DATES TO REMEMBER

STUDENT FREE DAYS
MONDAY 19TH MAY

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Friday 4th April
• End of Term
• Dismissal 2.30pm
• Casual Dress Day

TERM 2
Tuesday 22nd April
• First day of Term Two
• 9.00am Start

Monday 28th April
• Parliament House
  Excursion Grade 5/6

Thursday 1st May
• Whole School Photos

Thursday 22nd May
• Twilight School

Tuesday 24th June
• Parent Teacher
  Interviews.

One of the best things about being a parent of children under the age of 7 is that they consider you a comic genius! You don’t have to test your jokes on your friends to make your little ones laugh! They are the perfect audience for any stand-up comedian that needs a confidence boost!

However, things have suddenly turned a corner in my household where my jokes are having less of an impact and I’m seriously struggling for extra material! Fortunately for me, I’m still getting a laugh but lately after the giggle has finished both my daughters are providing feedback that has included, ‘Your jokes are lame dad!’ and ‘You’re awkward dad!’ Firstly, why are my daughters using words that are usually only used by children between the ages 14 to 17 years old and secondly, how does the use of the word ‘awkward’ even relate to my joking around ability! You can’t just use any word to let someone know they aren’t funny! It still has to make sense!

So what does this all mean? I know that the majority of my household jokes are textbook dad jokes, but I’m their only dad so it shouldn’t matter that I’m using someone else’s material! My dad was renowned for his terrible sense of humour! He did the big box with a brick inside present one year, and likes to revisit any joke that gets any type of laughter!

So I decided to explore this further with my daughters and asked them what ‘lame’ and ‘awkward’ both mean.

At the same time they replied with, we think it’s another way of saying boring!’ Ok, firstly, for your information (which is what I really wanted to say to both of them but didn’t) they aren’t another word for boring!

Secondly, (which I once again wanted to say to them but didn’t) you obviously don’t find my jokes boring because you both laughed at them! And thirdly...well...come on...boring! Surely they are slightly entertaining!

For those more experienced parents, is this what I have to look forward to as my daughters get older? Will I become the most unfunnest person in the world to my daughters? Is it a faze they go through and will they soon want to pay for my jokes?

Anyway, as I look forward to spending the next two weeks with them over the school holidays, I’m feeling slightly pressured about the fact that my daughters may analyze all my attempts at humour over the break! I might need to pick up a joke book for 6 and 8 year olds over the next couple of days just as a warm up to any comedy routine that I may decide to perform! Or else, it might be the holidays where I come to the realization that I am not funny at all and my jokes are just like my dad’s! If I come back from the holidays very flat then you will know that my audience at home has become tougher to please!

Before we head off for our family break I just want to remind everyone of some key events that will be occurring in term two. Please note that in term two we have a student free day and the Twilight School Day in the same week.
The school community was informed of both of these dates and events well in advance to support parents with organising alternative supervision arrangement for their children if required.

We understand that having these events in the same week isn’t ideal and thank you for your understanding.

Careful consideration went into the scheduling of both these events.

All in all the students are very excited about an evening school day and having families visiting them!

**Term Two key events and dates:**

- Whole school photos have been scheduled for Thursday 1st of May!
- Mothers’ Day breakfast on Friday 9th May at 8.00am! Keep the day free mums! Reminder that if mums can’t come along then dads’ or grandparents or aunts are most welcome to join us! The breakfast is more of a thank you to the people that care for us in our lives.
- Student Free Day on Monday 19th May - No school for students on this day as the teachers work together to begin preparation for reports.
- Twilight School Day on Thursday 22nd May. On this day school will start at 1.00pm and finish at 7.15pm. This will be a fantastic community event as the students have the opportunity to showcase their classrooms in action to their parents, grandparents and family friends! More information about the event will be sent home early in term two.
- Naplan tests for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will take place on Tuesday the 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday the 15th of May.
- Book Fair Dress up Day!
- Parent Teacher Meeting Tuesday 24th June.

**Parent Information Sessions in Term One**

Thank you to the parents that were able to attend our parent information sessions this term. This included the Prep Parent Morning and Evening Sessions that focused on supporting our new families with better understanding how we teach the students to read, write and become mathematicians. Thanks to our Literacy and Numeracy Coaches, Jacinta Goldie and Gail Liakoureas for organising the sessions. All up we had around 30 parents attend the sessions.

Thank you once again to Maddison’s (in Year One) mum Lisa for providing an information session for parents last week about ‘Health Lunchbox’ ideas.

Lots of positive feedback about the session!

Reminder that we are always looking for ideas from our school community about types of information sessions we can provide parents. Contact the school office if you’d like to make a recommendation.

**Sunny Bees and Sunny Bubs**

It has also been another busy term for the Sunny Bees, as they have not only achieved so much over the past ten weeks, but they have also instilled the help of a student gardening group! The parent Sunny Bees group provide regular updates in the Newsletter and are always looking out for new members!

The ‘Sunny Bubs’ have also had a successful term with more families taking the opportunity to utilize the school based playgroup! For any interested families please contact the office and they will pass you onto the Sunny Bubs coordinator Kylie.

**Secondary School**

Our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed time at our local secondary colleges in term one to support their transition at the conclusion of their primary school careers. We have received lots of positive feedback from both Sunshine College and Braybrook Secondary College about our students’ behaviour!

