Learning For Life

Principal: Alex Artavilla
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Reminders:

Next week we have the ‘Film Festival’ and the ‘Writers Festival’!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The ‘Film Festival’ will be held from Monday 16th of November and will be an opportunity for the 5/6 multimedia students to share the documentaries that they have created about a social issue that is important to them. Viewing sessions of the documentaries will be held throughout the week from 8:45am to 9:15am, and 2:45pm to 3:15pm. Parents are more than welcome to come along to see what the students have produced!

The ‘Writers Festival’ will commence on Tuesday 17th of November. Our student ‘Writers group’ will be running writing activities for the students at lunchtime throughout the week! This will include things such as Postcard Writing, Creative Writers Journaling and Side Walk Poetry! On Friday 20th of November to conclude the festival, the students will have the chance to participate in a question and answer panel with visiting guest writers! This is a chance for the students to learn about the joys and challenges of writing!

Don’t forget to also encourage your child to enter the writing competition!

Preparing for 2016

This week we welcomed our 2016 Prep students and families for the first session to support their transition into Primary school life at Sunshine Heights! The purpose of these sessions is to prepare our newest students and families for next year and to assist the teachers in setting up classes. Next year we will once again have 4 Prep classes as our whole school enrolments increase to a predicted number of 410 students. The increased interest from families of our school is a credit to the amazing work of every member of the school community.

Beginning primary school is an exciting adventure not only for the students but also the parents and grandparents! I love the fact that so many ‘experienced’ families at our school take the time to make others feel welcome and to introduce themselves. It is a new experience for a number of our 2016 prep students and families and I am looking forward to having them join us next year!

For my daughters, tennis has become the new learning experience! It is something that I am very excited about as I had the opportunity to grow up next door to the best tennis courts in the world — well, maybe not as good as Wimbledon! Unlike the courts you usually find in the ‘city’, the tennis courts in Cobram were grass! To play on them you didn’t need to hunt far and wide, the gate was always open and there were 16 courts to choose from! However, if you didn’t pay your membership, Arthur who lived next to the courts would pop his head over the fence and remind you!

However, my brothers and I didn’t learn to play tennis just by having hits on the pristine lawns of the Cobram Tennis Club. No, our main practice sessions in fine-tuning our skills occurred in the backyard against our ‘brick’ house! Of course it wasn’t something that my dad was too pleased about as he usually enjoyed spending time after work relaxing in the space of the house (which some would call the dining room) that was on the other side of the ‘brick’ wall. I wasn’t sure mum was too happy either as there was a window in
very close proximity to the space of the wall that we used to hit the balls against.

As a kid, I couldn’t believe what my parents were thinking! First they put a vegetable garden next to our backyard cricket/soccer pitch! Then they complained when a ball went flying into the tomato plants! Then they built a tennis rebound wall against the main sitting room of the house! Surely that is where they should of put the laundry! Who cares that when visitors arrive they would have to walk through the laundry first! At least they knew you were clean! Seriously, not much thought went into the tennis rebound wall! Not only was it badly located but the ground where the ball rebounded to was just a footpath! Can you believe it! They built a sensational rebound wall and then they forgot to create a better surface on the ground! You had to be Roger Federer just to keep the ball in play! Luckily my eldest brother grabbed some brown masking tape and created a square target for us so that we learned to deal with it! Worst of all was the location of the clothesline which nearly caused serious damage to our racquets whenever we were required to hit a backhand!

Anyway, for those thinking of building a new house or just renovating the back yard, you have to consider these things so that you don’t make the same mistakes as my parents!

With my daughters, we are so far 3 weeks into their new hobby! They are both really enjoying it and attend hotshot sessions every Saturday morning. The challenge for me is trying to remind my youngest daughter that you can’t just pick up a racquet and expect to be ranked in the top 100! We go through the same thing each time she learns something new!

Looking forward to having our 2016 Prep students and families join us for the second transition session next week!

