PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm on Friday next week!

Those parenting moments...well...sort of...

I’d like to begin the newsletter this week by thanking all the dads, grandparents and mums that were able to join us for the Fathers’ Day breakfast last week! It was a fantastic turnout!

All day Saturday last week my daughters were extremely excited about Fathers’ Day! They monitored my movements in the house closely from the Thursday before to make sure that I didn’t stumble on the presents they had bought for me from their school’s Fathers’ Day stall! Every time I left the lounge room they chased me down with cries of ‘Where are you going?’

However the most intriguing thing about Fathers’ Day this year was the fact that my daughters announced to me before the day that they had bought me presents that I ‘needed’ not that ‘I wanted’. You see, I don’t have a problem with my daughters buying things for me that I need but the way they had said it sounded as if they were buying me something that I didn’t think I needed but something that the family think I needed. Not sure if this sounds confusing to you but I do see a difference between what I need and what others think I need! You see, I don’t have a problem with my daughters buying things for me that I need but the way they had said it sounded as if they were buying me something that I didn’t think I needed but something that the family think I needed. Not sure if this sounds confusing to you but I do see a difference between what I need and what others think I need! If someone thinks you need something that you don’t think you need then this usually implies that you have a fault that you are not willing to fix.

So I asked my daughters if they bought something that I think I need or something that they think I need. They turned to each other and smiled. That’s it! Just a smile and then they both just walked away! What was going on here?

I couldn’t sleep on the eve of Fathers’ Day wondering what was this thing that I so desperately needed! Was it a 12 pack of deodorant? Was it a new outfit? Was it a voucher to a parenting expert? I couldn’t even talk to my wife about this just in case she noticed more things that I needed! Is this what life is like as a dad? Or was I just overreacting?

Anyway the morning of Fathers’ Day arrived and I nearly woke my daughters up early asking for my gifts! I needed closure on this! I needed to know what it was my daughters believed I needed but I didn’t really know if I actually needed it! What happens if when I open their gifts that I agree with what they think I need but I didn’t realize it until they visited a primary school Fathers’ Day stall! How devastating!

Fortunately, as soon as the girls woke up they came running excitedly into our room with presents in hand. I had no patience for a kiss or for reading the card. I just tore open the presents while my wife looked on disgusted.

Ignoring her frowns of disappointments, I made light work of the child wrapped gifts and sat in my bed confused staring at three gifts that my daughters believed I didn’t really want but ‘needed’. 
This included ‘a pen’, ‘a traveler’s mug’ and ‘a card holder’. What could this possible mean? What were they trying to tell me? Yes every item included the comments ‘the best dad in the world’ but how were these three gifts connected?

Then it suddenly all clicked! They thought my handwriting was terrible and that I needed to practice everywhere with a new pen (which is why I needed the travelling mug!). As with the cardholder I’m sure they just had money left over and it was all they could afford! Don’t know how else to explain it!

Anyway hope everywhere had a fantastic Fathers’ Day!

Naplan test 2014

On Tuesday 2nd of September 2014, schools across the nation received their results for the Year 3 and Year 5 Naplan test which was completed by the students in May.

Individual Naplan reports were sent home with the students that completed the assessment in Year 3 and 5 this week. This included an information form on how to interpret the test details.

Naplan is one form of assessment that provides information about the learning developments of the students. As a school we use the results and information to identify what the students do well and areas they have difficulty with compared to other schools. It is important to note that the Naplan test provides valuable information but also has many limitations. This is why schools need to be careful to not just use Naplan results as an indicator of success. It is one test completed in 45 minutes on one day of the year.

Based on the 2014 Naplan data we should be very proud of what the students achieved in the test as it highlights the amazing work that is happening across the school.

This is a huge congratulation and celebration for the whole school community as we have set high expectations for our students and they are working hard to become excellent readers, writers, spellers and mathematicians. It is an amazing team effort from the coaches to the team leaders to the teachers to the parents to school council in building a high performing school for the community of Sunshine.

If parents have any questions regarding their child’s Naplan please feel free to make a time to catch up with your child’s teacher.

Last week of Term Three

Reminder that next week is the final week of Term Three. Just some big reminders:

- Whole School Sports Day is on Wednesday 17th of September. Students are encouraged to come dressed in their house colour. Parents are more than welcome to come along!
- Footy Colours Day – Thursday 18th of September – students to come dressed in their favorite footy colours or school uniform.
- Final day of Term Three – Casual Dress day – gold coin donation - assembly held at 1:40pm and school finishes at 2:30pm.

Alex Artavilla
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - EMA

As of January 2015 the current government will not be providing parents with EMA. This will mean all families will have to pay for their child’s book pack at the start of the school year.

If you require any further information please contact the office.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Annie Qiu
B  Anni Nguyen
C  Benjamin Ngu

One:
A  Sein Lay
B  Lana Schulz

Two
1/2A  Christian Birbilis
2A  Chrystal Ricardo

Three:
A  Eh Doe Htoo Shay
B  Tong Jian Zhang

Four:
A  Vanessa Le
B  Iman Hakimi

Five:
A  Ibrahim Awad
B  Elena Suprihartono

Six:
A  Yasmin Tran
B  Emily Galle

Sport:  Manh Tran
Art:  Dimitra Halkidis
ICT:  Chan Uthumo

[ Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

PE Report

Congratulations to  WMR Division Athletics representatives!!

Sunshine Heights Primary School would like to congratulate all of the students that qualified and represented the Sunshine District at the Western Metropolitan Region Division of Athletics Finals. Suia Wongchiu, Athena Evgeniadis, Marama Reneti, Raiqui Santiago ran in the 4 x 100 metre relay with Suia also representing the region in the under 10-200 metres sprint and Marama in the under 10 Discus. Alexander Hatzoglu in the under 10-1500 metres and Aleksandar Nikolic in the under 10-70 metre hurdles will both be able to contest the same events in the same age group next year should they qualify! Cameron Svendsen and Leo Hatzoglou both ran in the under 11-1500 metres with Leo participating in the Long Jump as well. Last but not least Eze contested the under 11 High jump event. All of the students did themselves, their district and their school very proud. It’s great to see the talent that the school has competing at regional level and is a great reward for all their hard work! Please congratulate them if you see them in the yard. Well done to all of you!!

Intensive Swimming reminder for Thursday the 18th of September

Hello again to all parents of swimmers in the Intensive Swimming Program. This is just a friendly reminder that Thursday the 18th of September is the second scheduled Thursday session for swimming this term. This is because Friday the 19th of September is the Final day of term 3. As per the first Thursday session all leaving and return times will remain the same as for Fridays, as do lunch order procedures. Please make sure your child has their bathers under their clothes as per usual. A reminder note will be sent out early next week.

Sports Day Wednesday the 17th of September

Hi everyone, just another friendly reminder to parents that Sunshine Heights Primary School is having a Sports Fun Day on Wednesday the 17th of September. Students will be participating in events such as Long jump, sprinting, fun relays and many more fun athletics and speciality events. Parents are invited to come and support all our wonderful students and enjoy a nice day out. Please remember to put it in your diaries for a great day out!

Cheers
Leo Damnics
(Sports Coordinator)
FUNDRAISING NEWS

Easter Raffle $1,135.00
Mothers’ Day Stall $578.26
Fathers’ Day Stall $TBA
TOTAL $1,713.26

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Did you know that Music:
Develops mind, hand & eye co ordination
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Improves self esteem
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Lessons starting from $14.05% 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.