Welcome back for another term at Sunny Heights. There is so much to look forward to this term, including the annual swimming program, our 60th year celebration and some exciting initiatives by the Uplift Collective. Students have already been working hard, researching the history of the school and the people who make up our amazing community. I can’t wait to see how they put all this information together to share with family and friends.

There has been much discussion around the school regarding Alex’s leave and I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the situation. Alex agreed to remain at Flemington Primary School for another term after the sudden retirement of their principal. He made this decision in order to provide continuity and support to them, but also based on the fact that he has faith in the leadership team at Sunshine Heights. In Term 4 Flemington PS will advertise for a new principal. It is up to Alex to decide whether or not he wishes to apply for this position.

This year some of our priorities have been:

- Continued focus on Numeracy and Literacy, particularly Writing and Word Study

In Term 3 and 4 our Numeracy focus will be on monitoring student progress using a variety of assessment tools. In Writing we will continue to build on the passion that students have developed for writing. They will write about an increased number of topics, utilizing different styles of writing. Students will also use mentor texts to help them develop their writers’ craft. Teachers will be working with a consultant to investigate ways to enhance our teaching of Word Study and link it to Reading and Writing.

- Support for students working well above or well below the expected level

The Intervention Team will continue to support teachers and develop a range of strategies to cater for students at all levels.
• **Growth Mindset**  
  Staff will continue to build their knowledge and have all chosen individual goals to work on. Teachers will be tracking their learning, just like we expect students to do.

• **Implementation of high impact teaching strategies**  
  This is based on the work of Robert Marzano, a highly respected educational expert.

• **Student voice and opportunities to develop leadership skills**  
  Students will be provided with opportunities to build their confidence and leadership skills and to take ownership of their own learning.

• **Building the home/school partnership**  
  Leadership are working on developing a 3 year plan to continue to build positive relationships between home and school.

I am currently writing the 6 monthly review for the Annual Implementation Plan to be sent to the Department. I am pleased to say that we are well on target to achieve high standards in all areas. This is a credit to the school leadership and to the consistency and professional knowledge of all staff.

**Building and Grounds**

The removal of the 4 storage tanks from around the school is now complete, with the last section of pipe being removed yesterday. We were very fortunate that most of this work was completed over the school holidays and caused very little disruption to our usual programs. The next stage of works that we are due to undertake is re-surfacing of some areas around the school. The Department is currently seeking tenders for this work and hopefully it will be ready to commence later this term.

The Building and Grounds sub-committee are currently working to develop a master plan for the school. Stay tuned for information about some exciting changes to the front of the school, including the main entrance, garden beds and play area.

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Jacinta Goldie  
Acting Principal

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**Canteen**

Thank you to all parents for your support with the closure of the canteen for Term 3. There have only been a small number of children who have come to school with no lunch. The Uplift Collective are getting set to run some healthy food stalls this term. Look out for information to come.

**Late Arrivals**

The mornings are cold and we all want those few extra minutes in bed...

However, it is important that all students arrive at school before 9am. This has a major impact on how their day starts off. A settled and orderly morning sets students up for the day ahead and contributes to them participating in their best learning. Students arriving after 9am often miss out on the most important part of the morning when teachers are explaining important information for the lesson to come.

Can we please ask parents to do their very best to assist us in this matter.

**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 co-ordination
- Enhances listening skills
- 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:** Write captions for photographs in your family photo albums.

**Numeracy Tip:** Discuss how you would double your child’s favourite recipe. Encourage your child to record the new measurements for the recipe.

**Useful Literacy and Numeracy Websites**

**Literacy Websites:**

4. [www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)
5. [www.tumblebooklibrary.com](http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com)

*Sunshine Online is now available at the App Store!*

**Numeracy Websites:**

   [http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/games/calculator/calculator.swf](http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/games/calculator/calculator.swf)

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*Sonia Papadopoulos- Literacy Coach  
Gail Liakoureas- Numeracy Coach*
Book Fair is Next Week!

Just a reminder to everyone that **Book Fair is at school next week**. It starts on Monday and finished at lunchtime on Friday.

During this time our students will have the opportunity on the first two days to browse and make a wish list of items that they’d like to buy from Book Fair. They will bring their list home for your approval. They will then have the opportunity to buy on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning.

Book Fair will be open for parents to browse after school on Tuesday and Wednesday and before school on Thursday and Friday.

Our Dress Up parade will be held on Thursday morning at 9:15 in the Gym. This year’s theme is “Australia - Story Country”, so your children can come as anything “Australian”. It could be a sportsman/woman, a TV star, an Australian animal, etc. etc., or they can come dressed in the flag. So get your thinking caps on and we look forward to seeing what costumes you come with.
It's back to '56 at Sunshine Heights. To celebrate our 60th Birthday we want to...

**SWING BACK TO THE 60's AND FLY BACK TO THE 50's**

Thursday 8 September
Gates open 5:30pm

Featuring 50s and 60s 6-piece cover band 'The Cadillacs!

Come and see our 'Exhibition of Learning' created by the students to showcase the history of Sunshine & our school

Bring a picnic dinner, drinks & your crazy 50s/60s outfit