 am and one helper for the 2.30 pm shifts.

5 - 6 Tana Males - For excellent work in calculating fractions as a group.

The school will be conducting a Mother’s Day Stall on this Thursday 7th of May. Gifts range from $1.00 to $6.00, children can spend as little or as much as they would like them too. Please bring a plastic bag to school for the kids to take gifts home in. Classes will take turns coming into the stall and purchasing gifts, there are plenty and no one will miss out. This also gives the children experience in handling money.

Congratulations to the following students

Nakita Galea - 25 nights
Thomas Hodgson - 25 nights
Grace McLaughlin - 25 nights
Declan McLaughlin - 25 nights
Deegan Collins - 25 nights
Seth Harris - 50 nights
Dakota Harris - 50 nights

Congratulations to the following students

Ryan Brawn - Bronze certificate, 1180 points
The school will be supporting the Cancer Council’s ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ on Thursday 21st May from 10.30 am -11.30 am.

We would like as many parents, grandparent, friends, neighbours and people from the local community to attend. We intend to use the hall and have the biggest morning tea we can possibly muster. A ‘what to bring’ list and invitations you can give to others is included with the newsletter. See Meagan if you have any questions.

If attending, RSVP Meagan by 15th May.

Attached to the newsletter information regards dental care for children aged 0 - 12 at Sunbury Community Health.

We would like to schedule a working bee next Wednesday 13th May at 3.30 pm weather permitting. We need to sort out the pile of rubbish down near the kitchen and place it in bins. If we get enough people it shouldn’t take too long.

Scholastic Book Club

Thank you to all the families and friends of the school that purchased from Scholastics issue three of book club. With your purchases we have managed to get $149 of free picks that the teachers can use to buy new books and resources for the students.

Uniform & Grade 6 Jackets

I have been notified by the uniform supplier that part of our outstanding uniform order should be delivered as early as Monday next week. This will include Grade 6 Jackets. They are currently getting the polar fleece jacket order organised for us. Apologies to all families that have been patiently waiting their orders.

School Banking

Congratulations to Lauryn and Chloe B. for getting their Bronze certificate for 10 student banking deposits for the year.

Student reward items for Term 2 are the Invisible Ink Martian Pens and the Intergalactic Rocket. If you have earned 10 tokens, you can claim one of these great prizes! And don’t forget, by making 25 deposits or more in 2015 you will be automatically entered into the draw to win a trip to Disneyland in the USA! Student Banking is every Tuesday.

Contact information

Please ensure that you inform the school of any contact information that may have changed.

Conveyance allowance

The Term 1 conveyance allowance grant has arrived, can families please advise if you would like this money credited to your account for guitar or other fees. If you would like the money direct deposited into your bank account you will need to provide the office with your bank account information.

I can be contacted on duoba.kathryn.e@edumail.vic.gov.au or otherwise in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays.