As I've said many times before, we should be proud of how the students get along as they set an example for society. Building a strong, positive learning community, is a major focus for our Prep students as they begin their Primary school life! They are learning about routines and behaviors that support them to work with others, learn and build friendship. I must say that we have another great group of Preps who have entertained the staff and myself with their innocence every day so far!

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I had to find out! So I headed to the Prep rooms to see how they have settled in and to see if they could tell me what they thought I did each day.

Dear Parents and Carers,
I need to start this week’s newsletter by thanking Mr. Karim’s Year 2 class for confidently sharing their learning with the school community during assembly last week. Prior to assembly starting, one of the boys came up to me to tell me how nervous he was. This same boy introduced for his class the sharing of the learning to the rest of the school. He was very brave and overcame his nerves perfectly! This same boy joined us in the later stages of Prep in 2013 and could not speak one word of English. Well done to the whole class!

This is just one example of why our school is such a fantastic place to learn and grow! Not only are we a culturally diverse community, we are also a community that brings together and supports students with a range of learning needs, challenges and amazing life stories.
The first response I got was that I work on the computer. I can handle this. It's an important tool for me and they usually send shouts of hello as they pass my office.

The next response was that I go around and make sure everyone wears their hat. It is summer and usually a priority for this time of year. So far so good.

It was the next response that sort of threw me a bit, which was that 'I just shave my head and grow my beard'. Okay, it is true but now I'm worried that the Preps hang out at lunch each day in the sandpit saying how I doing nothing but shave and grow facial hair! I thought I heard a few saying the other day, 'What's wrong with that guy, why doesn't he just go back to high school?'

(Back to my very important assignment)
One of the Preps then said that I take kids to jail! Oh man, I knew I shouldn't have worn a light blue shirt with dark blue pants to school the other day!

But there were some really nice responses like 'I'm just there for everyone'. Ah. But deep down I was thinking that they were just thinking this because they think all I do is take people to jail because I wore the light blue shirt with the dark blue pants which could have resembled a police officer and...and...and they're there for everyone! Ok, I'm rambling on a bit!

My quest to find out how respected I am by the Preps sort of went downhill from here! Preps are a unique group of students. It is their world and you only dare try to enter it! You see, the final boy I spoke to responded to my questions with, 'I call people'. When I tried to probe further he turned the tables on the situation and suddenly I went from interviewer to interviewee! One minute I was waiting for a response for my very important assignment and the next I'm being asked if I have kids! Shocked by the sudden turn of events I felt obliged to respond – 'Yes'. This was followed by more questions!

'So do you have a mum?'
'Well, yeah'
'Do you have babies?'
'Well. Kids. Babies – not being picky, but, yeah'
'Do you have a car?'
'Not sure how this relates to my very important investigation, but yeah'.
'Do you have a bike?'
'I like bikes?'
'Do you have a train?'
'You see, now I don't know where you're going with this – but no. I wouldn't know where to store it anyway!'
'Do you have a sheep?'
'A sheep. Like one that goes baa baa?'
'Mr. Artavilla can I go outside know?'
'Um. Well. Sure.'
'Thanks.'

I cannot explain what just happened! I think I was played! Or I just met the greatest ever-future politician!

I learned a valuable lesson from my very important assignment! Never underestimate anyone under the age of 6!

Anyway I sort of went off track! What I really wanted to tell everyone in the newsletter this week is that we have another exciting day planned for Harmony Day this year! Last year we took the whole school to the city! This year we are staying local and sending a wave of orange through the streets of Sunshine – dance and song included! Keep Friday 20th March free and start putting together your orange outfit! More information coming soon!

Hope everyone had a great week!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Daisy McKenzie
B  Georgia Robb
C  Suad Abdi
D  Jade Duvcevski

One:
A  Asel Koyu
B  Riyan Mohamoud

Two
1/2A  Ava Cameron
2A  Anisa Gjoni
2B  Phuc Nguyen

Three:
A  Thien An Nguyen
B  Kim Nguyen

Four:
A  Connor Horton
B  Lola Murray

Five:
A  Roqiah Moballeghe
B  Nikolic Aleksandar

Six:
A  Caitlin Tumibay-Hayes
B  Raiqui Santiago

Sport:  Ethan Dukoski (3A)
Spanish:  Grainne Corcoran-Taylor (4A)
Art:  Azra Pepic (5B)

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

PE NEWS

Hi Parents, Guardians and Families,

Last week we had our first interschool sports games; I’m extremely excited to let you all know that we had a fantastic outcome within all sports. Not only due to the majority of our teams winning, but also with the outstanding sportsmanship the grade 5/6’s showed while competing in their sports!

The scores last week were:-

- Soccer - Sunshine Heights 4 – Ardeer South 3
- Basketball Mixed - Sunshine Heights 24 - Ardeer South 0
- Basketball Girls - Sunshine Heights 16 - Ardeer South 14
- Bat Tennis - Sunshine Heights 13 - Ardeer South 36
- Cricket - Sunshine Heights 63 - Ardeer South 36

This week students will be traveling to Sunshine Primary School. Please make sure your child/children bring back their interschool sports form signed by a parent or guardian before Friday the 20th of February. Students are unable to attend without a signed permission notice. All the students including myself are looking forward to the competition on Friday.

Wish us luck.

Kind regards Rasha
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Here are 4 different sites you can try for ordering iron on labels for clothing and hats. This is a fantastic way to avoid lost clothes; the label cannot be cut off and is easy to read!

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Stuck On You® Kids Labels - StuckOnYou.com.au


Name Labels Post in 24hrs - OzLabels.com.au


Clothing Labels - Easy Online Design or Upload Logo


EDUCATION SUPPORT APPLICATION FORM

Don’t forget if you have a current Health Care Card you have until the Friday 27th of February to fill in the form to claim the book pack stationary. You can get a copy of the form from the front office. If you have any queries or require any help please see the office staff.

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2015
The International Year of Soils

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.

Come and join us: Friday mornings!

Planting mulching and watering are some of the easy jobs we do, so you don't need to know anything about gardening. Preschoolers welcome.

If you can't make it on a Friday, we will be organising some weekend sessions, so pop your name on the list, have a look at our Pinterest page, and get your green thumb on!

Vegie patch update

The pumpkin seedlings are flowering, so here's hoping for the world's largest pumpkin!

Summer planting

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| Mustard Greens

Friday mornings 9-10.30
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Pinterest www.pinterest.com/sunnybees/
Parenting Program

About the program

The program uses mindful reflection to support parents of children of all ages to:

- review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children
- promote more respectful interactions
- encourage the development of children’s positive self-identity.

When:  Each Friday from 20 February—27 March 2015
Where:  Sunshine Heights Primary School
        1-19 Mailey Street, West Sunshine Vic 3020
Time:   9.15am—11.15am

This is a **FREE** program
There is a **FREE** child minding service available

To RSVP contact Vesna Begovic on 9311 4209 or Munira Adam on 9680 9444.
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