PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Reminder:

A reminder for your calendar. We have booked in a date for school photos. They will be taken on Thursday the 14th April. Information on how to order is included in this newsletter.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can’t believe that we are heading into the final week of Term One. Next week is a short week as the final day of the term is on Thursday 24th of March. On this day school also finishes at 2:30pm.

Harmony Day Monday 21st of March (next week)!

On Monday next week we are also celebrating Harmony Day by travelling into the city as a whole school to showcase our amazing students! Here are some key reminders about the event:

- We are hoping that everyone (students, staff and parents) wear orange!
- Students to arrive at school at the normal time.
- Students will be having a drink and going to the toilet at school between 9:10am and 9:40am.
- Students will be travelling by bus with their grade. Buses will be leaving from school between 9:40am to 10:00am. There will be two classes on each bus.
- What the students need to bring:
  - Drink bottle (we are asking for students to bring a small bottle with name on it).
  - Piece of fruit/small snack (that can fit in their pocket or brown paper bag with their name on it) – note that the children will be having a snack before we leave for the city and they will be having lunch at school when we return at 1:30pm.
  - Sun smart school hat.
  - Students are encouraged to bring along roll on sunscreen if it is easy to carry – we are also encouraging parents to place sunscreen on students before school.

- We hope to arrive at Parliament House at 10:40am. Students will be dropped off next to Parliament House steps.
- We are aiming to arrive back at school by 1:30pm.
- Song that we will be performing include:
  - Whip Whip Nae Nae
  - Lean on me
  - Twist and Shout

We are hoping that as many parents as possible join us for the event!

Please note that the performance time may vary depending on traffic and how efficient we are in getting everyone on and off the buses safely!

Hoping to perform at around 10:50am to 11:00am.

We will be performing the songs twice!

Science & Sustainability

Finally I just wanted to share some work (Further on in the Newsletter) from our students in their Science and Sustainability class.

Hope everyone had a great week.
Alex Artavilla
Principal
Information Notices:

As a school we work hard to provide a safe and orderly learning environment. We include these weekly tips to support parents in providing the best opportunity for their children to be successful learners.

Students who arrive late for school

Our goal is to ensure all students arrive after 8:45am and prior to 9:00am. This allows the students to enter the classroom with their grade. However, we also understand that sometimes things can't be helped and for different circumstances, at times, students may arrive to school late. Students are regarded as being late if they arrive after their class has entered the building. The processes that we have established for students that arrive late include:

- Students to go straight to the main office where they collect a late pass. This pass is then given to the teacher.

The reason as to why we track and monitor lateness to school, is that if a student is continually late to school it can have a negative impact on their learning development as they miss the start of a lesson. When late, students may also feel nervous about entering the grade. Lateness is monitored by Sharon Noel our Primary Welfare Officer who works with and supports families that have students that are regularly late to school.

Our expectation is that if a parent brings their child to school late that they still need to bring the student to the office for a late pass. This is because we also need to ensure that we reduce any distractions for the teacher once the learning begins. If a parent would like to speak to the teacher about why their child is late, please let the office know and they will have the teacher or the Primary Welfare Officer contact them as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, to ensure we maintain a constant approach, parents as with all visitors are unable to go to the classroom directly while classes are operating. The office staff have been informed to organise for any late students to be taken to the classroom by a staff member or on their own depending on their age. Parents are unable to take their child directly to the classroom if they are late or to collect their child from the classroom if they pick them up early. Thank you for your support with this as it ensures that we maintain a consistent, safe and orderly environment.

Important information from the Department of Education:

**Student Accident Insurance**

Neither the Department of Education and Training (DET) nor Sunshine Heights Primary School have insurance for injuries to students. Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, e.g. ambulance.

**Personal Goods Brought to School**

The Department of Education and Training (DET) reminds parents, students and staff that private property brought to school is not insured and that DET accepts no responsibility for loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment, and cars parked on school premises. Parents, staff and students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Rijuta Shrestha
B  Nicklaus Flores
C  Anastasia Lokhorst
D  Hiba Mukhtar

One:
A  Arlo Mykyta
B  Rihanna Hua
C  Rachel Yao

Two
2A  TBA
2B  Aashna Ruberu
2C  Vanessa Nguyen

Three:
A  Wiley Major-Kennedy
B  Tausi Tausi
3/4A  Thien An Nguyen

Four:
A  Willow Howatt-Cikos

Five:
A  TBA
B  Kalam Supriatna

Six:
A  Christopher Huang
B  Dechak Salathin

Multimedia:  Jordan Suriyabandara
Sport:  Edith Melzer-Franzke
Spanish:  Jack Valente
Art:  Eh Doe Htoo Shay
Science:  Malale Tutakhil

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
Parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact genesismusicschool Direct on 0421 426 674.
Work from some of student in Science and Sustainability

The EMPEROR Tamarinds live in groups in the rainforests of South America. This one is just a baby Tamarin. Adult ones. Emperor Tamarins have a long white, soft moustache. Emperor Tamarins babies are really cute. They are kind of monkeys that eat some strange plants like bamboo. Aren't pandas eat bamboo that are sometimes brown? I'd wish I had one baby Tamarin. It's skin is furry soft and it's eyes nearly look like masks. It make the eyes so cute I would call it cute Tamarin! So looks like a mask.

Cats need to be groomed 1 time a week but with long haired cats I once a day.

Grace 3A

the oldest cat in the world was Crete puff the 156 years old.

there are about 33 breeds of cat around the world.

all cat have good senses

Cats have very good Eye Sight, Smell and hearing.

Cats can walk, run or Pounce with their paws.

picture of Cat

picture of Cat

picture of Ladybug
**Literacy and Numeracy Tips of the Week**

**Literacy Tip:** Talk about world events and encourage your child to look at the different side of the story to form their own opinions.

**Numeracy Tip:** Find numbers in the newspaper, in digits and words. Cut the numbers out and put them in order from the smallest to the largest number.

**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 – 7:15pm 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 7:15pm.

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 – 7:15pm  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’.
Please vote for Albion Toy Library in the Leader Local Grants!

Albion Toy Library Launching Fund - Leader Local Grants

OUR VISION: Make good quality toys accessible to ALL children in Albion and surrounding suburbs. Discount membership is available to volunteers or families with health care cards. Approved newly-arrived families can borrow via member organisations for free.

We will also host toy library "playtimes" to build a sense of community between local families.

The $1,000 grant will be used to…purchase rolling shelves, racks, tubs to store toys. Easy-clean rolling storage will help us remain compact & flexible to suit our venue and relocate if necessary.

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