NEWSLETTER
Thursday 20th August 2015

Principal: Alex Artavilla
School Council President: Kylie Barker

Uniform Shop Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday 8.45am - 9.15am / 3.00pm - 3.30pm

Canteen News!

We are excited to announce that for the remainder of Term 3 commencing next week that the canteen will be offering cups of pumpkin soup for $2. It would be great to have as many students as possible support this healthy option!

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the 6th week of Term Three, we still have so much more planned for the rest of the term! This includes:

- ‘So you think you have talent’ - Through this competition we have discovered the many and varied talents of our student community! Entry forms can be collected from the office and need to be handed in to Ms. Noel by Wednesday August 26th 2015. Students can perform as an individual or with a group. There is no limit to the talent that can be showcased!

- ‘Father’s Day Breakfast’ On Friday 4th of September starting at 8.00am in the PD Centre! This is another Uplift Collective student fundraising event. See flyer for more information.

- ‘La Discoteca’ (a Spanish-inspired after school disco) that will be held on Thursday 10th September. Prep to 2 students ‘Disco’ will be from 4.30-6.00pm and the Year 3-6 ‘Disco’ will be from 6.30 to 8:15pm. This is an Uplift Collective fundraising event that includes $5 entry. See flyer for more information.

2015 Sports Day

Big thank you to everyone for supporting the Sports Day event last week! It was great to have so many students come along in their team colours and with an energetic attitude!

Winner of the 2015 ‘Sports Day’ will be announced at assembly tomorrow with a shield being presented to the Year 6 House Colour Captains!

There were so many highlights from the day that concluded with a Student vs. Staff vs. Parent event! Congratulations to the Parent team who are the 2015 winners!

My favourite part of the day was watching the Prep students compete! I know there are many amazing things to see in the world, but seeing how Prep students take on a ‘Sports Day’ should be at the top of everyone’s list!

I’ve discovered during my time in education and through my parenting experience that there are two types of Prep students that exist in the world! One that is highly competitive and one that is just happy to take part in things. I have one of each at home! The highly competitive ones want to be the tallest, fastest, the oldest, the top of the roll call list and through my parenting experience that I’ve discovered during my time in education and through my parenting experience that there are two types of Prep students that exist in the world! One that is highly competitive and one that is just happy to take part in things. I have one of each at home! The highly competitive ones want to be the tallest, fastest, the oldest, the top of the roll call list and the first in line – just to name a few of their aspirations pre 7 year old! This is how I describe my youngest daughter (who is working hard to pass her oldest sister in age!). These children go out of their way to find something others can’t do so they can share an achievement with everyone. I remember once I overheard a Prep student bragging to another Prep student about how many strawberries he can eat in one go! He called himself the ‘Strawberry eating king of the universe and school!’ The other child responded with, ‘That would make me sick!’ The boy then said, ‘That’s why I’m the strawberry eating king of the universe and school’.

Principal’s Report
This is why if you ever get a chance, you have to watch Prep students during a sports day! In a running race the students that are just happy to participate run with their heads down as if they can’t believe that their legs can move so fast! They end up running across lanes, not really caring if they finish first or last! The competitive ones will do anything to win! They are so concerned with winning that they end up running across 4 lanes because they are too focused on their closest competitor! It’s like they believe that unless they are shoulder to shoulder with the person that is likely to beat them, then they will have no chance of winning!

All in all it was a great day!

Selected students from Year 4 to 6 will now go on to compete in the Regional Sports Athletics Day in the coming weeks to represent the school.

Big thank you to the students from Sunshine West Secondary College for helping out on the day, and Mr. Rasha and Mrs. Goldie for organising the event!

I was very impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm of the students throughout the day! Another example of how proud we need to be of them!

Thank you also to all the parents that were able to come along and join in with some of the activities.

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Literacy and Numeracy Tips of the Week

Literacy Tip: Story-telling is a great way to extend your child’s language and listening skills, as well as expanding their imagination. Either you can tell the story, or encourage your child to tell the story.

Numeracy Tip: Recognising and making patterns are important maths skills for exploring numbers, shapes and symmetry. Experiment and enjoy new findings with your child.

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
Planning for 2016

Students leaving Sunshine Heights PS in 2016

Effective planning for 2016 is reliant on ensuring that we have accurate projected student enrolment numbers.

To support us with finalising our plans and employing the correct number of staff for 2016, **if you know that your child will NOT be attending Sunshine Heights Primary School next year could you please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office as soon as possible.** We do understand that family circumstances will change from time to time and as such children need to move schools.

*(Note we do not need notification from our current year 6 students).*

Please detach and return to office

Plans for 2016

My child/ren ......................................................... of Year .......................... will not be returning to Sunshine Heights Primary School in 2015.

At this stage I anticipate they will be attending: .................................................. Primary School.

Signed: .................................  Date:

Print Name:  .................................................................
Some belated information from the Library

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back!

Last time we were able to buy more than $1000-00 worth of books and library resources with the points collected by shopping at Woolworths.

It’s simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box located at the front office of the school. At the end of the program we will redeem our Woolworths stickers for more books and resources.

Book Week

Don’t Panic!

I’ve had a few questions about Book Week which is held this year between August 22nd and 28th. Book Week is a celebration of Australian Literature held by the Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA). We have a selection of the short listed books in the library for our teachers and students to read. The CBCA chooses these books and then selects the winners in each category.

The Library will be decorated using this year’s theme, which is “Books light up our world”, which is why there is a large lighthouse decorating the Library doors

You don’t have to do a thing – there are no dress ups involved!

Cheers
Brenda Ransome
Library Technician
Writing Competition 2015

This is a great opportunity for you to be creative and be rewarded for your efforts.

Prizes up to AUD $100 with five categories to compete.

DIVISION A (Pre-School to Year 2): a drawing, painting or a collage with captions.
DIVISION B (Years 3 to 6): a poem or an illustrated children's short story.
DIVISION C (Years 7-8): an article, a short story or a poem.
DIVISION D (Years 9-10): an article, a short story or a poem.
DIVISION E (Years 11-12): an informal letter, an article or a diary entry.

The first place in each division will receive $100; the second place $70; and, $30 prize for the third place.

Please, ask your Spanish Language Teacher for entry requirements, assessment criteria, and instructions.
Remember it is all about your creativity.

All entries must be received by Friday, September 11th.
The Uplift Collective and the Spanish Program proudly present

La Discoteca

Music
Party Games
Spanish Food Stall
Disco Ball
Pinata
Photo Booth
Spanish Dress Up
Glow Sticks

$5 Entry

Thursday 10th September 2015

Grades Prep to 2 - 4:30PM to 6:00PM || Grades 3 to 6 - 6:30PM to 8:15PM

COME FLY WITH ME

Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday 4th September 2015
PD Centre, 8:00AM
Gold Coin Donation

BRING YOUR LOVED ONE AND FLY.
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.

What's happening in August

The Sunnybees will be busy with planting out more indigenous plants this month. Come and join us for a quick ½ hour gardening session on Fridays from 9am!

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

The red wattle on the oval is currently flowering.

Have a look at our Pinterest page and get your green thumb on!

Join the Sunnybees email list to get regular updates.

Newport Lake Indigenous Nursery has given us vouchers for a free tube plant valued at $2.95. If interested collect your voucher from the office.

Winter planting

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Vegie patch update

The Preps planting of salad seedlings last term is thriving and almost ready for harvesting!

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