Principal’s Report

Whole School Sports Day tomorrow!
Hope you are able to come along and join us! We are kicking things off with a whole school assembly in the gym from 9:10am with the first event being held at 9:30am. The sports day will be held at the school.

The things we do before life gets too serious!

Kids being kids...
One of the things that I love most about Sunshine Heights is that we have fantastic students that do their best to care about themselves and others. However, we would be kidding ourselves if we expected every student to be perfect every second of the day.

As I’ve mentioned in a previous newsletter, visitors to our school always leave saying how respectful the students are at the school. Even Jeff who spent four weeks with us learning about the role of the Principal said that we need to be proud of the culture we have created. After joining me in taking a future parent for a tour of the school, Jeff commented at the end of the tour on how every classroom we visited (which was all of them), the students were focused and engaged, and the teacher was doing the right work.

I love the fact that we have so many characters at the school! The students know when to have fun and they know when to be serious. They do their absolute best to positively contribute to making Sunshine Heights Primary School an even better place to learn and play.

People outside of the school ask me about the types of behavior problems we need to manage at the school. I’m not sure whether they believe me when I say that we have virtually no problems! Of course, there are times when students may have a dispute about something in the yard or with a friend, or they need to be reminded about how to be a better learner.

But they are respectful even during these moments.

The students need to know that things will not always go their way in life! They will be challenged. How they respond to the challenges is what makes the difference – this is something that we focus on as a school.

Kids will be kids and in my role every once in a while I do come across incidents that make me wonder about a choice that was made. But, if I didn’t expect it I would need to seriously question my decision to work in a school! However, the culture we have established has ensured that these incidents are very rare and non-threatening to the safety/well-being of others.

Last week, I experienced one of these moments when one of the year one students came by the office during the recess break and proudly handed me the handle of a tap – which was a little bit wet.

The boy just looked at me and after a few seconds said, ‘I found this Mr. Artavilla.’
I responded with, ‘Thanks. Where did you find it?’

The boy: ‘In the toilet.’

Me, while I’m holding the wet tap handle in my hand: ‘Was it in the sink?’

The boy: ‘No. It was in the toilet’

Me: ‘What, the actual toilet?’

The boy: ‘Yes, the toilet.’

Me: ‘You mean in the toilet area. Like the floor?’

The boy: ‘No. In the toilet’

Me: ‘In the, in the toilet? Like the water bit’ (yes I did say ‘in the’ twice)

The boy: ‘Yep’

I looked at the tap and I looked at my hand. I focused on the fact that they were both touching and all I could think of was what
the poor tap handle had endured while waiting at the bottom of a toilet bowl to be saved. Then I started thinking about the fact that the tap handle was now sharing the experience with my hand. Then I started thinking about how many boys we have at the school and how many of them would have used the toilet with the tap handle at the bottom of the bowl – that was now sitting in my hand. Then I thought about how it was saved! (Yes! I know! It should have been my first thought! But I’ve never held a tap handle that has been soaked in body waste!

Me: ‘How did you get it out?’

The boy: ‘With a stick’.

Relief for me! All I could imagine was the boy reaching for the tap handle with his bare hand and raising his fist in the air in triumph while liquid from the bowl splattered all over him and into his eye, while his friends carried him out of the toilet chanting his name!

NOTE TO SELF: Remind students at the next assembly to see me first before removing items from the toilet bowl.

Me: ‘Ok. Thank you for this. I was wondering why it was wet. Let’s go wash our hands’.

This was my first ‘tap handle at the bottom of the bowl’ experience ever! After a bit of an investigation, I did find out how the tap handle ended up at the bottom of the bowl.

Teacher Leadership/Development Programs
Allowing the staff the opportunity to develop their leadership skills is something that I am passionate about. As with previous years, we have a number of staff involved in programs in 2015. This includes:

- Sally Fowler and Fluer Lacey who were involved in a program that focused on enhancing their understanding of the classroom instructions that have the greatest impact on student learning. They will then support staff. This was a four-day program.
- Khalad Karim, Francine Sculli and Sonia Papadopolous who are taking part in a 6-day Leadership Program. Day 3 and 4 of the program was held on Monday and Tuesday this week.
- Pierre Douvartzides, Sam Allardice and Laura Davies are part of a Literacy workshop that has focused on supporting students as writers.

