PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Photos

Just letting everyone know that the photographers have informed us that due to a printing issue with all schools, photos will be arriving in the last week of term. The company has apologised for the delay.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Reminder to everyone that Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 24th of June. The first interviews will be held at 1:00pm in your child’s classroom. To release the teachers from the class and to fit all meetings into the scheduled time, after lunch on the day of the interviews the students will gather in the Multipurpose Room or Library for a ‘Movie Afternoon!’ The leadership team and specialist staff will supervise the students. At the end of the school day at 3:15pm the students in Years 3-6 will be released from the Multipurpose Room. The students in Year Prep-2 will be released from the Library. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could wait for their child at their line up area. If you need to collect your child early from school don’t forget that they need to be signed out at the office.

The movies that will be selected for the students to watch will be an appropriate PG or G rated movie. If you have any concerns about your child watching a (PG) rated movie could you please let your child’s teacher know in writing as soon as possible.

2014 Specialist Reports

Reminder also that student reports will be sent home next week on Friday 20th of June with your child.

One of the suggestions from ‘Our Big School Survey’ last year was to enhance the way in which we communicate student-learning developments in the specialist programs (this includes Art, Physical Education and Computers).

As part of the June reporting process the specialist team will be providing more personalized, transparent and comprehensive student reports to give parents a better understanding of where their child is at and what they need to work on next. This will be presented in the form of a short portfolio. It also gives parents an idea of the Department of Education’s expectations in regards to student learning in Art, Computers and Physical Education. This includes the key Essential Skills at a student’s grade level, at the level below and the level above. It is important to note that this is a work in progress and we have already decided on what we will do in December to further enhance how we report student progress in our specialist programs.

The new specialist report format also includes two formal conference notes that a teacher has had with a student over the past six months about their learning, and two student reflections. It is important to note that the teacher and student have many conversations informally about their learning throughout the year. However, we wanted to document two of these conversations to share with the parents.
At the top of the conference notes/student reflection section is a box where parents are able to write about how their child explores/uses Art, Physical Education or Computers at home. At the bottom of the conference/student reflection section are notes for a general parent comment. When you receive your child’s specialist report please take the time to complete both areas.

We also want to give parents the opportunity to tell their child’s specialist teacher more about what their child can do at home in regards to the Essential Learnings. If you have time please tick in the (P) column for parents, what you confidently believe your child can do for each Essential Learning. This will give teachers a more in-depth understanding of the things that they may not notice about your child in the classroom. It also gives teachers the opportunity to clarify and further explore the meaning and understandings behind certain Essential Learnings. This will ensure that there is a shared understanding between the teacher and parents about learning expectations. Parents may also request a parent teacher meeting with a specialist teacher for further clarification.

Any feedback regarding the new specialist reporting process would be greatly appreciated as we are continually looking at ways of enhancing the way we communicate student learning to parents.

It is important to note that your child's report will still include an A, B, C, D or E for their specialist development. The teacher uses the Essential Learnings to make this judgment.

Finally, most importantly we would like all students to return their specialist report/portfolio by the end of the first week in term three.

Language Education Program 2015

Just an update regarding the Language program that we will be offering in 2015. Thank you to the families that have returned the survey. I have received a lot of valuable feedback from all members of the community. I’ve taken the time to talk to our local secondary schools and other primary schools about other things that we need to think about when providing a Language program. A common suggestion from other schools is that we strongly consider the quality of teacher that we can employ to ensure that the program offered engages the students. Based on experiences of a number of other schools the availability of quality teachers is dependent on the language offered. Reminder that at this particular point this program will commence with Preps only in 2015.

Planning Week

Next week teachers will be released from their classroom role to work together for a full day with members of their team to prepare the learning program for term three. Below is the day that your child’s year level will be involved in the planning day:

Monday 16th: Prep team
Tuesday 17th: Year 1/2 team
Wednesday 18th: Year 5/6 team
Thursday 19th: Year 3/4 team

Alex Artavilla
Principal
NEWSLETTER

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly
Prep:
A  Matt Nsengiyumva
B  Amen Uthum
C  Amen Binyam
One:
A  Jett Purton
B  Ethan Pham
Two
1/2A  An Nguyen
2A  Lalita King
Three:
A  Christopher Cao
B  Yianna Lascaris
Four:
A  Jamie Kurufher
B  Jackie Tran
Five:
A  
B  Francisca Do Rosario Aleixo
Six:
A  Thu Nguyen
B  Celine Pantazopoulos
Sport: Yianna Lascaris
ICT: Benjamin Cao
Art: Christopher Cao

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

FUNDRAISING NEWS

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Intensive Swimming Program Information 2014

Just a brief reminder that final payments for the intensive swimming program are due on Monday 16th June.

Interschool Fixtures Second Term 2014

Interschool Sport fixture for Term 2. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries regarding venues etc. Students for away games will leave at approximately 9.10 and will return to school at approximately 11.00 am.

Friday the 13th of June away against St Paul’s PS (Walking)
Friday the 20th of June home against Our Lady’s PS

Cheers Leo Damnics
(Sports Coordinator)

Book Fair

Could I just give a big huge ENORMOUS thankyou to everyone who helped make this year’s Book Fair our best yet!

With your help we made profit of $1084, which will be used to buy new books for the Library.

Also, a great, big thanks to everyone who took part in our “Walk Like an Egyptian” day. It was a spectacular success and some of the costumes were truly amazing. Thanks to the staff who took time out at a very busy time of year to enjoy the fun and to you the parents who always get into the spirit of our wacky dress up days.

I am really looking forward to next year; don’t know what the theme is yet but I’m sure it’ll be great.

Thanks again,
Brenda Ransome
Library Technician
NO JOB TO BIG OR TO SMALL:
PAINTING, GARDENING, FIXING
GIVE JOHN A CALL!

Is your child going to Kindergarten in 2015?

South Sunshine Kindergarten is in a quiet street, with an attractive playroom and a lovely natural garden setting. With a warm, caring atmosphere, our kindergarten provides a learning link between the home environment and the formal years of school.

Enrol now! Places are still available in our three & four-year-old programs for 2015.

South Sunshine Kindergarten
Ardoyne Street, SUNSHINE
9311 4348

Director: Ms Natalie Thorpe
Instrumental Lessons at School

Did you know that Music:

- Develops mind, hand & eye coordination
- 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.