Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new term at Sunshine Heights Primary School. The first term was very busy and it was fabulous to see how well the students settled into Grade 3/4. This term will be just as eventful with many exciting things planned for our students.

Our theme for the Term is ‘Smooth Moves’. In this unit students will explore different aspects of force and how forces affect not only their daily lives but the Earth as a whole. They will develop an understanding of how forces can be used to move objects. We have planned an exciting excursion to Scienceworks where students will participate in a program called ‘Blast Off’ where they will explore the concept of gravity in detail. Force is an engaging and thought-provoking topic, which provides students with encouragement to investigate how energy can produce forces, which in turn make things happen.

What we expect the students to learn in Reading:
Students will continue to develop reading comprehension through daily Independent reading and regular conferencing. The students will be reading a variety of memoir texts and develop an understanding of the features.

- Students will understand the text structures and features of a memoir by studying mentor texts
- Students will infer the authors feeling and message within a text
- Students will be able to summarise the main ideas in a memoir

What we expect the students to learn in Writing:
Students will continue to write entries in their Writer’s notebook. Students will write personal memoirs working through the different stages of writing.

- Students will be able to craft memoirs by recalling significant events in their lives
- When revising students will improve the quality of their text by adding sensory detail through tapping into their emotions and feelings
- Students will use a variety of words, phrases and sentences to link their ideas and make their writing flow

What we expect the students to learn in Mathematics:
The focus for term two in maths will be on place value, addition, subtraction, mass and 3D shapes. Students will:

- Add and subtract numbers using basic number facts and strategies including near doubles, adding 9, build to ten and fact families.
- Use formal vertical recording for addition and subtraction
- Measure, order and compare objects using familiar metric units of mass
- Identify and describe common 3D objects according to their features and investigate cross sections of 3D shapes
Important Dates:
- 13-15th May: Grade 3 Naplan Testing
- Monday 19th May: Report Writing Day—Student Free
- Thursday 22nd May: Twilight School (1.00pm-7.15pm)
- Tuesday 3rd June: Grade 3/4 Scienceworks Excursion
- Monday 9th June: Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 24th June: Parent Teacher Interviews
- Friday 27th June: Last day of Term 2 (2.30pm Dismissal)

Specialist lessons days:

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Other information:

Homework
Homework will be handed out each Monday and needs to be completed and returned on Friday. It is your child’s responsibility to ask their teacher during the week if they are unsure about their homework.

Home Reading
Students are expected to complete regular home reading. This will consist of approximately 20 minutes reading, 5 nights a week. Students should record their daily reading and we ask that you sign to acknowledge that your child has completed the required reading.

Absences
If your child is absent from school, a note explaining the absence is required.

Valuables
To avoid any problems please do not send valuable toys or other items to school.

Personal Belongings
Please label all personal items, especially school jumpers as they are an expensive item to replace if lost.

Please feel free to speak with your child’s classroom teacher if you have any concerns.
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