The school has once again been a busy place as we continue to work on enhancing the appearance and facilities of the school. For those that haven’t had the chance to visit the school this week, we have painted the wall and repaired the windows outside of the Year One classrooms. We also updated the sick bay room with a fresh coat of paint. Another surprise feature that was rejuvenated over the break was the animal artwork that greets the Prep students each day! Thank you to Mr. Borszczow and his team for volunteering their time to further brighten up that area of the school!

Our next project in relation to the school building will be to freshen up the external area (windows and fascia) of Building A outside of Prep C’s room.

As I have mentioned many times, there is a lot of work to be done in relation to the school buildings, which have been neglected for a number of years. Over the past 4 years we decided to focus on noticeable external areas of the school - especially those that are in need of urgent repairs. The facilities of the school are a long term project and will include a works plan to ensure that the buildings are maintained in good condition for future years.

Even though I see so much work that needs to be done at the school, you would not believe how many people come up to me and compliment how fantastic the school looks!

Easter Egg Raffle!
Big thank you once again to our student group ‘The Uplift Collective’ for working together so well in demonstrating the vision of school council which is to give the students greater ownership of raising extra funds for the school! They managed to raise $1155.20 that will go towards a new outdoors space for the students.

My holidays...
My family once again convinced me to go camping! This time we headed off down the Calder Freeway with friends and their families to Castlemaine for 5 nights over the Easter Break. Well, technically it wasn’t really camping it was caravanning. Okay, to be more technical, it was in a caravan park that included campers…but I slept in a cabin. I know! How could I even suggest that this was camping! Camping is about digging holes, using those holes, covering up those holes when they were used too much and then digging up another hole etc. etc. etc. Camping is about waking up in the morning, walking 10kms barefoot to wash yourself in water that is infested with crocodiles.
To be a camper you need to enjoy the extremes in life! Personally, I couldn’t do it and I admire those that can. For me, I think toilets are a great invention and showers without any creatures lurking around make it a much more of a relaxing experience!

But I did get the opportunity to cook outdoors with my new chargrill as the caravan park allowed open fires!
This is probably the closest I got to camping – although I did buy the meat from the butcher. We also had to go out and collect our own wood, which surely rates as a camping experience. Although, we did buy one bag of wood from the local supermarket. Just to get things started.

The open fire experience was a bit of a treat for the kids as they got to enjoy the cool evenings hanging out and toasting marshmallows. All in all it proved to be a relaxing experience catching up with friends and spending time with family to prepare for another busy term! This includes:

- Whole School Photos – Thursday 23rd of April 2015
- Students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing the NAPLAN test on May 12th, 13th and 14th
- Twilight School Day May 21st 1:00pm – 7:00pm
- Student Free Day Friday 5th of June 2015
- Parent/Teacher interviews Tuesday 23rd of June 2015 starting at 1:00pm
- Mid year reports will be going home
- Final day of Term Two 26th of June 2015

Don’t forget to add these dates and events to your calendars!

I hope everyone has another great term and I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events over the next 11 weeks!

Hope everyone had a great week,

Alex Artavilla
Principal

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FUNDRAISING NEWS

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

**Easter Raffle**

$1,155.20

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PE NEWS

Hi Parents, Guardians and Families,

Well it’s term 2 already! I hope you all had a great school holiday break and students are feeling fresh and ready for this term. This term we have our winter school sports they will be netball, newcomb, tee ball and Australian rules football. Last term we had some great results with our interschool sports. With the final ladder placing’s in the school district as follows:

- soccer 3rd
- bat tennis 4th,
- basketball mixed 3rd
- basketball girls 5th
- and cricket 4th.

I’m looking forward to this terms interschool sport winter competition. After the great results from last term the students should feel confident coming into these new sports.

A reminder to student's doing the Cross Country, it is this **Friday the 17th** of April.

Also if any students are interested **Brimbank Rugby Union Club Inc. “Come and Try Day”**

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That’s all the news for sports this week enjoy your weeks.

Kind Regards Rasha
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'.
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:** It’s important for you to show your child how to read every day for different purposes. For example: recipes, greeting cards, calendars, shopping lists, food labels, instructions, newspapers, e-mails, signs and websites.

**Numeracy Tip:** Children need lots of experiences in making, counting, drawing and talking about numbers. Make connections for your child by explaining how numbers and counting are a part of everyday life.

Useful Literacy and Numeracy Websites

**Literacy Websites:**
2. www.studyladder.com.au
3. www.starfall.com
4. www.tumblebooks.com

**Numeracy Websites:**
2. www.studyladder.com.au

Sonia Papadopoulos - Literacy
Gail Liakoureas - Numeracy
ONLINE & ENVELOPE ORDER INSTRUCTIONS FOR:
Sunshine Heights Primary School: 23 April 2015

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order
Instructions (below) are followed.

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SECURE ONLINE PURCHASE

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

STEP 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your 9 digit school code: 937 Z9R NG7
STEP 2: Enter your student's details
STEP 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs*
    *all orders will be returned to the school for collection.
STEP 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

PLEASE NOTE: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day).

SIBLING/FAMILY PHOTOS
NO ENVELOPE REQUIRED IF ORDERING ONLINE

STEP 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your 9 digit school code: 937 Z9R NG7

- Online orders will be closed 2 working days prior to the day of photography.
- You can find your online order close off date on the top right hand corner of your sibling order envelope, which is 21/04/15.
- Orders can also be placed with a cash or cheque payment by returning a sibling order envelope up until the day before photo day.
- You can collect a sibling order envelope from your school office.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

STEP 1: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope. Please use black or blue pen.
STEP 2: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
STEP 3: Select your payment method using one of the following options:
    - Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
    - Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change given.
    - Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife with your name & address on back of cheque.
      - Allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised.
      - A $25 fee will apply to any dishonoured cheque payment.
STEP 4: Return your completed sibling order envelope to school the day before photo day.