Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminder that there will be no assembly tomorrow as we had a special assembly on Tuesday this week which included a whole school meditation session thanks to the Uplift Collective!

I just wanted to begin the newsletter this week by reminding everyone that we are on the Twitter world where you can enjoy random snapshots and news from the school day! A latest feature of our Twitter activity, involves capturing moments from the recess and/or lunchtime break! A photo that was included in the Twitter feed (technical world for collection!) last week was of the Year 6 boys enjoying a game of down ball.

‘Down ball’ is a game that I grew up with from Year 4 to Year 12! Personally, I think it needs to be an Olympic sport! As a matter of fact, if it was, I’m sure that I would of had the opportunity to win as many gold medals as Ian Thorpe in the 4 square challenge, 6 square challenge, 8 square challenge, 10 square challenge, game using a tennis ball, game using a rubber ball, game using a golf ball, game with eyes closed, game with jeans, game in shorts – absolute endless hours of Olympics TV entertainment! How is it that a game as fast paced as ‘Down ball’ is overlooked for events that involve throwing a lead ball or a spear! The International Olympic Committee needs to move into the modern world and bring on board the best ‘Down ball’ players from around the world!

Now you may be asking where I’m going with this...

Since my time at Sunshine Heights, down ball has enjoyed small moments in the yard. I remember a few years ago, I even spent a lunchtime challenging the Year 6s before nearly breaking my collarbone trying to do a ‘look away’ shot!

Finally, after 4 years, the great game of ‘Down Ball’ looks to have cemented a place in the yard of the school thanks to the 2014 Year 6 students! Every time I head off into the yard and I see the group throwing themselves around inside the cracks of the concrete, it brings a tear to my eye! Finally, it is gaining the respect it deserves! I think the group has been playing continuously for up to four weeks! The most exciting thing about all this is that the group came looking for me to ask if they could borrow a broom to sweep away the stones! I could of given them 10 brooms with golden handles! Not only are they bringing the ‘Down ball’ back, they are keeping the yard tidy!

Ok…I think it might be time for me to move on…

Fathers’ Day Breakfast
Reminder that on Friday September 5th at 8:00am, we will be having the Fathers’ Day breakfast! This is a great event that allows the students to thank the special people in their life. Don’t forget that if dad is unable to come along then mum, uncles, aunts or grandparents are more than welcome to join us!

Doors open at 8:00am! We hope that as many dads as possible are able to join us for the early morning event!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - EMA

As of January 2015 the current government will not be providing parents with EMA. This will mean all families will have to pay for their child’s book pack at the start of the school year.

If you require any further information please contact the office.

More Swimming Success for Johann Stickland

Two weekends ago, on the 2nd and 3rd of August, Johann Stickland competed at the 2014 Victorian Open SC State Championships, participating in 9 events. In the boys under 11 years age group, Johann won 3 Gold medals in the 200 metre Breaststroke, 100 metre Breaststroke, and the 100 metre Backstroke. He also won 4 Silver medals in the 200 metre Freestyle, 200 metre Backstroke, 200 metre Individual Medley and the 100 metre Individual Medley. To top his weekend off he received a 4th place in the 100 metre freestyle and a 5th in the 50 metre freestyle. Most importantly Johann swam personal bests in all of his swims. Please join me in congratulating Johann on his superb effort and in wishing him luck at the all future events, (Australian Titles etc.) in which he participates in!!

GRADE 6 FRIDAY FOOD STALL

As part of our Graduation fundraising initiative, the Grade 6 students will be cooking up some terrifically tasty treats to sell each Friday at recess.

Please check the newsletter each week to see what has been planned as we will list all the ingredients in the food. Purchasing the items is entirely voluntary and if you have any concerns whatsoever, we strongly encourage you to not allow your child to buy anything from the stall.

Thank you,
Grade 6 teachers and students

This Week:

Cupcakes
Only $1.00 each

We will be selling them in the old canteen at recess.

The ingredients are: Wheat Flour, Sugar, Vegetable Palm Shortening, Salt, Vanilla Flavouring, Veg Gum, Egg, Milk, Butter Icing Sugar and Coco

If you have any allergies to these products we advise you not to buy them.

