SUNSHINE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Learning For Life

Principal: Alex Artavilla
School Council President: Carol Maddern

School Supervision Times:
8.45am - 9.00am - 3.15pm - 3.30pm

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

STUDENT FREE DAYS
MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
Public Holiday

TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER
No Students to attend school

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 3
Friday 18th July – Thursday 18th September. Swimming program running every Friday

Tuesday 5th August
Healthy Eating Day

Thursday 7th August
Grade 3-4 Melbourne Museum

Wednesday 27th August
Writers Festival Excursion

Wednesday 10th September
Bush Dance Picnic Night from 6.00pm til 7.30pm.

Wednesday 12th November to Friday 14th November
Grade 3-4 Doxa Camp

Active After School Care

Golf Tuesday

AFL Thursday – Girls Only

This program will run for the term.

Message from Specialist Team

Reminder to families to please return the Specialist Report Portfolios (The Arts and PE) as soon as possible to your child’s teacher.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing start to the term! The 2014 swimming program is underway, students have started bopping around as part of the ‘Footstep Dance’ program, Year 4 to 6 students are fine tuning their Olympic skills and the Prep students are keeping an eye on my healthy eating habits!

But wait there’s more! But it’s not a set of stainless steel knives or a carrot dicer!

Speaking of carrot dicers, if anyone knows of a really good carrot dicer I’d love to hear from you – if they even actually exist! Lately for some reason I have enjoyed spending some time relaxing on the couch watching Master Chef to pick up a few more tips that could take my cooking ability to another level. However, something that I’ve noticed is the importance of cutting things in the exact same size or shape! It’s actually becoming a bit of an obsession for me and has made my vegetable soup making Sunday sessions a very frustrating experience! The challenge that I’m having is trying to dice equal sizes of potato and carrot! If I’m ever going to become a contestant on Master Chef then I need to master this one (surely!) simple skill! So if you have a trick, tip or machine that would help me achieve my goal please catch me in the yard!

Anyway, to get back on track not only are there some great things happening outside of the classrooms there are always some fantastic things happening in the classrooms!

Just the other day I was taking a relaxing stroll around the school during the recess break when a group of grade one students came running up to me to tell me that they are going to be learning about Mirka Mora and Deborah Halpern in Art! I responded like any other uneducated arts person would respond, ‘Unreal!’

But they asked me a follow up question! The dreaded follow up question!

‘Mr. Artavilla do you know where you can find their Art work?’

Struggling at this point I said, ‘Yeah, sure…well…you know…um…of course…you know…the Art Gallery??????’

With stunned, confused and disappointed faces they responded with a flat, ‘No!’

‘You don’t have to go to the Art Gallery Mr. Artavilla. You just need to go to Highpoint or the city!’

‘Geez, is that the time! I think I need to go clean some whiteboards…’ And off I went!

Staff Professional Learning Opportunities

A major focus for us as a school is to continue to enhance the professional practice and leadership skills of all staff. We have a number of programs that a variety of staff at the school are involved in 2014. The experiences and opportunities that teachers are encouraged to pursue are a huge benefit to the social, emotional and academic development of all students. We are committed to building and sustaining a school culture that recognizes and promotes learning and leadership, challenges thinking and supports all staff.

At times this may require a teacher being released from their class for a whole day or certain stages of the day.
Bush Dance coming soon…

Something that we all should be very proud of has been the amazing support and enthusiasm from staff and parents towards the variety of experiences that we have organised for the students over the past few years.

This has included such things as a Learning Exhibition Evening, Twilight School Day, Spring Fiesta, Harmony Day Flash Mob, Open-Evening (where the students became the teachers), Art Show, Festive Concert...to name just a few

The purpose of organising such events is to not only allow the students the opportunity to showcase their talents and learning, but to also allow families/parents the chance to visit the school/child’s classroom and to meet their child’s teacher.

The feedback we have received from families and students after all these events has been overwhelmingly positive!

