Dear Parents/Carers,

A major focus for the School Council Buildings and Grounds sub-committee over the past few years has been to enhance the appearance of the school while maintaining a focus on student learning and wellbeing. This has led to the completion of upgrading two of our school portables with one of them currently being used by a year five class. The portables are now looking brand new and have been painted to match the colour scheme of the new building. Over the next two months more specific areas of the school will be painted/repaired to further freshen up our environment, which is looking fantastic!

New additions to the school environment over the past two weeks also include a new outdoor seating area in between the gym and tennis courts! These new box seats, that also include umbrellas, have been paid for thanks to our 2013 fundraising efforts. The students have already had the opportunity to enjoy the area to catch up with friends and enjoy their lunch or snack!

But there is more...

Thanks to our amazing Arts team, the outdoor black boards have also been completed and are now ready for the students to use to create recess and lunchtime masterpieces! When you drop by the school please take the time to check out these amazing mosaic creations!

Between you and me, I also have a couple more exciting activities that the students will be able to enjoy during their breaks from the classroom! This is all very top secret! They will be based around the idea of ‘Pop Up Activities’!
As a staff and school community, we have a strong commitment to building and enhancing strong positive working partnerships with teachers and parents. A major aspect of this is to be open and transparent about what is happening in your child's classroom. A big part of this includes displaying the student's work on the walls outside the classroom. This has been a whole school commitment to ensure parents that are able to visit the school, can see what their children are learning about. The displays on the passageway walls constantly change and are removed at the end of each term to reflect the learning focus.

Teachers put a lot of time and effort into these displays which is why I like to continually encourage families to take the time to check out their child's class work. Something that we should all feel very proud of as a school community is that both parents and teachers look at the displays on the passage way walls without comparing students, as they are all working at their own level of ability, or making judgments that could be detrimental to a child's willingness to take risks as a learner. Often the work that is displayed in the passageway is work or learning in progress - students are taking good risks with their writing and spelling - they are using effective strategies and refining their skills. Things may not always be perfect but what the child has achieved and produced is evidence that they are becoming effective readers, writers and mathematicians! This is a true and authentic learning environment and worth celebrating! I hope parents have enjoyed the learning showcase!

One of the challenges with displaying work in the passageway and inviting parents/family members into the buildings during school hours are that at times the passageways are often quite full of people which is fantastic, however at times it has also made it difficult for the students to exit their classroom at the end of the day. Some students are also easily distracted.

We have developed a plan to ensure that we can continue to provide parents and families with the opportunity to visit the passageway showcase. Your support would be greatly appreciated. To ensure students are not distracted during class time, we would like to encourage families to come in and look at the passageway displays each day from 3:05pm. To ensure students are able to exit their classroom after the bell safely we would like all parents/family members to have exited the school buildings before 3:15pm to collect their child from their line up area.

It is important to note that for the safety and wellbeing of the students that you may consider viewing the work displayed in the passageway on another day if there are already a number of people in the passageway. To free up the passageway, if you have already had a chance to see the work on display that you wait outside to allow others to enjoy the experience.

Finally, to ensure that the viewing of the students work in the passageway is an enjoyable and relaxing experience, we ask that parents pick up their child after school outside at the class line up area.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this. This information has also been shared with staff to ensure that we are always looking for opportunities to invite parents to come in and look at the passageway displays. Staff have also been asked to ensure that the passageways are not too crowded and that the buildings are empty by 3:15pm. Most importantly, staff have also been asked to inform me if the students become too distracted from their class and learning.

Hope everyone has a fantastic week.
Alex Artavilla
Principal

BOOK PACK REMINDER

It would be greatly appreciated if families could please finalise their payments for their children’s book packs as soon as possible. Please contact the office if you have any queries or concerns.
2014 Events Planner

Please note:
- Events planner will be updated regularly
- Changes may occur

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**TERM 1 – 2014**
29th January – 4th April

- Monday 17th March Uplift Collective Disco
- Friday 21st March Harmony Day Excursion to Federation School
- Thursday 27th March - 5/6 Our Transition day to Braybrook SC. (Half day visit)
- Friday 28th March Out of Uniform Day – Donate an Easter Egg
- Friday 4th April Easter Raffle Drawn
- Friday 4th April End of Term – Dismissal 2.15pm  Casual Dress Day

**TERM 2 - 2014**
22nd April – 27th June

- Monday 28th April Parliament House Excursion Grade 5 & 6
- Thursday 1st May Whole School – School Photos
- Thursday 22nd May Twilight School 1.00pm – 7.15pm

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Presentations at Friday Assembly

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**CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE GREAT EFFORT!!**
SPOR TS TERM 1

Interschool Sports Term 1 2014

DATES:  
Friday the 14th of March home against Sunshine North  
Friday the 21st of March  TBA  
Friday the 4th of April away against Sunshine Harvester – Travelling by Bus  
(Situated in Dukes Rd, Sunshine)

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Some dates for your diary from the Fundraising Team.

Out of uniform Day - Donate an egg - Friday 28th March

Easter raffle draw: Thursday 4th April.
Twilight School Organisational Details
Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} of May 2014

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on \textbf{Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} 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.

\textit{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.

\textit{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’.
STUDENT GARDENING TEAM

Thanks to the Grade 5/6 students who helped us plant the last tree to go in the bird attracting garden near the staff carpark.

Also thanks to all the students who helped plant the indigenous plants that the council have given us, as part of the Green Genes program.

Have a look in the front of the school where the flags are to check their progress!

NEXT PROJECT

Landscaping the area in front of the portable classrooms and creating an outdoor classroom between the two.

what to plant this month:
- broccoli
- brussels sprouts
- onion
- peas

Our aim is to enhance the school grounds using sustainable plants and methods. Run by parents, we will help to reconnect the students with nature and become environmentally responsible.

Fridays 9-10 am. Meet outside the uniform shop, or if raining in Conference room A for a cuppa.
Lisa 0423 329 734 vinlisa@optusnet.com.au
Instrumental Lessons at School

**DID YOU KNOW THAT MUSIC:**
Develops mind, hand & eye co-ordination
Enhances Listening Skills
Improves Self Esteem & Is Fun!

"...to help young people discover that learning is not a destination, but a journey, an incredibly wonderful journey to be devoured, savoured and cherished."

- Peter Loel Boonshaft - Teaching Music with Purpose 2006

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674
Bicycle Security

Tens of thousands of bicycles are stolen each year, with almost half taken from around the home. Other popular locations for thefts include educational facilities and public transport areas. Most stolen bikes (80%), are unsecured when left unattended.

An unlocked bike is an invitation for a thief to take it.

To reduce the risk of your bike being stolen, you should:

- Always lock your bike, even at home (e.g. in the garage) and even if you are leaving it for a very short time.
- Lock it to a fixed, immovable object like a parking meter or permanent bike rack.
- Lock in a visible and well-lit area or if possible in a secure bike cage.
- Use a combination good quality D-lock and locking cable for optimal deterrence.
- Secure components and accessories, especially quick-release components such as wheels, with a secondary cable lock.
- Be able to identify your bike. Less than 10% of bikes reported stolen are recovered. Bikes can be returned to their owners if engraved with your license number (with initial V for Victoria before it) on the bike, usually underneath the bottom bracket where the pedals rotate on the frame.
- Ensure your bike is insured

Recommended method for locking your bike.

[Diagram of locking without wheel removal]

[Diagram of locking with removing front wheel]