Dear parents and carers,

School Council Update

Last night was the final meeting of the 2013 School Council, and the election of office bearers for the 2014 School Council. I want to use this opportunity to thank out-going School Council President Nick Hatzoglou for his contributions over the past 12 months. Nick is a strong advocate for the school and the community of Sunshine and will continue as a member of School Council for a further 12 months. Nick has been a very supportive and active School Council President. I'd also like to welcome and introduce our new School Council President Carol Maddern and School Council Vice President Kylie Barker. Carol has been a member of School Council for a number of years and has volunteered her time for such things as the fundraising team and gardening team. I'm looking forward to working closely with Carol to continue the work we have achieved as a school community over the past few years.

I would like to welcome and thank the following School Council members that have been successfully nominated as the convenors of the following subcommittees:

- Finance sub-committee convenor: Carlos Joaquim Rosado
- Out of Hours School Care sub-committee convenor: Tammie Bell
- Buildings and Grounds sub-committee convenor: George Anastiasadis
- Fundraising sub-committee convenor: Libby Montgomery

Please note that you do not need to be a member of School Council to become a member of a sub-committee. If you are interested in joining a sub-committee please contact the office and they can pass on your details to the convenor of the sub-committee.

Harmony Day 'trip to the city'!

Everyone is very excited about our trip to the city on Friday to celebrate Harmony Day and how well we get along as a school community! Reminder to parents to provide students with a small snack, roll on sunscreen, drink (disposable container would be preferable). Could these items be placed in a small plastic bag. Could parents also place the child's name on the bag. Also for the parents that are meeting us in the city to enjoy the experience please be mindful that although we have booked the square (area in front of the big screen) at federation square, we may need to perform at a different location if the area is too busy as the safety of the students is our major priority. I am very confident that we will be performing at the square! However you can track our movements by visiting our school website and following us on Twitter (hopefully with no technical difficulties)!! We hope to provide regular updates throughout the day. Also just to let everyone know we have organised the whole day to be filmed by a professional team. The film will be place on the school website!
Planning Week

Next week is planning week. During this week teams of teachers are released for a full day to work together to prepare learning focus and priorities for the students for next term. The specialist team will be releasing the students from their class.

Prep team: Monday
Year 5/6 team: Tuesday
Year 1/2 team: Wednesday
The 3/4 team will be planning together in the following week on Thursday 3rd of April.

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

| Student Free Days for 2014 | Monday 19th May  
|----------------------------| Monday 3rd November |

TERM 1 – 2014

29th January – 4th April

- Friday 21st March Harmony Day Excursion to Federation School
- Wednesday 26th March Uplift Collective Disco 1.40pm – 2.10pm
- Thursday 27th March - 5/6 Our Transition day to Braybrook SC.
- 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!!**

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Last year we again participated in the Earn & Learn programme run by Woolworths. The above picture shows the resources we were able to purchase using our points. The books have started to appear on the Library shelves and the papers will be used for some of our upcoming displays.

I just wanted to say a BIG thankyou to everyone who went shopping and kindly brought their stickers into us. We will be joining the Earn & Learn programme again this year and look forward to your support.
"The Uplift Collective Lunch Time Disco

Due to another school event involving the grade 5/6 students, the Uplift Collective's lunch time disco will move to lunch time on Wednesday 26th March between 1:40 and 2:10PM. All other details remain the same.

Location: Gym
Cost: $1 for entry only or $3 with entry, bag of popcorn and juice box
Details: music, beach balls, bubbles, graffiti wall and good vibes.

Please come have fun, connect with your fellow school mates and help us raise funds to put on more positive experiences for students.

Don't forget to return your form and money on time!"

SPORTS TERM 1

Interschool Sports Term 1 2014

DATES: Friday the 21st of March  TBA

Friday the 4th of April away against Sunshine Harvester – Travelling by Bus
(Situated in Dukes Rd, Sunshine)

A big congratulation to Johann Stickland who successfully competed at the District Swimming finals. Johann won the 50 metre Backstroke and 50 metre Breaststroke finals by substantial margins. He now goes onto the Regional Finals down at Kardinia Pool in Geelong. I’m sure your incredible talent, skill and determination will mean that you will always try your best and I’m sure I speak for the whole school when I wish you lots of luck!!

On a slightly disappointing but unavoidable note, due to our ‘Harmony Day’ commitments we have unfortunately had to cancel our Interschool Sports fixture against Our Lady’s Primary School on Friday the 21st of March, as we couldn’t find a suitable alternate date for both schools to play. This will not affect any of the positions of our teams as Our Lady’s Primary School also has had to forfeit a game throughout the season.

A huge well done to all the students who have participated so far this term in the Interschool Sports program, win lose or draw, all I get from other schools sports coordinators is great feedback on our behaviour, performance and courtesy!!! We still have a big game to look forward to against Harvester on Friday the 4th of April. GO SUNNY HEIGHTS!!

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.
Term 2 Tennis Coaching

Tennis Programs Victoria (TPV) is a leading deliverer in tennis coaching and is offering all interested children to come and join our Hot Shots Program at the Westside Indoor Sports Centre on the Cnr of Grieve Parade and Dohertys Rd Altona North. All programs are run indoors so there is no chance of washouts and with coaching now seven days a week, places are filling up fast. With all our programs, new enrolments will receive a free tennis racket and also a Hot Shots t-shirt. Programs are available for ages 4 and up and lessons are 30 to 60 minutes in duration depending on age and standard.

Please feel free to also come and have a trial lesson before making a commitment to join our popular classes.

For new term bookings or for your free trial please call Paul Mick on 0415 511 150, or email p.emick2011@gmail.com or feel to visit the TPV website tennisprogramsvictoria.com
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’.