The students were also very impressed with both schools!

**Thank you Everyone!**

Finally thank you to everyone for a brilliant term! We enjoyed some great events that included our ‘Harmony Day’ flash mob and the Uplift Collective Disco! I’m excited that as a school community we are continuing to further look at ways of enhancing the strong positive and engaging learning environment that we have established! This is due to the amazing support and trust that we have from our families, and the amazing work and dedication from our staff! The students are our major priority and the positive working partnerships between home and school are essential!

Hope everyone has a fantastic holiday and I’m looking forward to another exciting term in two weeks’ time.

Alex Artavilla
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A Annie Qiu
B Hillary Phung
C Hamdi Mahamed

One:
A Salman Mussa
B

Two
1/2A Vincent Ly
2A Savahna Ferguson

Three:
A Kalam Supriatna
B Jaysee Calingacion

Four:
A Suia Wongchiu
B Desi Amiridis

Five:
A Cassandra Davidson
B Cameron Svendsen

Six:
A Ellie Evgeniadis
B Georgia Tsobanis

Sport: Celine Pantazopoulos
ICT: Hamse Qalib
Art: Lewis Zito-Ryan

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

SPORTS REPORTS

Interschool Sport

- Friday 4th April Away against Sunshine Harvester
Travelling by bus (Situated in Dukes Rd Sunshine).

Very big congratulations from all at Sunshine Height Primary School to Johann Stickland for winning the 50 metre backstroke and 50 metre breaststroke events at the Western Region swimming finals.

Johann did it in personal best times, once again reflecting our school values and highlighting Johann’s ability, dedication and determination!! He will now go onto the State Finals in April. Again we wish Johann all the best for a personally successful performance at the State finals.

In another great piece of sporting news Leo Hatzoglou from grade 5B along with some ex-students, (his brothers Max, Peter and teammate Jimmy Vu), were part of the Sunshine Heights Cricket clubs under 15 team that won the Western Cricket district grand Final. Well done to all of the boys on this terrific achievement!

AUSTRALIA POST MYPOST CONCESSION CARD

As of April 1st standard stamps went up in cost to 70 cents. Anyone holding a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card is entitled to register for a concession entitling you to 50 stamps a year at 60 cents each. Registration is done by filling in a simple form & showing your concession card. All those who register will also receive 5 free stamps in the mail along with the MyPost card.

Suzanne from Australia Post will be at SHPS office on Friday afternoon between 2 - 2.30pm with forms to save you having to go to a post office. If you would like to register come & see her with your current Health Care or Pension card.

More information is available at your local post office.
Instrumental Lessons at School

DID YOU KNOW THAT MUSIC:

- Develops mind, hand & eye co-ordination
- Enhances Listening Skills
- Improves Self Esteem & Is Fun!
Twilight School Organisational Details

Thursday 22nd of May 2014

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on Thursday 22nd of May 1:00pm – 7:15pm the students will have the opportunity to experience a 'Twilight' school day. On this day the students will arrive at school at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start with school finishing at 7:15pm.

Twilight School will give parents/carers/grandparents the opportunity to visit and enjoy their child's classrooms in action. We will also use this event to invite our kindergarten friends and families!

The school day times on our Twilight School Day will be as follows:

1:00 – 3:00pm  
Session 1 and 2

3:00 – 3:30pm  
RECESS

3:30 – 4:30pm  
Session 3

4:30 – 4:40pm  
Eating time

4:40 – 5:30pm  
OUTSIDE TIME (this may vary depending on the time that the sun will be setting)

5:30 – 7:15pm  
Session 4 and 5

Students will be expected to arrive at class/school at 12:45pm. At the end of the school day parents will be asked to pick their child up from the classroom. No child will be allowed to walk home from school – this is the same policy that applies for school concert nights. Parents will also be asked to inform the class teacher in writing prior to the day of alternative picking up arrangements (e.g. uncle/friend picking up student).

We are currently looking at the idea of pre-ordered meal arrangements for the students. More information regarding food arrangements will be provided in the coming months.

Parents/carers are encouraged to arrive at any time of the day for as long as they would like to stay. However, it will be important for parents to remember that it is a normal school day and that students will be expected to stay at school until the end of the day (unless they have after school sports/music session - the decision to attend the session is up to the parent/student – parents are encouraged to pick up their child from school at any time to attend the training session/lesson).

We have contacted 'World 4 Kids' and before care will be provided on the morning of the Twilight School Day from 6:45am – 8:45am. We are providing parents with extensive notice to allow them the opportunity to make arrangements prior to the start of the school day. Parents are asked to contact the school closer to the date if they are unable to make arrangements for their child/ren.

More details regarding the day are currently being finalised with staff to ensure it is a successful school event and will be shared with families weeks prior to the event.

Other important information:

- Police will be contacted to support at school crossings if official school crossing personnel are unable to man crossings before school starts – between 12:30 – 1:10pm.

- Staff members will man all school crossings (not just the ones around the school boundary) used by students before school starts. Crossings supervision will commence at 12:30pm. It would also be good to have parent volunteers assist with school crossings.

- A map of the school crossings that will be manned between 12:30pm and 1:10pm will be provided to all families.

- Parents will be required to sign in at the school office prior to visiting their child's classroom.

Twilight School will prove to be an exciting day for the students and the whole school community!

Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding 'Twilight School'