



3/4 Team

Welcome to Term Two 2016!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new term at Sunshine Heights Primary School. The first term was very busy and it was fabulous to see how well the students settled into Grade 3/4. This term will be just as eventful with many exciting things planned for our students.

Our theme for the Term is 'My Community'. In this unit students will explore the local history of Sunshine, and develop an understanding of who we are and where we come from. Students will:

- explore how and why people participate within communities and how students can actively participate and contribute*

As part of this unit students will interact with different community groups and attend an excursion looking at the different historical landmarks in Sunshine.

What we expect the students to learn in Reading:

Essential Learnings

Grade 3

- Identify the purpose and audience and use the text structure to summarise the most important parts of a text (SQ3R)*
- Spend an extended amount of time reading authentic texts on a daily basis and participate in opportunities to talk about literature (Text Talk)*
- Use comprehension strategies to build literal and inferred meaning and begin to evaluate texts using prior knowledge and connections to texts*
- Word Study*

Grade 4

- Read and identify the structure of a variety of texts and understand how this relates to the purpose and audience*
- Spend an extended amount of time reading authentic texts on a daily basis and participate in opportunities to talk about literature (Text Talk)*
- Read and discuss texts with multiple characters and analyse and infer their motives, feelings and how they relate to each other*
- Wordstudy*

What we expect the students to learn in Writing:

Essential Learnings

Grade 3 and 4

- Make decisions about genre depending on the purpose for writing and the intended audience (to entertain, persuade, inform)*
- Organise texts using appropriate text structure and features and discuss why these features were chosen and their purpose*
- Identify and name a range of writing craft used in mentor texts and apply them to their own writing*
- Re-read writing with the audience in mind and make changes to ensure that the message is clear for the reader and that detail is provided in the most important parts of the text*

What we expect the students to learn in Mathematics:

The focus for term two in maths will be on place value, addition, subtraction, mass and 3D shapes. Students will:

- Add and subtract numbers using basic number facts and strategies including near doubles, adding 9, build to ten and fact families.
- Use formal vertical recording for addition and subtraction
- Measure, order and compare objects using familiar metric units of mass
- Identify and describe common 3D objects according to their features and investigate cross sections of 3D shapes

Important Dates:

21st April	Sunshine History Tour
22nd April	Kororoit Creek Tree Planting
25th April	Public Holiday
10th May	NAPLAN Testing begins
13th May	Mother's Day Breakfast
19th May	Twilight School Day
3rd June	Student Free Day
13th June	Public Holiday
17th June	Reports Sent Home
22nd June	Parent Teacher Interviews
24th June	End of Term 2 2.30 pm dismissal



Specialist lessons days:

Year Level	VISUAL ARTS	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	SPANISH	SCIENCE
3A	Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
3B	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3/4A	Wednesday	Friday	Tuesday	Tuesday
4A	Thursday	Friday	Tuesday	Tuesday

Reminders:

- As winter approaches, tissues would be greatly appreciated in the classrooms.
- Homework is set each week aimed at reinforcing concepts and skills learnt in the classroom. Homework will be handed out each Monday and is expected to be completed and returned on the Friday.
- Students at this year level are expected to read for at least 20 minutes each night. The title of the book and duration should be recorded in the Home Reading Diary.
- Just a reminder that students should not be in the school grounds before 8:45am. Teachers are on yard duty from 8:45am.
- No longer do we expect students to wear their hats just during Term 1 and Term 4. We are educating students to make good decisions on how to be sun smart all year round. When the UV index is 3 and over students are required to wear their sun hat whilst playing outside. This information is updated daily on our website