Our next whole school community event is our Bush Dance evening that will be held on Wednesday September 10th starting at 6pm. During the day at school all grades will have the chance to work with the visiting Bush Band ‘Bushwazee’ to learn some bush dances that they will showcase during the evening to their families!

Our goal is to have every family come along for the evening! All you need to do is bring a picnic rug, chairs, picnic dinner, drinks and family!

School Uniform

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting our School Uniform Policy. As a parent, winter is a difficult time to keep the students in uniform every day however it’s great to see so many students coming to school wearing the correct uniform. Reminder also to families that we have two lost property bins located next to the uniform shop for any uniforms that have been left in the yard. Thank you also for including your child’s name on all items!

2015 School year…

Preparations for 2015 have already commenced! If you have a child that will be starting school next year or if you know of someone that has a child starting next year, it would be fantastic to enroll them as soon as possible to assist with the organisation and employment of staff.
I have had the chance to conduct a number of tours over the past few months and it’s great to hear such positive feedback from families that don’t have children at the school! This is a huge credit to the students, staff and families!

Other exciting things happening across the school!

Extension Writers Groups

Each week a group of our talented writers in the senior school meet to work together on extending their skills. The students were nominated by their classroom teacher because of their high level of achievement as writers. On Wednesday 27th August these students will be travelling to the city with Ms. Sculli to attend a Writers Festival! What an exciting authentic experience. As part of their trip they will be attending an author talk with John Marsden & a writing workshop called Word Building, which aims to equip students with the skills to develop rich fictional words in their writing. I’m looking forward to hearing about their adventure.

Uplift Collective

Our amazing Uplift Collective Group are at it again! In their quest to promote positive experiences and enhance wellbeing, they have organised a Healthy Eating Day on Tuesday 5th of August

Their mission for the day is to deliver the message that healthy eating can have a huge impact on our wellbeing, both physically and mentally, and a healthy approach to eating can result in a more positive outlook.

Students across the school are being encouraged to bring a healthy snack plate to school to share with their classmates. Healthy snacks can include a plate of fruit, some cut up vegetables or some rice crackers and healthy dip.

The Uplift Collective will also be making smoothies (Berry or Banana) and a healthy banana slice for students to purchase.

A notice was sent home to all families on Tuesday this week that included an order for students to purchase a smoothie and/or banana slice. Please read the notice carefully as there is important information about the day and contact the school if you have any further questions! Well done to the group!

Staff on leave

Finally I’d like to welcome and introduce Bruce Herbert who will be replacing Julie Polini while she is on long service leave. Bruce will be working with us until the 4th of September.

Hope everyone has a great week!
Alex Artavilla
Principal

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,
Grade 6 teachers and students

This week we will be making Chocolate Truffles.

We will be selling them in the old canteen at recess. They will be 50 cents per truffle. The ingredients are: Marie biscuits, cocoa, coconut, and condensed milk.

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

Thank you for supporting us!
Grade 6 Team

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - EMA

As of January 2015 the current government will not be providing parents with EMA. This will mean all families will have to pay for their child’s book pack at the start of the school year.

If you require any further information please contact the office.
NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL:
PAINTING, GARDENING, FIXING
GIVE JOHN A CALL!

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly

Prep:
A  Mia Nguyen
B  Aiden Tournier
C  Ayden Ford-Geyer

One:
A  Riyaq Mohamoud
B  Akeelah Mabuoc Gray

Two
1/2A  Rehab Babiker
2A  Phillip Papanikolaou

Three:
A  Oliva Camilleri
B  Josefa Do Rasario

Four:
A  Benjamin Cao
B  Nikola Cicmilovic

Five:
A  Tony Huynh
B  Mustafa Mesto

Six:
A  Chloe Jewers
B  Chanel Karam

Sport:  Emina Pepic
ICT:    -
Art:    Elijah Meunier

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

FUNDRAISING NEWS
Easter Raffle               $1,135.00
Mothers’ Day Stall         $  578.26
TOTAL                      $1,713.26

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 $14.05. 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.