

NEWSLETTER

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2019 Thursday 18 July

KEY REMINDERS

Do you have a Prep starting school next year? Enrolments for 2020 are open. We are hoping all our current families enrol as soon as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Author Visit Grades 3–6

Felice Arena
15 August

Author Visit Grades P-2

Glenda Millar
14 August

Year 5/6 Camp information session in library

7 August
3:15-3:45

Year 5/6 Camp Doxa

21 - 23 August

Father's Day breakfast @Sunshine Social

Friday 30 August 7:30am

Principal
Alex Artavilla

School Council President
Gordon Mckenzie

School Supervision Times
8.45am - 9.00am
3.15pm - 3.30pm

'We are a child safe school and compliant with child safety standards. Child safety policies available on website.'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone!

It has been a chilly start to the term but a nice way to ease back into things. There are a few things happening this term which includes celebrating our first people through our Term 3 unit of work. For those that are lucky enough to be on drop off duty, you will have the chance throughout the term to hear some amazing live music as we celebrate and showcase Indigenous artist/musicians. Our resident DJ Mr Allardice is doing a great job putting together some great tunes which has already included Baker Boy, Thelma Plum and Electric Fields.

We also have a group of students that have been selected to represent Sunshine Heights PS at the 2019 Boite Millenium Schools Chorus on Thursday 8th August at the Melbourne Town Hall. This is a very special opportunity for the group of students as they will be singing with a mass choir of students from all over Melbourne in front of a major audience at the Melbourne Town Hall. The performance will be sung in an Aboriginal language and be led by Aboriginal performers. The students selected are part of the School Choir organised by Greg (our music teacher). Throughout Term 2 and 3 the students have been working with Mr Greg and two of our parents Virginia (Maya's mum) and Bridey (Anastasia's mum) to prepare for the event. The students will be performing for us at assembly before they head to the Melbourne Town Hall.

We have lots more celebrating, showcasing and learning to do in relation to our First People which makes for an exciting term!

This term we also have the Year 5 and 6 camp which will occur from the 21st - 23rd August as well as the Father's Day breakfast on Friday 30th August (not 6th Sept. as mentioned in previous newsletter) from 7:30am at the Sunshine Social.

Launching the Sunshine Social Special School Lunch partnership

A big thankyou to the School Council Canteen subcommittee and the many extra parent/staff helpers for exploring every possible food service option for the students. We are now ready to launch our partnership with Sunshine Social. Thank you to the Sunshine Social for putting together a special menu for the students and for delivering the food to the school.

Key information about the process for ordering:

- Families can only order from the Sunshine Social Special School Lunch menu which is available on the QuickCliq site at quickcliq.com.au.
- To order food, families need to register with QuickCliq at quickcliq.com.au – an information notice will be going home with the newsletter and will also be Flexi buzzed and placed on our website.
- You do not need to register if you have already done this during the period when True Soul Kitchen were running a food service on our school site – you just need to log in to the system.
- Although families will need to access Sunshine Heights PS on QuickCliq to make an order, Sunshine Social are the administrators for QuickCliq.

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- Any issues/questions would need to be directed to QuickCliq or the Sunshine Social.
- Sunshine Social are allowing families to make an order by 9am the same day.
- If you are already registered, please update your child's details to ensure correct class/room details.

Otherwise, you can officially start ordering from the Sunshine Social Special School Lunch Menu.

It has been a challenge to find a food service that would engage with the school due to us being a primary school of less than 450 students. We are fortunate that the Sunshine Social is willing to provide a food service option for the students. There may be teething issues to begin with, however we will be working closely with the Sunshine Social to support them during the initial stages. The School Council Canteen subcommittee will also continually monitor how things are going.

Speaking of food, my break was spent heading up north to visit my parents, and taking on some MasterChef challenges – while taking care of two sick daughters. I don't know about everyone else, but every time I get hooked on MasterChef, I actually think I am a contestant that has successfully made it to finals week. Not only have I made it to finals week, but I am also in the top three thinking about the theme of my new cook book. I wish my cooking skills matched my imagination!

The confidence and ambition created by watching this show encourages me to take on cooking challenges way beyond the level of my capability. It's like the night that they made Paella on the show with the world Paella making champion. Next day I was at the shops picking up some rice, saffron, prawns and chorizo. Why. Because the main advice provided by the world Paella making champion on how to make an amazing Paella was to control the heat. Simple. I have a shove top. It has knobs to control the heat. And I know the difference between hot, cold and warm. How could I not possibly put together the second tastiest Paella in the world!

Adding to my confidence was the fact that I have seen Paella being cooked at our school in the biggest pans in the world. Another major tip from the Paella world champion was to listen for the 'pops' which is the noise you hear that tells you that the crust on the bottom is being formed. I've eaten Coco Pops, this was definitely my type of food to cook.

So the two tips that were going to get me into the final two of MasterChef included controlling the heat and listening for pops. What I didn't realise was how to actually control the heat especially when the reason you are controlling the heat is so that you don't burn the bottom of the Paella which is the part of the dish that you can't see! The other challenge was in relation to the pop. I heard crackles but not specifically a pop. I'm confident with the sound of a pop but is a pop more like a crackle in Spain? Confusing. Well that's why it all started to go downhill. I was controlling the heat like a frustrated 3 year old trying to work out a new toy, and reacting to pops that sounded more like crackles. Let's just say that the bottom of the Paella was very dark. Very very dark. Ok, burnt to bits!

Welcome to Tahnee Curtain

As mentioned in the newsletter last term, Tahnee Curtain will be joining us as part of a Leadership program to learn more about the role of a Principal. Tahnee will be shadowing me over a 10 week period and become a member of the Leadership team. Please take the time to welcome Tahnee if you see her in the yard. I'm looking forward to working with Tahnee as she will also be working on a leadership project to enhance an aspect of our school.

What happened to the Footsteps program?

Usually this time of the year the students would be taking part in a 30 minute Footsteps dance program that they would showcase to families at the End of Year Concert. The Footsteps program is an external dance company that we have used to complement our Arts program in the absence of a Music program. At the end of 2018, I had a conversation with our Music teacher Greg Perkins about the End of Year performance and he was eager to lead this and organise class performances through his program which will be exciting and gives Greg the chance to further utilise his creative talents and skills.

Thanks again,
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Principal



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