Congratulations to Jacinta, Sharon, Gail and Sonia! We are very lucky to have these four leaders working together to further enhance the way we work at Sunshine Heights Primary School.

Canteen menu change
Over the past six months, the ‘Canteen’ operators together with the ‘School Council Canteen sub-committee’ have been reviewing the current school canteen menu. Our aim is to achieve a ‘greener’ menu that will include healthier food choices.

To help with this work the ‘School Council Canteen sub-committee’ have approached the ‘Healthy Eating Advisory Service’ (HEAS) at Nutrition Australia to gain their support and advice on implementing the healthy canteen guidelines at our school.

The ‘Healthy Eating Advisory Service’ provided advice and recommended some priority changes to our current Canteen menu. This has included:

- Removing any confectionery items from the menu
- Removing sugar sweetened drinks from the menu
- Ensuring there are no deep fried foods on the menu
- Ensuring that plain water is always available on the menu
- Increasing the percentage of ‘everyday foods’

As a result of the recommendations and advice from the HEA, School Council have approved the removal of the following items from the canteen menu from Week 2 Term 2:

- Jelly sticks
- Sports water Focus
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- Chicken and barbeque pizza
- Four n Twenty pasties
- Skinless hot dog with cheese
- Apple pastizzi
- Ham and cheese croissant

Attached to the newsletter is an updated School Canteen Menu. Thank you to the members of this committee for all the work that has gone into reviewing the canteen menu which is still on going.

Term Two Events
This term we have number of events planned which includes:
- Celebrating ‘Earth Day’ on Friday 22nd of April. On this day we will be sending the whole school to our adopted area of Kororoit Creek to add 500 more plants to the area. It will be a similar schedule to last year however we have included some rotation activities and entertainment to add to the day. Classes will spend around 1 and a half hours at the creek. We have organised a port-a-loo for the day. A more detailed notice will be provided to families. The general structure involves Year 5/6 students and buddies heading over at around 9:20am. Year 1 and 2 students at around 11:00am etc.
- Naplan test for students in Years 3 and 5, which is scheduled for 10th to the 12th of May.
- Twilight School Day Thursday 19th of May.

Leadership and Learning Opportunities for Staff
As a school we are committed to ensuring that staff have the opportunity to enhance their teaching and leadership skills. In 2016 we will have a number of staff that will be participating in workshops outside of the school. This includes 8 teachers attending a 3-day workshop to learn more about the teaching strategies that have the greatest impact on student learning. The role of this group will be to support their team with refining the way they work with students in the classroom. The first session of this workshop will be held on Monday 18th of April. The teachers involved in this program include Jenna Darul, Shannon Slator, Pierre Douvartzides, Sam Allardice, Melissa Kemp, Señorita Irene and Rose Krajacic.

On Monday and Tuesday next week we also have Jamie Sturzo, Jenny Cami and Fleur Lacey attending a 2-day workshop ‘Leaders of Learning’ that will support them with their leadership development in leading and supporting their Year Level team.

When attending workshops outside of the school, teachers prepare a program for the teacher replacing their class. The team also supports the replacement teacher to ensure that the classroom operates as normal.

Providing opportunities for staff to attend workshops, work with coaches or consultants, and participate in Professional Learning Team meetings ensures that we are continually reflecting, refining and enhancing the way we support students to learn and build their social and emotional capacity.

Maintenance Works
We also have some major works that will be occurring during the school term as part of a Departmental grant of $421,000. This grant must be used for specific works that were identified in a report conducted by the Department of Education.

These works will be commencing around the middle of May and hope to be concluded by the end of June. These works will include:
- Remove and replace concrete path at the entrance of Lachlan St. This will enhance the safety and accessibility of this area.
- Remove and replace concrete paving from the area behind the student toilets and all the way to the gate entrance on Mailey Street. This will include replacing 90lm of sewage pipes.
- Remove and replace asphalt area with concrete paving from where the Year 1 students line up to where the walkway is between Buildings A and B.
- Upgrade 3 electrical switchboards.
- Replace the floor water drain in the Prep lineup area with a grated pit.
- Removing underground decommissioned storage containers.

Please note that some of these works will need to occur over the school holidays, however the majority of the works will occur during Term 2. The works are being project managed by the Department who have been in contact with me regularly to discuss considerations and protocols to ensure the safety of students, staff, parents and visitors to the school at all times.