These types of programs require teachers to be released from their class. Prior to attending the workshops the teachers provide a detailed plan to the replacement teacher. Other members of the team also support the replacement teacher.

Alex Artavilla
Principal
**Literacy and Numeracy Tips of the Week**

**Literacy Tip:** Talk to your child about the process you go through when selecting books for your own reading. Then, let them tell you how they select their books.

**Numeracy Tip:** Play I Spy or other games to identify shapes, numbers and patterns.

**Useful Literacy and Numeracy Websites**

**Literacy Websites:**
3. [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
4. [www.tumblebooks.com](http://www.tumblebooks.com)

**Numeracy Websites:**
4. [www.coolmath-games.com](http://www.coolmath-games.com)
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.

(Note 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: .........................................................
Some belated information from the Library

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back!

Last time we were able to buy more than $1000-00 worth of books and library resources with the points collected by shopping at Woolworths.

It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box located at the front office of the school. At the end of the program we will redeem our Woolworths stickers for more books and resources.

Book Week

Don’t Panic!

I’ve had a few questions about Book Week which is held this year between August 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 28\textsuperscript{th}. Book Week is a celebration of Australian Literature held by the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA). We have a selection of the short listed books in the library for our teachers and students to read. The CBCA chooses these books and then selects the winners in each category.

The Library will be decorated using this year’s theme, which is "Books light up our world," which is why there is a large lighthouse decorating the Lib

You don’t have to do a thing – there are no dress ups involved!

Cheers
Brenda Ransome
Library Technician
Writing Competition 2015

¡HOLA!

This is a great opportunity for you to be creative and be rewarded for your efforts.

Prices up to AUD $100 with five categories to compete.

DIVISION A (Playgroup to Year 2): a drawing, painting or a collage with captions.
DIVISION B (Years 3 to 6): a poem or an illustrated children’s short story.
DIVISION C (Years 7-8): an article, a short story or a poem.
DIVISION D (Years 9-10): an article, a short story or a poem.
DIVISION E (Years 11-12): an informal letter, an article or a diary entry.

The first place in each division will receive $100; the second place $70; and, $30 prize for the third place.

Please, ask your Spanish Language Teacher for entry requirements, assessment criteria, and instructions.
Remember it is all about your creativity.

All entries must be received by Friday, September 11th.
Our aim is to enhance the school grounds using sustainable plants and methods. Run by parents, we will help to reconnect the students with nature and become environmentally responsible.

What's happening in August

The Sunnybees will be busy with planting out more indigenous plants this month. Come and join us for a quick ¼ hour gardening session on Fridays from 9am! Planting, mulching and watering are just some of the easy jobs we do, so you don't need to know anything about gardening. Preschoolers welcome.

The red wattle on the oval is currently flowering.

Have a look at our Pinterest page and get your green thumb on! Join the Sunnybees email list to get regular updates.

Newport Lake Indigenous Nursery has given us vouchers for a free tube plant valued at $2.95. If interested collect your voucher from the office.

Winter planting

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Vegie patch update

The Preps planting of salad seedlings last term is thriving and almost ready for harvesting!

Friday mornings 9-10.30
Tel: Lisa 0423 329 734
Email: vinlisa@optusnet.com.au

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com/sunnybees/
**UPLIFT COLLECTIVE FUNDRAISING NEWS**

*Raising extra funds for kids, thanks to the work of our students!*

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**NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL:**

- **PAINTING, GARDENING, FIXING**
- **GIVE JOHN A CALL!**

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**Your Skip Bin Specialists - Less Waste to Landfill**

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- Improves self-esteem, AND IS FUN!

Lessons starting from $14.00, 5% Discount to Parents wishing to enrol more than one child. **Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674.**

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**Happy Father’s Day**

**Fathers’ Day Breakfast**

Friday 4th September

In the PD Centre

8.00am Start

Come along and enjoy a great start to your day with the special little one in your life!