Dear Parents and Carers,

REMINDER THAT THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 3rd – Student Free Day AND TUESDAY 4th OF NOVEMBER – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

A.I.P (Annual Implementation Plan)
Every year the school reviews its progress towards the goals set out in our Strategic Plan. These goals are established after analyzing all the data we have gathered and evaluating where our future direction should be focused.

At this time of year the staff are engaged in reviewing last year’s Annual Implementation Plan. A lot of time is spent on analyzing the data from Curriculum Assessments, including NAPLAN, Staff and Parent Opinion Surveys and the Student Attitude to School Survey. This data forms the basis of our Annual Implementation Plan for the following year.

For 2014 the results on all these measures have been very good and we as a community should be very proud of all that we have achieved. Students, parents and staff have all contributed to the very positive outcomes that this data shows.

It is important however that we continue to maintain our good results and work to be constantly improving.

We are fortunate to have staff and students who are highly motivated and a very supportive community of parents who all work towards achieving our goals.

When the A.I.P for 2015 is finalised it will be available on the website for the community to view.
Dear Parents of Sunshine Heights Primary School,

The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Yours sincerely

Carol Maddern
School Council President

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents. Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to your principal about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to your school principal.

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Grade 5/6 Phillip Island Camp

Our Year 5/6 campers will head off to Phillip Island next Wednesday, 29th October – Friday 31st October. A reminder to students attending that they need to be at school by no later than 8.45am in the PD Centre to ensure we depart on time. Remember no electronics devices or mobile phones are permitted. Valuables such as cameras and watches will be the responsibility of each individual child.

If you have listed a medication/ointment on your child’s medical form (such as Claratyne, mosquito ointment, etc.), please ensure you bring it on Wednesday, carefully labelled with your child’s name and dosage. Miss Vaccari will be meeting with parents and signing in all medication.

Given the lovely sunny weather over the last few days, please have a conversation with your child about being Sunsmart and the importance of wearing a hat and applying their own sunscreen.

Finally, a cut lunch, snack and drink in a labelled plastic bag are required for the trip to Phillip Island.

Looking forward to seeing our excited campers and their families on Wednesday morning!

Mrs Forrest, Miss Lacey, Miss Tan, Miss Vaccari, Miss Joyce, Mr Douvartzides

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Matt Nsengiyumva
B  Takashi Head
C  Alyce Watson

One:
A  Manh Tran
B  Omar Turkmani

Two:
1/2A  Vincent Ly
2A  

Three:
A  Freedom Kelly
B  Salma El Mejdaqui

Four:
A  Jordan Suriyabandara
B  Jackie Tran

Five:
A  Kowsar Ali
B  Eze Nnadiekwe

Six:
A  Jason Khong
B  Hibo Mahamed

Sport:  Ibrahim Awad
ICT:  Thu Nguyen
Art:  Omar Abdelbagi

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

GRADE 6 FRIDAY FOOD STALL

As part of our Graduation fundraising initiative, the Grade 6 students will be cooking up some terrifically tasty treats to sell each Friday at recess.

Please check the newsletter each week to see what has been planned as we will list all the ingredients in the food. Purchasing the items is entirely voluntary and if you have any concerns whatsoever, we strongly encourage you to not allow your child to buy anything from the stall.

Thank you,
Grade 6 teachers and students

This Week:  Ice Cream Sundaes

Only $1.00 each

We will be selling them in the old canteen at recess.

The ingredients are:  ice cream (gluten milk and peanuts), ice magic (Vegetable Oils, [Protected With Antioxidant (319)], Sugar, Cocoa Powder (9%), Skim Milk Powder, Emulsifier (471), Flavours) sprinkles

If you have any allergies to these products we advise you not to buy them.

Thank you for supporting us!
Grade 6 Team
## FUNDRAISING NEWS

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**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.

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THE ARTS NEED YOUR HELP

Most of the time, we have all the resources we need for our art projects in our storeroom, ready to go for the term. But sometimes we need a little help with the donation of household items and recycle materials.

This term, as our **GRADE 3 AND 4 STUDENTS** are exploring the amazing artwork of Louise Nevelson, and creating assemblage sculptures, we need your help.

Do you have any small bits and bobs, loose-ends lying around the house? If your house is anything like my house, you’ll have a hundred odd washers, screws, heads from toy soldiers and so on and so forth, lying around the place. Well we need those bits and bobs and loose ends. **NEEDED** – old discarded small toys, old construction items (nothing sharp. Washers, screws, bolts etc. will be perfect), old kitchen utensils, or any items like these that we can use for our sculptures would be AWESOME!

For the **GRADE 6 GRADUATION ARTWORKS**, we are also in desperate need of some old wooden boxes (like those old fruit boxes or old wooden storage boxes). Grade 6 students will also need to bring in some items that remind them of their primary school years to use in their art work (small items, photos etc.) Please note, these items will NOT be returned.
This term we will:

- continue planting and watering our new trees.
- complete the Grade 6 footprint by planting out the area outside the Grade 1 lineup with some lovely plants.
- finish painting the seats, fire hydrants etc, plus a mural.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE AUSSIE BACKYARD BIRD COUNT!

Join thousands of people between 20 - 26 October to take part in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count - BirdLife Australia’s nationwide bird survey. All it takes is 20 minutes in your backyard, or favourite outdoor space, local park, beach, forest or paddock, to be a part of this exciting event! Check out: aussiebirdcount.org.au

A big thanks to the Grade 6 students for their Fresh Food stall selling parsley and spinach from our very own school vegie patch.

what to plant in Spring

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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.

Fresh Food Market!

Friday mornings 9-11
contact: Lisa 0423 329 734
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