

# Newsletter

Thursday 19th October 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:

**Spanish Fiesta Day  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Don't forget to order your  
Paella / Churros by Thursday  
26/10/17**

## Dates to remember 2017:

### Term 4

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup>  
October**  
Year 5/6 Camp

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Spanish Festival Day – Casual  
Dress Day

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
Curriculum Day – No Student at  
School

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
Be Yourself, Express Yourself, Love  
Yourself Day – Casual Dress Day

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Festive Concert / Art Show from  
5:45pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 6 Graduation Evening



Newsletter will be available  
online & will FlexiBuzzed  
each work

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

After 17 years as a staff member at Sunshine Heights Primary School, our Science teacher Julie Polini has made the difficult decision to resign from the Department of Education. Julie has had many personal challenges to deal with in 2017 with the recent passing of her mum. During my time at Sunshine Heights Primary School, Julie has taken on a number of roles and I have always been appreciative of her flexibility and willingness to take on any opportunity.

On behalf of the whole school community, I wanted to thank Julie for her contribution to the students of Sunshine Heights Primary School over 17 years and wish her all the best for the future. Julie is keen to visit us as a casual relief teacher in 2018.

Science classes for students in Years Prep and Year 3 to 6, will be taken by Dragan Gavrilovski who has been working with the school during Julie's absence. Please note that as a leadership team we looking at what will occur regarding the reporting of students in Science for Term 4.

### A glimpse of the warmer weather!

It was so nice to have a bit of warm weather over the past few days, although I would have preferred a gradual increase rather than temperatures going from 18 degrees to 30 degrees in one day! As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, I do like nice weather but struggle when the mercury moves beyond or into the high 20s.

It was great to hear so much positive feedback from the Year 3 and 4 students that headed off to camp last week! Hopefully we have beautiful weather for our Year 5 and 6 campers when they head off next week.

Speaking about heading off on excursions, the Prep students travelled together to the city to visit some amazing play spaces that could be considered by the School Council Buildings and Grounds team. This is part of their term four unit of work. I'm looking forward to hearing about their amazing adventure and ideas!

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### Student Reports

Last week a notice was sent home to invite parents to submit questions that they would like to ask their child's teacher for the Term 4 reports.

Thank you to the families that have returned these forms. Note we are hoping all forms are returned by the 1st of November 2017.

### Message from School Council Canteen subcommittee Feedback from Canteen Survey held in Term 3

Thank you to all the families who completed the Canteen Survey. A total of 103 families completed the survey, which was a fantastic response!

Results showed that 62% of families had one child at the school, with 33% having two children at school. The majority of families who completed the survey, had children in the junior end of the school (Prep – Grade 2) comprising 91% of respondents, with most of those being in Grade 1.

Most families stated they would use the canteen once a week (42%), and would spend on average \$5 per child per week. Nearly half the families preferred to use the canteen service for snacks and lunch, and approximately one third stated they would only use it for lunch. 17% would choose a meal deal. Consideration must be given for halal diets in a new menu. The majority of families are happy to use an online ordering and payment system.

The top three lunch items selected were

1. Rolls / sandwiches / wraps
2. Pastries (pies, sausage rolls, pasties)
3. Chicken strips

Sushi and pasta dishes were also popular items selected.

The top three snack items selected were

1. Popcorn
2. Fruit
3. Corn cobs and cookies / muffins

Other food items suggested by families included ice cream/icy poles (particularly for hot days), hot dogs, noodles, kebabs, smoothies or hot chocolate and generally healthy options.

General feedback received regarding the canteen service indicated that parents were keen to have a canteen in operation again. Comments ranged from requests to only provide healthy options to families not being concerned if the canteen sold 'junk' foods as they saw the canteen as a treat for their children (it is important to note with this that we also need to function within the Departments Healthy Eating Guidelines). A few suggestions were made about having seasonal items available, and that the canteen provided an alternative for parents to provide lunch for their children. One suggestion was for the canteen to provide dinner meals for busy parents that could be pre ordered.

Thank you once again for your feedback. The Canteen subcommittee will use this information when discussing our



### Message from School Council Policy subcommittee Homework policy

Our homework policy is up for review and we invite our parents/careers, students, Principal team, teachers and school council to provide valuable input into the development of the Policy.

Homework is an opportunity for you to help and be involved in your child's learning. It reinforces what they learn at school and encourages them to maintain lifelong study habits.

Please note that parents can access our current policy on our school website.

Alex Artavilla  
Principal  
Sunshine Heights Primary School

### Prep Transition dates:

- ⬇ Session 1: Thursday 16th November 9:30-11:00am
- ⬇ Session 2: Thursday 23rd November 9:30-11:00am
- ⬇ Session 3: Thursday 30th November 9:30-11:00am

**First Day of School for 2018 Students  
Students in Year 1 to Year 6 - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>  
February 2018.**

**2018 Prep students will be - Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
February 2018.**

**Our final curriculum day for the year will be  
on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2018.**



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**Fundraising**

<b>Pop Up Book Store</b>	<b>\$4,757.88</b>
<b>Easter Raffle</b>	<b>\$ 928.00</b>
<b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>\$ 815.60</b>
<b>Father's Day Badges</b>	<b>\$ 182.00</b>

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**Instrumental Lessons at School**



**Did you know that Music:**

- Develops mind hand & eye co-ordination
- Enhances listening skills
- Improves self esteem

**Is fun!**

**Lessons starting from \$14.00**

5% discount to parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.

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

**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**

**Student of the week:**  
To be Presented this Week

**ONE**  
C Azariah Petros  
D Ibrahim Mohamad

**THREE**  
A Benjamin Nguyen  
B Rayden Belmont-Wickliffe

**FOUR**  
A Christian Birbilis

**SIX**  
A Bella Mare  
Janet Ireland  
B Daniel Stone  
Alexis Montgomery

Congratulations Everyone  
Great Achievement!



## DID YOU KNOW..?

-We have **a Spanish Graduate student** coming to our school to undertake her Practicum. Her name is **Gema** and she is from Jaén, South Spain. She loves going to the beach and travelling. She will be with us next week, week 3 of term 4. We are looking forward to having her in our **clase de Español!**

Here is a picture of Gema, say **hola** when you see her around:



**Don't forget to hand in your food order form for your CHURROS and PAELLA!**

### SPANISH FIESTA DAY

**AT SUNSHINE HEIGHTS P.S.**

**Join us at Sunshine Heights on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November to celebrate our SPANISH DAY, with a Mexican theme.**

**There will be music, dancing, cooking, craft, soccer and some delicious food.**

**All parents and carers welcome!**

**Please come and enjoy a day full of Spanish activities.**

A poster for Spanish Fiesta Day at Sunshine Heights P.S. on the 3rd of November. The poster features colorful Mexican decorations, including paper lanterns (papel picado) and a sombrero. There are also illustrations of a piñata, a soccer ball, and a plate of food. The text is in a bold, festive font.