Thank you for supporting us!
Grade 6 Team

Loom Band Bracelets

We have five grade 6 girls who are going to sell loom band bracelets tomorrow Friday 15th August at the Grade 6 Food Stall at recess. Each bracelet is unique and hand made by the girls.

Single Loom Bracelet $0.50
Double Loom Bracelet $1.00

Thank you Amara, Armani, Ellie, Georgia & Yasmin
THE UPLIFT COLLECTIVE

We are filled with gratitude for the support of the following sponsors and encourage you to support them in return.

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Glengala Road Fruit Shop – Sunshine West
Brand Developers Limited & Nutribullet – New Zealand
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly
Prep:
A Kayla Kagioglou
B Carla Prelorenzo
C Peter Shizas-Yiakoumi
One:
A Richard Lam
B Edin Pepic
Two
1/2A Aung Ba Aye
2A Israa Quule
Three:
A Connor Horton
B Kynan Tumibay-Hayes
Four:
A Krimit Patel
B Jay Smith Patterson
Five:
A Maramafrancis Reneti
B Abdulrahman Khalilf
Six:
A Ezias Danielson
B Bailey Lennie
Sport: Sophie Le
Art: Christopher Huang
ICT: Jacob Anderson Weston

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

NO JOB TO BIG OR TO SMALL:
PAINTING, GARDENING, FIXING
GIVE JOHN A CALL!

FUNDRAISING NEWS
Easter Raffle $1,135.00
Mothers’ Day Stall $ 578.26
TOTAL $1,713.26

Instrumental Lessons at School
Did you know that Music:
Develops mind, hand & eye co ordination
Enhances listening skills
Improves self esteem
Is fun!

Lessons starting from $14.05% 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.
TERM 3 NEWS

This term we are putting our attention to the area outside the Grade 1 line up. It was cleared in the school holidays and we will now work out what plants will work there for the 2014 grade 6 project. Also we have started digging out outside the portables, so we can start planting our orange themed garden!

2 MILLION TREES PROJECT
Through the Victorian Government’s 2 Million Trees program, free trees are on offer to all Victorian schools and community groups participating in a National and/or Schools Tree Day activity.

We’ve applied for a donation of 70 trees. These will be largely native and indigenous plants to be planted around the fence line of school oval.

Once planted out it will be a haven for wildlife as well as improve the look of the whole area. Stay tuned for more details!

Don’t forget to look out for our new compost bins!

what to plant in August
Beetroot, bok choy (pak choy), carrot

Harvest: Broccoli, cauliflower, spinach

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.
Bunnings Warehouse is giving you the chance to win one of three prizes valued at $50.
All you have to do is colour in the Father’s Day scene and deliver it to your local Warehouse by 6pm on Sunday 7th September.
The winner of the colouring competition will be drawn on Monday 8th September and the winners will be notified by mail or telephone.

**Conditions of Entry:**
- Prizes: 3 prizes each of $50 worth of product or a $50 Bunnings gift card.
- Competition is open to children aged up to 12 years old.
- There is a limit of 1 entry per person.
- Entries must be received by 6pm, Sunday 7th September.
- The competition will be judged by the store team at each Bunnings Warehouse, on Monday 8th September.
- The winners will be contacted by mail or telephone.
- The judge’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Bunnings Group employees, suppliers & their families are ineligible to enter.

**Name:**

**Age:**

**Address:**

**Suburb:**

**Postcode:**

**Telephone:**

**Store:**

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**Bunnings Warehouse**
Father’s Day Family Night

Thursday 4th September 6pm – 8pm

Join us for a great night of fun!

• Make a gift for dad
• D.I.Y. workshops
• Light refreshments
• Free gift wrapping

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au
On Monday the 4\textsuperscript{th} August my mum and I went to the Royal Children’s Hospital, not because I was sick but because they were doing a brain scan for a study they are doing. The purpose of the study is to study brain development in 8 year olds and how this is affected by family relationships.

The project needs 60 more participants. The MRI/Brain Scan was fun, I got to sit in the MRI and watch a DVD – but you have to be able to keep very, very still. Plus the parents get $10 in cash and a $30 gift card.

See details below if you are interested.

Grainne Corcoran-Taylor 3B