Unfortunately, there will be disruptions, which will or may include:
- Alternative line up areas.
- Reduced accessibility to the staff car park area.
- Fenced off play areas within the school.
- Alternative entrance and exit points before and after school.  For example, when works are occurring on the footpath at the entrance of Lachlan Street.
Over the past month, I have been meeting with the Project Manager to minimize these disruptions. However, as a community we are going to have to be flexible during the duration of these works, which will be contributing to enhancing the safety and appearance of our school.

More information and confirmation of when the works will commence will be sent home in the coming weeks. If you have any questions please drop by and see me at the school.

I was going to share a story about my girls’ ear piercing adventure but I will need to save this for next week!

Otherwise have a great term and I hope that you are able to join us for one of our school community events!

Alex Artavilla
Principal

UPLIFT COLLECTIVE FUNDRAISING NEWS

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

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Please note that money raised in 2015 was to be used to contribute to the creation of an outdoor space for the students. This project has been delayed due to the works occurring in relation to the $421,000 Government Grant and will commence in Term 3.

Instrumental Lessons at School

*Did you know that Music:* 

Develops mind, hand & eye coordination
Enhances listening skill
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.
Literacy and Numeracy Tips of the Week

**Literacy Tip:** When trying to work out a difficult word, look for clues for the word’s meaning in the sentence and in the picture.

**Numeracy Tip:** Dice are a great addition to any game collection. Roll the dice and say, make or write the numbers. Roll the dice and add the numbers together, to find the total.

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)

Sonia Papadopoulos - Literacy
Gail Liakoureas - Numeracy
Twilight School Organisational Details  
Thursday 19th of May 2016

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on **Thursday 19th of May 1:00pm – 7:00pm** the students will have the opportunity to experience a ‘Twilight’ school day. On this day the students will arrive at school at 12:45pm for a 1:00pm start with school finishing at 7:00pm.

Twilight School will give parents/carers/grandparents the opportunity to visit and enjoy their child’s classrooms in action. We will also use this event to invite our kindergarten friends and families!

The school day times on our Twilight School Day will be as follows:

1:00 – 3:00pm  Session 1 and 2  
3:00 – 3:30pm  RECESS  
3:30 – 4:30pm  Session 3  
4:30 – 4:40pm  Eating time  
4:40 – 5:30pm  OUTSIDE TIME (this may vary depending on the time that the sun will be setting)  
5:30 – 7:00pm  Session 4 and 5

Students will be expected to arrive at class/school at 12:45pm. At the end of the school day parents will be asked to pick their child up from the classroom. No child will be allowed to walk home from school – this is the same policy that applies for school concert nights. Parents will also be asked to inform the class teacher in writing prior to the day of alternative picking up arrangements (e.g. uncle/friend picking up student).

We are currently looking at the idea of pre-ordered meal arrangements for the students. More information regarding food arrangements will be provided in the coming months.

Parents/carers are encouraged to arrive at any time of the day for as long as they would like to stay. However, it will be important for parents to remember that it is a normal school day and that students will be expected to stay at school until the end of the day (unless they have after school sports/music session - the decision to attend the session is up to the parent/student – parents are encouraged to pick up their child from school at any time to attend the training session/lesson).

More details regarding the day are currently being finalised with staff to ensure it is a successful school event and will be shared with families weeks prior to the event.

**Other important information:**

- Police will be contacted to support at school crossings if official school crossing personnel are unable to man crossings before school starts – between 12:30 – 1:10pm.
- Staff members will man all school crossings (not just the ones around the school boundary) used by students before school starts. Crossings supervision will commence at 12:30pm. It would also be good to have parent volunteers assist with school crossings.
- A map of the school crossings that will be manned between 12:30pm and 1:10pm will be provided to all families.
- Parents will be required to sign in at the school office prior to visiting their child’s classroom.

**Twilight School will prove to be another exciting day for the students and the whole school community!**

Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding ‘Twilight School’.
For all parents, carers and tutors who might be interested to embrace and immerse themselves more in the Spanish language and culture, I invite each of you to consider the Spanish Film Festival (for adults). It will be running from now until the 1st of May, showcasing a range of the latest and best Spanish films from around the world. (Don’t worry, every film has English subtitles). You can find more information visiting the following link: www.spanishfilmfestival.com.au

Para todos los padres, cuidadores y tutores que puedan estar interesados en abrazar y verse inmerso en el idioma y cultura del español, os invito a cada uno a el ´Festival de películas españolas´(para adultos). Empezará a partir de ahora hasta el 1 de mayo, mostrando una gama de las últimas y mejores películas españolas de todo el mundo. (No se preocupe, cada película tiene subtítulos en inglés). Puede encontrar más información visitando el siguiente enlace: www.spanishfilmfestival.com.au