

Newsletter

Thursday 22nd June 2017

Principal: Alex Artavilla
School Council President: Kylie Barker

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

Uniform Shop Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday
8.45am - 9.15am / 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Key reminders:

Parent Teacher Interviews 28th June. Codes to book a meeting online were sent home last week. Please contact the office if you require support.

Dates to remember 2017:

Term 2

Friday 23rd June
Reports sent home

Wednesday 28th June
Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 30th June
Last Day of Term 2.30pm finish

Term 3
Monday 17th July
First Day of Term 9.00 start

Term 4
Monday 6th November
Curriculum Day – No Student at School

Don't forget if you have a sibling to be enrolled for next year, can you please hand in your enrolment as soon as possible to help with planning


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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Cannot believe that we are heading into the last week of Term 2!

Just some key reminders...

- Parent Teacher meetings 28th of June from 1:00pm. Thank you for booking your time online. Reminder that students come to school as normal on this day. Leadership and specialist team will be supervising the students from 1:00pm to 3:15pm. Students to be released from school at normal location. If you want to collect your child early, please go to the office.
- Last day of Term 2 is the 30th of June. On this day, school finishes at 2:30pm. Assembly at 1:30pm. Reminder that last day of each term is a 'Casual Dress Day'.
- First day of Term 3 is the 17th of July.

Review Day

For me it has been a very busy term with so many exciting things happening in regards to setting up our new four-year learning plan. This has included:

- Reflecting on our learning journey over the past four years to identify what we are doing well and what we can improve. This has involved analysing endless data/evidence, having conversations with students, parents and staff – which will continue next term, and analysing surveys.
- Preparing a plan for our 'Review' in early Term Three. The 'review' occurs over one and a half days, and includes an external reviewer, departmental representative, two challenge partners from other schools, School Council President and up to 10 staff members (leadership team and team leaders).

The most exciting thing in regards to reviewing our previous plan, is the fact that the actions that we are taking to improve student learning are researched based practices. This means that we can move into our new plan by building on what we have already achieved and by going deeper with our work.

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Please note that I am still in the process of organising more parent discussion groups/forums in the coming months. I am also continually analysing and revisiting the feedback from the Big Survey. An example of the action that we are taking in regards to the feedback that we are receiving includes the work around supporting students working above the level. This is an area that we want to enhance, and after meeting with a number of parents recently during an evening forum, we will be scheduling an information session next term to share with all parents the strategies that are used in the classroom to further extend students in reading and writing.

Parent Teacher Interview survey responses

Thank you to all the parents/carers that were able to provide feedback for our Parent Teacher Meeting Survey. We had over 70 responses! Reminder that the purpose of the survey was to reflect on one of the ways that we build positive parent teacher partnerships, and communicate student-learning progress. The results of the survey reflect one of the challenges of a school Principal which is bringing together the diverse opinions of a school community.

General results from the survey included:

- The overwhelmingly preferred times of the year to have a parent/teacher meeting were Term 1 and Term 2.
- Of the people that answered the question about whether to have an information session at the beginning of the year 25 said YES and 36 said NO. Some of the comments in regards to this included:
 - Prefer a one to one meeting
 - Happy with the report at the beginning of each term of what the students will be learning about and key information
 - Teachers are very accessible

It would have been interesting to know how many parents/carers would like to have a parent teacher meeting every term, however I appreciate that everyone understands the reasons why this may not be possible. However, it is also important to note that there was feedback about how a number of parents do like the current structure we have in place.

2017 Book Packs

Book Pack Payments are now due.

Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated. If you require assistance, please see the office.

Thank you

Fundraising

Pop Up Book Store	\$4,757.88
Easter Raffle	\$ 928.00
Mother's Day	\$ 815.60

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Annual Report 2016

Reminder that the Annual Report is available on the school website:

www.sunshineheightsps.vic.edu.au

If you have any queries or would like to discuss anything about the report, please make a time to meet with Alex.

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It was also nice to hear that parents felt that they could approach teachers at any time of the year to discuss their child's progress.

We will be analysing the results and comments further as a staff to determine any changes or modifications to this process.

Cake Stall Thursday 29th of June

Also two of our students Edith in Year 4 and Georgia in Year 2 (with the help of their parents) would like to host a lunchtime 'cake stall' on Thursday 29th June to raise funds for the Friends of Kororoit Creek. Friends of Kororoit Creek do amazing work in the local community and are great supporters of the school. The funds raised will also contribute to buying seeds for the school's upcoming indigenous edible garden section.

So bring your spare change along - tasty treats for \$1 and \$2.

Any parents wishing to help out and bake - please contact Georgia's mum Jessica on 0449069962, or bring your baked goods along to the office in the morning on Thursday 29th. Please pop a label on the cakes with the ingredients.

Also on Thursday next week, I have organised an 'Olympic Obstacle Inflatable Course' for the students to enjoy for the day. The purpose of having the 'Olympic Obstacle Inflatable Course' was due to Mr Allardice successfully accepting our challenge to have his now wife wear a wedding dress on their wedding day that he designed at an assembly using random materials from the Art room. It is also to thank and congratulate the students for all their effort and hard work over the past 11 weeks. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their tracksuits on this day.

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Alex Artavilla
Principal

Student of the week:

Will be awarded at assembly

PREP

A Maya Nelson
B Logan Hua
C Catherine Lam

ONE

A Chloe Tran
B Reza Deghan
C Maha Adam
D Ethan Tran

TWO

A Callum Mifsud
B Elvis Vai
C

THREE

A Theo Vlachos
B Nuuese Tausi
3/4A TBA

FOUR

A Enan Omicevic
B Megan Duong

FIVE

A Makda Binyam
B Chrystal Ricardo

SIX

A TBA
B Alexis Montgomery

Multimedia: Alessandro Cadelli
Art: Vincent Ly
Sport: TBA
Spanish: Eli Rees
Science: Audrey Wintringham

**Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement**

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