The yard will be supervised from 12:40pm to 1:00pm. Please ensure that students arrive after 12:40pm.

A map of the crossings that will be supervised by a staff member is included in the newsletter this week.

Please remind students that are walking to school to use the school crossings and take extra care on the roads.

At the end of the Twilight School Day all students will need to be collected from their classroom. Please send a signed note to your child's teacher if your child is to be collected by another person.

Remind that it is a normal school day. Parents/families are welcome to come for a visit at any time of the day and join in with the learning or help out in the classroom!

Please take care on the roads in the evening!

Probably the best thing about the Twilight School Day for parents is that you don't have to ask your child about their day as you can experience it with them! I know since my daughters commenced school that it is virtually impossible to get a decent rundown of their day! So much so that I've tried to completely eliminate the question, ‘What did you do today?’ as a conversation starter when seeing them after school. You either get a grunt or nothing at all!

However, I did make a minor breakthrough last year after reading an article about questions you should avoid asking your child after school and questions that you should try. Yes, ‘What did you do today?’ was on the no, no list. I even asked my daughters about this and why it was such a difficult question to answer. They both said that they do lots of things during the day and it hurts their head to think of just one thing and they are tired and they are not in the mood.
at the moment to answer that question.

Ok.

I mean, asking this forbidden question is something that I like to warn new Prep parents about so that they avoid the frustrations of trying to converse with a tired after school 6 year old! It’s not that it’s a bad thing to say, it just doesn’t offer much.

However, I must admit that even though I have tried to avoid the question, it does sometimes slip in as a conversation starter when I arrive home from work! Usually when I’m tired and not thinking straight! As just the other day, I arrived home and without thinking said to my youngest one.

‘So how was your day?’

In my head I knew I should have taken it back! But a part of me was thinking that maybe today was the day. She was a bit older. Maybe it’s just something that Preps have difficulty answering? Maybe today was the day when I would get a response that would enlighten me? It is of course in relation to a place where she spends 7 hours a day, 5 days a week, for up to 46 weeks a year! How hard could it seriously be?

Not getting a response from her at my first attempt (not surprised), I could of just walked away and pretended that she didn’t hear me. But I persisted.

‘So how was your day?’ I repeated.

My daughter looked at me and said, ‘A boy vomited’.

You see. I’m not sure if she’s trying to make a point or this was the most significant moment of her Year One day.

I mean, how do you respond to this! All I could come up with was, ‘Oh. That’s not good’

But she continued...

‘Yes. There must be a bug going around.’

‘Oh. That’s not good’ (me again).

And that’s it! I wasted some vital time with my daughter with a short conversation about a child that vomited at school! How did this happen! I was doing so well!

The worst thing about this was that I was eating at the same time! And it was risotto!

Rather than just telling me that I had asked a really bad after school question, she seemed to want to make the moment a memorable experience so that I would never, ever go there again!

I’m not sure how other parents go with this question, but I have had some really good after school conversation using some of the tips from the article about the types of questions you should ask. Here are some that are worth trying out:

- What did you do today that you found challenging? (This is a great question as leads to you and your child working together to better understand something that they may of been learning about in class etc. It teaches the students to be a problem solver and that we all go through moments during our day where we need to work through situations and talk to others. You may even want to talk to your child about a challenge you went through and how you overcame the challenge)
- What was the best thing you did today?
- What was something you did today that begins with the letter ‘d’?

Talking to our children after school is an important part of their development and learning as it encourages them to self reflect and summarise their experiences. But asking the right questions at the right time is the tricky part!

Anyway, the Twilight School Day is your chance to get to know about your child’s life at school! I know the teachers love the opportunity of meeting the parents and sharing the amazing things the students are doing in their classroom!

Hope to see everyone on the night!
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Sofia Asia
B  Emma Hart
C
D  Hayri Guner

One:
A  Thai-Son Nguyen
B  Salahudin Sudi

Two
1/2A  Benjamin Nguyen
2A  Omar Turkmani
2B  Louis Suprihartono

Three:
A  Chrystal Ricardo
B  Anthony Tran

Four:
A  Emina Pepic
B  Waaka Mailo-Swaysland

Five:
A  Alexander Hatzoglou
B  John Taylor

Six:
A  Kowsar Ali
B  Nuia Tausi

Multimedia:  Benjamin Cao
Sport:  Elise Pasquier
Spanish:  Alex Kuloski
Art:  Phillip Papanikolaou

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

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
**Year 6 TRANSITION INFORMATION**

Our Year 6 students have received their Secondary School Application packs for 2016. Please read the information contained in the pack and return the completed Application for Year 7 Placement by Friday 22nd May.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the classroom teachers.

Thank You,
Christine Forrest, Tanya Bolger and Sara Vaccari

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**PE NEWS**

Hi Parents and Guardians

I hope you are all having a wonderful week so far. Last week was our first home game against Sunshine Primary School, luckily the weather held up and it was a fantastic day for sport. As per usual Sunshine Heights Primary School demonstrated true sportsmanship whilst playing against Sunshine Primary School and walking away with some great scores. This week we face off against Christ the King Primary School, once again it will be a home game so if you have time come down and watch.

**Cross Country**

For the students that made it to the second round of cross-country it will be running on the Thursday 28th of May. Currently we are just waiting on a confirmation for the venue and will let parent know as soon as possible.

**Scores**

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Enjoy the rest of your week…Rasha.

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**LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT, ‘GROW WITH ME’ POTS STILL AVAILABLE**

"If you missed out on purchasing a pot, the Uplift Collective still have some available for sale. We understand Mother’s Day has passed, however, the pots are great gift ideas for other occasions too. If you are interested in purchasing a pot for $10, the Uplift Collective will be redesigning the brochure so that it is generic and can be given to anyone as a lovely, thoughtful gift. To purchase a pot with a new, generic brochure, please send an email to the Uplift Collective with your name, the flower you’d like to purchase and a contact phone number. Our email address is theupliftcollective@sunshineheightsps.vic.edu.au. Badges, will also still be selling at the office for $2. Don’t forget, if you purchased a pot, to take photos of your experience and share your stories with us!"

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Book Fair is back again this year. It will be held in the Library from June 15th – 19th. Put your thinking caps on and come up with a costume on the theme of “Kings, Queens and Castles”. More details will follow over the next few weeks.

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**UPLIFT COLLECTIVE FUNDRAISING NEWS**

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

**Easter Raffle** $1,155.2
Twilight School Organisational Details
Thursday 21st of May 2015

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on Thursday 21st 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 weeks.

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).

We have contacted ‘World 4 Kids’ and before care will be provided on the morning of the Twilight School Day from 6:45am – 8:45am. We are providing parents with extensive notice to allow them the opportunity to make arrangements prior to the start of the school day. Parents are asked to contact the school closer to the date if they are unable to make arrangements for their child/ren.

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 volunteer’s 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 an exciting day for the students and the whole school community! Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding ‘Twilight School’.
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