PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As we head into the final week of term two it is a great time to stop and reflect on what has been achieved over the past 10 weeks. I know that as a staff we have had a big past six months enhancing and refining the way we monitor and track student learning developments. This is a huge and exciting challenge and a major part of our work for the next four years. This underpins and guides the work of our professional learning teams that look at what we expect the students to learn, how we will know they have learnt it and what will we do for the students that already have/haven’t learnt it.

Speaking of something exciting that is happening at the moment, I hope that fans of the World Game are enjoying the challenging hours that the FIFA World Cup offer! For me, getting up in the early hours to enjoy a soccer tournament is a favourite childhood memory! My first real experience of this started in the year that Italy won the 1982 World Cup. Growing up in an Italian family my Dad would wake up my brothers and me at 3am so we could watch the best countries in the world battle it out for the FIFA World Cup. At the time it was a struggle trying to keep my eyes open while my body was telling me that there was a warm bed waiting for me! However, screams of joy from my Dad as Italy progressed through the stages to end up eventual winners kept me alert and set me up for a passionate love for the game.

Apart from the World Cup, as a school community we are also undertaking a review of the school to prepare our new school strategic plan.

All Victorian schools are required to complete a review and prepare a school strategic plan every four years. As mentioned in previous newsletters the purpose of the school strategic plan is to provide a broad outline of the key things that we will be focusing on as a school to enhance student learning, student engagement and student wellbeing. As part of our Peer Review meeting that was held on the 3rd June 2014, we discussed what we have achieved and what we needed to focus on next. The meeting involved all our teacher leaders (9 staff), School Council President Carol Maddern, and two peers from outside our school community – Vicki Froomes (Literacy consultant) and Paul Bussutil (Assistant Principal at Derrimut Primary School). The day was facilitated by external reviewer Julie Chandler. As a school community we should all be extremely proud of the feedback that Julie provided in her report following the meeting. This included comments such as:

Sunshine Heights PS must be congratulated on the work they have undertaken to set up a focused and inclusive purposeful school community with the agreed school mission, vision and values and being clear on the outcomes everyone is working hard to achieve; agreed upon processes, standards and expectations for all; using all of the available resources and assets and building a strong belief that is held by all that our children can and will succeed. The leadership team has been keen to really focus their current and future efforts on the factors that contribute to improved student learning.
Key areas that were identified from the review day that will be major priorities for us as a school community include:

- Monitoring and tracking student learning developments.
- Enhancing teacher effectiveness and practice.
- Building an inquiry based approach to learning into a guaranteed and viable curriculum.
- Enhance culture of collegiality and professionalism so that professional learning teams are focused to collaborate on student learning.
- Build and enhance the quality of reciprocal feedback, assessment and reporting to parents.
- Develop student voice in their learning to build confidence and monitor their own learning
  - Students identify and use their prior knowledge as a means of engaging with new knowledge
  - Students systematically set their learning goals within units of work
  - Students systematically keep track of their performance on their learning goals
  - Explicitly teach and develop social/emotional intelligence of all students

I look forward to sharing more information about our new school strategic plan as it starts to take shape over the next term.

Footsteps Dance Program
Next term we welcome back the ‘Footsteps’ dance team as they work with our students to prepare for our end of year festive concert! The songs have been chosen and they are all fantastic tunes! The ‘Footsteps’ program will be held on the Monday next term. To accommodate the program, the Drumming sessions in term three only will be held on the Thursday. It is a busy term as we also have swimming on the Friday!

Hope everyone has a great week!

Alex Artavilla
Principal
FUNDRAISING NEWS

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**Congratulations to Sunshine Heights Interschool sport Representatives!!!**

I would like to congratulate Leo Hatzoglou, Alex Hatzoglou and Cameron Svendsen on their representation of the Sunshine District Primary Schools Sports Association at the Northern Region interschool Cross Country Trials. Leo finished in 12th place in the under 11 age group with Cameron coming in just behind him in 15th. Alex Hatzoglou who still has another year to run in the under 10 age group also finished in 12th place. Eze Nnadiekwe had his first try and was unlucky to miss selection in the regional Basketball squad. This is a very hotly contested squad to get into and Eze will be able to try again next, great effort Eze.

Finally, congratulations goes out to Johann Stickland and his family for the fantastic effort he has put into making the Victorian State Swimming Team. He will represent Victoria in 5 individual events and two ‘A’ Relay teams at the Australian Swimming Championships, which are being held this year in Melbourne during July. Once again, from all of us at Sunshine Heights Primary School, congratulations Johann and the very best of luck at the Australian Championships!!!

**Interschool Fixtures Second Term 2014**

Interschool Sport fixture for Term 2. Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries regarding venues etc. Students will leave at approximately 9.10 and will return to school at approximately 11.00 am for away games.

**Friday the 20th of June home against Our Lady’s PS**

Cheers Leo Damnics  
(Sports Coordinator)
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