Welcome back everyone! The school holidays were relaxing and the students managed to entertain themselves for the whole two weeks! I know in my household my daughters at times made me feel like I was their personal social events coordinator as I was woken up each morning with screams of ‘What are we going to do today dad?’ After the third day of school holidays we needed to have a family meeting about the importance of thinking about things you can do without the assistance of others! Personally, I am a strong believer of the fact that moments of boredom enhance the imagination. I think as parents we shouldn’t feel pressured in making sure the children are entertained every second of the day. Sometimes they need to battle through these moments themselves. However it is also important that we do spend quality time with our children so we can model the right way to interact and play with others. It is also a good way to support the children with thinking of ideas of how they can entertain themselves. Getting the right balance is the challenge, as we want our children to be independent people.

As mentioned in the last newsletter of term one, we have many exciting events coming up. This includes our Twilight Day on the 22nd of May and the Mothers Day Breakfast on the 9th of May at 8:00am. To keep up to date with the up and coming events please continue to check the ‘Dates to remember’ column on the front page of the newsletter.

Works over the holidays

Over the school holidays works to upgrade our electricity supply and our main switchboard was completed. This was an urgent works project as over the past 12 months we had a number of power outages due to the lack of electricity supply to accommodate the needs of the school.

We also had a number of areas around the school painted and repaired, which has further enhanced the appearance of the school. As a School Council we are focusing on repairing and painting certain areas that would be considered a priority. The works that are completed and the timeline that this will occur is dependent upon the availability of funds as our majority priority is to ensure we provide the most effective learning program for the students.

Welcome to the You Tube world!

Our Harmony Day video is now on the website! If you haven’t had a chance to see the documentary go to our website and click on the YouTube quick link and then click on the Harmony Day video! I have received so many positive messages about how proud we all need to be of our students! One comment included how our students are showing our country the way forward in inclusion, tolerance and embracing diversity. This is a huge credit to their role models – their families and the staff of our school.

Finally, I hope everyone has a fantastic term and that you are able to join us for one our school events this year! If you have any questions or need anything clarified please take the time to contact the office.

Alex Artavilla
Principal
Instrumental Lessons at School

Did you know that Music:
- Develops mind, hand & eye coordination
- 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.
A straw-necked ibis checking out our native plants. Usually they are on the oval looking for bugs.

The last tomatoes of the season.

Greek basil loves the warm weather.

Propagating succulents and lavender.

**Pots & watering cans needed!**

We're looking for donations:
- **plastic pots** (30cm high to very large)
- **plastic containers** for storage, e.g. bins (large to very large)
- **watering cans** (5/9 litre)

**Pinterest**

Follow us: www.pinterest.com/sunnybees/

**What to plant in April:**
- broad beans
- cabbage
- cauliflower

**Fridays 9-10 am. Meet outside the uniform shop, or if raining in Conference room A for a cuppas.**

**Lisa 0423 329 734 vinlisa@optusnet.com.au**

**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.**
Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.

Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.

The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure in the Lost City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Major prize.**
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

**Runner up prizes.**
130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys. Plus, there will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers
Dear Parents & Students....**PHOTO DAY IS  THURSDAY 1ST MAY 2014**

School photo order envelopes have been be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**Important Information**

Every student ordering photos must return an order envelope **before** photo day.
Every student ordering photos must return their own order envelope – even if their payment is in their sibling’s envelope.
Sibling photo order envelopes can be collected from the school office and must be returned to the school office **before** photo day.
Orders placed after photo day will be charged a **late order fee**.

**Order Instructions**

- **Select a photo package option** - each option is explained on the flyer attached to the order envelope.
- **Complete your order envelope** - use a black or blue ball point pen and fill in your order and contact details.
- **Complete payment** - using one of the following options.

**CASH**

- Put exact money in order envelope.
- **No** change will be given.
- You can pay for all siblings in one order envelope - you must write on each order envelope the name and class of the sibling that has payment.

**CHEQUE**

- Write your name, address and telephone number on the back of the cheque.
- Dishonour fees will be charged if payment is declined.
- Make cheques payable to: **ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY**
- Allow up to 60 days for payment to be completed.

**CREDIT CARD**

- Payment can only be made online.
  2. Click on online payments and re-orders, then click on proceed
  3. Enter the three (3) letter online payment code found on your order envelope (example: SCH), then click on OK
  4. Click NO, (9 digit code is not required for your school)
  5. Follow the payment instructions
  6. Write your receipt number on your order envelope under payment method – online payment.
- You can pay for all siblings in one transaction – you must total the amount of all order envelopes and write the receipt number on each order envelope.
- Return order envelope to school **before** photo day.

From the team at AdvancedLife Photography.

Phone: 9852 1133

Email: info@advancedlifevic.com.au
Twilight School Organisational Details

Thursday 22nd of May 2014

To showcase and celebrate the learning experiences offered at Sunshine Heights Primary School, on Thursday 22nd 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:

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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).

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).

We have contacted ‘World 4 Kids’ and before care will be provided on the morning of the Twilight School Day from 6:45am – 8:45am. We are providing parents with extensive notice to allow them the opportunity to make arrangements prior to the start of the school day. Parents are asked to contact the school closer to the date if they are unable to make arrangements for their child/ren.

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 an exciting day for the students and the whole school community!

Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding ‘Twilight School’