Have a great weekend,

Alex Artavilla
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Atong Deng
B  Maverick Ivanoski
C  Callum Mifsud
D  Ruby Cuffe

One:
A  Ziad Tutakhil
B  Bella Prenga
   Nuuese Tausi

Two
1/2A  Mallak Dib
2A  Anisa Gjoni
2B  Wiley Major-Kennedy

Three:
A  Allystar Talagi-Monomai
B  Sihaam Mahamed

Four:
A  Rose Lam
B  Salma El Mejdaoui

Five:
A  Hanide Hasanoglu
B  TBA

Six:
A  Kowsar Ali
B  TBA

Multimedia:  Cassandra Davidson
Sport:  TBA
Spanish:  Tyler Medved
Art:  Tiffany Oldfield

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

Year 6 Carnival Day

Dear School Community,

We would like to inform you about the Grade 6 Team holding a carnival for the whole school! It will be held on Thursday 17th December at 11:30am-1:30pm at Sunshine Heights Primary School for the students. The carnival will include jumping castles, rides and ‘The Foodies’ food group will be serving hot popcorn, fairy floss and snow cones. All money raised will go to the school and the Grade 6’s Graduation.

Grade 6 Team  
(Written by Jade Lennie and Ben Luong)
Planning for 2016

Students leaving Sunshine Heights PS in 2016

Effective planning for 2016 is reliant on ensuring that we have accurate projected student enrolment numbers.

To support us with finalising our plans and employing the correct number of staff for 2016, if you know that your child will **NOT** be attending Sunshine Heights Primary School next year could you please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office as soon as possible. We do understand that family circumstances will change from time to time and as such children need to move schools.

(Nota we do not need notification from our current year 6 students).

Please detach and return to office

Plans for 2016

My child/ren …………………………………………………… of Year ………………………… will not be returning to Sunshine Heights Primary School in 2015.

At this stage I anticipate they will be attending: ………………………………………….. Primary School.

Signed: ………………………………..          Date:

Print Name: ………………………………………………………………………………

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- Photo with Harry
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the 2015
Sunshine Heights Primary School
Writing Competition
as part of the SHPS Writers' Festival
4 Categories: Preps, Grade 1 & 2, Grade 3 & 4 and Grade 5/6
ANY GENRE
Prizes to be won
WRITE CLOSE: 27/11/15

The Writers' Group presents the
SHPS Writers' Festival
Tuesday 17th to Friday 20th November 2015
with writers Sue Krestynski, Meg Dunley
Matt Scull & David Haslip
Featuring:
• Author Visits
• Writing Workshops
• Student Writing Competition
• Lunch time Writing Games & Activities
THE 2015
SUNSHINE HEIGHTS PS
FILM FESTIVAL

This year, the 5/6 multimedia students have invested lots of time, research, energy, passion and skill into creating documentaries on social issues and becoming budding filmmakers.

They’ve researched, planned, interviewed, acted, filmed, edited and made music soundtracks to create wonderful documentaries on issues they were passionate about.

We wanted to showcase these to the school community in our very own film festival.

Throughout week 7, beginning Monday 16th November, the caged space outside the old art room (Ms G’s class) will be transformed into an enticing theatre space with beanbags tent and projector to showcase their films.

Students have invested equal passion into planning the festival. They’ve used multimedia tools and project planning skills to design flyers, posters, tickets and film programs, viewing schedules and job tasks for students at the festival.

We warmly welcome all families to pop in and watch the films. Students will be selling tickets at the gate for a gold coin donation and handing out free programs.

SCREENING TIMES

Monday 16/11 - Grade 5A will showcase documentaries between 8:45-9:15AM and 2:45-3:15PM
Tuesday 17/11 - Grade 5B will showcase documentaries between 8:45-9:15AM and 2:45-3:15PM
Wednesday 19/11 - Grade 6A will showcase documentaries between 8:45-9:15AM and 2:45-3:15PM
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Thursday 20/11 - Grade 6B will showcase their remaining documentaries between 8:45-9:15AM and 2:45-3:15PM
Friday 21/11 - Grade 6A will showcase their remaining documentaries between 8:45-9:15AM and 2:45-3:15PM